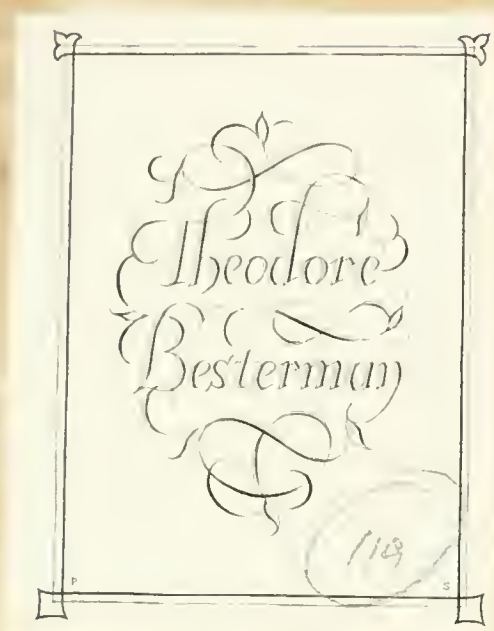

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Ovid:
Nescio qua natale solum dulcedine cunctos
Ducit et immemores non finit esse sui

Wenceslaus Hollar delin et sculpsit.

THE

ANTIQUITIES

OF

WARWICKSHIRE

ILLUSTRATED;

From Records, Leiger-Books, Manuſcripts, Charters, Evidences, Tombes, and Armes:

BEAUTIFIED

With Maps, Proſpects and Portraictures

By *WILLIAM DVGDALE.*

MANTUAN,

Cuncta aperit ſecreta dies, ex tempore verum
Naſcitur, & veniens ætas abſcondita pandit.



LONDON,

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TO MY HONOURED FRIENDS THE GENTRIE OF *WARWICK-SHIRE.*

THAT all things periſh by Age and time, or ſome unhappy accidents, is a thing not to be denied; the conſideration whereof, hath not a little incited me to the undertaking of this preſent work; which, after no ſmall coſt and pains, being thus finiſhed, I offer unto you my Noble Countriemen, as the moſt proper Perſons, to whom it can be preſented, wherein you will ſee very much of your worthy Anceſtors, to whoſe memory I have erected it, as a *Monumentall Pillar*, and to ſhew in what Honour they lived in thoſe flouriſhing Ages paſt.

In this kind, or not much different, have divers perſons in Forrein parts, very learnedly written; ſome whereof I have noted in my *Preface*: And I could wiſh that there were more that would adventure in the like manner for the reſt of the Counties of this Nation, conſidering how acceptable thoſe are, which others have already performed, though but briefly; *viz. the Perambulation of Kent*, by *Mr. Lambard*: The *Survey of Cornwall*, by *Mr. Carey* of *Anthonie*: The *Deſcription* of *Leiceſterſhie*, by *Mr. Burton*; and the *Antiquities* of *Canterbury*, by my ſpeciall friend *Mr VVilliam Somner*: To which I may adde A ſhort view of *Staffordſhire*, by *Mr. Sampſon Erdſwike* (late of *Sandon* in that Countie) not yet publiſht; a Gentleman whoſe memorie is very precious in thoſe parts for his great knowledge in Antiquities.

What I have ſaid of our *VVarwick-ſhire* Families, is whil'ſt

they have been ſeated in the Countie; and, where I could, pointing briefly at their extractions: for to have gone farther would have been both improper, as out of my bounds, and impoſſible for me to effect, as may well be deemed by thoſe that underſtand what a taske it is to find out authorities for the aſſerting of no more than one Deſcent. Great is the commendation that is juſtly due to moſt of you, for promoting this publique work, by ſo noble a freedom to me in the ſight of your antient Charters and Evidences, which have afforded alſo many notable diſcoveries in relation to others aſwell as your ſelves: Nor is it a little honour you deſerve for that pious, though due reſpect, ſhewed to your dead Anceſtors, by repreſenting to the world a view of their Tombes, and in ſome ſort preſerving thoſe Monuments from that fate, which *Time*, if not contingent miſchief, might expoſe them to.

But principally muſt I acknowledge the ſignall furtherance, which this Work hath received by my much honoured Friend Sir *Simon Archer* Knight, a perſon indeed naturally qualified with a great affection to Antiquities, and with no ſmall pains and charge, a diligent Gatherer and preſerver of very many choice Manuſcripts, and other rarities, whereof I have made ſpeciall uſe, as almoſt every page in the Book will manifeſt.

That this my endeavour will have a candid acceptance, I no whit doubt; my principall ayme having been, by ſetting before you the noble and eminent Actions of your worthy Anceſtors, to incite the preſent and future ages to a vertuous imitation of them; the continued welfare, and laſting honour of your ſelves and hopefull poſterity, being the unfeigned wiſhes, of

Your moſt devoted and
humble ſervant

William Dugdale.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE

CHRISTOPHER LORD *HATTON*,

COMPTROLLER OF THE HOUSEHOLD

to the late KING CHARLES, *and one of his Majesties most Honorable Privie-Councell.*

MY LORD,

IT is little lesse than twenty years since I had the happinesse to be first known to you, and to receive your encouragement to go on in the getting of fit materialls for the work I have now at last (through God's assistance) though with no small difficulty, accomplished; towards which I had then made some little progress: wherein I ever found you so great and constant a favourer of my endeavours, not only by the free opening unto me your choise and costly Treasurie of extraordinarie rarities, whereof the margents of the Book will declare what great use I have made; but by procuring for me, both accesse to most of the publique Records in this Nation, and affording me the chief support I then had, whilst I laboured therein. So that, besides your great deserts, as a principall *Mecœnas* of learning, and more especially of Antiquities, wherein your skill and knowledge far surpasses any within the compasse of your own Orbe (the Nobility) that I know, and therefore the more fit to judge thereof; the influence that this work hath had from your Lordship, doth justly challenge a publique and gratefull acknowledgment, which I hope will not be wanting from all persons, especially those that it concerns, as it hath from me,

who

who with abundant thankfulneſſe for theſe high favours, do now preſent it to you.

Had I been farther happy in your judicious aſſiſtance, and advice for its fabrick and compoſure, I am ſure it would have appeared much more beautifull than now it is; but that, through your diſtance from hence, by reaſon of our ſad diſtractions, could not be expected. Such therefore as it is, I humbly offer to your Lordſhip, well knowing that your goodneſſe will accept thereof, rather as a teſtimonie of my gratitude, than any other merit, from

Your Lordſhip's moſt obliged
ſervant and honourer

William Dugdale.

THE PREFACE.

That the prefixing an Introduction to this present work, is as essentiall as the Porch to a greater building will not be doubted; I shall therefore, by way of Preface, *speak briefly of* Historie *in generall, and then of that which may most properly usher in the following Discourse.*

It is Historie, *saith an eminent* [a] *person*, that hath given us life in our understanding since the World it self had life and beginning, even to this day; and carried our knowledge over the vast and devouring space of many thousand years, having made us acquainted with our dead Ancestors, and out of the depth and darkness of the Earth delivered us their memorie and fame. *And as this is no little satisfaction to all discreet men, so may it be of much advantage, in regard that by a serious observance of the Actions that former times have produced, with their circumstances and issues, a far greater knowledge may be obtained, than the longest life can otherwise afford. Hence is it, that the Antients have bestowed such paines in this kind, as hath been long ago noted by an old Writer*; Anteriores nostri, *quoth he*, ab antiquis temporibus labentis seculi excursus prudenter inspexerunt, & bona seu mala mortalibus contingentia, pro cautela hominum notaverunt, & futuris temporibus semper prodesse volentes, scripta scriptis accumulaverunt: Hoc nimirum videmus à *Moyse* & *Daniele* factum, &c.

As for the work itself, it is an Illustration of the Antiquities *with which my native Countrie* (Warwickshire) *hath been honoured; in accomplishing whereof, I have spent the chiefest of my time for much more than twenty years, diligently searching into the vast Treasuries of publique Records, besides a multitude of Manuscripts, originall Charters and Evidences in private hands, as the margents where they are cited do manifest; therein imitating* Polybius, Livie, Suetonius *and* Tacitus, *who made speciall use of the publique Records of* Rome, *which were preserved at their* Temple of the Nymphs, *and at that of* Libertie *in the* Aventine (*as ours in the* Tower *of* London *and the* Rolls *chiefly are*); *so likewise* Thucidides, *and of later times* Sigonius *in his* de Regno Italiæ, Du Tillet *in that of* France, *and divers more, whereof the learned* Selden [c] *hath most judiciously taken notice.*

Nor do I want example for Discourses of this kind (scil. the Antiquities of particular Countries, Places, and Families *by men of eminent learning; witness that of* Provence *in France by* [d] Cæsar Nostradamus; *of* Brescia (*a Citie in* Italie) *by* [e] Octovius Rossus; *of* Languedoc *by* [f] Guil. Catel; *of* Bresse *and* Bugey *by* Sam. Guichenon; *and very lately of* Flanders *by* Anth. Sanderus, *who hath most exquisitely represented, by curious Cuts, the Cities, Towns, Monasteries, Colledges, and Gentlemens Houses of note, in those parts, for the better ornament of his Storie.*

Perhaps there are some who may expect in this my undertaking, that I should ascend much higher with my discourse of divers Places *and* Families *than I have done, supposing it as possible to speak of the Saxons times, as those since the Norman Conquest: but to the consideration of such I shal offer, what likelyhood there is, that Memorialls of any thing could be preserved, where War did so much abound: For in the time of the Saxon* Heptarchie *most certain it is, that there was no little striving by those petty Kings to enlarge their Dominions, whereby great wast and spoil was occasioned: And no sooner had King* Egbert *subdued the Northern Britans, with those that inhabited* Cornwall, *overcome* Bernulph *King of* Mercia, *united* Kent, Surrey, *the* South *and* East-Saxons *to his* West-Saxon *Kingdom (being therefore reckoned* the first English Monarch) *and left the possession of all to his son* Ethelwolph, *which hapned in the year* DCCCXXXVI. *from our Saviour's Incarnation, but that the* Danes, *with other barbarous Northern Nations began to infest this Kingdom, vehemently afflicting and wasting the land by the space of* CCCXXX. *years, even unto the coming of the* Normans, *sparing neither age nor sex, as saith mine Author* [l], ita [m] ut mirum in modum illiterati Comites penè omnes: nay the very Clergie themselves were so ignorant, as that in the beginning of King *Ælfred's* reign (*which was about the year* DCCCLXXII.) there were few Priests on the South of Humber that understood [n] the Latine service, or that could translate any writing from Latine into English.

Neither did they much minde learning, till a little before the Conquest by Duke William, *as may appear by the testimonie of an authentique Writer* [o]; *who saith.* Non paucis ante adventum

a *Sr.* Walt. Ralegh *in the Preface to his Hist. of the World.*

b Ord. vit. *in prologo ad Hist. Eccl. p.* 321.

c *In his Epist. to* Aug. Vincent's *Discov. of Errors &c*

d *Impr.* Lugd. 1614.

e *Impr.* Brescie 1616.

f *Impr.* Tolosæ 1634.

g *Impr.* Lugd. 1650.

k *Vide* W. Malm. *f.* 19 *b. n.* 40. *&c. Et Chron.* Ethelwardi *f.* 478. *a. n.* 40.

l R. Hoved. *f.* 236. *b. n.* 40.

m Asser. Mencv. *de Elfredi rebus gestis p.* 34.

n *Ex præf. Ep. d. Regis* Elfredi *ad Past. S.* Greg.

o W. Malm. *f.* 57. *a. n.* 50. *&c.*

ventum Normannorum annis, &c. Not few years before the coming of the Normans, the Clergie were content with disorderly learning, being scarce able to stammer out the words of the Sacrament; he which understood the Grammar being admired of the rest. *So that it is not such a merveil that we have no more light of storie to guide us in those elder times, as tis a wonder there is any thing at all left to us, by reason that learned men were exceeding scarce, and that the Monasteries, which were the preservers of what is left to us of that kind, suffered such miserie by those barbarous people, who were grown so powerfull in this Realm, that for fear of loosing all, King* Edmund [p] *was constrained to yeild, that* Aulafe *King of* Norway *should enjoy the whole Land from* Watling street *Northwards: The like agreement in the year* M. XIII. *in the reign of King* Ethelred, *were the people forced to, by* Sueno *King of* Denmark.

p Math. Westm. in an. 940. Et R. Hoved. f. 242 b. n. 40.

But to come neerer to my purpose: forasmuch as 'tis a single Countie, which is the subject of this following tract; and that I have proceeded therein by viewing each Hundred *apart, I resolve in the first place, to take notice of what antiquitie the division of this Realm, into* Shires *and* Hundreds *is said to be; for of the positive time when it was first cast into* Counties *our best Historians, for want of good light (by reason of the Warrs and distractions before spoken of) are to seek;* Ingulphus [r] *referring it to King* Ælfred, *about the year DCCCC. which was towards the end of his reign;* H. Huntendon [s] *to King* Egbert *(by circumstance) who began his reign* in Anno DCCC. *for these are his words---* Postquam autem Reges West-Seaxe cæteris prævaluerunt, & Monarchiam obtinuerunt, terras per XXXV. Provincias sibi diviserunt.

q Math. West. in an. 1013.

r Ingulphi Hist. f. 495. b.

s H. Hunt. lib. 1 f. 170. b. l. 30.

Now, that it was King Egbert *(the West Saxon) that so united the* Heptarchie, *is plain enough; but they are both short: for there is no doubt, but some division thereof into* Counties, *was long before, though not directly the same throughout that was afterwards by King* Egbert; *otherwise, why were* Egga *and* Leuricus *witnesses to King* Ethelbald's *Foundation-Charter of* Crowland *) in anno* DCCXVI. *stiled* [t], *the one* Comes Lincolniæ, *and the other* Comes Leicestriæ? *Besides, as Mr.* Selden [u] *from* Ina *(King of the* West-Saxons in anno Dccxx) *his Laws* [w] *observes,* If any Ealdorman were guilty of an escape, he was to forfeit his *Shire*, perdat suum Comitatum, *as the old Latin translation hath it: So that, had there not been* Counties *then, this could not have been said: Therefore what* Ingulphus *mentions as to the first division of this Realm into* Counties *and* Hundreds *by King* Ælfred, *was doubtless meant of* Hundreds *only, however his pen slipt: For* VVilliam *of* Malmesbury, *who mentioneth the occasion of that King's constitution of the* Hundreds *only, delivereth the same reason that* Ingulphus *by that mistake doth for* Counties *and* Hundreds *both---* Et [x] quia occasione Barbarorum, &c. That by example of the Danes the naturall Inhabitants were greedy of spoil, so that no man could passe to and fro, in safetie, without defensive weapons; *Ælfred* therefore ordained *Centuries*, which they terme *Hundreds*; and *Decimes* which they call *Tithings*, that every English man living under Law, should be within some *Hundred* and *Tithing*; and if he were accused of any transgression, he should forthwith bring in some one of the same *Hundred* and *Tithing*, that would be his suretie to answer the Law; but if he could find none such to undertake for him, then to abide the severitie of the Law: And if any guilty person should fly, before or after his giving such securitie, that then all within the *Hundred* and *Tithing* should be fined to the King.

t Ingul Hist. f. 485. a. l. 48.

u Tit of Honour p. 2. Cap. 5 § 3.

w Leges Inæ. Cap. 36. apud. Brampton MS. Cap. 31. Et vide cap. 8.

x Will. Malm. f. 24 a. m. 40.

y Chron. Edel Dunelm in Libl. Bodl. f. 4. b.

To give some reason why they were called Counties, *I shall here exhibite the authoritie of an antient MS: which making mention of* Osulph *Earl of* Northumberland, *hath these words* ----- Nec invenitur, quod ante prædictum *Osulphum* [z] Comitem, aliquis fuerat Comes *Northumbriæ*, & per consequens nec ibi Comitatus; quia Comitatus à Comite dicitur, id est dignitas Comitis, vel tantum spacium terræ quantum ad Comitem pertinet. *Whereof more to the same effect in the Glossarie of the learned sir* H. Spelman *Knight,* titulo Comitatus, *is to be seen, and that matters of Controversie were heard before the Earl in his* Countie-Court, *or before his substitute, whom the Saxons called* ȝeneꝑ, *and* Scipegeneꝑa, *that is* Shire-reeve, Scipe *or* Scipan, *signifying in our old English to part or divide, or rather (as we yet say) to share a thing; and* Reeve *(from the Saxon word* ȝeneꝑa *or* ȝenꝑua) *a* Provost *or* Steward, *which name is yet used in divers Mannours, being attributed to him who is appointed to collect the Lord's Rents.*

z temp. Regis Edredi qui cepit regnare an. 946.

Having said thus much of the beginning and occasion of the Hundreds, *I shall adde a line or two more, from the aforesaid* Gloss: *where there is a large and learned discourse upon that word.* Est autem *Hundredus*, &c. The *Hundred* is a portion of the Countie, wherein antiently dwelt an hundred Sureties for the King's peace, as a *Tithing* wherein were ten; and therefore a *Hundred* contained ten *Tithings*, the number of an Hundred being Ten times ten.

And 'tis not a little observable, that before the Normans entrance, the Bishop sate in the Hundred-

Hundred-Court, *with the Lord of the* Hundred, *as he did in the* Countie-Court *with the Earl, and in the* Shireeves-Turn, *with the* Shireeve----Primi igitur sedebant, *saith*[a] Sir H. Spelman, in omnibus regni Comitiis & tribunalibus Episcopi; in Regali quidem palacio cum Regni magnatibus; in Comitatu unà cum Comite, & Justiciario Comitatus; In Turno Vicecomitis cum Vicecomite; In Hundredo cum Domino Hundredi: sic, ut in promovenda Justicia usq; quaq; gladius gladium adjuvaret, & nihil inconsulto Sacerdote (qui velut Saburra in Navi fuit) ageretur.

a *In Epist. ad Tom. 1. Concil. Vide* R. Hoved *f.* 260. *b. n.* 40.

And so likewise after the Conquest, till King William *prohibited it, as is evident by these ensuing words of his Mandate*[b] *to the Dean and Chapter of* Lincoln;---Propterea mando & regiâ authoritate præcipio, ut nullus Episcopus, vel Archidiaconus de Legibus Episcopalibus ampliùs in *Hundredo* placita teneat, nec causam, quæ ad regimen animarum pertinet, ad judicium secularium hominum adducat; sed quicunq; secundùm Leges Episcopales de quacunq; causa vel culpa interpellatus fuerit, ad locum quem ad hoc Episcopus elegerit & nominaverit, veniat, ibiq; de causa sua respondeat, & non secundùm *Hundredum*, sed secundùm Canones & Episcopales Leges rectum Deo & Episcopo suo faciat.

b *Cart. 2. R. 2. per. Insp. m. 13. n. 5.*

Howbeit, besides this dividing the Kingdom by King Alfred, *as hath been said, it should seem that he made an exact Survey thereof, much like that which was afterwards performed by King* William *the Conqueror*----Talem Rotulum, saith *Ingulphus*[c], speaking of *Doomesday-book*, & multum similem ediderat quondam Rex *Alfredus*, in quo totam terram Angliæ per *Comitatus, Centurias*, & *Decurias* descripserat, sicut prænotatur, qui quidem *Rotulus Wintoniæ* vocatus est, quia deponebatur apud *Wintoniam* conservandus: *which Roll, time hath consumed, I believe; for I could never discern that our greatest Searchers after Antiquities had seen it.*

c *Ingul. Hist. f. 516. b.*

Yet of that Survey so made by the Conqueror, there is still remaining a most perfect and excellent memoriall, kept in the Treasurie of the Exchequer, at Westminster, *and intituled by the name of* Liber Judiciarius, *or* Doomesday-book; *by the light whereof I have been guided in discovering the most antient possessors of the principall places in the Shire: touching which Survey our Historians do somewhat differ in the time when it began, as these Authorities, cited in the margent, do shew; but the* Red book *manifests, that it was in the fourteenth year of that King's reign; and that it was not perfected till the* XX^th^. *the volume it self declareth.*

M. Paris. M. Westm. 16. *W. Conq.* Cron. de Berm. 17. *Conq.*

That this work was performed with great curiositie and strictnesse, observe what an eminent and very antient Historian[d] *saith*----Misit autem dehinc Rex potentissimus Justiciarios per unamquamq; Scyram, id est Provinciam Angliæ, & inquirere fecit per jusjurandum, quot Hydæ, id est jugera, uni aratro sufficientia per annum, essent in unaquaq; villa, & quot animalia: Fecit etiam inquiri quid unaquæq; Urb=, Gastellum, Vicus, Villa, Flumen, Palus, Silva redderet per annum: Hæc autem omnia in Chartis scripta, delata sunt ad Regem, & inter thesauros depositа usq; hodie servantur. *And to the same purpose* Ingulphus *Abbot of* Crouland, *a Writer of great credit, who lived in that age, (saying*[e], *that he himself went up to* London, *and took brief notes of the lands belonging to their Monasterie, so surveyed, as they were recorded in the before specified Book, for his successors better knowledge) hath this expression*[f]----Totam terram descripsit, nec erat Hyda in tota Anglia, quin valorem ejus & possessorem suum scivit; nec Lacus, nec locus aliquis, quin in Regis Rotulo extitit descriptus, ac ejus redditus & proventus, ipsa possessio & ejus possessor, Regiæ notitiæ manifestatus, juxta taxatorum fidem, qui electi de qualibet patria, territorium proprium describebant: *the substance of all which is thus Englished by an old Poet*[g].

H. Huntend. 18. *Conq.* R. Hoved. 19. *Conq.* Ypod. N. 20. *Conq.*

d H. Huntend *f.* 212. *n.* 10.

e *Ingul. Hist. f.* 516. *b.*

f *Ib.*

g Rob. Glouc. *MS in bibl.* Bodl. *f.* 99. *a.*

The Kynge William for to wite the worthe of his londe,
Lete enquere streytliche thorw al Engelonde,
How many plowgh londe and eke hiden also
Were in eche Schire, and what worthe therto;
And the Rentes of eche Towne, and of watres eche one
That he wiste the worthe thorw al Engelonde
And lete it wryte in a Boke, and sithe put hit I wis
In the Tresoure of Westminstre ther as hit zut is
So that our Kynges sithen, when that they raunsome toke
Alredi wist what folke myzt paie, they founde in thilke Boke.

By this Survey is evident to be seen, what vast possessions the Conquerour did bestow upon those Normans, Britans, Anjovins, *and other* French *that had assisted him, the better to interest them in the keeping of what he had thus by strong-hand got; of which I shall have occasion to mention many in the following tract, and therefore have spoke the more largely of it: And shall further*

further crave leave, considering how vast a change this Conquest made, to go on a little in taking a breif view of the courses then exercised to make a firm establishment thereof.

And first for his Crueltie to the native English, 'tis evident, that he spared not the very Clergie, imprisoning [h] Stigand *Archbishop of* Canterbury *till he died, with many others; degrading divers Abbots, wasting the lands of* Wolstan *Bishop of* Worcester, Walter *Bishop of* Hereford, *and* Frethric *Abbot of* S. Albans; *compelling many of the Nobilitie and others to forsake* [i] *the Kingdom; forcing divers, aswell Priests as Lay-men, driven* [k] *out of their possessions, to betake* [l] *themselves to Woods and Deserts, where they were constrained to live as Savages, whereby there was scarce* [m] *a great man left; all sorts of men being reduced to such miserie and servitude, that it was held a disgrace to be accounted an Englishman*--- Tantum tunc Anglicos abominati sunt, *saith* Ingulphus [n], ut quantocunq; merito pollerent, de dignitatibus pellerentur, & multò minùs habiles alienigenæ de quacunq; alia natione, quæ sub cœlo est, extitissent, gratanter assumerentur: *For which being toucht with compunction when he lay upon his Death-bed, he cryed out thus to his Friends*----Multis [o] (ô Amici) gravibusq; peccatis onustus, contremisco, & mòx ad tremendum Dei Judicium rapiendus, quid faciam ignoro: *and so goes on deploring his iniquities; and amongst other of his sins that lay heavie upon his conscience, he hath this expression* [p]----Naturales Regni filios plus æquo exosus habui, Nobiles & vulgares crudeliter vexavi, injustè multos exhæreditavi, innumeros, maximè in pago Eboracensi, fame seu ferro mortificavi.

And of his more particular proceedings against them, and advancing his Normans, observe this notable relation [q] *from a person* * *that lived in the next age.* Post regni conquisitionem &c. After the Conquest of the Realm, there was diligent enquiry made, who were in Armes at the battail against the King, that had saved themselves by flight: To these and the heirs of those which were slain therein, all hope was shut for obtaining any of their lands or possessions; Nay, it was thought to be a great favour that they were permitted to live: yet those which were required to put themselves in Arms and did not, and others that were not in the battail, with much and earnest suit had obtained favour from their new Lords, though without hope that their Children should succeed therein; and at length their sons began to retain those possessions at the will of the Lord: but after a while they became odious to them, and were driven away every where from their estates; neither was there any man that would restore what he had so taken from them: So that the Natives being thus despoiled of their substance, and hated, made a common complaint to the King; whereupon advising with his Councell, he decreed, that what they could obtain from their Lords, either in consideration of any merit or service, by lawfull agreement, they should enjoy to themselves without interruption, but by way of descent they should challenge nothing: which, with what discreet consideration it was provided (*saith mine Author*) is manifest enough, especially because by this means, they were thenceforth for their own sakes bound to studie all obsequiousnesse to their Lords, as to the purchasing of their favour; for none of this conquer'd Nation, *saith he*, did possesse any thing which seemed to be his own by right of Descent, but what onely through his deserts, or by agreement he could obtain.

But besides these ways of high oppression, he wanted not divers subtile devices to secure his dominion.

First by building † *of Castles in sundry parts of the Realme: Then to prevent tumults, in the Night season not only disarming the native English; but causing* * *a Bell to be rung in every Parish, at eight of the clock in the evening, at the sound whereof every one was to cover their Fire and go to rest.*-----Item ut ferociam populi ad otium perduceret, omnibus arma ademit (*saith* Polidore) statuitq; ut quisq; paterfamilias vesperi, circiter horam octavam post meridiem, tecto cineribus igne dormitum iret; & ad id signum vicatim dari voluit per campanas, id quod etiam nunc servatur, & Normanicè vulgò dicitur **Coverfeu**. *And in that year in which he triumphed, saith* [r] M. Paris. *he took with him some of the English Nobility into* Normandie, *and married them to Norman Ladies; and in like sort did he marry divers English women to his Normans; continually* [s] *loading the people with heavy Taxes, to the end they might have enough adoe in busying themselves how to live, rather than to have any leisure to stir up commotions. Moreover, for the better new-moulding them, he introduced* [t] *hither, the Norman fashion in making Conveyances and Grants*; viz. *by Deeds sealed with wax, whereas before, they were testified with Crosses, and subscribed by those which were present; causing the Laws of the Land, Statutes of the preceding Kings, and all Pleadings to be written in the* French *tongue. Nay, to the end that the English Language might in time wear out of use, he took care that the* French *should be taught in Schools; as also in writing appointed that the* French Fashion *should be imitated: And for the better accomplishment of his designe, introduced the termes of* Hawking, Hunting, Tennis-play, Dice, *and other pastimes in that Language.*

Thus

h M. Paris. *in vit. Abb. p. 47. n. 50.*

i R. Hoved *f. 259. b.* M. Paris. *p. 6. l. 21.*

k *Ib. p. 7. l. 25.*

l *Ib. & p. 12.* Math. Westm. *in an* 1085.

m M. Paris. *p. 12.*

n Ingul. *hist. f. 512. b. l. 36.*

o *Ord. Vital. p. 656. c.*

p *Ib. p. 659. b.*

q *Ex cod. nigro penes Camer. Scac. f. 29. cap. 27.*

* Gerv. Tilburiensis *ut dicitur.*

† H. Hunt. *f. 212. b. l. 10.*

* Polyd. Virg. Hist. Angl. Coverfeu.

r *In vit. Abb. p. 47. l. 27.*

s Lives of the 3. Norm. Kings by Sir John Heyward *p. 184.*

t Ingul. Hist. *f. 512. b. n. 20.*

Thus [u] came Io Englonde into Normans honde,
Normans ne cowde speche then but here owen speche,
But Franche as that did at hoom here childzen dide also teche;
So that heize men of this londe, that of here blode come,
Holden al thilke speche that thei of hem nome,
For if a man can no Franche men telle of hem rizt like;
But Io men holdeth English here kynde speche zite;
I wene in the worlde ne is londe nether Countrie none,
That he ne holdeth his kinde speche but Engelonde now one,
But men wote well to conne both good bit is;
For the moze men conne, the moze thei ben wozthi I wis.

u Rob. Gloue. *ut supra f.* 97 a.

Nay the poor English *were so humbled, that they were glad to imitate* [w] *the* Normans, *even in cutting their hair, and shaving their beards; and to conform themselves to the fashion of their new Masters in their very cups and dishes.*

w M. Paris *in vit. Abb. p.* 45. *l.* 40.

For the order and methode of this present work, I have followed the Rivers (as the most sure and lasting marks) where they lye proper for my course; and sometimes have taken my aime from those great and well known Roman ways, viz. Watlingstreet *and* Fosse; *which thwarting each other upon the borders of this Countie, extend themselves many miles, through it, or as a boundarie thereto. And whereas the* Hundreds *are so few, and the* Rivers, *with their branches very many, I have taken each* Hundred *by it self: Following which course, I first begin with* Avon, *as it enters the Shire at* Clifton *in the North-East, following till it goes out at* Salford *in the South West; dividing the* Wood-land *(for so that part of the Countie lying North thereof is called) from the* Feldon, *discoursing in order of the Towns, as they lye adjacent thereto, or neer those petty streams which run into it; beginning always with that wherein the Church is seated, and then proceeding with the severall small Hamlets or places of note, whether depopulated or otherwise, contained within the same Parish; setting forth a succession of their antient possessors; by which the rise, growth, continuance, and decay of many Families, with their most memorable actions are manifested.*

And have also adorned it with those Armes *and* Pictures *of many eminent persons in their times, which being antiently set up in the windows of severall Churches and Houses, did continue till of late. And that there may want nothing conducible to the honour, aswell of the Families long since extinct, as those that remain, I have to my utmost preserved their very* Monuments *and* Memorialls *yet remaining; following the Example therein of the famous* Sertorius Ursatus *in his* Monumenta Patavina [x]; *well knowing of what high and venerable esteem such things were with the most civill people of the world; in so much as amongst the Romans, the defacing and violation of them was punished* [y] *by great pecuniarie Fines, cutting off Hands, Banishment; nay sometimes by Death, according to the merit of the transgressors: Most of which, through the pious respect of the immediate heirs, or neerest relations to those their worthy Ancestors (and to their lasting memorie) are represented; excepting such Plates, whereof, the persons therein mentioned by particular Inscriptions, partly out of some speciall respect to those that they have thus memorized, and partly as an ornament to the work, have born the charge.*

x Imp. Patavij an. 1652.

y *Vide* Joh. Kirchmannum *de Funer. Rom.* (Impr. Lubecæ) *lib.* 3. *Cap.* 26.

And excepting these three in p. 188. 498, *and* 758. *of the following work;* viz (1) *of the* Hugfords *and* Beaufoes, *Lords of* Emscote, *interred in the Collegiate Church at* Warwick *(men of great note in their days, as by my discourse of them in that place appeareth) whose lineall heir and successor in that estate is* Henry Beaufoe *now of* Emscote *Esquire.* (2) *Of* Thomas Spenser *late of* Clarendon *Esquire (a person of much eminencie in this Shire in his time, and for his large and noble Hospitalitie the honour of all these parts) whose great grandson and heir male, aswell as by adoption, is Sir* Thomas Spenser *now of* Yarnton in Com. Oxon. *Baronet* (3). *And that of Sir* Richard Bingham *Knight, one of the reverend Judges of the King's Bench* temp. H. 6. *who lieth buried at* Middleton, *with the Ladie* Margaret *his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir* Baldwin Frevill *of* Tamworth-*Castle Knight, and widow of Sir* Hugh Willoughby *Knight. From which Sir* Hugh *and* Margaret *is Sir* Francis Willoughby *now of* Middleton *Knight descended, possessing that Lordship as heir to her. Which three last Monuments had (I confesse) been omitted, could I have doubted that the persons here mentioned (considering such their relations, and the estates they so enjoy) would have refused the preservation of their memories by a small charge to the Graver; as these following are for the very same reason, and no other, as is well known,* viz. (1) *of the* Temples *at* Dasset, *whose heirs and successors in that estate there, are Sir* Richard Temple *Baronet, and the Lady Viscountesse*

Baltinglaſſe. (2) *Of* Richard Murden *Eſquire*, *at* **Moxton-Mozell**, *whoſe ſole daughter and heir is the Ladie* Harvey, *widow of Sir* Stephen Harvey *Knight of the Bath* (3) *of Sir* Edward Ferrers *at* **Badſley-Clinton**, *whoſe heir is* Henry Ferrers *Eſquire*, *now Lord of that place* (4) *And of Sir* Edward Devereux *Knight and Baronet, at* **Aſton** juxta **Bermingham**, *whoſe grandſon and heir is the preſent* Viſcount Hereford.

Of the Religious Houſes, Hoſpitalls *and* Chantries *(thoſe ſignall Monuments of our Forefathers Pictie) I have ſhewed their Foundations, endowments, and continuance, with their diſſolutions and ruine, which gave the greateſt blow to Antiquities that ever* **England** *had, by the deſtruction and ſpoil of many rare Manuſcripts, and no ſmall number of famous Monuments.*

And to the end that my diſcourſe of the ſeverall places, may be the more perſpicuous, taking notice of that excellent expreſſion of [z] Arias Montanus, viz.--Si enim abſq; locorum obſervatione res geſtæ narrentur, aut ſine Topographiæ cognitione Hiſtoriæ legantur, adeò confuſa atq; perturbata erunt omnia, ut ex iis nihil non obſcurum, nihil non difficile elici poſſit, *I have drawn exact Schemes of the ſeverall* Hundreds; *wherein, beſides the rectifying of divers places, which ſtand amiſſe in the ordinarie Maps, are inſerted many that were hitherto omitted, fixing them according to their direct ſtations, as alſo the depopulated Villages, and other places of note, whereof there is mention in the following work; extending the Rivers neerer their originall heads, and adding ſundry petty ſtreamlets, heretofore not taken notice of by our Geographers.*

z In Prolog. ad Hiſt. de terra Sancta.

In etymologizing the names of Towns *and* Places, *I have not been over-bold, becauſe moſt of them had their originall denomination from the* Britans, *or* Saxons; *and that* Time *hath much varied the antient name, by contracting it for the more eaſe in pronunciation, or in ſome ſort altered it from what it was at firſt, as is evident in moſt of them: Nor ſhould I have adventured thus far, had I not received much light from that learned Gentleman Mr.* William Somner *of* **Canterbury**, *my ſingular friend, unto whom I cannot attribute enough for his great knowledge in Antiquities, and thoſe commendable works, which he hath* [a] *already publiſhed*[b], *and is now taking pains in.*

a Antiq. of Canterb.
b Gloſſ. ad Calcem. ſcript. Anglic. Impr. 1654.

Much variation there is, I confeſs, in the names of ſundry places and perſons, which perhaps may cauſe ſome doubt of my care therein: but in that I have been very curious, having Records, or other authentique writings for my authoritie, which I thought much more fit to follow, than to deliver the names as they are now written.

And as my chief aime hath been to illuſtrate the Antiquities of this Countie, ſo muſt I deſire my Readers to obſerve, what intricate parts I have walkt in, to make good that undertaking; ſcil. *the whole ſeries of publick Records, and a multitude of antient and obſcure Manuſcripts, as the references to them do ſhew: for the better underſtanding whereof, becauſe the narrowneſſe of my Margent hath confined me to ſuch brevitie, I have added a ſhort Scheme adjoyning to my Index, which will plainly demonſtrate what thoſe pieces of words, and ſingle Letters do mean, with notice where the ſaid Records and Manuſcripts were, when I had the peruſall of them. And, whereas I have cited, nothing to give teſtimonie of the* Churches Dedications, *that what I have ſaid therein of them, is from divers old* Wills, Teſtaments, *and other authorities in the Regiſtries of the Biſhops of* **Covenare & Lichfield**, *and* **Worceſter**, *which to have inſtanced particularly could not well be done, in regard they were all in looſe parcells.*

c Dict. Sax. Anglo Lat.

And moreover it is to be noted, that to ſuch or ſuch parts of the Pedegrees where no quotation at all is entred, the proof to make them good, will appear in the hiſtoricall part. And laſtly, that the paſſages of later times are obvious to the preſent age wherein we live, or have been delivered to me from perſons of credit, unto whom they were certainly known.

Perhaps it will be expected, that I ſhould have deduced my Storie of the Places *and* Families, *to this preſent year,* ſcil. 1656. *But as of that there is no great neceſſitie, in regard whatſoever is memorable of them cannot be unknown to many obſerving men; and may much more freely, and without danger of exception, be ſpoken of by the next generation; ſo muſt I plead mine own diſabilitie to perform it; partly by reaſon that ſome, who had the cuſtodie of our publick Records, were over-curious in vouchſafing a view of ſuch things which concern the laſt age, deeming it an hinderance to their profit, that ought ſhould be made publick in that kind; and partly in regard that ſome Gentlemen, doubting that the ſight of their Evidences might expoſe their eſtates to be queſtioned, have been nice in yielding thereunto. And 'tis not unlike that ſome, but for the moſt part the younger branches of many Families, may think themſelves neglected, becauſe their Deſcents and Matches are not memorized in this work, but to the greateſt part of theſe, I can very juſtly ſay, that I had no exact knowledge of them, nor fit means to accompliſh it, which is (I hope) a ſufficient Apologie.*

Of the Incumbents *to Eccleſiaſticall Benefices, I confeſſe there is not in this work, an exact ſucceſſion, divers being omitted, whereof ſome, which men now living, knew: But the reaſon is eaſily given;* viz. *the neglect of the Biſhop's Secretaries, to record their Inſtitutions; which hath*

never

never been ſo great as in this laſt Centurie: for to ſuch a height was it grown, within our own time, that notwithſtanding ample Fees were received in conſideration thereof, they ſeldome kept a Paper-book for that purpoſe; but at beſt, made a brief note of it upon the Inſtrument of Preſentation, which being ſlightly put on a File, was ſoon after broke off, and loſt.

Nor of the Abbots, Abbeſſes, *and* Priors, *is there any perfect* Series, *in regard that the Biſhops Regiſters have noted but few of them, and that other Records are therein, for the moſt part ſilent.*

And now to conclude this Proëme, I ſhall farther adverti∫e my Reader, that though the following Work ſeemeth by its Title to relate meerly to this Countie; nevertheleſs there are ſome Deſcents, and much that is hiſtoricall, which doth not a little concern many Families in other parts, for aſmuch as not a few Lordſhips in it are poſſeſt by ſuch perſons, whoſe reſidence is elſewhere, and that matches of heirs female, either hither or from hence, have been ſo frequent. And it is no leſſe conſiderable, that divers diſcourſes therein are of generall importance, as to matter of knowledg, pointing out the originall or antiquitie of ſeverall things whereof moſt men perhaps are not as yet ſo far informed; ſcil. *of* Pariſhes, Conſecrarion, *and* Dedication *of Churches*, Feaſts *of ſuch their* Dedication *(called* Wakes) Mercates *and* Faires; *ſolemnities antiently uſed at the* Baptizing *of Children*; *the* ſacred *and* Courtly *Ceremonies in conferring the honour of* Knighthood; *as alſo of* Sepulture, *Grants by* Charter, Seales, Mortuaries, *and others, whereunto the* Index *briefly directeth. In all which, and throughout the whole work, I have to my utmoſt, endeavoured the plaineſt ſtile, as moſt meet (in my Judgment) for ſuch a buſineſs; well remembring that of* Cicero, *how an Hiſtorian ſhould be qualified*, ſcil. not of neceſſitie to be an Orator, ſatis eſt non eſſe mendacem, *ſaith he. The* Truth *is it, which is principally to be aimed at; for a little after he thus goes on*, Nam quis neſcit primam eſſe Hiſtoriæ legem, ne quid falſi dicere audeat? deinde ne quid veri non audeat? ne qua ſuſpicio gratiæ ſit in ſcribendo? ne qua ſimultatis? Hæc ſcilicet fundamenta nota ſunt omnibus.

Cic. d. Oratore lib. 2. §. 12.

Ib. §. 15.

An undertaking (I acknowledge) this would have been more proper for ſuch a one whoſe Anceſtors had enjoyed a long ſucceſſion in this Countie, whereunto I cannot pretend; for my Father was the firſt, who marrying with a daughter of the Houſe of Swinfen *in* Staffordſhire, *ſeated himſelf therein, and in the ſame Pariſh where my preſent habitation is; being by birth of* Cletherow, in Com. Lanc. *and deſcended from a Familie of good antiquitie in thoſe parts: But I preſume, that the leſs my relations are, the more acceptance will my endeavours find with the ingennous, and learned, to whoſe Judgment I only ſubmit both my ſelf and it.*


The Mapp
of
WARWICK-SHIRE,
containing the Rivers,
Roman-wayes, Parish
churches & Chapells.
PART OF
STAF-
FORD
SHIRE
PART OF
WORCES-
TER
SHIRE
PART OF
GLOUCES-
TER
SHIRE
PART OF
OXFORD
SHIRE
PART OF
LEICES TER
SHIRE
PART OF
NORTHAMP-
TON SHIRE
Ykenild street
Sutton
Atherstone
Nun-Eaton
Hinkley
Bermingham
Colshill
Solihull
Coventre
Kenilworth
Rugby
Southam
Alcester
Stratford sup. Avon
Evesham
Kineton
Banbury
The Foss
The Scale of Miles.
1 2 3 4 5 6

THE ANTIQUITIES OF *WARWICK-SHIRE* ILLUSTRATED.

The Hundreds.

HAving in my Introduction past through those elder times in which so little light is to be found, whereby more particular and observable Discoveries might be made; I shall now, by the guidance of that incomparable Record, *viz.* * **Doomsday-Booke**, shew what **Hundreds** there were in this County at the *Norman* Conquest; and though all the particular Towns which were contained in each of them do not directly appear, yet by what I shall say, may be discerned, whereabouts those Hundreds did lye, and neerly guest at what they contained: But whether those were the same that were set forth by King *Ælfred*, or if altered, when, and how, I cannot take upon me to say; believing rather, that they might have received some alteration; For by what shall be shewed by and by, it will appear that all those did not continue long after the Conquest, but others started up in the places of some of them; and at this day, instead of them all, which were in number Ten, at the Conquest, there are now only Four in being, and not one of them reteyning the name of any that were then.

* *In Scac. penès Thes. & Camerar.*

The Names of the **Hundreds** *in the Conquerours time.*

Ferhole hundred, **Honesberie h.**, **Tremelau h.**, **Berricestone h.** — Now contained within the hundred of **Kineton.**

Mereton h., **Stanley h.**, **Bomelau h.** — Now contained within the hundred of **Knightlow.**

Pathelau h., **Fernecumbe h.** — Now contained within the hundred of **Barlichway.**

Colechill h. — Now contained within the hundred of **Hemlingford.**

And because I have a desire to shew (so far as I have any Authority) where the *Vestigia* of those Hundreds were, I have here inserted the names of such Towns as are positively expresst in **Doomesday-Book**, to be within each of them; whereby may be discerned, in probability, of what extent they were, in regard that the other Towns, which lye intermixt with these, must, in all likelihood, be contained therein.

In *Fexhole* Hundred.

Bralles. Hunitone. Odeselve. Tichelhoche.

In *Honesberie* Hundred,

Ferneberge. Herdewiche. Radwei. Warmintone. Rotelei. Wimeleslone. Dercetone.

In *Tremelau* Hundred.

Taschebroc. Edriceslone. Codeshunle. Pilardetone. Wortone. Fulrei, Etendon, Wersetone, Berefort. Lisecrone. Hilwebold. Alnodestone. Cestretone.

In *Berriceslone* Hundred,

Ilmedone. Edelmitone. Berricestone. Stratone.

In *Coleshelle* Hundred.

Calvecote. Filunger. Aldulvestreu. Etone. Ailspede. Cetitone. Credeworde. Witacre. Grenedone. Herstone. Celverdeschoche. Ulverlei.

In *Stanlei* Hundred,

Bilneie. Lamintone (Pr.) **Ulvestone. Wuitone. Rietone. Bericote. Erburberie. Cobintone. Bubenhalle. Westone. Witenas. Sowa.**

In *Meretov* Hundred.

Flechenho. Graneberge. Hill (juxta **Lemington**) **Cliptone. Ulfelmescote. Eptone. Hodenelle. Lellesord. Donecerce. Lamintone-**(*Hastang*) **Icentone-**(longa)

In *Patelau* Hundred,

Hantone. Ludstone. Wotone. Clifforde, Helecote. Wilmecote.

In *Bomelau* Hundred,

Smitham. Anestie. Focheswelle. Westone, Wortone. Wara. Ulveta. Stratone. Chircheberie, Herdeberge.

In *Fernecumbe* Hundred.

Beoschelle. Newebam. Optone. Hildeborde. Wistlavesforde. Hildebereud. Scireburne. Benintone. Coctune. Haseleie. Holehale. Haselove. Wortone. Bichemerse. Stodlei.

But of all these **hundreds**, except Foure, there is not to be found (after that time) a word in Record, *viz.* **Meretone h. Stanlei h. Pathlau h.** and **Tremelau h.** instead of the rest there being **Winklow h. Cnucthelaw h.** (now **Knightlow**) **Chinton** (now **Kineton h.**) **Hunnelsford** (now **Hemlingford h.**) **Warlichway h.** (now also in being) **Cotes h.** and **Chilwinel. h.**

Of the antiquity of the present **Hundreds** (I mean so far as I find them mentioned in Record) I shall shew in their several places, as the Rivers lead me into them: And touching the continuance of the rest (that is, whilst I find mention of them) I will now expresse what I can, and so leave them; referring only **Pathlow** to be spoke of when I come into **Warlichway h.** because it yet hath a kind of being, termed by the name of the **Liberty of Pathlow** unto this day.

Of **Winklaw h.** I find mention in the [a] 21. of H. 2. it paying then foure Marks for a Mur-

[a] *Rot. P.* 21. H. 2.

ther. In the [b] 24 of H. 2. seven shillings and foure pence for murther, and in [c] 5. *Joh*, 3 marks. After which time it is called onely *Leta de Brynklow*; *viz.* [d] 8. *E.* 3. upon the Taxation of a fiveteenth and tenth; which word *Leta* importing that which at this day we call **Leet**, sheweth that there was a Court here belonging to the Kings Jurisdiction, for part of the Country thereabouts; the Towns and Villages there mentioned to be within the same, being these.

Leta de Brinklow,

Newnham *Regis*. **Herdeburgh**-*magna*. **Herdeburgh**-*parva*. **Lallesord**-*longa*. **Neubold**-*Pantun*. **Lallesord**-*parva*. **Gosford**. **Brownes wabere**. **Neuton** *iuxta* **Clifton**. **Church-wabere**. **Cester-wabere**. **Walton** *juxta* **Kirkby**. **Newnham**-*parva*. **Paplington**. **Neubold**, & **Stretton**, **Estunwihull Wylie**. **Wybetofte**. **Kyrkebie** *monachorum*. **Brokhurst**. **Copston** *major*. **Stretardeston**. **Whyttebroke**. **Hopsford**, **Anstye**. **Barnaulght**. **Shulton**. **Copston** *parva*. **Wolvey**. **Burton**. **Shirford**. **Stretton**-*Baskervile*. **Hide**. **Bramcote**. **Riton** *juxta* **Bulkington**. **Bulkington**. **Weston** *juxta* **Bulkington**. **Merston**-*Jabet*. **Bedworth**. **Eccleshale**. **Folkeshull**. **Kereswey**. **Princethorpe**. **Astley**.

But for the Etymologie of the word *Leet*, I cannot well be satisfied, except it proceed from the Saxon word ȝelaꝥhian, *id est*, *Congregare*, which may very well be: For in **Kent** those divisions of the Countrey are called **Lathes**, which with us are called Hundreds.

Of **Mereton**-hundred and **Stanlei**-hund. I onely find, that they paid several Fynes for murther in [e] 21. 24. & 29. H. 2. and in 1. R. 1. howbeit, in 8. E. 3. they are both under the title of *Leta* and not *Hund.* as I have said before in **Brinklow**. Yet it seemes that **Stanlei** continued the name of a Hundred longer than **Merton**; for in [f] 7. E. 1. it is called *Hund. de* **Stanley**.

The particular Towns and Villages in each of them, I have here inserted (as in **Brinklow**) out of the said Roll of [g] 8. E. 3.

Leta de Merton.

Hodenhull Lodbroke. Rodburne, **Southam. Napton. Shukeburgh** *super*. **Flockenho**, **Wolfhamcote**, **Nethercote**, **Grenburgh**, **Wolscote**, **Caldecote**. **Salesbrugge**. **Wylebie**. **Lemington**-*Hastang*. **Hull**. **Bradwell**, **Herdewik**. **Burthingbury**, **Stocton**, **Stonythorpe**, **Bascote**, **Arley**, **Sholey**, **Itchington**-*longa*. **Merton**, **Ethorpe**, **Honingham**, **Wapenbury**, **Stretton** *super* **Dunsmore Frankton**. **Burton**, **Draicote**, **Thurlaston**, **Dunchurch Tofte**, **Hull-Horton**, **Clifton**, **Rokeby**, **Bilton**, **Church-lallesord**, **Wolrychesson**, **Merton**.

Leta de Stanlei,

Herbury, **Stivichale**, **Itchington**-*Episcopi*, **Olughton**, **Offchurch**, **Radford**-*Symelie*, **Lemington**-*Pr*. **Neubold**-*Cumin*, **Hulverton**, **Edmulcote**, **Lullington**, **Cubington**, **Weston** *juxta* **Wetheley**, **Bobenhull**, **Ryton** *super* **Dunsmore**, **Whitnashe**, **Brandon**, **Bretford**, **Sowe**, **Caloudon**. **Wiken Wilnale**, **Stoke**, **Bugginge**, **Pinle**, **Whitley**, **Bilney**, **Coventre**, **Coundon**, **Radford**, **Allesley**, **Bakinton**, **Ashoe**, **Kenellworth**, **Wodecote**, **Leke-Wotton**, **Hull**.

Of **Tremelau**-hundred, I find, that in [h] 1. *R.* 1. and 5. *Joh.* it fined for Murther: but as I meet with no mention thereof afterwards, so can I no further point out where it is, than I have already signified. The Hundreds.

Of **Chickenel**-hundred, it appears that it fined for Murther [i] *Anno* 29 *H.* 2. 1. *R.* 1. and 5. *Joh.* but no more.

Of **Cotes**-hundred, [k] the like in 29 *H.* 2. But whether this of **Cotes** was any part of the Countrey about **Warwick**; for the Village at the East end of the Town, now called **Cotonend**, was antiently called **Cotes**, as I shall have occasion to shew hereafter. Or whether **Coton** in the Parish of **Churchover**, antiently also called **Cotes**, as in due place shall be shewed, I cannot determin.

And as for **Chikenel**-hundred, I must leave the discovery thereof to others, having no gues whereabout it should be.

So much therefore shall suffice touching the **Hundreds**, which are not now in being. And because it will fall out that I must begin this work with **Knightlow**-hundred, I shall therefore here shew what I have met with thereof.

Of **Knightlow-hundred.**

I Shall not need to enumerate the Towns and Villages which it now contains, the Map saving me that labour.

The first mention I find in Record of it, is in [l] 16. *H.* 2. where the Sheriffe accounts *Cent. sol. proplacitis concelatis*; and there it is called *Sipesocha de Cnuchtelawa*, those of **Chinton**, and **Humelisord**, having there the same title of *Sipesocha*. The word [m] *Socha*, by Expositors, signifying a free Court,, where Pleas of Debt, Covenant, Trespasse, Detinue, *&c.* are held; but for the first sillable *Sipe*, I rather suppose it should be **Sithe** the Saxon letter þ (which was in use long after the Conquest) being mistaken for p, and then if so (and that Mr. *Lambert's* exposition of the word **Sithecundman** to be *Legalis homo*, or *Militaris homo*, be right) it will not be improper to interpret *Sithesocha*, to be *Curia libera legalium hominum*: for the Hundred Court, we know, is *Visus franc. pleg.* as we commonly terme it. And if it be taken in the sense of *Militarium hominum*, it agrees well enough with the nature of that meeting; for to this day in some Counties they are called **Wapentac's** from the touching of his speare who had the goverment of the **Wapentac** assigned to him by the principal sort of men that did associat with him; as Mr. *Cambden* (speaking of **Wapentac's**) observeth out of the Laws of St. *Edward*.

In K. *John's* time I find it by the name of [n] *Hundred de Chnitelowe* to answer *XL. Marc. de firma*.

In the account of *William Luscy* (Shiriffe of the Shires of *Warw.* and *Leicest.*) 21 *H.* 3. it is thus recorded.

De firmâ de Knistelawe XL. M.
De auxil. vicecom. ejusdem Hundredi XV. l.
De franc. pleg. ejusdem Hundredi IIII. l. XL. d.
De warth ejusdem Hundredi XIII s. IX. d.
Summa XLVI l. Xs. V. d.

And amongst the Presentments [o] made by the Hundreds before the Justices Itinerant 4. *E.* 1. there is one from this Hundred, the title whereof is, *Hund. de Knyhtelawe*.

In [p] 11. *E.* 1. It was found by Inq. that the

[b] *Rot. p.* 24. *H.* 2.
[c] *Rot. P.* 5. *Joh.*
[d] *Rot. penès Sim. Archer. Eq. Aur.*
[e] *Rot. P. de eisdem an.*
[f] *Inq. capt. per H. Nottingham, & H. Sheldon milit. &c.* 7 E. 1. *penès Remem. Regis in Scac.*
[g] *Penès S. Archer. Eq. aur.*
[h] *Rot. P. de eisdem ann.*
[i] *Rot. P. de eodem an.*
[k] *Rot. P. de eodem an.*
[l] *Rot. P.* 16. *H.* 2.
[m] *Lib. vocat. le quire de Domere in Scac.*
[n] *Lib. rub.* 233. *b.*
[o] *In baga de diversis Inquis. penès Thes. & Camer. Scac.*
[p] *In baga de Ragman penès Thes. & Camer. Scacc.*




The Mapp of KNIGHTLOW HVNDRED.
In operis et Authoris gratium; P. Will. Bromley Arm:
Part of
PART OF
LEICESTER SHIRE
Hemling ford Hundred
COVENTRE
WARWICK
DVNSMORE HEATH
Rugby
Part of Kineton Hundred
PART OF NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Hinkley
Hyde
Stretton-Baskervile
Shirford
Griffe
Ardley
Sculley hall
Sculley end
Bedworth
Marton-Iabet
Burton Hastings
Weston in Arden
Bramcot
Bulkington
Pyton
Wolvey
Copston pva
Copston magna
Smercote mag.
Smercote pva
Exhall
Newland
Corley
Tachley
Barnacle
Shilton
Hashe Crosse
Bennones
Wibtoft
Hawksbery
Folkshill
Corsley
Allesley
Grandon
Whitmore Parke
Henley
Caludon
Swe
Withybroke
Hopsford
Cloudsley Bush
Willey
Fletchamsted
Old Fletchamsted
Hirewell
Sloke
Shortley
Duges hall
Smite superior
Smite inferior
Meriston
Newnham Padox
Brookhurse
Walton
Paulton
Stretton
Stretton
Binley
Combe Abbey
Neubold Revell
Esenhall
Brinklow
Cesterwer
Ben Ford Bridge
Church Over
Harborow mag
Harborow pva
Winnall
Baginton
Kenilworth
Ensham
Brandt
Bretford
Church Lawford
Newnham Regis
Cofford
Brownesover
Biggin
Little Lawford
Long Lawford
Neuboll Super
Newton
Clifton
Princethorpe
Wapenbury
Bubnell
Stoneley Abby
Cloude Bridge
Stretton sup Dunsmore
Knightlow Cosse
The Stude
Ashow
Heathe
Berricote
Milverton
Weston subt Wetheley
Blacklow hall
Wedgnock Parke
Leeke Wotton
Hall Wotton
Cubington
Lillington
Eneslote
Honnington
Etharpe
Marton
Frankton
Bourton
Caustonhall
Hall Morton
Dunchurch
Draycote
Thurlaston
Toste
Leamington Hastang
Heirdwike
Raimbwolt
Burdingbury
Offchurche
Neubold Comyn
Leamington Pr
Bradwell
Granborow
Wiscote and Wiscote-end
Bedford
Whitnash
Iffton
Long Itchington
Calldecote
Salbridge
Willowby
Basecote
Tachebroke Mallory
Tachebroke Episcopi
Harberbury
Thrae
Southam
Stocton
Wolfhamcote
Nethercote
Nether Shuckborough
Flecknoe
Nepton
Over Shuckborough
Chesterton
Ladbroke
Hodnell
Pedburne
Watergall
Hetchington sup
Hetchington inf
St Helen Chap
Afcot
The Scale of Miles.
The sites of Monasteries.
Villages.
Gentlemens Houses.
Depopulated places.

The Hundred of Knightlow.

the Hundred of **Knyteloω** (ſo then it was written) was yeatly worth *XXIX. l. XVII. s.* ſaving to the Sheriff his two Turnes by year; and that *Richard de Stretton*, whilſt he lived, paid yearly for the ſame *XXIX. l. XVII. s.* to the Kings Exchequer.

q Ex ipſo Rot. in ſcac. penès Remem. Regis.

Upon Inquiſition[q] taken *9. E. 2.* by vertue of the Kings Precept, (amongſt other things,) to certify how many and what Hundreds there were; what Cities, Boroughs, and Towns, *&c.* and who were owners of them; It is certified, that the Hundred of **Knythlaιe** was then in the Kings hand. And

r Rot. Fin. 4. E. 3. m. 1.

in *4. E. 3.* the King by his Pat.[r] dated at **Weſtm.** *5. Jan.* granted the Bayliwick of this Hundred *dilecto valetto ſuo Edmundo de Shireford*, to his well-beloved Eſquire *Edmund Shireford*, to hold during life; paying by the hands of the Shiriff, for the time being, the antient ferm thereof, according to the Statute in that caſe made.

But, ſince that time, finding little thereof memorable, I ſhall here adde a Liſt of thoſe Towns, within the precincts of it, which do yet owe ſute to this Court. **Wolſton, Lillington, Lemington-Haſtang, Pγince thoγpe. Hopsfoγd. Lodγγoke. Bubbenhill. Burdingbuγy. Shilton. Barnacle. Napton. Stretton** *ſuper-***Dunſmoγe. Radfoγd-***Semeley*. **Bourton. Dγaycote. Bγomcote. Church-Over. Walton** *in parocha de* **Monkskirby.**

A word or two now of the place, whence it takes the name, which is a *Tumulus*, or little heap of earth, ſtanding on the brow of the Hill upon the great road-way leading from **Coventre** towards **London**, as you enter upon **Dunſmoγe**-heath, commonly called **Knightlow**-hill, or **Knightlow**-croſſe, the latter Syllable **Lowe** (as we now pronounce it,) but antiently and more truly **Lawe**, ſignifying a little Hill; and ſo Mr. *Cambden*, in his *Remains* obſerves, that the Scots who border neareſt to **England** do uſe the word in that ſenſe to this day.

That theſe **Lowes**, or artificially raiſed heaps of Earth, were antiently made to cover the Bodies of ſuch as were ſlain in the field, in the time of the Romans, we have the teſtimony of *Tacitus*, where he makes mention of *Varus*[s] his overthrow in **Germany**; and of *Germanicus* (who is there called *Caſar*) his comming to the place of that ſlaughter, and finding the carcaſſes unburied.

s Taciti Annal. lib. 1. cap. 62.

Vide etiam Cambd. Britt. in wiltſ.

——*igitur Romanus qui aderat, exercitus* (ſaith he) *ſextum poſt cladis annum trium legionum oſſa, nullo noſcente alienas reliquias an ſuorum humo tegeret, omnes ut conjunctos, ut conſanguineos, auctâ in hoſtem irâ, mœſti ſimul & infenſi condebant. Primum extruendo tumulo ceſpitem Cæſar poſuit gratiſſimo munere in defunctos & præſentibus doloris ſocius.* Theſe laſt words implying, that every Souldier brought his turf, or turfes to the raiſing of a *Tumulus*, according as his reſpect was to the defunct; and that *Germanicus* himſelf laid the firſt, as eminent perſons have uſed to do the firſt ſtone in the foundation of ſome notable building.

And that this courſe in covering the Bodies, not onely of ſuch as were ſlain in the feild, but of others, was alſo very antiently uſed by the Danes and other Northern Nations, I ſhall here exhibite the teſtimony of *Olaus Wormius*; who, now in our age hath brought to light the old Cymbrike antiquities; and, amongſt other things, touching the antient Daniſh Burialls, hath theſe words

t Olai wormii monum Dan. p. 40.

——*Ab*[t] *antiquis Epochas quaſdam, à ſepeliendi ritibus apud ſeptentrionales introductas eſſe accepi; qui cum varii fuerint, illi quoque, eorum habitâ ratione, ſubindè mutabantur. Sic enim membranâ mea M S. tres numerari ſolent hominum ætates, quæ ab Inferiarum modo denominationem acceperunt. Prima* **Roiſold.** *Secunda* **Hoigold.** *Tertia* **Chriſtendom's old.** *Primitùs enim defunctis juſta ſoluturi, in campo plano juxta viam regiam, aut defuncti prædium ſito, circum ratæ magnitudinis lapidibus efformabant, oblongum tamen, viginti quandoque orgyarum longitudine, latitudine trium: In hoc defuncti cadaver cremabant; cineres collectos urnis includebant, ac in circi meditullio locatos grandioribus undique ſtipabant ſaxis, ſuperinjecto ſaxo aliquo latiore quo cætera tegerent. Hinc totam aream lapidibus, arenâ, glebaque terreſtri replebant, ac in formam monticuli collem deſuper attollebant, quem demùm ceſpitibus tegebant, ut viriditate ſua oculos prætereuntium recrearet. Hæc ſepultura* **Roiſer**; *& hunc ſepeliendi ritum* **at Roiſe** *dixerunt. Regibus tantum hunc honorem habitum volunt; alios autem pompâ minore tumulatos, &c. Addunt* [u] *alii Regios tumulos ad magnitudinem & figuram carinæ maximæ navis Regiæ deſcriptos. Secunda ætas,* **Hoigold** *dicta, ea fuit, quâ cadavera incremata atque integra cum ſuis ornamentis, in circulo, ex grandioribus confecto Saxis, locabant, aliiſque circumquaque tegebant, arenam & glebas terræ exaggerando uſque dum in juſtam monticuli exurgeret altitudinem, qui ceſpitibus & aliis ſaxis demùm exterius exornabatur. In prælio cæſos in unum cumulum conjiciebant, quem* **Malcoſſe** *vocabant, & ſupra eos terram exaggerabant, ut in monticuli ſpeciem agger creſceret. Tertia*[x] *& ultima ætas* **Chriſtendoms-old** *determinatur, ex quo nos Chriſtiani demortuos jam tumulare ſolemus, &c.*

u Ib. p. 43.

x Ib. p. 45.

VVhich learned Author, further to manifeſt this uſage from other[y] writers, thus goes on ——*Sciendum autem quod Dani, cum propter defectum ſaxorum pyramides & obeliſcos extruere minimè potuerint, olim in memoriam Regum & heroum ſuorum, ex terra coacervata ingentem molem, montis inſtar eminentem ſtatuerint.*

y Pet. Lindebergius in ſuis rerum memorab. commentariis.

——*Dani,* [z] *cum pyramides* (&c. ut ſupra) *atque illis adeo in locis, ut plurimum, quo ſæpe homines commearent, aut iter haberent, ut in viis publicis quo poſteritati memoriam clariſſimorum virorum conſecrarent, & quodammodo immortalitati mandarent.* citing alſo that of *Virgil*[a].

z Joh. Cypræi Annal. eccl. Sleſvic. lib. 1. cap. 2.

a Lib. xi. Æneid.

——*Fuit ingens monte ſub alto*
Regis Dercenni terreno ex aggere buſtum
Antiqui Laurentis, opacaque ilice tectum,

which the learned *Gawyn Douglas*, ſometime Biſhop of **Dunkel** in **Scotland**; thus tranſlates.

— **Under the montane** *Law* **thare ſtude ſote γote ane bing of erth upheit like ane mote contenyng the cauld aſſis and birnt banis of auld** *Dercenus* **King of Laurentanis overheld with akin treis, &c.**

The like expreſſion hath alſo the ſaid Poet, ſpeaking of the tomb of *Cajeta*, *Æneas* his Nurſe.

A[b] *pius exequiis Æneas ritè ſolutis*
aggere compoſito tumuli, &c.

b Ib. lib. 7

The γeuthfull than, and the devote Pγince *Enee*
perfoγmed dewly thy funerall ſerγyce
apoun the ſepulture as cuſtome was and gγſe
ane hepe of erd and litſil moſt gart apraγs

Nec c levi opera (ſaith he) *aut ſumptibus exiguis hi tumuli conficiebantur; Teſtatur enim hiſtoria Norvagica*

c Olaus worm. p. 3

Norvagica in Haraldo Harfagre, regulos duos in Naumedal, fratres uterinos, tribus integris annis, impensis magnis in unico tumulo fabricando laborasse.

Now, forasmuch as it appears, by what hath bin said, that these heaps of earth were at first so raised to cover the Bodies of some one person of note, or else of many slain in the Field and brought together, I shall adventure upon the Etymologie of the word **lowe** or **lawe** (for they are indifferently called.)

That it might have its originall from the old British word **Llehau**, *id est, locare, vel collocare*, as Dr. *John Davyes* in his Dictionary expoundeth it, and so by contraction be pronounced **lawe**, is not improbable; for so it expresseth the same that *tumulus* with the antients did. *Nam & terræ congestio super ossa Tumulus dicitur*, as we read in the most learned and antient Commentary of *Servius* upon *Virgil*'s iii. *Æneid.* ver. 22. And we know well that the word *Tumlus* signifieth the same that *Sepulchrum* or *monumentum* doth; and yet not properly from the very nature of the word, but by a Metonymie. And that the British word **Llehau** might proceed from the Latine *locare*, is also likely enough, forasmuch as it is apparent [d], that the Romans did, by kind and most insinuating praises, make the old Brittans overstudious of their language and customs.

[d] *Tacit. in vita Agric. cap. 21.*

Adde hereunto, that the Romans calling the places wherein they layd the bones of the burned corpses *loculos*, as it is clear *à locando*, and that the British **llogel** is the same with *loculus*, and it will not seem unlutable, that they may have taken their word, whose custome of interring they imitated or expressed. And then, that the *Saxons* comming after, who frequently changed the vowels, ind fferently using the **C** for **ll**, and the like, expressed the verb **logian** also, for *collocare*, or *componere*, as we see *Marc.* 1. 19. It may very well be, that both Latine, British, and Saxon are all derived from the same Greek Fountain, seeing λεχω, as it signified many things with the antient Greeks, so it was often used for *cubare facio*. λεγμαι also doth often signify *cubo, jaceo*; and from this acceptation of the verb commeth λεχος and λεκτον, *lectus*; our Dutch **leggen** or **liggen**, *jacere, leger, stratum, cubile*; as also **llehau, logian, logis**, &c.

But forasmuch as in things at this distance from us, by reason of their antiquity, we cannot go upon very absolute certainties, I will adventure upon another, and, in my opinion, more likely conjecture.

Bustum, as we find in *Pompeius Festus, propriè dicitur locus in quo mortuus est combustus, & sepultus; dicturque bustum, quasi bene ustum. Servius* likewise, upon the 185. verse of *Virgil* his xi. *Æneid:* maketh this distinction. *Pyra est lignorum congeries. Rogus, quum jam ardere caperit, dicitur. Bustum jam exustum vocatur.* It is therefore not unlikely that the Antients, in imitation of the word *bustum* (which signified the place where a man was burnd and buryed) made their word **lowe** from **loge**. For illustration therefore of this Etymologie observe, that, not onely leg or lig, but loge also signified a flame, as it should seem from φλεξ or φλεγω, *flamma*, the initiall φ being here taken away, which sometimes is added; as when the English **flanke** is made out of the Teutonike **lanke**. I will not alleage here the British word **llosg**, *incendium, ustio*, and **llosgi**, *Krere*; for they may seem too much different: but I do refer my self to the old Gothike Monuments, in the which, **loge** signifieth a flame.

Willeramus Abbas in his Paraphrasis also upon *cap.* 8. ver. 6. of the *Canticles*, useth **loghon**, and **linghon** instead of *ardere, flammam emittere.* Those likewise who, as yet in **Friesland** do entertain their antient Country language, call the flame **lochene**: yea almost all the other low-Dutch call a fired straw bunch to dry their vessels withall by the name of **lochter**. Of this loge therefore, which antiently signified a flame, commeth **lowe** *bustum*, without doubt; even as the word **law** is corrupted out of the old *Saxon* lagu, *lex.* and as the word **maw** is made of maga, *stomachus.* And that it was so, I am much the more confident, when I consider; that in the Northern parts of **England**, as also in **Scotland**, where the *vestigia* of our antient language, the Saxon, are most to be found, the flame of any fire is called **lowe** to this day; the common people usually saying, that **the fire low's**, when it blazeth or flameth: consonant whereunto is that of the before specified Bishop of **Dunkel** in the said translation of *Virgil.* [e]

[e] *Lib. 7. f. 164. b.*

As king Latynus kindyllis on there gyse
Apoun the Altaris for the sacrifice
The clere chiris the dry fyre brandis
Quhare that also by her fader standis
Lavinia the maid his douchter fare,
Ane selcouth thing to se in hir yare
It semyt the hate fyre kindillit brycht,
And f hir gay clething all with *lowis* licht
Gan glete and sperkilland birn up in ane bleis
Hys ryal trescis inflambit, &c.

[f] *Atque omnem ornatum flamma crepitante cremari.*

Now for the word *Tumulus*, it may very well be derived, either from *cumulus*, which signifies a heap, or from the verb *tumeo*, to swell; for it is taken promiscuously, not onely for a place of sepulture, but any rising ground, as in xii. *Æneid.*

——*Et tumulum caput*, &c.--*tumulique ex aggere fatur.*

Nor is it unlike, but that these *Tumuli* have bin instead of Altars to Sacrifice unto the Ghosts of the dead, as the same *Virgil* bears witness,

Et statuent tumulum, & tumulo solennia mittent.

We also observe, that there was Sacrifice offred to those Ghosts upon *Tumuli* which were plac't at a great distance from the party deceas't, as we find likewise in the before mentioned Authour,

——*tumulum Rhetæo in littore inanem constitui.*

And *Andromache*, although in a Græcian Citty, Sacrifices *Hectoreum ad Tumulum.* As for the fashion of these *Tumuli* in *Homer*'s days (near 3000. years since) let himself speak, [g] Ἐν δ' ἀρ', &c.

[g] *Iliad. lib. 3. v. 197.*

——*Terramque superfudere recentem,*
tum facto tumuloredeunt.

And in the same place *Achilles* complains how small a *Tumulus* he had made for his beloved companion *Patroclus*; and intreats those that should survive him to raise it to a greater height. [h] Τύμβου δ' ὑψαλα πύργωσ', &c.

[h] *Ib. v. 189.*

Exiguum statui tumulum, quicunque relictus
Post nostram fuerit mortem, belloque superstes,
Illius extructus manibus consurgat ad astra.

Of which desire, you shall find in the last Book of

of the *Odysses*, that the Grecians were not unmindfull, but built a Sepulcher for him and *Patroclus*; a large one indeed, which served afterwards for a land-mark, as appeareth from the same Author, in these words, i Αμφ' Δυσῆι ἴσταμεν, &c.

i *Odyss. lib. xiii. v. 80.*

Hos super Augustum tumulum vastumque pelasgi
(Littore sublime quaclauditur Helleſpontus)
Struximus, ut notum per secula longa maneret,
Etque mari longè speculantibus obvius esset.

And this was the fashion of these Monuments in *Homer's* time, even for the most famous persons, which may be taken notice of in many other places; as that whereof he makes mention in the third Book k Αἰσυητο γέγειτοι.

k *Ver. 636.*

And a little after, another, πολυκαμβολίου Μυρίνης; which is there called a high Hill. As also in the 23. Book, wherein he seems to give notice, that that manner of Buriall was in fashion long before the *Trojan* wars: for *Nestor* calls that rising ground, of which he forewarn'd his Son *Antilochus* in his chariot-race, the monument of some man dead long before; which agrees to that authority, likewise which we find in the last Book of the *Iliads* in the Burial of *Hector*;

Et tumulum saxis ingentibus undique firmant,
Affundantque super terram.

Now, it is agree'd upon by the best of Authors, that not onely the *Græcians*, but most of the Eastern Nations borrowed their Philosophy, their ways of Sacrifice, and Buriall from the *Ægyptians*, and, very probably, this custom amongst the rest; especially having so noble a pattern as those much fam'd Pyramids were; which no man doubts to have bin the Monuments of some of their Kings. And that this fashion did continue till *Virgil's* time, his distich upon *Balista* will verify.

Monte sub hoc lapidum tegitur Balista sepultus,
&c.

A word or two now, touching the burning of dead Bodies, in regard it hath bin observed by some judicious persons, who have dig'd to the bottom of divers heaps of earth which are called **Lowes**, especially on **Engleby**-heath in **Derby**-shire, that there have bin found burnt Bones and Charcole there. So also at **Lilburne** in **Northampton** shire, as Mr. *Cambden* observeth; and in the Ile of **Man**, severall Urnes with the like burnt Bones and Coal.

l *Anno 1653.*

There is a remarkable place in *Plinie*, out of which we learn, that it was not an ordinary or usuall thing amongst the antient Romans to burn their dead Bodies: yea, that divers great families never did it; but, that it was most used about them, who dyed in an expedition of a remote War, amongst enemies thirsting after an inhumane and hostile revenge. The custom it self, and the reason thereof is set down by *Plinie* in the 54. Chap. of the VII. Book of his Naturall History. —*Ipsum cremare apud Romanos non fuit veteris instituti: terrâ condebantur. At postquam longinquis bellis obrutos erui cognovere, tunc institutum. Et tamen multæ familiæ priscos servavere ritus, sicut in Cornelià nemo ante Syllam Dictatorem traditur crematus. Idque voluisse, veritum talionem, eruto C. Marii cadavere. Varus Quinctilius* his example, and many such like terrified them; —*Ipsius quoque Consulis Corpus*, saith *Florus Lib.* IV. *Cap.* 12. where he speaketh of *Varus*, *quod militum pietas abdiderat effossum.* Neither had they any reason to expect better usage of the Britans than of the Germans; seeing divers of their Generals (as *Caractacus, Galcacus* and others) had sufficiently declared, how they took it, that the Romans came, in such away, to disturb the tranquillity of their Island, and studied to enslave them all. It seemeth therefore, that any *Consul*, or eminent warriour dying in such an expedition, was, for that reason, burned upon the level near the *via strata*, or *militaris*; And having by this course deprived the exasperated enemies of their hope in ever being able to abuse the dead Body, they did moreover hinder them to scatter the very Bones in hast, when the whole Army congested upon them pure grassy turfes, cut from the surface of the ground; which is the reason why it doth not appear by any hollowness, whence the earth was taken that raised the *Tumulus*.

And thus much shall suffice for these *Tumuli*, or **Lowes** (of which kind there are many more in this County); a good part whereof I do acknowledge to have received from the learned *Franc. Junius*, my worthy friend.

The like was that of *Severus* at **Yorke** mentioned by *Cambden*. And that called **Hublow** in *Devon* i *id est tumulus Hubba*. Lel. col. vol. 1. p. 234.

As for the first syllable **knight** (this *Tumulus* being called **knightlow**) it is a Saxon, word and hath divers significations; sometimes it is used for a Man-Child, sometimes for a Young Man, Servant, Batcheler, or unmarryed Man. In the Saxon Gospels the Disciples of our Saviour are called leorning cnihtas: but most commonly is that name of Knight attributed to a Souldier, or one that beareth Armes: for the antient manner of conferring the honour of Knighthood, was *baltheo militari decorare*. We call them now in Latine *Milites*; the Italians *Cavallieri*; the French *Chivaliers*, in regard they serve as Souldiers on Horse back: but I will not enlarge my self further on this subject, it being so fully handled by m others; concluding that this **Low** was the *Tumulus* or monument (doubtless) of some eminent Souldier in the Romans time.

m *Camb. Brit. edit. Lond. anno 1637. p. 170. Seldens tit. of Honour p. 769.*

But the Cross sometime there, was of later erection, as in most publick places of concourse the like hath bin, to put people in mind of the great benefit God hath vouchsafed for the Redemption of mankind by the passion of his Son; which, no doubt, to all pious Christians is of very good use, however, upon pretence that they were idolized, are now demolished in most parts of this Kingdom.

According to my proposed method, beginning with the River **Avon**, (which hath its head near **Naveshy** in **Northampton**-shire,) I shall observe that the original thereof is Brittish; *Aufona* or **Avon**, with them signifying the same as *Fluuius* in Latin: and that at its entrance into this County, it meeteth the great Road called **Watling-street**, whereof I hope it will not be thought incongruous to take here some speciall notice.

Watling street.

That it was a work of the Romans is not to be doubted. *Whilst Agricola* (saith *Tacitus* n) *governed* **Britaine**, *severall wayes were enjoyned, and far distant places (by the purveyours commandement) that the Countrey should carry from the neareſt standing Camp, or wintering places, to those that were far of and out of the way; and the Britans complained,* (as the same *Tacitus* writeth), *that the Romanes wore out and consumed their bodies and hands, in clearing of woods, and paving the Fens, with a thousand stripes and reproachfull indignities:* And we read (saith Mr. *Cambden*)

n *Tacit. in vita Agric.*

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in antient Records. *That in the days of* Honorius *and* Arcadius, *there were made in* Britaine *certain beaten wayes from Sea to Sea.* And that this was the Romans work, *Beda* [o] teſtifyeth. *The Romans* (ſaith he) *inhabited within the wall which* Severus *had made overthwart the Iſland towards the Southern ſide, which the Cities, Churches and Street-wayes, there made, do witneſs at this day.*

From this Way was that antient City *Verolamium* (near St. Albans) called, in the Saxons time Wetlingaceaſter [p], as appeareth by K. *Ethelreds* Charter, whereby he granted lands to the monaſtery of St. Alban, in the year of Chriſt 996.

Great was the coſt and labour, in carrying of Stones, Gravell and Sand, for the making thoſe ways firm and laſting, as may yet be ſeen in divers parts, where the ſoyl it ſelf, within many miles, yeildeth not ſuch materials. Nay it hath bin obſerved, that near St. Albans, in digging the ground where Watlingſtreet-way antiently went, Gravell and Sand hath bin found ten foot deep in the earth, and eighteen foot in breadth, with great flint ſtones in the bottom, ſuch belike, ſaith mine Author, [q] as were at firſt upon the top thereof. And, in what great account theſe wayes have antiently bin, may appear by the eminency of the perſons, who were imployed as Officers for taking care in the overſight of them; *Auguſtus Cæſar* himſelf not diſdaining the task: And ſometimes the *Ediles* took charge of them, as it appears by *Caligula* [r] his cauſing the Edile-veſtment of *Flavius Veſpaſianus*, when he executed that place negligently, to be publickly dawbed over with dirt: and ſometime that imployment was committed [ſ] *Collegio Quæſtorum.*

They had rules ſet down *de muniendis & ſtruendis viis*, which they called *Legem viariam*, as appears by *Celius* [t] his *Epiſt.* to *Cicero*; and theſe they called *Viocuri*, for *viarum curatores*; yea they committed the tuition of the wayes to the Gods themſelves, and called them *Dii vii. Plautus in Mercatore Act.* 5. *Scen.* 2. calls them *Lares viales:* And *Apollo*, by *Pauſanias* is termed *Viarum præſes.* Likewiſe they uſed to ſacrifice [u] *Deæ vibiliæ, quæ ab erroribus viarum mortales liberat*; And there is extant an antique Inſcription (the Copy whereof *Lipſius* upon *Smetius* hath mentioned) *FORTUNÆ REDUCI LARI VIALI ROMÆ ÆTERNÆ. Q. AXIUS ÆLIAN.*

Neither were theſe ways without great account by our Anceſtours the Saxons, as may appear by the Laws of St. *Edward, De pace quatuor Chiminorum*; that is *Viarum, ſub majori judicio*; viz. *touching the peace of the four road-ways, in ſome higher Court:* And ſince that time the Statute [w] of *Marlebridge* forbiddeth diſtreſſes to be taken in any of the Kings High-ways, or common ſtreets; And the Statute called [x] *Articuli cleri* commandeth, that ſuch as abjured, ſhould not be moleſted while they be in the High ways.

But of thoſe ways let us hear *Rob.* of *Glouceſter* in his old ryme, though he be ſomewhat miſtaken, aſwell in the Tract of them, as in the Makers.

Faire weyes many on ther ben in Englonde;
But four moſt of all ther ben I underſtonde,
That thurgh an old Kyng were made ere this,
As men ſchal in this boke afftir here telle I wis.

Fram the South into the Noꝛth takith Ermingeſtrete.
Fram the Eaſt into the Weſt goeth Ikeneld ſtrete.
Fram Southeſt to Noꝛthweſt, that is ſum del grete.
Fram Dover into Cheſtre goth Watlyngſtrete.
The ferth of thiſe is moſt of alle that tilleth fram Toteneys.
Fram the one end of Coꝛnwaile anone to Cateneys.
Fram the Southweſt to Noꝛtheſt into Englondes ende,
Folke men callith thilke wey that by mony town doth wende.
Thiſe foure weyes on this londe Kyng Belin the wiſe
Made and oꝛdeyned hem with gret Fraunchiſe;
Foꝛ whoſo dide therein ony theſte other ony wouꝛ
He made iuggement therof and gret vengeaunce ynouꝛ.

[o] *Beda Eccl. hiſt. cap.* 11.

[p] *M. Pariſ. in vit. Abb. p.* 240 34. *p.* 241 37.

[q] *Lelandi Col. vol.* 3. *p.* 280.

[r] *Sueton. in veſpaſ. n.* 5.

[ſ] *Sutton in Claudio n.* 24.

[t] *Cicer Epiſt. l.* 8. *Epiſt. ad Fam.*

[u] *Arnob. lib.* 4. *adverſus gentes.*

Vide Hiſt. Angl. ſcript. col. 357. *n.* 30.

[w] 52. *H.* 3. *cap.* 15.

[x] 9. *F.* 2.

MS. in Bibl. Bodl. 10. *b.*

Clifton.

BUt I will forbear to enlarge my ſelf any further on this ſubject, and take a view of Clifton, which ſtandeth upon the top of an indifferent hill, on the South-ſide of Avon, having its name from the ſcituation; Cliffe, and Cliue with the Saxons, ſignifying not onely a rocky place, but any ſhelving ground.

In Doomeſday-booke it is written Cliptone, the Norman Tranſcribers of the certificate made upon that Inquiſition taken by the Countrey, miſtaking (without doubt) the Saxon letter F. which is thus written ꝼ, for a p.

In the time of K. *Edward* the Conf. this Town was poſſeſt by *Alwine*, who is commonly called *Alwinus viccecomes*; a great man in thoſe days, and lineall anceſtour to that worthy and long laſting family of *Arden*, that hath flouriſhed ever ſince in this County, as I ſhall ſhew when I come to Curdworth, in Hemlingford-Hundred.

Which *Alwine* gave [y] it to the Priory of Coventre, for the health of his ſoul, by the conſent of the ſaid King *Edward*, and of his own ſons: but after the Norman-Conqueſt Earl *Alberic* (Progenitor to that noble family of *Vere* antiently, and yet, Earles of Oxford) unjuſtly ſeized upon it and outed the Monkes; as it is certified by the Conquerours Survey, in which it is found to contein five Hydes. There was then a Church, and two Mills, the value of the whole Lordſhip being rated at iiii. l.

I have not ſeen by any Record, how it came out of the line of this *Albericus Comes*; but certein it is, that it continued not long therein: for it is evident that *Ernald de Bois*, who lived in K. *Stephens* time, was owner thereof. And that it was given to him by *Robert*, ſurnamed *Boſſu*, then *Earl of* Leiceſter is not to be doubted; for upon the grant [a] of the cuſtody of his heir in the 7. year of K. *John*, it is ſaid to be *de fedo Saiheri de Quinci*, which *Saierus* married [b] *Margaret* Siſter and one of the coheires of *Robert Fitz-Parnell Earl of* Leiceſter, and had by her, in partition, the moiety of the *Honour* of Leiceſter.

[y] *Lib.* Domeſday.

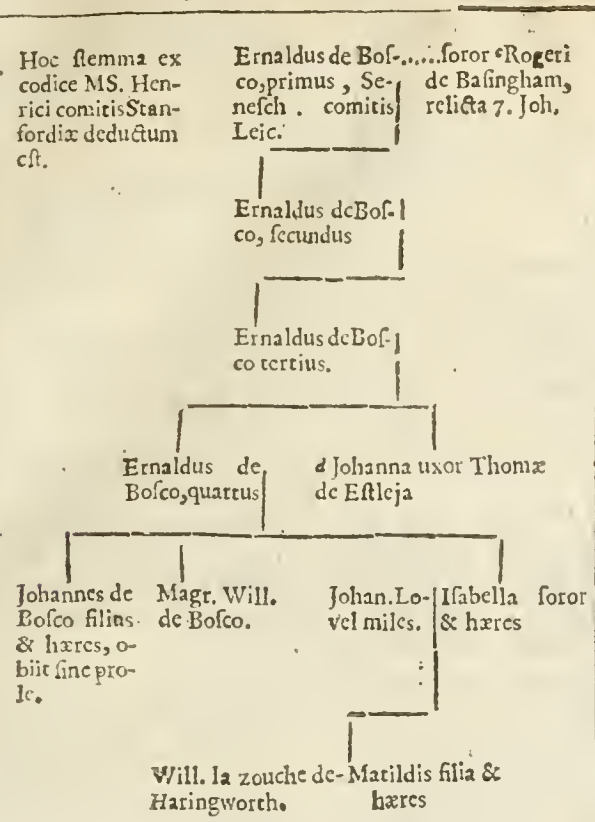
[a] *Cart.* 7. *Joh. n.* 58.

[b] *Rot. de Inquiſ. & tenuris penes Theſ. & Cancr. Scacc.*

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[c] Rot. Fin. 7. Joh. m. 12.

Hoc ſtemma ex codice MS. Henrici comitis Stanfordiæ deductum eſt.



[d] Ex evidentiis. Ric. Chamberlein de Aſſley, ar.

This *Ernauld* gave [f] to the Abby of **Leiceſter** (of the ſaid Earls foundation, whoſe Steward he was) the perpetuall Patronage of the Church here at **Clifton**, with the Chapels of **Waver** (*id eſt* **Brownſ-Over**) **Rokeby**, and **Newton**.

[f] Regiſt. Abb. de Leic. in Bibl. Cotton. f. 34. b.

To whom, after ſeverall deſcents, ſucceded *John*; who, in 13. *E.* 1. claimed by Preſcription a **Court-Leet** here with other Priviledges: and **Free-Warren**, granted by K. *H.* 3. to *Arnold* his father; all which were allowed. And to him *William*; who in 21. *E.* 1. ſetled [b] divers mannours, lying in the Counties of **Warwike**, **Leic.** and **Northampt.** upon *William la Zouch* and *Maud* his Wife, and the Heirs of their two Bodies lawfully begotten: in which entayl, a Knights fee in this Lordſhip likewiſe paſſes, but no mention of the Mannour.

[g] Rot. de Quo Warr.

[b] Fin. levat. xv. Mich. 21. E. 1.

So that, 'tis like, it was granted away before; and, very probably, in the 13. of *E.* 1. before the making of the Statute of *Quia emptores terrarum*, in regard that **Clifton** is found afterwards to be held of the *Zouches* of **Harlugworth** (who were Heirs of *Boys*) and not of the Honour of **Leiceſter** as formerly; which could not (I conceive) have bin, if it had bin after that Statute.

The next poſſeſſor of this Lordſhip was *William Revell* (of whom and his Family I have ſpoke in **Newbold-Revell**;) which *William*, in 27. *E.* 1. obteined a Charter [i] of **free Warren** in all his Demeſn Lands here; as alſo in **Newbolt** and **Brownſ-waure** in this County; And in 1. *E.* 2. entayled it upon himſelf and the heirs of his body: but, for lack of ſuch iſſue, on *William Inge* for life; and after his deceaſe on *John* the Son of *William Revell* and the Heirs of his Body; with divers remainders. In the Male line of which *William*, it continued not more then two deſcents after; but by an Heir female divolved to *Robert de Witteny* of **Witteny** in **Herefordſhire**, as the Pedegree in **Newbold-Revel** ſheweth: from whom Sir *Robert Whitney* of the ſame place and County Knight, now Lord of this Mannour, is deſcended.

[i] Cart. 27. E. 1. n. 15.

[k] Fin. levat. Oclab. Hill. 1 E. 2. War.

The Church (dedicated to the *Aſſumption* of our Lady,) being antiently a Prebend [l] of the Caſtle at **Leiceſter**, but afterwards granted to the Abby there, was appropriated [m] by *Geffry Muſchamp* Biſhop of **Cou.** and **Lich**, in K. *John's* time. And in *Anno* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. valued [n] at xxv. marks, the Vicaridge being then rated at v. This is commonly called Pope *Nicholas* his taxation.

[l] Regiſt. Abb. de Leic. in Bibl. Cotton. fol. 7. a.

[m] Ex vetuſto exemplari penès Decan. & capitulum Lich.

In the 26. of *H.* 8. the *Vicaridge* was valued [o] at viii. l. xx. d. the *Procurations* [p] antiently payd to the Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lich.** out of this Rectory being v. s. vi. d. The Originall ground of which payment aroſe by reaſon of the damage that the Biſhop and his Succeſſours were like to ſuſtein after ſuch appropriation made; becauſe the Parſon was to give [q] entertainment to the Biſhop when he came to viſit; foraſmuch as the Biſhop might viſit *eccleſiatim*, that is every particular Church, if he pleaſed: ſo that there was good cauſe, that he ſhould, upon the appropriation, *pro indempnitate ſua & ſucceſſorum ſuorum*, reſerve ſomething to be paid, in regard they muſt travail at their own charge.

[n] Ex amplo codice MS. in Scac. penès Remem. R.

[o] Ex veteri codice MS. penès S. Archer mil. fol. 24. b.

[p] Ex Codice cartaceo MS. apud caſtell. de Eccleſhale. anno 1637

Now that the word *procuratio* imports matter of Dyet, I could ſhew many pregnant inſtances, but I will make ſhort, and exhibite theſe for all.

[q] Bowl. fol. 78. a.

[r] *Anno* 1290. *Memorand. quod die Mercurii in feſto S. Lucæ Evang. Dominus Epiſcopus cepit* procurationem *ſuam in cibis & potibus apud Bordeſleg, & pernoctavit ibidem.*

[r] Giff. fol. 326. b

[ſ] *Gauf. de Clintona omnibus* (&c.) *Sciatis me conceſſiſſe in Elemoſinam Eccleſiam S. Marie de Chening. & Canonicis ejuſdem, terram de Wridefen quam dederam Rad: ſororio* (&c.) *Pro hac conceſſione debent ipſi Canonici eidem Rad.* procurationem *quamdiu vixerit*, (&c.) So that here you ſee, that whereas the word *procuratio* doth ſimply ſignify procurement, which is for another to do that which the party himſelf ought; whereupon the word Procurator, in the Civill Law imports as much as an Attourney in the ſenſe of the common Law: ſo is it in this caſe ſtrained, by the ſame reaſon, to expreſs Dyet or enterteinment, which another takes charge of to eaſe the party himſelf, on whoſe care it muſt otherwiſe reſt.

[ſ] Ex Regiſt. de kenilw. penès S. Clarke Bar. anno 1640. p. 10.

Now for the term of *Appropriation*, [t] becauſe I would once for all make it clear to every ordinary capacity; it commeth from the French word *approprier*, *id eſt aptare vel accommodare*, and properly ſignifies in our Law (as Dr. *Cowell* in his *Interpreter* obſerves) a ſevering of a Benefice Eccleſiaſticall, which originally and in nature is *juris divini*, *& in patrimonio nullius*, to the proper and perpetuall uſe of ſome Religious-Houſe or the like: for [u] without the conſent of the Biſhop, no Religious Orders could receive any Appropriations or Tithes, as by a decree in the **Lateran**-Councell *Anno* 1180. was ordeined. *Eccleſias & decimas* (are the words) *de manu laicorum, ſine conſenſu Epiſcoporum, tam illos* (that is Templars and Hoſpitalars, againſt whom the Proviſion was chiefly made) *quam quoſcunque alios Religioſos, recipere prohibemus*; which was confirmed in the Generall Councell of **Lateran** under *Innocent* the 3. *Anno* 1215.

[t] Of this ſee more in *Cowells Interp. verbo* Appropriation.

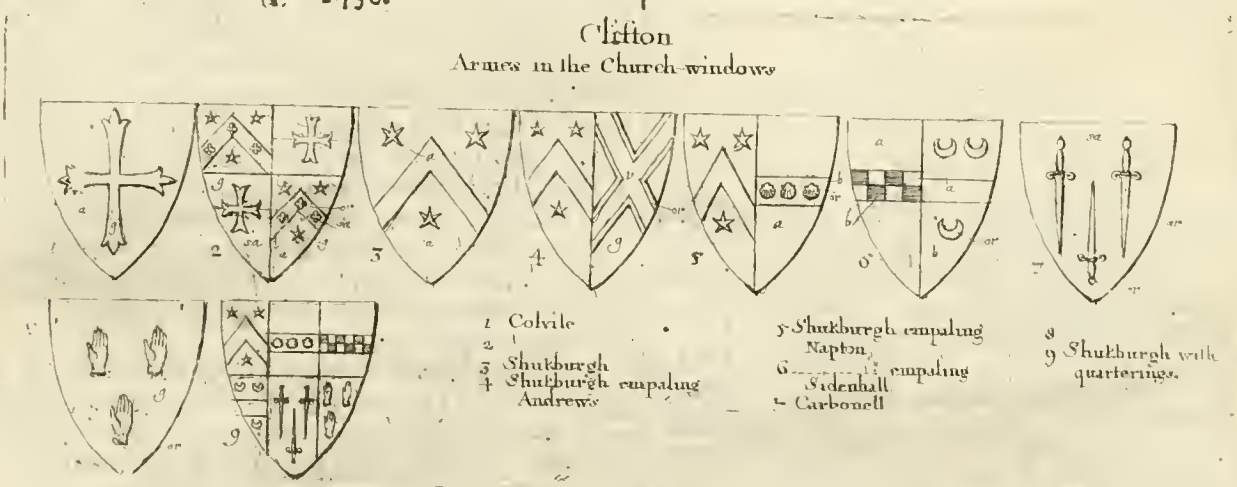
How they firſt began ſee Sir *H. Spelmans* larger work of Tithes, *edit Lond. anno* 1647. *p.* 151. and ſo forward.

[u] Seldens Hiſt. of Tithes p. 142.

	Patroni vicariæ	Incumbentes, & tempora instit.
Langt. fol. 39. b.		*D. Nich. de Bredon Capell.* xvi. *kl. Nov. an.* 1315.
Northb. f. 21. a.		*Symon Prior Pbr.* x. *kl. Apr. an.* 1327.
Ib. f. 57. b.		*Joh. de Oneley Pbr.* xii. *kl. Jan. an.* 1353.
Stret. f. 20. b.		*Joh. Malesours,* ix. *Apr. an.* 1372.
Ib. f. 22. b.		*Joh. de Addestoke Pbr.* ii. *non. Oct. an.* 1375.
Sk. f. 7. b.	*Abbas & Conu: Leic.*	*Will. Pynke,* xxvi. *Apr. an.* 1392.
Burgh. f. 18. b.		*Joh. de Wendlyburgh cap. ult. Febr. an.* 1406.
Bull. f. 2. a.		*Alex. Sherman cap.* xxvii. *Apr. an.* 1416.
Ib. f. 7. b.		*Rob. Dent. cap.* ii. *Martii an.* 1418.
Heyw. f. 14. a.		*Will. Thurston Pbr.* xix. *Dec. an.* 1424.
Ib. f. 37. a.		*Joh. Thornton Pbr.* v. *Sept. an.* 1438.

Patr. vic.	Incumbentes, &c.	
	Rad. Bradshaw Pbr. 1. *Oct. an.* 1446.	*Ib. f. 44. b.*
	Galfridus Clark Pbr. xxii. *Aug. an.* 1448.	*Bo. f. 7. b.*
Abbas & Conu: Leic.	*D. Wills Chaundeler.*	
	D. Ric. Cowper cap. xv. *Nov. an.* 1536.	*Sh. & P. f. 14. a.*
Thomas Shuckborough gen.	*Edm. Pearce cleric.* xix. *Jan. an* 1576.	*Samps. f. 43 a.*
Carolus Waterhouse Gen.	*Ric. Tynney cleric.* xxvi. *Oct. an.* 1576.	*Ib. f. 47. a.*
Elizabetha Regina.	*Matheus Kyng,* ii. *Martii an.* 1597.	*Overton blandl. incert.*
Will. Dilke Gen.	*Petrus Eccarsall Cleric.* 1. *Apr. An.* 1598.	*Ib.*

Here was a fair spire Steeple, as an eminent Land-mark, seen over all this part of the Countrey in regard of its height and situation of the place; which, in the year 1639. was pull'd down to save the costs of its repair.



Though *Rugby* was antiently (as I have already shew'd) a member of **Clifton**, yet because it hath bin of long time, and now is, a Parish of it self, I shall leave it till anon; and, pursuing my designed method, go on with **Brownſ-Over, Neuton**, and **Biggin**, which are of this Parish of **Clifton**, on the North side of **Avon**. And first for **Brownſ-Over**.

Brownſ-Over.

IN the Conq. Survey this town is written [w] *Ganra*, the Norman Clerks not being used to our English W. but instead thereof used a G, as *Gualterus* for *Walterus*, *Guillelmus* for *Willelmus*, *Garde* for *Warde*, and many more as might be instanced.

[w] Domesday *lib.*

This name of **Waure** (for so it is afterwards, of a long time, written, as well as the two other towns of the same name, of which I shall speak hereafter (*viz.* **Church-waure**, now **Church-Over**, and **Thester-waure**, now **Cester-Over**) hath its denomination from the eminent site thereof, being upon a Hill: But however it is thus written, the Countrey people call it **Over**, and not **Waure**, which signifies no less, (as we experimentally know) then a high situation: for all towns named **Overton**, or **Wauerton** (as I shall have occasion afterwards to instance) do stand upon hilly-ground. **Over** importing as much as *supra*.

As for the addition of the first Syllable (**Brown**) it is to distinguish it from the other neighbouring towns of the same name, which was joyned therewith, as 'tis apparent, by reason that one **Bruno** [x] had his seat here in the Conq. time, and held two hydes of land in this place of *Geffrey Wirce* (a man of great note in these parts, as I shall demonstrate when I come to **Monkskirby**.)

[x] *Ib.*

In this place *Earl Alberic* (of whom I have spoken already in *Clifton*) held, [y] then also, two hydes and a half; And one [z] *Radulfus* (of whom I shall make mention in **Holme** and **Neuton**) half a hyde.

[y] *Ib.*

[z] *Ib.*

Upon the Aide [a] for mariage of the Kings Sister xx. *H.* 3. there is one mark for half a Knights fee in **Brunſewaure** of the fee of the Earl of **Winchester** (in regard of that part of the Honour of **Leicester** which he held, as I have already shew'd in **Clifton**.) And in the 55. of *H.* 3. it appears, that *Ernauld de Boys* (of whom I have also spoken in **Clifton**) held four Knights fees in **Weston, Bulkinton, Clifton, Wauere** (*viz.* this **Wauere**) and **Wibtoft**: so that it may (without doubt) be concluded, that the possession of this Mannour belonged as antiently to the family of *Boys*, as **Clifton** did. How or when they parted with it I know not; but in 8. *E.* 1. it (being then written **Brunelwafre,**) was granted, [b] by *Robert Hovel*, and *Alianore* his wife, to *Theobald Malegal*, and *Nicholas Test*, Merchants of **Luke**, to be held of the said *Robert* and *Alianore* and the heires of *Alianore* for ever, paying 1. d. at Easter yearly for all services; and for this they yet

[a] *Testa de Nevill in Scac. penès Remem. Regis.*

[b] *Fin. levat. Oct. lab. Hill. 8. E. 1*

gave then C C. marks of Silver: so that, it seems to have been of the inheritance of *Alianore*. And yet in 13. *E.* 1. did *John de Bosco* (of whom I have made mention in **Clifton**) claim [c] a **Court-leet** here, and other liberties, used by his ancestours time out of mind; As also **Free-Warren**, by the grant of K. *H.* 3. to *Ernauld de Boys*, his Father; exhibiting the Kings Charter for the same, which was allowed.

But from the before specified *Theobald* and *Nicholas* was it purchased [d] by *William Revell* in 20. *E.* 1. which *William*, in 27. of the same K. Reign, obteyned a Charter [e] for **Free-warren** in all his demesn Lands here: And in 35. *E.* 1. entayled [f] it with **Clifton**, as hath been there expresst.

When these *Revells* parted with it I find not; nor have I seen any thing more thereof till 11. *E.* 4. that *Thomas Bellers* Gentleman released to [g] *Richard Boughton* Esquire all his right therein; which *Richard* was of **Little-Lawford**, and dyed [h] seised thereof 3. *R.* 3. leaving *William* his Son and Heir, whose descendants, there continuing, have enjoyed it to this day.

The Chappel here, (dedicated to St. *Michael*) with tythes of Corn and Hay, as also one yard land and a messuage belonging to the mother Church of *Clifton*, were given [i] by *Ernald de Boys* (*viz.* the first) to the Abby of **Leicester**. In which Chappel [k] there is Christening and Buriall, by the speciall grant of the Abbot of **Leicester** in regard of the distance of this village from the Mother Church of **Clifton**, and the hindrance of access thereto by the overflowing of **Avon**, oft times.

Armes in this Chappel, *viz.* in the East Window.

Gules a cinquefoile ermine. Old Earl of *Leic.*

c *Rot. de Quo war.*

d *F. levat. Octab. Trin. 20. E. 1.*

e *Cart. 27. E. 1. n. 15.*

f *Fin. levat. Octab. Hill. 35. E. 1.*

g *Claus 11. E 4. m. 4*

h *Esc. 1. H. 7.*

i *Regist. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Cotton. f. 21. b.*

k *Regist. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 38. b.*

Newton.

ADjoyning to this Village is **Newton**, having its name from the first plantation there, which was then new (it seems) in comparison of the other adjacent Towns.

In [l] the Conq. time *Turchil de Warwic* (Progenitor of the *Ardens*) held it, *viz.* by Tenants under him, the remembrance of whose names are not of consequence, it then conteining 3. hydes as is certified in the generall Survey.

A great part of this village belonged to the Priory of **Kenillworth**; some whereof was given [m] thereunto by *Geffrey Clinton* in *H.* 1. time, at the Buriall of *Geffrey* his Father, founder of that Monastery (as shall be shew'd in its proper place:) which grant [n] *Henry de Arden*, Grandchild of the above mentioned *Turchill*, confirmed. And the rest, *viz.* two Hydes, *Ernauld de Boys* (of whom I have already spoken in **Clifton**) gave; which Land he the said *Ernauld* (as by his grant appears) had of *Geffrey Clinton* before specified. The residue in K. *Steph.* time did *Hugh Bagot* purchase, [p] together, with **Cotes** (now **Coton**) of *Raphe de Dunerne*: And in consideration of xl. s. which *Ingeram Bagot* his Brother gave him towards his expedition beyond Sea with *Otuerus de Sulley*, granted them both to the said *Ingeram* to be held of *Rob. fil. Odonis*, the chief Lord of the Fee. Which *Ingeram* had issue *Simon*, who sold [q] to the Monks of **Combe** three yard land here; *Raph de Mora* one of the Heirs to *Robert fil. Odonis* confirming [r] the grant.

[But of these *Bagots* I purpose to speak, when I come to **Preston Bagot**, where I shall insert a scheme of their descent.]

Afterward; *viz.* in 8. *Joh. Robert de Cotes* (now called **Coton** in the Parish of **Church-Dover**,) obteyned by exhange [s] from the Abbot and Covent of **Combe**, all the Land that they had in **Newton**, for Lands which he gave them in **Cotes**. And in the [t] 25. of *H.* 3. *Nichola*, the Widow of *Simon Bagot* of **Preston** (in this County) released to the Abbot and Covent of **Combe** and their successours, the whole right which she had by reason of her dowrie, in all those Lands of **Cotes** and **Newton**. So that in [u] 36. *H.* 3. that which the Monkes of **Combe** had in **Newton**, answered for the sixth part of a Knights-Fee, upon payment of the aid for the Kings transfretation into **Gascoine**; which, as it seemes, was viii. yard Land, or else they had more granted after that time to them; for, in [x] 4. *E.* 1. they enjoyed so much. In the [y] xx. of *E.* 3. it answered also for the sixth part of a Knights Fee.

But, in *R.* 2. time, by new gifts or smaller measure, that which the Abby of **Combe** had there, was rated at [z] xi. yard Land and 1. Acre, accounting 48. Acres to a yard of Land.

Thus did this Monastery continue possessed of **Newton** till its dissolution. After which, *viz.* in 36. *H.* 8. the K. granted [a] away (with divers other Lands) that which belonged to the Monks of **Combe**, to *Thomas Broke*, and *John Williams*, and to the Heirs of *Broke*, by the name of the Mannour of **Newton**. And yet, in the same year, I find a Licence [b] to *Mary* Dutchess of **Richmund** to Alien the very same Mannour to *Henry Leigh* Esquire. And afterwards by Inquisition [c] taken upon the death of the said *Henry*, is it found, that he dyed seized thereof 14. *Apr.* 3. *Eliz.* and that *Edward* his Son and Heir was xx. years of age. But what became of those Lands, which the Pr. of **Kenilworth** had here, I have not seen.

Below **Newton**, Eastwards, lyes **Biggin** so called of later time. **Biggin** signifying *an habitation*; in resemblance whereof we have the Saxon word bigenzan for *inhabitants*. As also in the Northern parts the name of **Biggin** for a fair House, or Gentlemans seat, but antiently this was called **Holme**, having been a Village in the Conq. time, though now there be scarce any thing left but a Mill: which name it took from the situation, lying in a nook betwixt the River **Avon**, and a small brook that comes from **Shawell** in **Leicestershire**, as the Map will shew: for such grounds as are in whole, or for the most part, compassed with waters, are so called, as we may observe almost every where.

In the Conq. time *Turchil de Warwick* held [d] it, by his under-tenants.

From whom it came, with the rest of his Lands, (as it seemes) to the Earles of **Warwick**; for of their Fee it afterwards was: and thence, partly to *Camvile* and partly to others. That which *Camvile* had here, being granted to [e] *Henry de Rokeby* from *Richard de Camvile*, was by the Canons of **Leicester** obteined, in *H.* 2. time, in [f] consideration of the Chappel of **Rugby**, given by them, to him and his Heirs; which Chappel

l *Domesday. lib.*

m *Reg. de Kenill. p. 5. & p. 116. Cart. 18. E. 2. n. 4.*

n *Regist. de Kenil. p. 30*

o *Ib. p. 36.*

p *Regist. de Cumba in bibl. Cotton f. 105. a. (scil. Vitel. A. 1.)*

q *Ib. f. 65. a. & f. 107. a.*

r *Ib. f. 107. a.*

s *Ib. f. 103. a. b. & 110. a.*

t *Reg. de Cumba in bibl. Cotton. f. 20. a. (sci. Vitel. D. 18.)*

u *Testa de Nevill.*

x *Rot. de Presentat. per Hundr. coram Justic. in baga de Ragman. penès Thes. & Camer. Scac.*

y *Rot. penès Sim. Clarke Bar.*

z *Rot. per-gam penes Ab. Boune.*

a *Pat. 36. H. 8. p. 22.*

b *Pat. de eodem an. pro 15.*

c *Esc. 4. Eliz.*

d *Domesday. lib.*

e *Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Cotton f. 7. a.*

f *Regist. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 62. b.*

was a member of **Clifton**, as hath already been manifested. But the Mill, yet standing, they had [g] from *Robert* the Son of *Fulco de Holme*, who in xx. *H.* 3. was certified [h] to hold the x. part of a Knights fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**.

Here also had the Canons of **Rouceſter** *in com.* **Staff** the [i] ſixth part of a Knights fee, held of the ſaid Earles; but when or by whom granted I find not. The like 6. part [k] did the Lady *Joane Beauchamp* of **Bergavenny** hold in 14. *H.* 6.

The greateſt proportion, if not all, of which particulars, excepting what the Monkes of **Combe** had, came at length to *William Leigh*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife: for in 29. *H.* 8. were they ſeized [l] thereof by the name of the Mannour of **New-Bigging**, which divolved to *Henry Leigh* Eſquire, who had [*] it in 3. *Eliz.*

But the Mill, and what elſe belong'd to *Combe* was granted [m] out of the Crown in 36. *H.* 8. unto *Thomas Brooke* and *John Williams*, and to the Heirs of *Brook*.

I have now done with the Pariſh of **Clifton**; towards the North-weſt part whereof the River **Swift** (that riſeth above **Lutterworth** in **Leiceſter** ſhire) which takes its name from the nimble courſe thereof (doubtleſs) falls into **Avon**. This River croſſing **Watlingſtrete** entreth **Warwick**-ſhire at a Bridge called now **Benesford-bridge**, but antiently **Brunesford-bridge**. But whether this Bridge had its name from that Colony of the **Romans** called *Bennones*, whoſe ſtation was at **High-croſs**, (not far diſtant from hence, where the **Foſſe** meets with **Watlingſtrete**,) as Mr. *Cambden* conceives, is hard to ſay. It may very well be, that if the right name thereof be **Brunesford**, as I find it antiently written, it might have its originall from *Bruno*, who held **Brunſwaure** in the Conq. time (as I have already ſhew'd:) for his ſeat was not far thence you ſee. But all that I have met with concerning this Bridge, is, that by a preſentment [n] of the Jury before the Juſtices Itinerant at **Leiceſter** 12. *E.* 1. it was then found to have been broken: and that the Towns of **Luterworth** and **Cotesbach**, were to repair the one half thereof; *viz.* that ſide which is in **Leiceſter**-ſhire: and **Wauere** and **Wauere**, *viz.* **Church-Over** and **Ceſter-Over** (for that they lye on each ſide the water,) that towards **Warwick**-ſhire.

Benesford Bridge.

[g] *Reg. de Cumba (ſcil. Vitellius A.1.) f.18.a.*
[h] *Teſta de Nevill.*
[i] *Clauſ.4. H.4 m.12. Eſc.de eodem an.*
[k] *Eſc.14. H.6.n.35.*
[l] *Paſch.R. 29. H.8. Rot.16.*
[*] *Eſc.3. E.*
[m] *Pat.36. H.8.p.22.*
[n] *Plac. coram Joh.de Vallibus & aliis 12 E.1.Leic.in Hund. de Guthlaxton rot.39.*

Church-Over.

I Have now only, on this ſide that River, the town of **Church-Over** to ſpeak of; with **Coton**, antiently a village, though at preſent there be but one Houſe in this Pariſh; and then I muſt ſtep on the South ſide of **Avon** again.

In the time of *Edward* the Conf. one *Waga* (as the Book of *Domeſday* calls him) was Lord of this place, of whom, when I come to ſpeak of **Wolfton** in **Barlichway**-hundred, I ſhall ſay more. But after the Norman invaſion *Robert de Stadford*, Progenitor of that great family, I mean the Barons of **Staffoꝛd**, had it. In the Conquerours Survey this town is written **Wara**, and there certified to contain 7. Hydes.: yet we now pronounce it **Over** (for the reaſon I have ſhew'd in the Etymologizing of **Brownſ Over**) and call it **Church-Over**, for diſtinction from the other adjacent of ſame name.

Howbeit there is no mention in *Domeſday*-Book, of any Church here in the Conq. time; nor, indeed, in moſt other places of this County: Nay we are not onely without all knowledge when our Churches were firſt founded and endowed; but very much to ſeek as touching many of their preſentations and Inſtitutions within that compaſs of time, in which we are ſure ſuch there were. *Mirum* [o] *non eſt in rebus antiquis Hiſtoriam non conſtare.*

[o] *Plut. in Theſ.*

Let us therefore obſerve what we can find, in generall, aſwell concerning the originall of Pariſhes, as when they were ſo fixed, that the Inhabitants, within that precinct, were reſtrained from paying Tithes to what Church they pleaſed; in which ſcrutiny I hope it will not be taken amiſs, if here I make a ſhort digreſſion.

Originall of Pariſhes

In the [p] year of Chriſt 266. Peace being then reſtored under *Galienus*, *Dionyſius*, the Pope ordeined Churches, Church-yards and Pariſhes, to Prieſts. This other Popes had done before, but Prieſts being driven from their charges, in *Valerian's* perſecution, he again did it. But long after thoſe days the Church was in her infancy, as that approved Author *venerable Bede*, [q] will tell you: for he ſaith, that *in the Province of Bernuicia* [*] *and Deira*, [†] *Paulinus, who firſt converted the people in thoſe parts to the Chriſtian faith, Baptized them in the River* **Swale**; *there being not, about that time, either Fonts or Churches:* and this was about the year of Chriſt 627. Howbeit in **England** *Honorius* [r] (the fifth Arch-Biſhop of **Canterbury**) about the year 636. was the firſt that ordeined **Pariſhes**; *ut ſingulis miniſtris ſingulos greges quos curarent poſſet attribuere.* That he might aſſign to every Prieſt the particular flock on which he ſhould have charge. And our eminent Antiquary [s] (Mr. *Selden*) ſpeaking of thoſe antient times hath theſe words. *In the Primitive times of the Engliſh-Saxon Church; viz. about the year* 684. *the Biſhop and the whole Clergy of the Dioces, were as one body, living upon their endowments (beſtowed on the Biſhoprick) and their treaſure that came from the ſundry places of Devotion, whither ſome one or other of them, at the Biſhops appointment, was ſent to Preach the word and Miniſter the Sacraments, every Clerke having his dividend for his maintenance.* And *Cutbert* [t] the xi. Arch-Biſhop of **Canterbury**, about the year 752. obteined of the Pope, that the Bodies of the dead ſhould be buried in Church-yards, within the Cities; whereas before, the cuſtom was to carry them out of the walls to be interred.

[p] *Decret. Dionyſ. PP.*
[q] *Eccl. hiſt. gen. Bedæ lib.2.cap. 14.*
[*] From the River *Tees*, which divides *Yorkſhire* from the Biſhoprick of *Durham*, to *Edenborough* Frithe.
[†] The Eaſt part of *York*-ſhire called *Holderneſs.*
[r] *Godwin de præſul.p. 59.*
[s] Hiſt. of Tythes *p. 254.*
[t] *Godw.de præſul.p. 65.*

But the firſt expreſs mention of limitation of profits (other than of the endowing) to be given to this or that Church, is in thoſe Laws of K. *Edgar*, made about the year 970. (as Mr. *Selden* [u] ſaith) where a threefold diviſion is of Churches. *The firſt is called* Ealdan Mynſtre, *that is Senior Eccleſia, which name antiently was given to Cathedralls. The ſecond a Church that hath* Legerſtope *or place for buriall, The third Church that hath no* Letherſtope; *where it is ordeined, that every man, having not erected a Church of his own, ſhall pay his Tythes to the* Ealdan Mynſtre ꝺ ſeo hynneſſe to hyꝛꝺe, *that is, to the antienteſt Church or Monaſtery where he hears Gods ſervice.*

[u] Hiſt. of Tithes *p. 262.*

And

And in the Synod at **London** held by *Anſelm* Arch-Biſhop of **Canterbury** *An.* 1102. it was ordained, [x] *ut decimæ non niſi Eccleſiis dentur*; whereby it is plain, that Tythes were given, before that time, at liberty. Nay, ſuch had been the uſe to pay Tythes where they pleaſed, that Pope [y] *Innocent* the 3. in the year 1199. writes to the Arch-Biſhop of **Canterbury**, *ut Eccleſiis parochialibus juſtæ decimæ perſolvantur.*

The Epiſtle is worth obſerving, therefore have I quoted the place exactly where it is to be ſeen at large. *And* Mr. *Selden* [z] ſayes, *It is moſt certain, that before about the year* 1200. *after Chriſt, it was moſt commonly practiſed by the laytie, to make arbitrary conſecrations of the Tithes of their poſſeſſions to what Monaſtery or Church they would; ſometimes giving half, ſometimes a third part, and at their pleaſure, all in perpetuall right, or otherwiſe according to the nature of thoſe conſecrations in other Countries.* And, 'tis ſure enough, that many years after that, the people practiſed ſuch arbitrary diſpoſition of their Tithes: for in the Councell [a] at **Lyons**, convocated in the year 1275. by Pope *Gregory* the x. it was ordained; *Quod nulli hominum deinceps liceat decimas ſuas ad libitum, ut antea, vbi vellet aſſignare, ſed matrici Eccleſiæ omnes decimas perſolverent.*

It ſhould ſeem, that antiently men payd their Tithes to that place where they had a mind to be buryed, which was the cauſe that they often waved the payment to their proper Pariſh Church; for [b] Mr. *Selden* obſerves, that in an old Councell of **Tribur** in the year 895. it was decreed, *ubi quis decimas perſolvebat vivus, ibi ſepeliatur & mortuus.*

But I find that [c] *Simon Iſlep* Arch-Biſhop of **Canterbury**, in the year 1362. did aſſign, and appoint that the *ſtipend of a Prieſt* ſhould be but lxvi. *ſol.* viii. d. a year, *quod plures furari coegit*, ſays the Hiſtorian.

A word now touching the firſt beginning of *Inſtitutions to Benefices* by the Biſhop.

[d] *In the Nationall Synod held at* **Weſtm.** *An.* 1124. *by John de Crema the Popes Legate, it was conſtituted* (ſaith the before ſpecified learned perſon) *quod Nullus Abbas, nullus Prior, nullus omnino Monachus vel Clericus, Eccleſiam, ſive decimam, ſeu quælibet beneficia Eccleſiaſtica de dono laici, ſine proprii Epiſcopi authoritate & aſſenſu, ſuſcipiat; quod ſi præſumptum fuerit, irrita erit donatio hujuſmodi; and ſome allowance was given to the Canons by the King: yet it is moſt certain* (ſaith he) *that the practice was for divers years otherwiſe; and that Churches with Tithes, were moſt commonly given by lay Patrons without the Biſhops aſſent or inſtitution; and that aſwell by filling them with Incumbents, as appropriating them to Monaſteries, Chapters, or otherwiſe.*

I now return to **Church-Over**, whereof the firſt mention I find after the Conq. time, is, that the Monaſtery of [e] **Combe** had much land here by the gift of *Robert de Wauere, fil Sewardi*; and this is very antient; for K. *H.* 2. confirms it; whence I conclude, that either the ſame *Robert*, or *Seward* his Father, was firſt enfeoft of a great part, if not of all this Village, by the ſaid *Robert de Stadford*, or ſome of his deſcendants.

Such was the affection of this *Robert de Wauere* to the Monaſtery of **Combe**, that amongſt other his grants, he [f] gave thereunto 96. Acres of erable Land in this Lordſhip with his body there to be buryed; and that his *Obit* might be as ſolemnly kept, as if he had been a Monk of the houſe. Which grants *Roger de VVauere*, ſonne of the ſaid *Robert*, (in ſome called *Rogerus de Church-wauer* (confirms [g] to the ſaid Monaſtery. And after him *Ernaldus filius Ernaldi de wauer*, gave [h] Lands in this town to the ſaid Abby *cum corpore ſuo*, *Radulphus filius Elenæ*, *dictæ de Church-wauer* ratifying the ſame. So that the [i] quantity, which the Abbot of **Combe** had in this place in *R.* 2. time, was ſix meſſuages and three yard Land, containing in the whole 155. Acres and a half; with two Acres and five doles of Meadow.

But this town was then called **Wauer-Roger**, by way of diſtinction from **Brunel-wauer** and **Theſter-wauer**; the reaſon whereof is plain, *Roger de Waucre* (ſon of *Robert*) being ſometime Lord thereof.

How or when it paſt from theſe *VVauer*'s I am yet to learn: nor have I ſeen any thing further of it till 20. *E.* 1. that *Gefferey Stapleford* and *Joan* his Wife entayled [k] it upon the Heirs of their two Bodies. From hence therefore muſt I make a leap till 9. *E.* 2. at which time *John de Chireford* and *Geffrey de Morton* were [l] certified to be Lords thereof: but it ſeems, that *Morton's* moytie came ſhortly afterwards to the Monaſtery of **Kenilworth**; for it appears, that the Abbot and Covent of that Houſe obtayned licence [m] of the King in 7. *E.* 3. to purchaſe it from *Roger de Boyvill*, then Parſon of **Lalleford**, and *John Lok* Vicar of **Lillington**; who, as Feoffees in truſt, had it in their hands to convey unto them accordingly: After which it is plain, that they preſented to the Rectory, *alternis vicibus*, as it fell void; but what Lands or Rents they had here I find not, foraſmuch as the Survey in 26. *H.* 8. mentions not any. Nor whither the Monks of **Combe** obtayned it, to augment what they had in this place, ſo given as aboveſaid, can I ſay; but certain it is, that after the diſſolution of that Monaſtery, what they had here paſt by the name of a Mannour, as appeareth by the [n] Licence unto *Mary* Dutcheſs of **Richmund** for aliening thereof unto *William Dixwell* and his Wife, in 36. *H.* 8. (whereby 'tis like that ſhe had the firſt grant of it from the Crown.) Since which time the *Dixwells* of **Coton** (hard by) have been owners of it, as it ſeems.

As for *Shirford's* moytie, 'tis plain, that it divolved to the family of *Purefey*, by Marriage [o] of *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of the before ſpecified *John de Shireford*, unto *Philip Purefey* of **Punkerton** in **Leiceſter**-ſhire; and continued in that line for diverſ ages, as by their preſentments to the Rectory may be diſcerned.

In this Pariſh upon the old Roman way called **Watlingſtrete**, is to be ſeen a very great *Tumulus*, which is of that magnitude, that it puts paſſengers beſides the uſuall road. But of this kind I have ſpoken before in my diſcourſe of **Knightlow-hill**, therefore I need not to enlarge my ſelf further on that ſubject.

In *an.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. the Church (dedicated to the Holy *Trinity*) was valued [p] at vii. marks and a half; and in 26. *H.* 8. at [q] xv li. At which time the *Procurations* and *Synodals*, payd out thereof, were ix. *ſol.* vi. d.

[x] *Antiq. Brit. Eccl.* p. 118.

[y] *Innocentii tertii Decret. Epiſt.* 6. *lib.* 2. *p.* 452. (*edit. Coloniæ an.* 1575.)

[z] Hiſt. of Tithes p. 289.

[a] *Tho. Walſing. Hiſt. Angl.* p. 4. 27.

[b] Hiſt. of Tithes p. 145.

[c] *Tho. Walſingh.* p. 172. l. 28.

[d] Hiſt. of Tithes p. 375.

[e] *Reg. de Cumba* [*ſcil. Vitellius* A. 1.] *fol.* 65. *a.* *Ib. fol.* 39. *b.*

[f] *Ib. fol.* 112. *a. b.*

[g] *Ib. fol.* 114. *b.*

[h] *Ib fol.* 115. *b.*

[i] *Rot. pergam penès* A. B.

[k] *F. levat. craſt. Joh. Bapt.* 20. *E.* 1.

[l] *Nomina villarum.*

[m] *Pat.* 7. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 7.

[n] *Pat.* 36. *H.* 8. *p.* 17.

[o] *Ex collect.* W. Burton *de Lindley ar.*

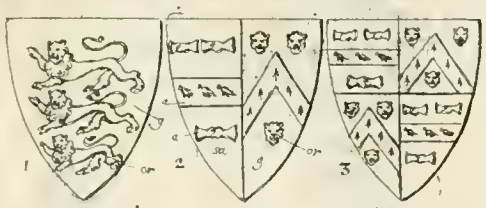
[p] *Ex anplo cod. MS. in Scac. penès Remem. R.*

[q] *Ex vet. cod. MS. penes S. Archer mil.* 39. *a.*

	Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes,& tempora Inſtit.
Langt.ſol. 79.b.	*Ioh. de Schireford, paronus hac vice.*	*Ioh. de Kent accolitus* x.*Kl. Iunii an.* 1321.
North.f. 18.b.	*Thom. le Irreys, & Alicia de Schireford.*	*Ioh, de Brochurſt Pbr.* vii. *Id. Iunii an.* 1323.
Ib.f.47.b.	*Philippus Purefey.*	*Petrus de Bilney Cap.* v. *Kl. Maii an.* 1349.
Ib.f.50.a.	*Pr.& Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Euſtach. de Burneby Cler. Kl. Aug. an.* 1349.
Stret.f.16. a.	*Philippus Purefey.*	*Nich. de Dranfeld Pbr. Kl. Aug. an.* 1367.
Ib.f.22.a.	*Pr.& Conv. de Kenill.*	*Rog. de Wavere Pbr.*xiii. *Kl. Sept. an.* 1374.
Burgh.f.13 b.	*VVill. Purfray ar.*	*Joh. Grantham Cap.*iiii. *Jan. an.* 1403.
Heyw.f.30. b.	*Pr.& Conv.de Kenill.*	*Will. Treberveth,* iiii. *Maii an.* 1433.
Ib.f.31.a.	*VVill. Purfray ar. dom.de Churchwaver.*	*Symon Moſs,* x.*Kl. Aug.an.* 1433.
Ib.f.33.b.	*Pr. & Conv. de Kenill.*	*Ric. Ayſtowe,* xx. *Maii an.* 1435.
Str. & P. f.2.b.	*Mag. Thom.Purefay ar. hac vice, ex conceſſ. Nich. Purefay ar.*	*Hugo Purefay Scolaris,* xv. *Junii an.* 1533.
Ib.f.13.a.	*Edw. North gen. hac vice,Patr.ratione conceſſ. Pr. & Conv.de Kenil.*	*D. Thom. de Warmyngton cler.* 6. *Aug. an.* 1535.
Sampſ. & B.f.42.b.	*D. Epiſcopus.*	*Rog. Eliot art. Mag.* xvi. *Jan. an.* 1566.
Bentham bundell. F.	*VVill. Dixwell gener. & conceſſione Ioh. Purefey ar.*	*Will. Bentley Cleric.* xxix. *Junii an.* 1566.
Ib.	*Thom. Leigh de Stonley miles.*	*Rob. Myddilmore Cler.* vi. *Aug.an.* 1566.
Overton Bundell.	*VVill. Leigh miles.*	*Rog.Vicars Cleric.* v. *Jan. an.* 1596.

Church-Over

Armes in the Church windows



1 England
2 Purefey impaling Shireford
3. Purefey quartering Shireford

Coton juxta Church-over.

COton, anciently called **Cotes**, is in this Pariſh (**Cote** and **Cotan** in the Saxon ſignifying a Houſe or Habitation, as we know in our ordinary language,) but being a Member of **Church-Over** is not mentioned in the Conq. Survey. Nor afterwards, that I have ſeen, till *Hugh Bagot* gave it, with **Newton** to *Ingeram* his Brother (as in **Newton** I have obſerved;) which gift *Roger Bagot*, Son of the ſaid *Hugh*, confirms, [r] for **Cotes** onely: wherein is expreſt, that *William Truſſell* as chief Lord of the fee, ratified the ſame, being one of the Heirs of *Robertus filius Odonis* (as when I come to **Lorley** I, ſhall have occaſion to ſhew;) and thereupon [s] received homage of the ſaid *Ingeram* in the Hundred of **Barlichway**.

Here was [t] a family to whom this place anciently gave name, *ſcil. de Cotes*; who held that which they had of the abovementioned *Bagots*, and were Benefactors to **Combe**, as appears by ſome petty grants of Land given to thoſe Monks: one of which line had Buriall at **Combe**, as may ſeem by bequeathing his Body thither, with a Rent of iii. *ſol. per annum*, to boot. But *Simon Bagot*, in *H.* 2. time, was he that gave [u] moſt Land here to that Monaſtery, beſides the homage and ſervice of *Robert de Cotes* and his Heirs for all that the ſaid *Robert* held of him in **Newton**; which *William Truſſell*, before mentioned, confirmed. [x] So that what the Monkes of **Combe** had in **Cotes**, was [y] half a Knights fee, which they [z] held of *William Truſſell*; and he of *Raphe de Mora*; and he of the Baron of **Stafford** in 36. *H.* 3. Wherein they [a] claimed a **Court-Leet** in 13. *E.* 1. with other Priviledges; calling it the Mannour of *Cotes ſuper le waus*, (or *ſuper waldas*, as it is recorded [b] 4. *E.* 1.) theſe Hilly parts being then, and after called **Woulees**, as many other of that kind are to this day in other Counries; And in 18. of *E.* 1. they obteined a Charter [c] of **Free-Warren** to them and their ſucceſſours, in all their demeſn Lands here. The quantity [d] of their poſſeſſions in *R.* 2. time, being rated at ix. yard Land lxxxiiii. Acres and a half, accounting 48. Acres to a yard Land. But after the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, this Mannour ſo belonging to the Monkes of **Combe**, then called **Coton lay wood**, was granted [e] out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Edward Clinton* in 5. *E.* 6. who as it ſeems, ſoon paſt his title therein unto *Thomas Marrow*; for in the ſame year I find, that the ſaid *Thomas* had Licence [f] to alien it unto *William Dixwell*, Eſquire, to whoſe deſcendants it ſtill continues.

r *Reg. de Cumba [ſcil. vitel. a.1.]f.*106

s *Ib.b.*

t *Ib.f.*109. *a.b.*

u *Ib.f.*107. *a.*

x *Ib.f.*109. *a.*

y *Regiſt. de Cumba (ſcil. Vitellius D.*18.) *f.* 98.*a.*

z *Teſta de Nevill.*

a *Rot. de Quo Warr. Pat.* 20. *E* 3 *p.*3. *m.*7.

b *Præſentat. per Hund.*4.*E.* 1.

c *Cart.*18. *E.*1.*n.* 89.

d *Rot. pergam. penes* A.B.

e *Pat.*5.*E.* 6.*p.*7.

f *Pat.* 5.*E.* 6.*p.* 2.

Hill-Morton.

REturning now to the South ſide of **Avon**, I find, below **Clifton**, a little rivulet falling into that Channell. This riſing about **Creek** in **Northampton**-ſhire comes through **Hill Morton**; which Town takes its name from the ſituation; **Hill** antiently written **Hull**, conteyning that part ſtanding on the Bank, and **Morton** where the Church is, that below in a mooriſh flat ground.

In the Conq. time it was in the poſſeſſion of the Earl of **Mellent**, who had a large ſhare in this County, as by the particulars, when they come in my way, I ſhall ſhew. Howbeit I do not find that this Earl of **Mellent** continued long owner of all thoſe Lands in this County, beſtowed upon him by the Conq. but that his Brother *Henry de Neuburgh* (advanced to the Earldom of **Warwick** towards the later end of the Conq. time,) poſſeſt the greateſt part of them; and, amongſt the reſt, had this **Hill-Morton** (then called **Mortone**, as appeares in **Doomeſday-Book**:) For in 11. *H.* 2. when *William* Earl of **Warwick** certifies what Knights Fees he held *de veteri Feoffamento*; that is, whereof they that ſo held them were enfeoffed of in the time of *H.* 1. the Record [a] ſays, that *Philippus de Eſtlega* held 3. Knights Fees:

a *Lib. rub. in Scac. f.* 104.

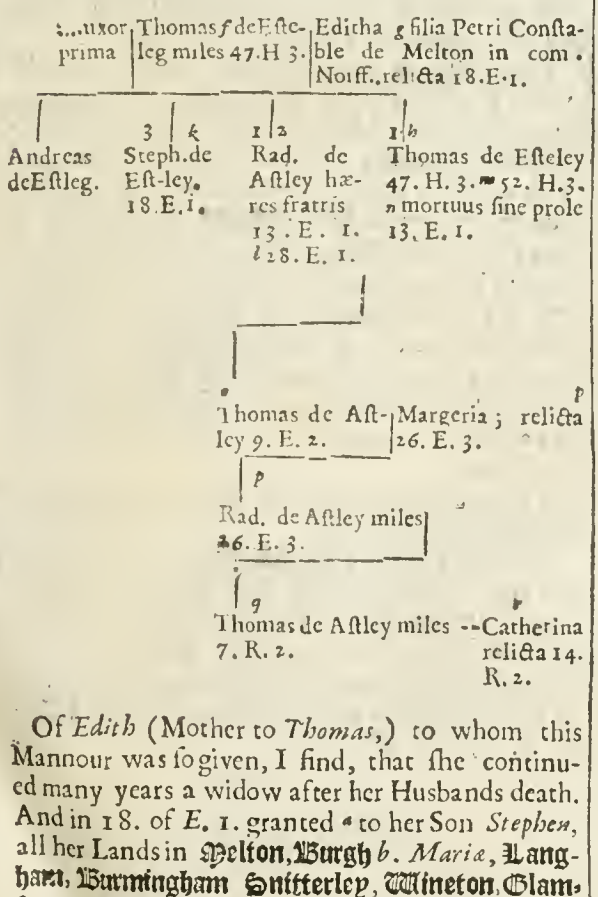
Fees: And though the names of the places where they did lye, be not there expreſt, 'tis very evident by the ſubſequent teſtimonies, which I ſhall produce, that Hill Moꝛton was one: for the [b] Receivers of the aid for the Marriage of the Kings Siſter to the Rom. Emperour 20. *H.* 3. do certify; for Aſtley and Milverton one Fee and a half; Wetington one Fee; and Moꝛtone *ſuper Dunſmore* (which is this Hill Moꝛton) half a Knights Fee; all which were then held of the Earl of Warwick by *Walter de Eſtleg.* (Grand-child of the above mentioned *Philip*,) and do make up three in number, being the proportion the ſaid *Philip* enjoyed; which Fees in [c] 36. *H.* 3. were held by *Thomas de Aſtley*, Son of *Walter*, of thoſe Earls. But Aſtley is the place where I purpoſe to ſpeak Hiſtorically of this antient family; and therefore here ſhall onely trace down the ſucceſſion to this, which went out with a younger branch; For the above mentioned *Thomas de Aſtley*, marrying a ſecond Wife (as the deſcent herewith drawn doth ſhew) had iſſue, by her ſeverall Sons. To *Thomas* the eldeſt of them he gave [d] Hill-Moꝛton and the advouſon of the Church; entayling it upon any Brother or Siſter of the whole Blood, in caſe *Thomas* ſhould dye without iſſue; which grant bears date in *May* 47. *H.* 3. But this *Thomas* the donee about the [e] beginning of *E.* 1. time dyed without iſſue, leaving his Brother *Raphe* his Heir; from whom in a direct line did deſcend Sir *Francis Aſtley* of Melton-Conſtable in Noꝛff. Knight, Lord of this Mannour, lately deceaſed.

b *Teſta de Nevill.*

c *Teſta de Nevill.*

d *Autogr. penès Fr. Aſtley Eq. aur.*

e *Rot. de Quo War.*



f g b k *Ex autog. penès eundem F. Aſtley.*

i n *Rot. de Quo warr.*

m *Rot. Cart. 52. H. 3 m. 7.*

o *Rot. de Nom. Vill. 9. E. 2.*

p *Ex Autogr. penès eundem Fr. Aſtley.*

q *Northb. fol. 30. b.*

r *Bullock f. 3. b.*

Of *Edith* (Mother to *Thomas*,) to whom this Mannour was ſo given, I find, that ſhe continued many years a widow after her Husbands death. And in 18. of *E.* 1. granted [a] to her Son *Stephen*, all her Lands in Melton, Burgh *b. Mariæ*, Langham, Burmingham Snitterley, Wineton, Glamforde, Sarlingham, Scharnton, Eſt-Todingham, Himmingland, Himzingham, Hyldolveſton and Noꝛwich in the County of Noꝛff. which deſcended to her by inheritance after the death of *Geffrey*, the Son of *Peter Conſtable* of Melton, her Brother.

a *Autogr. penès eundem F. Aſtley.*

And if there be truth in tradition, (as there is likelyhood for antiquity,) that fair Monument of Free-ſtone, with the ſtatue of a Woman, excellently wrought, lying in the midſt of the South Iſle of Hill-Moꝛton Church, was erected for this *Edith*, whereof the tabernacle, or cover over her head, is very like to that of Queen *Elianor*'s (Wife to K. *Edw.* 1.) which is of braſs in Weſtminſter Abby.

This *Thomas*, to whom Hill-Moꝛton was ſo given by his Father, obteined to himſelf and his Heirs in 49. *H.* 3. a Charter [b] for a weekly Mercate here upon the Saturday, and a Fair yearly, to begin on the even of *St. John Baptiſt*, and to continue for three dayes: which Grant being made at ſuch time as the King was a Priſoner, the Barons exerciſing regall authority in his name, held not valid; and therefore in 52. of the ſame Kings reign, he procured a new [c] Charter, ratifying the Fair, but altering the Mercate to Wedneſday. At which time he alſo had Free-warren granted [*] to him and his Heirs in all his demeſn Lands here.

b *Cart. 49 H. 3. m. 7.*

c *Cart. 52 H. 3. m. 9.*

* *Ibid.*

For this *Thomas*, who dyed before the 13. of *E.* 1. is there yet ſtanding a very fair monument betwixt two Pillars in the Church of Hill-Moꝛton, oppoſite to that of his Mother *Edith*, whereon his ſtatue of free-ſtone lyeth *croſs leg'd* in Armor of Male, as when I come to ſpeak of the Church may be ſeen, whoſe Brother and Heir, *viz. Raphe de Aſtley*, in 13. *E.* 1. claymed [d] a Court Leet, and other Priviledges in this Mannour by Preſcription; and likewiſe exhibited K. *H.* 3. Charter for the Mercate, Fair, and Free warren (laſt before mentioned) all which were allowed.

d *Rot. de Quo war.*

To whom ſucceeded *Thomas*, his Son and Heir, certified [e] to be Lord of Hill-Moꝛeton in 9. *E.* 2. who liking not the Wedneſday Mercate there, procured a new Patent [f] in 8. *E.* 3, for to have it upon the Tueſday; continuing the Fair as formerly, and renewing the Charter of Free warren: And in the ſame year obteyned Licence [g] for amortizing of certain Lands lying within this Lordſhip to maintain a Chantry-Prieſt to ſing Maſs for ever, in the Chappel of our Lady contiguous to the Pariſh Church of Hill-Moꝛton, for the Souls of him the ſaid *Thomas* and *Margery* his wife; As alſo of *Edith Aſtley*, (before mentioned) and of the Father and Mother of the ſaid *Thomas*, their Heirs and Anceſtours, and all Chriſtian Souls deceaſed.

e *Nom. Vil.*

f *Pat. 8. E. 3. n. 24.*

g *Eſc. 8. E. 3. n. 76. Rot. fin. 8. E. 3. m. 7. in cedula. Pat. 8. E. 3. p. 1. m. 7.*

This *Thomas* in 9. *E.* 3. had a ſpeciall Patent, [h] exempting him from Knighthood.

h *Pat. 9. E. 3. p. 2. m. 3.*

And in 17. *E.* 3. gave [i] the perpetuall Patronage of the Church of Hill-Moꝛton to the Dean and Canons of the Colledge of Aſtley (then newly founded by *Thomas* Lord *Aſtley*, the chief of that family) and dyed [k] before the 20. of *E.* 3.

i *Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 2. m. 30.*

k *Northb. f. 122. a.*

But of his deſcendants, foraſmuch as their reſidence hath been in Noꝛfolk I have here no more to ſay.

The Church Dedicated to St. John Bapt.

IN *An.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. the Rectory was valued [l] at xviii. marks. And in 26. *H.* 8. The Vicaridge at [m] vi. l. x. *ſol.* At which time the Pꝛocurations and Synodalls payd out thereof, were viii. *ſol.* Out of which Rectory is there a *Penſion* [n] of xiii. *ſol.* iiii. d. yearly payable to the Biſhop; originally reſerued upon the appropriation thereof (as all others of that kind were) in recompence of the benefit, that he and his Succeſſors might receive

l *Ex Cl. MS. in Scac.*

m *Ex cod. MS. penès S. Archer eq. aur. f. 41. a.*

n *Staff. & Kempe f 338. b.*

[o] *Regiſt. Vocat.* the white Book *penès Decan. & Cap. Wigorn f.* 177. *b.*

ceive out of the Church, in [o] caſe no ſuch Appropriation ſhould have been made.

	Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, & temp. Inſtit.
Ex ipſo autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.	*Thomas de Eſtleya miles.*	*Philippus de Eſtleya Cleric. frater ejuſdem Thomæ. Sans date.*
	Pr. & Conv. de Erdbury.	*Thom. de Dunton diac. an.* 1286.
	Patroni Vicariæ	
Northb. f. 41. *a.*		*Will. de Walton Pbr.* 4. *Non. Sept. An.* 1343.
Ib. fol. 52. *b.*		*Galfr. de Lyllburne,* xiii. *Kl. Martii An.* 1349.
Ib. f. 53. *b.*		*Joh. de Rokeby Pbr.* iiii. *Kl. Oct. An.* 1350.
Stret. f. 11. *b.*		*Joh. Rolf. Pbr.* vi. *Id. Jan. an.* 1362.
Sk. f. 2. *a.*		*Will. Meeke Cap.* viii. *Kl. Dec. An.* 1386.
Heyw. f. 22. *a.*		*Ric. Millford Pbr.* xxvi. *Aug. An.* 1428.
Ib.	*Decan. & Cap. de Aſtley.*	*Cato Halys Cap.* i. *Oct. An.* 1428.
Ib. fol. 32. *a.*		*Will. Nicholl. Cap.* vi. *Oct. An.* 1433.
Heyw. f. 41. *a.*		*Joh. Coton Pbr.* ii. *Dec. an.* 1442.
Bo. f. 1. *a.*		*Joh. Kempe Pbr.* iii. *Junii an.* 1447.
Bowl. f. 140. *a.*		*Edw. Bate Pbr.* xi. *Oct. An.* 1493.
Bl. f. 7. *b.*		*D. Thom. Morres, ult. Apr. An.* 1521.
Ib. f. 11. *b.*		*D. Joh. Grendon Cap.* xvii. *Apr. An.* 1525.
Sampſ. & B. f. 1. *a.*	*Henricus Dux Suffolciæ.*	*Edw. Hopkynſon Cler.* xxiiii. *Junii An.* 1553.
Ib. f. 42. *a.*	*Edw. Comes Hertfordiæ.*	*Rob. Wigſton Cleric.* xii. *Apr. An.* 1565.
Overton bundell. C.	*Eliz. Regina.*	*Thom. Hodgkinſon Cleric.* viii. *Apr. An.* 1602.

But there is ſomething elſe, which I muſt not paſs by, before I leave this place, and that is the foundation of two **Chanteryes** here. The one of them by [p] *Sir Edmund Truſſell Knight*, in the Chappell of our Lady adjoyning to the Pariſh Church, for the ſoul of *Thomas Aſtley* deceaſed, and the good eſtate of *Margerie* late Wife of the ſaid *Thomas*; of their Children that were then living, and for the ſouls of their Children deceaſed: as alſo for the Souls of *John Primroſe*, and of the Lady *Edith Aſtley*; and for the good eſtate of Sir *Raphe Aſtley* Knight, and Dame *Agnes* his VVife; Sir *Edmund Truſſel* Knight, and Dame *Margerie* his VVife; and of *Thomas Meilour* Prieſt, and for their ſouls after their deceaſe.

[p] *Northb. f.* 122. *a.*

The Patronage of which Chantry, by the Biſhops Inſtrument for Ordination thereof, was reſerved after the death of the ſame Sir *Edmund Truſſell*, to be in the Heirs of the ſaid *Thomas Aſtley* and *Margery*. And for the maintenance of a Prieſt, perpetually to ſing Maſs there, for the purpoſes above mentioned, the King gave Licence to the ſaid Sir *Edmund* to amortize four meſſuages, fifty acres of land, ſeaven acres of meadow, and xxvi. *ſol.* Rent in **Hill-Morton**, as it may ſeem by the Jurors certificate [q] returned upon the Writ of *Ad quod dampnum* thereupon.

[q] *Eſc.* 16. *E.* 3. *n.* 17.

This *Sir Edmund Truſſell* bore for his Armes *a croſſe formè fleuritè debruiſed with a bendlet*, as appears by the impreſſion of his Seal, [r] which I have ſeen affixed to his firſt Inſtrument of Preſentation to the ſaid Chantery; And I ſuppoſe that he marryed *Margery*, the VVidow of the ſaid *Thomas Aſtley*, though it be not directly expreſt in the Ordination before ſpecified.

[r] *Penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.*

It is very like that this Chantry ſwallowed up that whereof I made mention in 8. *E.* 3. *viz.* which *Thomas Aſtley* had Licence to found: for upon the Survey taken *an.* 37. *H.* 8. there was no other but this in that Chappell of our Lady, the lands belonging whereunto were by the Commiſſioners in 37. *H.* 8. certified [ſ] to be of the the yearly value, over and above all repriſes, of iiii. l. xviii. *ſol.* x. d. For the other Chantry was in a Chappel of St. *Iames* in **Hull** *ſuper* **Dunſmore** (as the Record expreſſes;) which is that part of the town, ſituate upon the Hill Weſtwards from the Church; and founded by [t] *Mag. Thomas de Morton* in 18. *E.* 3.

[ſ] *Ex cod. MS. de certific. valor. omnium Cantar. Colleg. &c. in com. mar.* 37. *H.* 8. *penès S.* Archer *eq. au. f.* 9. *b.*

[t] *Pat.* 18. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 18.

The certificate in 37. *H.* 8. expreſly ſays he was a Prieſt, and the word *Mag.* imports as much; yet in the Licence given to him to amortize lands thereunto; *viz.* one meſſuage, one yard land, and four acres; as alſo four acres and one rode of meadow in **Hill Morton** aforeſaid; it is for a Prieſt to ſing Maſs for the good eſtate of him the ſaid *Thomas* and *Alice* his Wife, and *Margerie* their Daughter during their lives; and for their ſouls when they ſhould depart this world; As alſo for the ſouls of *Adam de Morton* his father, and their anceſtours, *&c.* But it ſeems, he was a marryed man, and a profeſſour in ſome other ſcience.

The value thereof in 37. *H.* 8. was certified to [u] to be xlvi. s. viii. d.

[u] *MS. penès S.* Archer *eq. au. f.* 9. *a.*

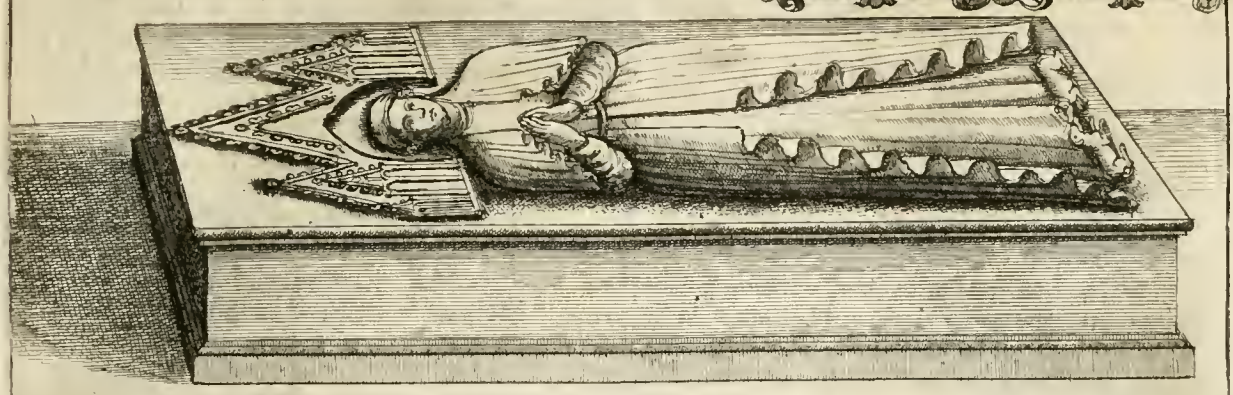
In this Lordſhip of **Hill Morton** there were alſo eight meſſuages, and one yard land and a quarter given [w] by one *William Poyntell*, to the Hoſpitall of St. *John Baptiſt* in **Luterworth** for the finding of a Chantry Prieſt, there to ſing Maſs for the ſouls of him the ſaid *William* and his VVife (3. *E.* 3.)

[w] *Pat.* 3. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 15.

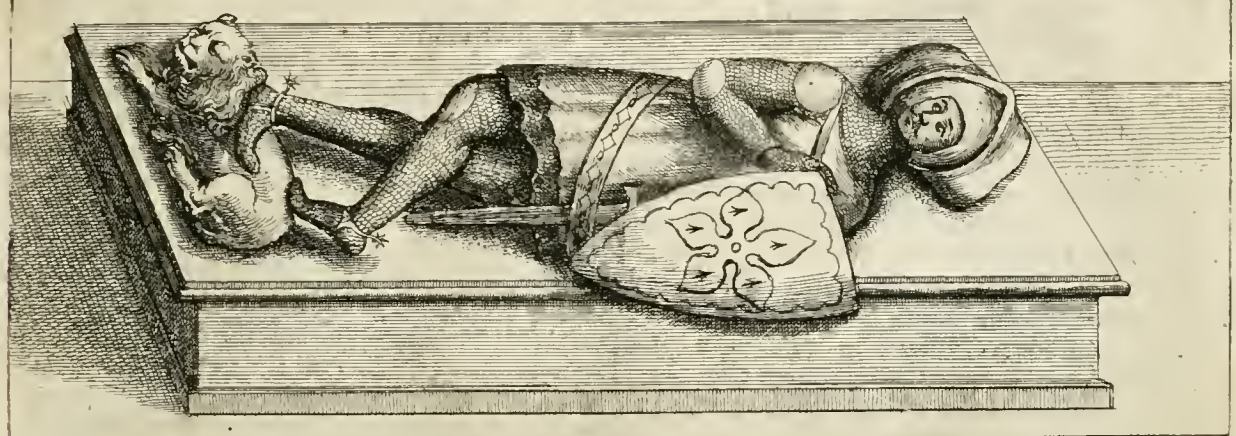
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In the midst of the South Ile

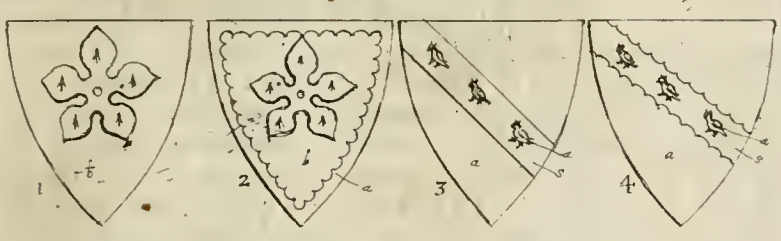
Ne maiorum cineres à nepotibus neglecti videantur
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Francisci Asiley Eq. aur. frater et hæres



Betwixt two pillers on the North side of the South Ile.

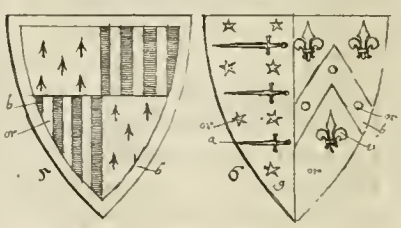


In a South window of the Church



1 Asiley of Asiley.
2 Asiley of Hillmorton
3 Savile.
4 Savile.
5 Knightley
6 Choute impaling

In the east window of the South Ile.



In the middle Ile of this Church are two grave-stones of marble, each of them having small portraictures in brass of a man and a woman, with divers children: on one of them is this Inscription.

Here lyeth Thomas Perkins and Alice and Elizabeth.
Our Lord save their souls from everlasting death. Amen

On the other this

Here lyeth Richard Tant and Margaret his wife;
God bring their souls to everlasting life. Amen.

Rugby.

ON the South-West side of this little Rill, which comes from **Hill Morton**, lyes **Rugby**, bounded with **Avon** towards the North; but in *Doomesday*-Book written **Rocheberie**; **Berie** signifying with our ancestours a Court or habitation of note; And **Roche** a rock or quarry of stone; for such there is West-wards from this town about half a mile; and 'tis very like that the ground, whereon the town stands, being high, is of the same condition, though that the quarry lye not very near the surface of the earth; so that then the nature of the soyl, may be the occasion of the name. Howbeit in all the elder times sithence, it is written **Rokeby** with a **K.** instead of the **Ch.**

In the Conquerours time *Turchil de Warwick*, of whom I have already made mention, was owner[g] of it, one *Eddulfus* (for so he is called in the Conq. Survey) then holding it of him; it being then certified to contein two hydes and a half: the posterity of which *Eddulfus* continued possest thereof, holding[h] it by half a Knights Fee of the said **Turchill's**, Heirs, till it went away with a Daughter and Heir in *Edw.* the first his time, as the descent will shew.

[g] Domesday *lib.*

[h] *Testa de Nevill.*

Eddulfus

Eddulfus, tempore Conqueſtoris.

Thurbertus filius Hadewolfi.

Henricus de Rokeby.

Henricus de Rokeby | Annabilla.

Ranulphus de Rokeby

Annabilla filia & hæres, uxor. Joh. Goband militis.

But *Thurbert*, the ſon of this *Eddulfus*, is ſometimes [i] called *Thurbertus filius Hadelwolfi de Bilneja*; for it ſeems he had alſo a Seat at **Bilney**, (now called **Birley**) and ſometimes [k] *Thurbertus de Rochebe*; and was a notable benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**, giving [l] a large precinct of his land in **Bilney**, adjoyning to **Smite**, (within which **Smite** the monaſtery was founded) the lands being expreſt by boundaryes after the antient manner; which grant was ratified [a] by *Henry* ſon to the ſame *Thurbert*, who calls himſelf *Henricus de Rokeby filius Thurberti de Bilney*; adding to his fathers gift the Mill of **Bilney**, and ſome other land: for the better aſſurance whereof, *Henry de Arderne*, grandſon to *Turchill*, confirms [b] the grant, though that, with a great part alſo of his inheritance, was taken away by the Conquerour, or King *H.* 1. and given to the Earl of *Warwick* (as I think) before that time, which was in the reign of K. *Steph.* *Roger* Earl of *Warwick* being a witneſs * thereunto: for Earl *William* (*ſon of Roger*) adds his Charter [c] of confirmation to them all, which needed not, had he not been poſſeſt of *Arden*'s lands.

Here was a little Caſtle at **Rokeby**, which ſtood about a furlong from the Church Northwards; as is to be ſeen by the banks of earth, and part of the moat, yet remaining. I am of opinion, that this was one of thoſe Caſtles which were built in King *Stephens* time; for fearing the coming of the Empreſs (as ſaith mine [d] Author) *conceſſit ut quilibet procerum ſuorum munitionem, ſeu caſtrum, in proprio fundo facere poſſet*; Almoſt all which were demoliſhed [e] by the command of K. *H.* 2. about the third year of his reign. And beſides the probability thereof, the Inhabitants have it by tradition, that it was Sir *Henry Rokebye*'s caſtle.

This [f] *Henry de Rokeby* was a benefactor to the Abby of **Pipwell** in **Northampton-ſhire**, as appears by what he gave in [g] **Rokeby**, where the Monks of **Pipwell** had a grange. He alſo gave [h] all the land which he had in **Holme**, to the Canons of **Leiceſter** (whereof I have already ſpoke) for the advouſon of the Chappel of **Rokeby**, which was a member of **Clifton**, and belonging to that Abby: touching which Chappel there was a [i] ſuite betwixt the ſaid *Henry*, and the Abbot of **Leiceſter** in the 2. year of K. *John*; and [k] bequeathing his body to be buried at **Combe**, therewith gave the yearly rent of half a mark of ſilver, iſſuing out of the Mill of **Aſton** (*juxta* **Bermingham**) in this County; which *Henry* had iſſue [l] *Henry*, who confirmed all the grants to that Abby made by his grandfather and father, adding [m] ſomething from himſelf in **Bilney**. But it ſeems that the difference concerning the advouſon of the Chappel of **Rokeby** ended not till this time: For by a * fine levyed 5. *H.* 3. betwixt *Henry Rokeby* and the Abbot of **Leiceſter**, it was concluded, that the ſaid *Henry* and his heirs, ſhould exhibit a fit Clerk to the ſame Abbot and his ſucceſſours, whom they might preſent to the Biſhop; which Clerk ſhould pay to them yearly, the antient and due penſion, that the Abby of **Leiceſter** had wont to receive out of the ſaid Chappel of **Rokeby** in right of their Church of **Clifton**: And to perfect this agreement, the ſaid *Henry* gave to that Abby for ever, a yard land in **Holme**.

This *Henry* was a Knight; for ſo by his grant [a] under ſeal he is ſtiled; whereby, with the conſent of *Ranulph* his ſon and heir, he gave a yard land in **Rokeby** to the Prior and Monks of **Kirby**. And in the 39 of *H.* 3. obtained for himſelf and his heirs a [b] Charter for a weekly **Mercate** here every Saturday, and for a **Fair** yearly, beginning on the Even of St. *Laurence*, to endure for three daies; with **Free warren** in all his demeſn lands in **Warwickſhire**. For the advantage of which **Mercate**, the Abbot of **Combe** earneſtly moved [c] the Monks of **Pipwell** for permiſſion, that they might purchaſe, or erect a houſe in **Rokeby** to receive thoſe Monks of theirs, as they ſhould have occaſion to imploy thither. Howbeit in 13 *E.* 1. *Annabilla*, the Widow of the ſaid *Henry*, holding this Mannour in dower, and claiming [d] **Free warren** with a **Mercate** and **Faire** here; for which ſhe exhibited the Charter of K. *H.* 3. extended her claim further than that Charter warranted, as it ſeems: for it was then found, that ſhe challenged liberty to puniſh the breakers of the Aſſize of Bread and Ale, whereof being not ſeized, the Shiriff entred upon the **Market**, **Fair** and **Free warren** for the King. To which laſt mentioned *Henry* ſucceeded *Ranulph* his ſon and heir, who dyed [e] before 20 *E.* 1. for in the [f] 24 of that Kings reign, *Raph Baſſet*, ſon and heir of *Simon Baſſet* of **Sapcote**, granted the cuſtody of *Annabil* his daughter and heir, with her marriage, to *Peter de Leiceſter* Clerk. Which [g] *Annabil* was the wife of Sir *John Goband* Kt. Howbeit *Annabil* her mother being married [h] to . . . . . *Mundevill*, held **Rokeby** in dower. 3 *E.* 2.

In 1 *E.* 3. the before ſpecified *John Goband*, and *Annabil* his wife, had a **Court** [k] **Leet** and other priviledges granted to them in this their Mannour of **Rokeby**, after which it continued not long in that family; for in 23 *E.* 3. *John* the ſon and heir of Sir *John Goband* Kt. paſt [l] the inheritance thereof, with the advouſon of the Church, to *Raph* Lord *Stafford*, and Sir *John Oddingſells* Kt. and their heirs. In which grant he makes mention, that the ſame was ſetled upon *John Brown* and *Annabil* his wife, and upon him the ſaid *John Goband*, and his heirs, by *John Charnells* Parſon of the Church of **Shepſton** in **Leiceſterſhire**. I ſuppoſe that this *Annabil* married to her ſecond huſband the before mentioned *John Brown*: for [m] in 20 *E.* 3. *John Brown* is ſaid to be Lord of **Rugby**, which doubtleſs was in her right. After which, in 24 *E.* 3. Sir *Thomas Charnells* Kt. releaſt [n] to the ſaid *Raph* Lord *Stafford* all his intereſt in this Mannour. And in [o] 7 *R.* 2. *Nicholas Goband*, Rector of the Church of **Cley**, did the like to *Hugh* Earl *Stafford*, ſon of the ſaid *Raph*; in conſideration whereof he received xl. l. ſterling. Which *Nicholas*

i *Reg. de Cumba (ſcilicet Vitel. A. 1) f. 39. a.*
k *Ex autogr. penès S. Archer mil.*
l *Regiſt. de Cumba, f. 39. a.*
a *Reg. de Cumba [ſcil. Vitel. a. 1.] f. 40. b.*
b *Ib. f. 41. a.*
* *Ib.*
c *Ib. f. 39. a.*
d *Jo. Tinemutenſis hiſt. aurea Ms in bibl. Bodl. lib. 19. c. 42.*
e *R. Hoved: f. 281. b. n. 20.*
f *Car. 19. H. 3. m. 6.*
g *Regiſt. de Pipwell, f. 39. a.*
h *Reg. Ab. de Leic. in bibl: Cotton: f. 7. a.*
i *Plac. de T. Mich. 2 Joh: rot. 26. in dorſo.*
k *Reg. de Cumba, f. 41. b.*
l *Reg. de Cumba, f. 40. b.*
m *Ib. f. 46. b.*
n *Oct. Mich. 5. H. 3.*
a *Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.*
b *Cart: 39 H. 3. m. 3.*
c *Regiſt. de Pipwell, f. 148. b.*
d *Rot: de Quo warr:*
e *P: T. Hill: 20 E. 1. rot: 64.*
f *Ex autogr: in bibl: Hatton.*
g *Regiſt. de Pipwell, f. 39. a.*
h *Ex autogr: penès Dec: & cap: Lich:*
k *Eſc: 1 E. 3. n. 28.*
l *Ex autogr: penès Edw: Peto de Cheſterton ar. an. 1651.*
m *Ex evidentiis in Scac: quondam Roberti Cateſby armigeri.*
o, p, q *Autogr: in bibl. Hatton*

Nicholas Gobaud sealed with *three Croſſes croſſets fitchè upon the feſſe*, to difference him from the principall branch of that family, who bore a *plain feſſe, and 3. beſants in chief.*

The Releaſe of Sir *John Odingſells* to the ſaid Baron of Stafford I have not ſeen, Howbeit, there is no queſtion, but that ſuch a thing there was: for in the ſame 23. year of *E.* 3. the Lord *Stafford*, as Patron of the Church, exhibited his Clerk to the Abbot of Leiceſter; according to the Agreement before expreſt.

r Eſc. 38. H. 6. This Mannour continued [r] in the Family of *Stafford* till the death of *Humfrey* Duke of Buckingham in 38. *H.* 6. but how much longer I have not yet ſeen: for the next mention I find thereof is, that *Ric.* 3. *an.* 1. of his Reign granted [ſ] it to *John* Lord *Dudley*, and to the Heirs of his body, in which Patent it appears, that it came to his hands by the death of *Margaret* Counteſs of Richmund (who was mother to K. *Henry* 7.) and that he ſo gave it to the Lord *Dudley* for his faithfull ſervice in favouring his (uſurped) title to the Crown. It ſhould ſeem that *Thomas* Lord *Stanley* (who was Husband to the Counteſs of Richmund) held it during his life: for I have ſeen a Grant [t] by the ſaid Lord *Dudley* dated 1 *Aug.* 2. *R.* 3. whereby he makes *dilectum conſanguineum* (for ſo he calls him) his beloved Kinſman *Will. Catesby* Eſq. Steward thereof, whenſoever it ſhould come into his hands, or the poſſeſſion of his Heirs; and to receive for his yearly Fee ten marks ſterling; In which grant it is expreſt, that the ſaid Lord *Stanley*, then had it for that term.

ſ Pat. 1. R. 3. p. 3. m. 4.

t Autog. in Scac. inter. evident. Rob. Catesby.

But I perceive it came again to the houſe of *Stafford*, though I have not yet ſeen how nor when; for immediatly upon the attainder of *Edward* Duke of Buckingham, *Henry* 8. granted [u] it to Sir *Gilbert Talboys* Kt. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and the Heirs of their two bodies; expreſſing, that it was *Edward* late Duke of Buckingham's attainted. Which Sir *Gilbert* and *Elizabeth*, had iſſue *Elizabeth* their Daughter [w] and Heir wedded to *Ambroſe Dudley* (afterwards Earl of Warwick;) who in 2 *Eliz.* ſold [x] it together with the advowſon of the Church to *John Wyrley* and *Dorothe* his wife. Which *Dorothe* dyed [y] ſeized thereof *ult. Martii* 28. *Eliz. Francis* her Son and Heir being then 40. years of age.

u Pat. 14. H. 8. p. 1.

w Inſcrip. tumuli apud Warwick.

x Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 11.

y Eſc. 28. Eliz.

In *an.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. the Church (dedicated to St. *Andrew*) was valued [z] at ſeaven marks and a half. And in 26. *H.* 8. at [*] xvii. li. xix. s. ii. d. over and above xx. *ſol.* yearly *Penſion* iſſuing out of it to the Abb. of Leiceſter; and ix. *ſol.* vi. d. for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

z MS in Scac. penès Remem. R.

** MS penès Archer eq. aur. 40. b.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, & temp. Inſtit.
Abb. de Leic. ad nominationē Henrici de Rokeby milit. ſecundùm tenorem cyrographi inter ipſos.	*Alex. de Rokeby Cleric. .. an.* 1253. (37. H. 3.)
Annabilla domina de Rokeby.	*Rog. Capellanus, ... an.* 1291. (19. *E.* 1.)
D. Rad. Baſſet ratione cuſtodiæ haredis de Rokeby.	.....
D. Petrus de Leyceſt.	*Rob. de Halughton Pbr.* iiii. *Non. Julii an.* 1301.
Annabilla de Mūdevile D. de Rokeby	*Ric. de Touceſtre accolitus*, xii. *Kl. Dec. an.* 1313.
Joh. Gobant.	*Radulphus Gobant Cleric. ...an.* 1313.
Abb. & conv. Leic. ad nominationē Joh. Goband. D. de Rokeby.	*Joh. Falconarius ....an.* 1314.
Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationem D. Joh. Goband mil. D. de Rokeby.	*Ric. de Walton Pbr. Non. Junii an.* 1332.
Abb. & conv. Leic.	*Will. de Lyons Pbr.* vi. *Id. Martii an.* 1341.
Joh. Goband.	*Will. le Pyndere Capell, ...an.* 1349. 23. *E.* 3.
Abb. & C. de Leic. ad denominationem D. Baronis de Stafford.	*Petrus de Bilney Cap.* xii. *Kl. Aug. an.* 1349.
Abb. & C. de Leic.	*Will. Parker Pbr.* iii. *Kl. Sept an.* 1361.
Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationem D. Rad. Comitis Staff.	*Rog. Geffen Pbr.* xiii. *Kl. Jan. an.* 1361.
Abb. & C. de Leic.	*Will. de Langton Cler.* xi. *Kl. Sept. an.* 1375.
Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationē Comitis Staff.	*Joh. Baron Pbr. Id. Jan. an.* 1376.
	Ric. de Heſell Pbr. iii. *Apr. an.* 1384.
Abb. & C. de Leic.	*Thom. Thurſton Cap.* xix. *Apr. an.* 1416.
	Joh. Stones Cap. iii. *Aug. an.* 1454.
	Will. Melder Cap. penult. Aug. an. 1507.
	Ioh. Swalle, xxi. *Martii an.* 1527.
Rog. Martin civis & Alderm. Lond. & alii ratione conceſſ. Ambr. Dudley mil. & D. Eliz. Talboys uxoris ejus filiæ & hæredis Gilb. Talboys milit.	*Anth. Blake Cler.* vii. *Junii an.* 1558. (4. & 5. *Ph. & M.*)
Ioh. Wyrley ſen. arī Ioh. Wyrley jun. gener. & Percivallus Angrome yoman.	*Edw. Bolton Cleric.* ix. *Dec. an.* 1570.
Ioh. Cotta medicinæ D.	*Jonathan Grover Cleric.* xii. *Martii an.* 1622.
Geo. Wilcockſon de Wolvey in com. War. cleric. & Henr. Clerk de Rugby gen. ex conceſſ. Humf. Burneby de Rugby ar.	*Will. Wilcockſon Cleric.* xxviii. *Maii an.* 1627.

Ex ipſo autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Leich.

Ex autog. Ib.

Ex autog. Ib.

Largt. f. 6. a.

Ib. f. 37. a.

Autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Leich.

Autog. Ib.

Northb. f. 26. a.

Ib. f. 38. b.

Autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Leich.

Northb. f. 49. a.

Stret. f. 9. a.

Ib. f. 10. b.

Ib. f. 22. b.

Ib. f. 23. b.

Ib. f. 31. b.

Bull. f. 2. b.

Bowl. f. 20. b.

Bl. f. 5. a.

Ib. f. 12. b.

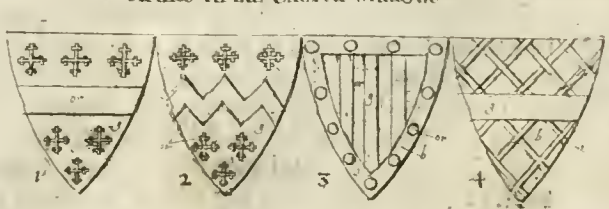
Sampſ. & B. f. 11. a.

Sandell incert.

Morton Bundell, incert.

Ib.

Rugby
Armes in the Church Windows



1 Beauchamp
2. Engaine
3. Baſſet of weldon
4. Mundevill,

Bilton.

SOuthwards from **Rugby** ſtands **Bilton**, which was [a] the freehold of one *Illuinus* before the Norman invaſion. And in the Conq. Survey [b] certified to contain five hydes; whereof all, except one virgate, were then poſſeſt by *Roger de Montgomerie*, Earl of **Arundell** and **Shrewſbury** (of which Earl I ſhall ſpeak more largely when I come to **Wolſton**) that virgate belonging to *Turchill de VVarwick*. In the certificate of what Earl *Roger* held, it is written **Beltone**; but in the other of *Turchill's* lands **Bentone**, miſtaking, as I ſuppoſe, the *u.* for an *n.* in regard it was there written **Beutone**, the *l.* being changed for the *u.* according to the ordinary pronuntiation of many words amongſt the vulgar; as in **Lalleford** (the very next town) which is uſually called **Lanford**; and of latter times ſo written.

[a] Domeſday *lib.*
[b] *Ibid.*

Hingant, ſive Ingald.
- Galfridus de Crafte.
  - Robertus de Crafte.
  - Rogerus de Crafte.
    - Rogerus de Crafte 1 H. 3. 25. H. 3.
      - Rogerus de Crafte. [q] [r] *Rot. fin.* 34. H. 3. *m.* 2.
        - Will. de Charnells 34. H. 3.
          - Nich. de Charnells.
            - Georgius de Charnells.
              - Nich. de Charnells.
                - Thomas de Charnells.
                  - Laurentius-Matildis filia & hæres. Truſſell.
                    - [f] Gulielmus Truſſell miles.
                      - [g] Tho. Truſſel.
                        - [h] Will. Truſſel miles.
                          - [u] [w] [x] [z] [e] Eſſ. 22. H. 7. Salop.
                            - [k] Edwardus Truſſel obiit x. Junii 14. H. 7.
- Beatrix ſepulta in cimiterio de Pipwell.
- Beatrix relicta 13. E. 2.

[f] *Pl. apud Ceſt. 3. H. 4. m. 3. in dorſo.*
[g] *Eſc.* 22. H. 7. Salop.

[x] Joh. Truſſel obiit 20 Dec. 15. H. 7.
[y] Joh. Vere Comes Oxonii. — Eliz. ſoror & hæres, ætat 10. an. 22 H. 7.
[y] *Pat.* 22. H. 7. *p.* 3.

[a] *Regiſt. de Pipwell. f.* 54. *a.*
* *Cart.* 19. H. 3. *m.* 6. *per Inſpex.*
[b] *Ib.*

In K. *Steph.* time *Walterus* [a] *fil. Hingan*, or *Ingaldi* * being owner of this place, was a great benefactor to the monaſtery of **Pipwell** (in **Northampton**-ſhire) for he gave [b] them a large portion in **Bilton**; which in his graunt is ſet forth by boundaryes; *viz.* in breadth from the outmoſt limits of **Dunchurch** to the old **Norewey** (antiently leading from **Hill-Norton** towards **Warwick**) and in length from the end of that way to a little rill of water, called **Reynesbroc**, excepting onely the lands belonging to the Church of **Bilton** lying within that precinct: And becauſe half the Lordſhip of **Belton** was the dowrie of *Marie* the wife of this *Walter*, ſhe, for her confirmation thereof, had a gold Ring and a palfrey given to her by the Abbot; which *Walter* left one onely daughter his [c] heir named, *Beatrix*, who brought this Lordſhip in marriage to *Roger* the ſon of *Geffrey de Craſt* (owner of **Crafte** in **Leiceſter**-ſhire, whereof he took his name) and confirmed [d] the gift of his Father in Law, as he acknowledges he promiſed to do, the very day when he marryed the ſaid *Beatrix*, ſtanding before the dore of the monaſtery, in the preſence of *Geffrey* his Father, *Robert* his Brother, and divers others: And afterwards, upon the buriall of the ſame *Beatrix* in the Church-yard at **Pipwell**, with *Roger* his ſon and heir, gave alſo to thoſe Monks for the health of her ſoul xi. ſelions of land, and a piece of meadow in **Bilton**: which *Roger* (the ſecond) following the ſteps of his anceſtours in bounty to that Abby, ratified [e] all that his Grandfather, *viz. Walterus fil. Hingan* gave; and for the better aſſuring thereof levyed a fine * thereupon at **Weſtm.** on the Eve of St. *Peter* and *Paul* 7. *R.* 1. adding of his own gift common of paſture in **Bilton** for three hundred Ewes, twelve Kyne and a Bull, five Sows and a Boar with their Pigs, ſixteen Oxen, and ſix young Beaſts; and fewell in **Bilton-moore**, as much as ſhould be neceſſary for the expence of the Monks in their grange at **Bilton**: which grange hath been uſually called [f] **Dunchurch grange**, in regard that the lands belonging thereto, did lye in the fields of **Dunchurch** and **Bilton**; but it is [g] ſcituate in part of **Bilton**.

[c] *Regiſt. de Pipw. f.* 54. *b.* & 55. *a.*
[d] *Ib.*
[e] *Ib. f.* 73. *a.*
* *Ib. f.* 73. *b.*
[f] *Ib. f.* 39. *b.*
[g] *Ib.*

This laſt *Roger* was in Armes againſt K. *John* (towards the end of his reign) at that time, when [h] *Robert Fitzwalter*, (a great Baron,) was made *Princeps militiæ, id eſt*, the Generall: for the better carrying on of which work, the people attributed to him the title of *Mareſchallus excercitus Dei & Eccleſiæ*, but this enterpriſe not thriving, it was called a Rebellion, and thoſe that had a hand therein were glad to ſeek for mercy; amongſt which this *Roger* was one; who, by the favour of K. *H.* 3. (ſon of K. *John*) upon returning to his allegiance, had his lands that were ſeiſed on for that inſurrection, reſtored [i] to him again; which *Roger* (for it might be he) was living in 20. and 25. *H.* 3. for I find him charged [k] in both thoſe years for a Kts. fee in **Bilton**. Howbeit, after that; *viz.* in [l] 36 *H.* 3. (upon collection of the Aide for the Kings transfretation into **Gaſcoigne**) *Roger de Crafte* anſwered for a Kts. fee in this place: but I ſuppoſe that this was the third *Roger*; for 'tis not like that the other could then be alive.

[h] *M. Pariſ. p.* 254. 37.
[i] *Pat.* 1. H. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 16.
[k] [l] *Teſta de Nevill.*

It doth not appear to me, clearly, how **Bilton** went from this line of *Craſte*; but *Charnels* was the next that, I find, poſſeſt it, and if I may take my liberty to gueſſe, I ſhall ſuppoſe, that it was by a Daughter of *Crafte*.

About the beginning of *Edw.* 1. time, *Nicholas Charnels* Kt. entayled [m] this and other Lordſhips in **Leiceſter**-ſhire on his ſon *George* and the heirs male of his body, and for default of ſuch iſſue on Sir *William Charnells* Kt. brother of the ſaid Sir *Nicholas*, with divers other remainders. In which family of *Charnells* it continued till the beginning of *R.* 2. time; and then by *Maude*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Charnells*, came to *Truſſell*.

[m] *Regiſt. Cart. S. Joh. Ihrlm. in bibl. Cotton. f.* 137. *b.*

Of the before specified *Nicholas*, I find, that being in that Rebellion with the Barons against K. *H.* 3. (so happily crusht in 49 of his reign) he was of the retinue [n] to *Hamon Straunge* (a great man towards the coast of **Wales**, and one of the most active [o] of those Barons) but afterwards, through the Kings mercy, received his pardon [p] for that offence: And, in the beginning of *E.* 1. time, had the trust (amongst other men of note in this County) to be constituted one of the Justices of Goal-delivery; for so I find him recorded in *an.* 2. 3.[r]. 6.[s]. & 8.[t]. *E.* 1. Which *Nicholas* left issue *George*, who, amongst divers other men of valour in that time, had summons [u] to be at **Barwick** upon **Twede** upon the feast day of the Nativity of St. *John Baptist*, 29 *E.* 1. sufficiently furnisht with Horse and Arms to attend the King in his expedition against the Scots. Which *George*, by a fine levyed *Octab: Trin:* 2 *E.* 2. entailed this Mannour, with the advouson of the Church, upon (his son) *Nicholas Charnels* and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of the same *Nicholas* by her the said *Joan*; reserving unto himself first an estate for life therein: and was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of 6. *E.* 2. but after that time he lived not long: for in 13. *E.* 2. *Lucia* his widow held [x] this Lordship in dower. To whom succeeded *Nicholas* his son, of whom I find, that in 18 *E.* 2. he was joyned [y] with *Roger la Zouch* for the choosing of xxx Hobelers and lx Archers, in the Counties of **Warr.** and **Leic.** for an expedition into **Gascoine**. In 13 *E.* 3. one [z] of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**. In [a] 20 *E.* 3. of the retinue to *Thomas Hatfield* then Bp. of **Durelme** in the French expedition (which B. was the [b] Founder of **Durelme**-Colledge in **Oxford**, and **Durelme**-House in **London**.) In 30 *E.* 3. [c] assigned one of the Justices in this County for putting the *statute of Labourers* in execution; And that he had issue *Thomas*, and he [d] *Maud* a daughter and heir, wedded to *Laurence Trussell* of **Cubleston** in **Staffordshire**, by which means this Lordship, with divers Mannours also in **Leicestershire**, divolved to that family: but was not enjoyed without great suits: for [e] *John Charnells* of **Bewworth**, in this County, (combining with one *John Marshall* Parson of the Church of **Swepston** in **Leicestershire**, who had been a feoffee in trust for those lands) intruded himself into the possession of a large part thereof, obtaining a Charter [f] of **Free-warren** in this Mannour of **Bilton** to himself and his heirs: And, for the better effecting of his purpose, deduced his pretended title from the King; alledging, that *Edw.* Prince of **Wales** (Father to the King) dyed seized of it, having been enfeoffed thereof by the said *John Charnells*: And, the better to carry on his design, caused an Inquisition [g] to be taken after the death of the said Prince, whereby it was found accordingly: so that after much suit, in the latter end of *E.* 3. time, exhibiting a Petition in Parliament, 1 *R.* 2. the K. directed his Precept to the Judges of the Common Pleas to do her right therein; whereupon (it seems) she recovered it: for in [b] 9 *R.* 2. she, with *Laurence Trussell* her husband, demised it to Sir *Raph Ferrers* Kt. to hold during his life, paying a Rose onely at the Feast of the Nativity of St. *John Baptist* yearly.

After which it continued in the line of *Trussel*, till the beginning of H. 8. time: (for though I finde in the Institutions of 10. and 14. H. 4. that Sir *Robert Lytton* Kt. as Lord of the Mannour, presented to the Rectory, I conceive it to be an estate to him in trust onely; because, neither before nor after that time, is there any mention of him otherwise) and then by *Eliz.* daughter of *Edward*, but sister and heir to her brother *John*, it came to the Earls of **Oxford**: for in 22 H. 7. the K. [i] granted to *John* E. of **Oxford**, and to *John Vere* Nephew of the same Earl, the wardship and marriage of the said *Eliz:* to the intent (as the Record saith) that she should be married to the said *John Vere*, who was then servant to the King, and next heir male to the aboveseid Earl.

Of which *Trussells*, whose seat was at **Aylmesthorpe** in **Leicestershire** (which they also had by *Charnells* heir) I have onely added the descent, that the succession of this Lordship may be the better illustrated; for in **Warwickshire** they had no imployment of note. But by *Edward* Earl of **Oxford**, towards the latter end of Qu. *Eliz.* reign, was it sold unto *John Shugborough* Esq; then one of the six Clerks in Chancery; which *John* dyed [l] seized thereof in 42 *Eliz.* leaving *Henry* his son and heir, of whom *Edward Boughton* of **Lawford** Esq; (having those lands in **Bilton** sometime belonging to **Pipwell**-Abby, which after the dissolution were obtained by his Grandfather) purchased it about the beginning of King *James* his reign; and procured afterwards a [m] Charter of **Free-warren** to him and his heirs therein; which *Edward* disposed thereof to *Thomas Boughton* his second son, who now, *scil. anno* 1640. maketh his residence here.

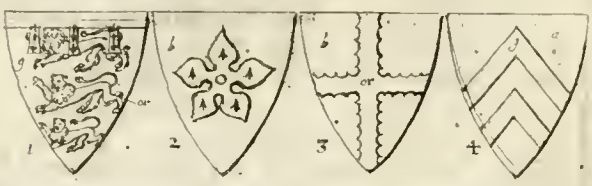
The Church (dedicated to St. *Mark*) was in *a.* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. valued [n] at ix marks; but in [o] 26 *H.* 8. at xvi l. x s. vi d. the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then [p] being ix s. vi d.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Instit.	
	Thomas de Leycestria rector eccl. de Beaulton. a. 1308. 7 *E.* 2.	*Regist. de Pipwell; f.* 8. *b.*
Nich. de Charnels.	*Joh. de Charnells, filius D. Georgii de Charnells,* 8. *Kl. Iulii, a.* 1322. (16. *E.* 2.)	*Northb. f.* 4. *a.*
D. Lucia quondam uxor D. Georgii de Charnells.	*Ric. des Aspes,* xii. *Kal. Julii, a.* 1322. (16. *E.* 2.)	*Ib. f.* 17. *a.*
Nich. de Charnels miles.	*Gilb. de Sutton accolitus.* iii. *Non. Sept. a.* 1349. (23. *E.* 3.)	*Ib. f.* 50, *a.*
Laur. Trussell ar. D. de Beaulton & Matildis ux. ejus, patroni.	*Ric. de Wodeman Pbr.* xv. *Martii, a.* 1390. (14. *R.* 2.)	*Sk. f.* 6. *a.*
D. Rob. Lytton miles D. de Beulton.	*Joh. Wyllye Cap.* xx. *Sept. an.* 1409. (10. *H.* 4.)	*Burgh. f.* 23. *b.*
Rob. Lyton miles. D. de Bylton.	*Joh. Redyman Cap... Martii, a.* 1413. (14. *H.* 4.)	*Ib. f.* 34. *b.*
D. Will. Trussell miles.	*Thom. Rygby Diac.* 14. *Aug. a.* 1429. (7. *H.* 6.)	*Heyw. f.* 23. *a.*
D. Will. Trussell miles.	*Joh. Woburn Pbr.* xxvi. *Apr. a.* 1444. (22. *H.* 6.)	*Ib. f.* 42. *b.*
D. Will. Trussell miles.	*Joh. Worsley Pbr.* xix. *Martii, a.* 1445. (24. *H.* 6.)	*Ib. f.* 44. *a.*
Joh. Veer Co. Oxon. ratione maritagii Eliz. filiæ & heredis Edwardi Trussell.	*Magr. Will. Base,* xxix. *Julii, a.* 1527. (19. *H.* 8.)	*Bl. f.* 13. *b.*
Alicia Worcester	*Rob. Dypsie clr.* 16. *Jan. an.* 1558.	*Sampf.*

n Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 18.
o Matth. Westm. in an. 1264, & 1265.
p Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 18.
q Pat. 2. E. 2. in dorso.
r Pat. 3. E. 2. m. 28.
s Pat. 6. E. 2. m. 13.
t Pat. 8. E. 2. in dorso.
u Clauf. 29 E. 1. in dorso, m. 13
x Ex autog: penès, Dec: & Cap. Lichf.
y Pat. 18. E. 2. p. 2. m. 38.
z Clauf: 13 E. 3. p. 1. in dorso, m. 43.
a Rot. Fr. 20 E. 3. in dorso, m. 14
b Godwin de præsul. p. 132, 133
c Pat. 30. E. 3. parte 3. in dorso, m. 17.
d Clauf: 1. R. 2. m. 19.
e Ib.
f Cart. 38. E. 3. n. 20.
g Clauf: 1. R. 2. m. 19.
b Fin. levat. Oct. Trin. 9. R. 2.
i Pat. 22. H. 7. p. 3. m. 9.
l Esc. 42. Eliz.
m Pat. 18. Jac.
n Cod. MS in Scac.
o Cod. MS penès S. Archer, mil. f. 40. b.
p Ib.

B. f. 11. b.	*de Bylton vidua ratione dimiſſ. Joh. Co. Oxon.*	1558. (1 *Eliz.*)
B. f. 11. b.	*Alicia Worceſter vidua rationes ut ſupra.*	*D. Thomas Shapman cler.* 6. *Apr. an.* 1559. 1. *Eliz.*
Ib. f. 44. a.	*Will. Randall firmarius manerii de Bylton.*	*Edmundus Enos*, x. *Dec. an.* 1570.
Morton. bundell. incert.	*Will. Replingham de Harborow-magna generoſus, ratione dimiſſ. Co. Oxon.*	*Joh. Enewes in art. baccal.* 18. *Maii, an.* 1621.

Bilton
Armes in the Church windows.



1 Earle of Lancaſter
2 Aſtley
3. Charnels
4 Whitehorſe,

Church-Lawford.

WEſtward from **Bilton**, and near the bank of **Avon**, ſtands **Church-Lawford**, (within which Pariſh is likewiſe the Village of **Long-Lawford**, lying ſomewhat higher upon the ſame River.) In the Conq. time it was rated [a] for 5 hydes, and then held by one *Rainaldus* of *Roger* Earl of **Arundell** and **Shrewsbury**, but written **Leſleford**. The lands of which *Roger*, in theſe parts, came afterwards to the family of *D'Albany*. But in *H.* 2. time, *Roger Hayrun* was Lord [b] of this place, in whoſe male line it continued till *E.* 2. time, held [c] of the heirs of the ſaid Earl of **Arundell**: So that, 'tis without doubt, that this *Roger Hayrun*, or his Father, was firſt enfeoffed thereof by one of thoſe Earls. And it may be that *William Hayrun*, who lived in the beginning of K. *Steph.* time, was [d] Father of the ſame *Roger*.

Of this family there were there 3 *Rogers* ſucceſſively, all Benefactors [e] to the Monaſtery of **Combe**; whoſe grants *John Fitz-Alan*, chief Lord of the Fee (by deſcent from *D'Albany*) confirmed [f]. The laſt whereof gave [g] a piece of waſt ground called **Bromehill**, lying alſo within this Lordſhip, to the Abby of **Pipwell**, with a younger ſon, who was admitted Monk of that houſe, upon which thoſe Monks built [h] a ſheep-cote, and planted trees, it being thenceforth called **Marham**. As alſo [i] his water-mill here, with the ſuit of the town, and their heirs, thereto, together with the ſeat of a wind-mill: and [k] bequeathed his body to be buryed in the Abby of **Combe**, thereupon giving to the Monks in pure and perpetual alms, certain lands of good value. After which, *Agnes* his widow, deſiring alſo ſepulture there, gave [l] all her goods, movable and unmovable, with her body, to that Religious Houſe. But in 36 H. 3. *Will. de Waver* is ſtiled [a] *Dominus de* **Lalleford** (in right of *Juliana* his wife, queſtionleſs; for ſhe is called [b] *hæres Rogeri Hayrun*) ſo alſo [c] in 3 *E.* 1. but how this comes to paſs,

[a] Doomſday *lib.*
[b] *Reg. de Cumba, f.* 59. *b. & 65. a.*
[c] *Teſta de Nevill.*
[d] *Rot. Pip.* 5 *Steph.*
[e] *Reg. de Cumba, f.* 59. *a.*
[f] *Ib.* 61. *a.*
[g] *Reg. de Pipw. f.* 11. *a. & f.* 39. *a.*
[h] *Ib.*
[i] *Ib.* 39. *a.*
[k] *Reg. de Cumba, f.* 59. *b.*
[l] *Ib. f.* 61. *a.*
[a] *Fin. levat.* 36 H. 3.
[b] *Reg. de Cumba.*
[c] *Autogr. in bibl. Hatton.*

Roger Hayrun having two ſons, *viz. William* and *John* (as the deſcent, and what I ſhall ſay beſides, doth ſhew) I cannot well imagine: both which were Lords of this place ſucceſſively, but dyed without iſſue (*William* being living [f] in 56 H. 3. and *John* in 8 9 *E.* 2.) leaving two ſiſters: but [h] becauſe the inheritance ſhould not be divided, and ſo diminiſhed, *John* gave [i] the ſame to *Robert*, ſon to his ſiſter *Margerie*. Which *Robert* was ſon of *William de Newnham* (by the ſaid *Margerie*) upon whom the ſaid *John*, deſigning him to be his heir, did, by a fine levyed *craſt. Joh. Bapt.* 1 *E.* 2. ſettle this Mannour, entailing it upon him the ſaid *Robert* and *Eliz.* his wife, daughter to one *Thomas Boydin* of **Stretton**, and to the heirs of the ſame *Robert* begotten on the ſaid *Elizabeth*; and for default of ſuch iſſue, to *Nicholas* brother to the ſaid *Robert*, with divers other remainders: ſo that *Robert* coming thus to the eſtate, was thereupon called *Robertus de Lalleford*: howbeit when *Iohn* dyed, I (certainly) find not.

[f] *Autogr. penès will. Viccom. Stafford.*
[g] *Nom. villarum.*
[h] *Reg. de Pipwell, f.* 11. *a.*
[i] *Ib.*

It ſeems that this *Robert de Lalleford* became a man of note in his time; for in 14 *E.* 3. he was one of the [l] Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held: but dyed before the 20 *E.* 3. for in [m] that year *John* his ſon and heir releaſed to *Iohn Whitwell* all his right in this Mannour during *VVhitwell*'s life. Which *John* dyed without iſſue, ſo that [n] *VVilliam* his brother became thereupon heir; who in 35 *E.* 3. granted [o] it to *VValter VVhythors* and *Iſabell* his wife, and to the heirs of *VValter*.

[l] *clauſ.* 14. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in dorſo. m.* 26.
[m] [n] [o] *Autog. penès ir. Vic. Staff.*

Will. Hayrun. 5 Steph.
Rogerus Hayrun. temp. H. 2.
Rog. Hayrun. 1 Joh.
Rogerus Hayrun. 36 H. 3.

... monachus apud Pipwell.	... filia.	Margeria uxor W. de Neunham.	Will. Hayrun, fil. & hæres obiit ſine prole, 56 H. 3.	Joh. Hayr. 9 E. 2. obiit ſine prole.

Robertus dictus de Lalleford. 14 E. 2. 35 E. 3.

Joh. fil. & hæres, obiit ſine prole.	Will. obiit ſine prole.

From whom deſcended Sir *Raphe VVhythors* Kt. who granted [p] it to certain feoffees and their heirs; which feoffees paſſed their title therein to *Henry* Earl of *Derby*, *Guy de Mone* Keeper of the Kings Privy Seal, Sir *Henry Green* Knight, Sir *John Bagot* Kt, and others (all great men in thoſe daies) and their heirs; their grant [q] bearing date at **Bathkynton**, in this County, the monday after the feaſt day of St. *Dunſtan.* 19 *R.* 2.

[p] [q] [r] *Ib.*

What chopping there was with it for the ſpace of xxvi years enſuing, appears not to me: but in 2 H. 6. I find, that *Nicholas Parker* of **Thornbury** (in **Glouceſterſhire**) a ſervant to *Humfry* Earl *Stafford*, paſſed it to the ſaid Earl and his heirs: whence I gheſs, that all theſe feoffments laſt mentioned were but in truſt, in thoſe turbulent times, for this family of *Stafford*: In which line it continued till the attainder of *Edward* Duke of *Buck.* (13 H. 8.) and by that means coming to the Crown, the K. by his Letters Patents, bearing date 29 *Martii* the ſame year, granted [s] it to *Thomas*

[s] *Pat.* 13. *H.* 8. *parte* 3a.

Thomas Marquess *Dorset* for life; and afterwards, by the like Letters Patents, bearing date 27. *Junii* 15. of his reign to [t] the said *Thomas* and to the heirs male of his body.

[t] *Pat. 15. H. 8. p. 1.*

But I suppose that it came to the Crown, 1. *Maria*, by the attainder of *Henry* D. of **Suffolk**, Son to the same *Thomas*.

For in the next year the Qu. granted Licence [u] to . . . *Baylye* for alienating thereof unto *Thomas Leigh* Alderman of **London**, and his Heirs. (Of whom I shall speak more when I come to **Stoneley**) After which, it was in xi. *Eliz.* setled [w] by him on *Alice* his wife during her life, the remainder to *William Leigh* his younger son, and the heirs male of his body; whose grandchild *Francis* Lord **Dunsmore**, of whom I shall make further mention in **Newnham-Regis**, doth now (*scil. an.* 1640.) enjoy it.

[u] *Pat. 1. 2. Ph. & M. p. 7.*

[w] *Lib. 3. cedularum.*

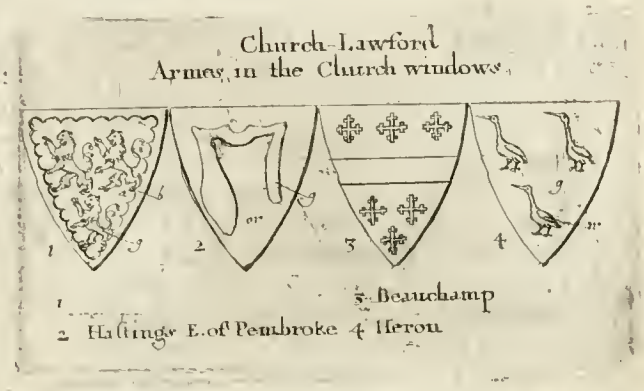
In *an.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. the Church (dedicated to St. . . . .) was valued [x] at x. marks; and in 26. *H.* 8. at [y] xiii. xv. *sol.* iiii. d. the *procurations* and *Synodalls* then issuing out of it being viii. *sol.*

[x] *Cod. MS. in Scac.*

[y] *Cod MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 41. a.*

The Patronage of this Church was antiently in the Abbot and Covent of St. *Peters super Dinam* in **France**, in respect of the Priory of **Wolfrichston** (now **Wolston**) in this County, (a Cell thereto belonging:) but afterwards in the Prior and Covent of *Carthusians* near **Coventre**, as by the Institutions may be seen; and as I shall have occasion, when I come to **Wolston**, more particularly to manifest: yet never appropriated to either of those religious houses.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Institut.	
Procurator Abb. & Conv. S. Petri super Dinam	*D. Joh. de Berevill Pbr. in Festo S. Barnab. Apostoli an.* 1300.	*Langt. f. 6. a.*
Idem procurator.	*Thom. le Breton Cleric.* ix. *Kl. Jan. an. præd.*	*Ib.*
D. Rex. ratione temporal. Abb. S. Petr. super Dinam in manu sua existentium.	*Petrus de Medburne accolitus,* vi. *Id. Dec. an.* 1325.	*Northb. f. 20. a.*
Procurator Abb. & Conv. S. Petri super Dinam	*Rob. le Venour Capell,* vi. *Kl. Jan. an.* 1326.	*Ib. f. 21. a.*
	Rog. de Boyvile Cap. iii. *Non. Aug. an.* 1330.	*Ib. f. 23. b.*
Edw. R. Angl. ratione temporal. Priorat. de Wolfrichston in manu sua existen.	*Joh. de Weston accol. pridie Non. Dec. an.* 1337.	*Ib. fol. 32. a.*
D. Rex hac vice.	*Joh. Grene Pbr.* xv. *Kl. Dec. an.* 1357.	*Stret. f. 22. b.*
D. Rex (&c.)	*Will. de Swafeld Cler.* iiii. *Febr. an.* 1383.	*Ib. f. 31. a.*
Pr. & Conv. S. Annæ ordinis Carthus. juxta Coventre.	*Will. Penreth Cler.* xxi. *Apr. an.* 1408.	*Burgh. f. 20. a.*
	Will. Penreth accol. vii. *Oct. an.* 1408.	*Ib. f. 21. a.*
	Gregorius Neuport decret. bacc. 7. *Sept. an.* 1416.	*Bull. f. 5. a.*
	Rob. Helpe Pbr. xvi. *Oct. an.* 1421.	*Heyw. f. 6. b.*
	Nich Bolton, xxi. *Martii an.* 1425.	*Ib. f. 17. b.*
	Joh. Norton in decretis bacc. x. *Febr. an.* 1452.	*Bowl. f. 3. a.*
Id. Pr. & C.	*D. Thomas Walker,* ix. *Apr. an.* 1508.	*Bl. f. 5. a.*
	Mag. Rog. Carleton, ... an. 1534.	*Cod. MS. penes S. Archer eq. aur. f. 41. a.*
Joh. Bradburne hac vice ratione conceff. Pr. & Conv. Carthus. juxta Coventre.	*Mag. Rob. Baytt in sacra theol. bacc.* iii. *Jan. an.* 1546	*Sampf. f. 42. a.*
Tho. Leigh miles, Maior modernus Civitatis London.	*Humfr. Bate in art. baccal.* vi. *Febr. an.* 1559.	*Sampf. & B. f. 12. b.*
Tho. Leigh miles.	*Will. Bolton Cler.* x. *Aug. an.* 1567.	*Ib. f. 42. b.*
Chr. Hoddesden Gener. hac vice patronus, ex concessione Will. Leigh militis.	*Joh. Sclater in art. Mag.* xviii. *Maii an.* 1612.	*Neale. Bundell. A.*



Long-Lawford.

THis place (as I have said) is in the Parish of **Church-Lawford**.

In the Conq. time *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I am to speak in **Monkskirby**) possest it; and, in the xii. year of that Kings reign gave [a] to the Monastery of St. *Nicholas* at **Angiers** in **France**, amongst other things, two parts of the Tithes of Corn and Cattel, and the whole Tyth of Wool and Cheese, arising within the Precincts thereof, which were received by the Prior and Covent of **Monkskirby** before mentioned. In that Grant it is written **Lellevort**, but in the Conq. Survey, where the same *Geffrey* is certified to hold five hydes here, **Lellesord**; The addition of the first Syllable **Longe**, being of later times used to distinguish it from the other, which we now call **Church Lawford**; and doubtless, was put thereto in respect that it lyes not so round together as many other towns do.

[a] *Autogr. in bibl. Coton.*

That *Nigellus de Albany*, Progenitor to the family of *Moubray*, became possest of all *Wirce* his lands is apparent: (whereof I shall speak more largely, when I come to **Monkskirby**) which *Nigellus*, or *Roger* his Son (who assumed the name of *Moubray*) enfeoft *Robert de Stutville* thereof: for I find that the said *Robert*, about the beginning of *H.* 2. time, passed [b] it to *John de Stuteville* his younger brother; who, for the health of his own soul, and of the souls of his father and mother, *Robert* his brother, both their childrens souls; as also the souls of K. *Henry* 2. and his

[b] *Autogr. in officio Armorum.*

his Queen, bestowed [c] it on the Monks of **Pipwell**.

Within the Precinct of this Lordship was [d] a certain *Spynney* called **Black-thyrne**, whereupon those Monks built a Corn-Mill, and a Fulling-Mill; which graunts were [e] in the beginning of *H.* 2. time: for by the said *John de Stutevile*'s confirmation, he ratified it unto the Monks, by the name of **Thyrne-Mill**, with the Floodgates and Damme to the same height and breadth, as it was that year in which the said K. *Henry* returned from **Tholose**, *viz.* the vi. year of his reign. All which were confirmed by *William* [f] the son of the said *Robert de Stotevile*, [g] *Iohn* and [h] *Roger* sons of the said *Iohn*, and by [a] *Roger de Mowbray*, chief Lord of the Fee; as also by [b] *Roger Pantolfe* nephew and heir to *Roger de Stutevile*; betwixt which *Roger* and the Monkes of **Pipwell** there were two agreements concerning Common in the Moor of **Long-Lawford**, digging of Turf for fewell, and likewise about fishing in the River of **Avon**; one of these bearing date in [c] xi. *Ioh.* and the [d] other 3. *H.* 3. as are to be seen at large in the Leiger-Book of that Monastery.

In [e] 11. *E.* 1. the Monks of **Pipwell** had **Free warren** (*inter alia*) granted to them in this **Lallesford**. But there is little else of moment that I have met with concerning this place, till after the dissolution of the Monasteries; howbeit then, *viz.* in [f] 33 *H.* 8. did the K. Grant, (amongst other things) to *Edward Boughton* Esq. and his heirs, the graunge of **Long-Lawford**, **Thyrn-Mill**, and divers other lands there, which were belonging to **Pipwell**-Abby. And in [g] 7 *E.* 6. the Mannour unto one *John Green* of the City of **Westminster**, and *Raphe Hall* of **London** Scrivener, and their heirs: which *Iohn* in 1 *Mariæ* past [h] away his right therein unto *Elizabeth Boughton*. But I suppose that *Hall*'s part came shortly after to one *Thomas Wightman*: for in 4 *Eliz.* the said *Thomas* granted [i] it, by the name of the Mannour of **Lawford**, which belong'd to the Monks of **Pipwell**, unto Sir *Thomas Leigh* Kt. and Dame *Alice* his wife: which Sir *Thomas* dyed [k] seized thereof; and at this day *Francis* Lord **Dunsmore**, his great grand-child, (by Sir *William Leigh* a younger son) enjoys it, *viz. an.* 1640.

I have now done with **Long Lawford**.

There is in this Parish of **Church-Lawford** a place called the **Stude**, situate upon **Dunsmore-heath**, where was antiently a Chappell: which, with divers Churches and other things, became appropriate [l] to the Priory of **Coventre** in the year of our Lord 1260. (44 H. 3.) and as appears by the Grant [m] of K. *Philip* and *Mary an.* 1. & 2. of their reign, was an inclosed grove; but stands from the town about a mile South-west.

[c] *Reg. de Pipw. f.* 119. *a.*
[d] *Ib.* 37. *a.*
[e] *Ib. f.* 119. *b.*
[f] *Ib.* 121. *a.*
[g] *Ib. f.* 120. *a.*
[h] *Ib. f.* 121. *a.*
[a] *Ib. f.* 123. *a.*
[b] *Ib. f.* 133. *b.*
[c] } *Ib. f.*
[d] } 134. *b.*
[e] *Cart.* 11. *E.* 1. *an.* 33.
[f] *Pat.* 33. *H.* 8. *parte* 6.
[g] *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *parte* 10
[h] *Pat.* 1 *M. parte* 14.
[i] *Pat.* 4. *Eliz. p.* 9.
[k] *Lib.* 3. *cedular.*
[l] *Rot. Reg. Meyland quondam Episc. Cov. & Lich. m.* 4.
[m] *Pat. de an.* 1. & 2. *Ph. & M. p.* 1.

Wolston.

FOllowing the stream of **Avon**, the next place I come to is **Wolston**, which is a large Parish, and conteins sundry villages and hamlets: *viz.* **Perston**, **Stretton** upon **Dunsmore**, and **Princthorpe**, on the same side the River; with **Brandon** and **Bretford** on the other.

In the Conq. days Earl *Roger* held it by *Raimaldus* his under-tenant; it being then certified [a] to contein five hydes and one virgate of land: but in the generall Survey written is **Wluricetone** in one place, and **Wluestone** in another, all under the title of *Terra Rogerii Comitis* (at which time there was a Church) and had its appellation originally from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, *Wulfricus* being a name usuall in these days; from whence it hath antiently been written **Wulfrichestone** and **Wolfrichston**, though by contraction it be now called **Wolston**.

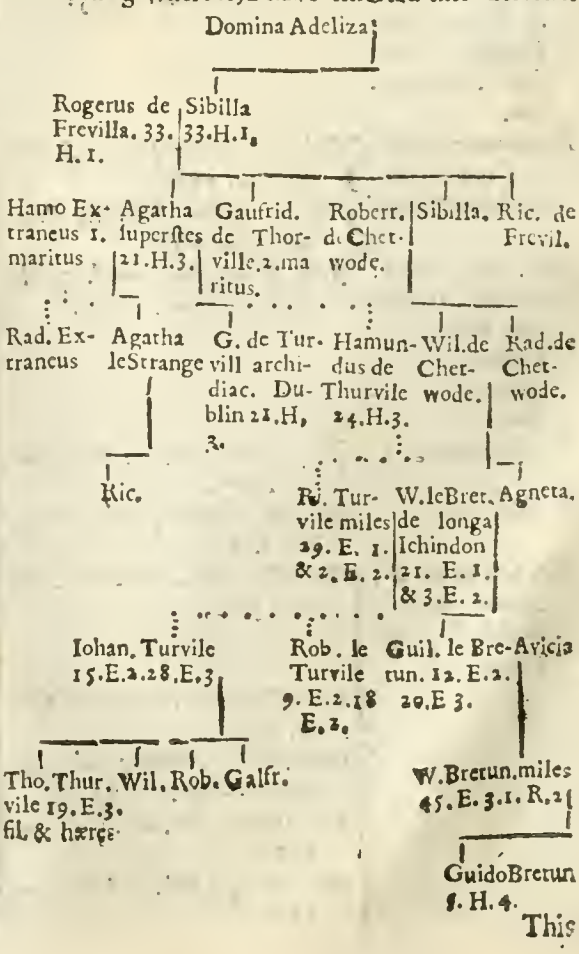
[a] *Domesday lib.*

This *Rogerius Comes*, before mentioned, is he who was surnamed *de Montegomerico* by our old Historians, being one [p] of the chief Councellours to *William* Duke of **Normandy** for his expedition into **England**; and, to second his advice, adventured [q] himself in the Battail against K. *Harold*, in which the Duke was victor; whereupon, as a reward for his fidelity and service, he [r] had, first the City of **Chichester** and Castle of **Arundell**; and afterwards the Earldome of **Shrewsbury** bestowed upon him by the Conq. And, by him, or one of his sons, do I conclude, that *Alanus filius Fladaldi*, (progenitor to that great family of *Fitz Alan*) became enfeoft of this Lordship: for; that he had to do here, I have seen good authority, [s] besides the testimony that his descendants, Earls of **Arundell**, were [t] superior Lords of the fee.

From which *Alan* it divolved to *Roger de Fredvill* in mariage with *Sibilla* his wife, whose daughter, 'tis like she was. For I find, that the same *Roger* and *Sibill* [u] gave lands out of it to the Monks of **Burton** (*super* **Trent**) in *an.* 1132. (*viz.* 33. *H.* 1.) *quas prius obtulerat domina Adeliza mater* Sibillæ *tempore* Nigelli *Abbatis*, as the Leiger book of that house expresses; but who this *domina Adeliza*, her mother, was, I cannot yet discover.

[p] *Gesta Will. ducis Norm. p.* 197. *A.*
[q] *W. Gemet. p.* 311. *C.*
[r] *Ord. Vital. eccl. hist. p.* 522. *B.*
[s] *Regist. de Burton fol.* 18. *a.*
[t] *Testa de Nevill.*
[u] *Regist. Abb. de Burton f.* 18. *a.*

Here was in **Wolston** a religious House, subordinate to the Abby of St. *Peter Super Dinam* (in the Dioces of **Bais** in **France**) of which I shall say more anon: resolving now to take notice of the posterity of the said *Roger de Frevill* and *Sibilla*, with whom the inheritance of **Wolston** went, and what I find memorable of them: for the clearer understanding whereof, I have inserted this descent.



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This *Roger* was a benefactor to the Cannons of **Kenilworth**, by the consent of *Sibill* his wife, giving [w] them one hyde and one virgate of land here. And had issue *Richard*, *Agatha*, and *Sibill*: which *Richard* became a benefactor to the monasteries of [x] **Alcester** and **Combe** in this County; To the first whereof he granted the Church of **Pebworth** in **Gloucester**-shire, and to the other; his Mill [y] at **Merston** in this Parish: but had no children, it seems, for his Sisters became his heirs: whereof *Agatha* married to *Geffrey Thorvile*, and *Sibill* to *Robert Chetwode*; who both, with their husbands, did confirm the gift of **Merston**-Mill made to the Monks of **Combe** by their Brother *Richard*. But, forasmuch as the descent from the said *Agatha* is not so cleared by authority of Record or other evidence, as I could wish; I must, by that light, which I have, point out what I conceive hath most affinity with Truth, which in this and the like uncertainties, is expresst by prickt lines, as in the example may be discerned.

This *Geffrey* **Turvill** (for it may very well be he) gave [a] the Chappel of **Stockingforth**, with certain lands there, to the Abby of **Leicester**. But the first husband to the said *Agatha* was *Hamon Strange*: which *Hamon*, by his wifes consent, confirmed [b] to the monastery of **Kenilworth** five virgates of land in **Wulfrichesston**, that *Roger Frevill* and *Sibill* his wife had formerly given thereto; and had issue a daughter named *Agatha*, who gave [c] to the Abby of **Combe** for the health of her soul, and the soul of *Richard* her son, and the rest of her children certein errable land lying in **Wulfrichesston** fields. In which grant she is called *Agatha le Straunge filia Hamonis le Straunge*; but what her husband was I find not.

In [d] 24 H. 3. amongst the Kts. fees which were assigned to *Hawys* the widow of *John Fitz-Alan*, in this County, there is mention of one, held of the said *John*, by *Hamon Turvill*, and another by the heirs of *Raphe Straunge*. Which *Hamon* (as I guesse) was the son of *Geffrey Turvile* and *Agatha*; and gave [e] lands in **Merston** within this Parish, to the Monks of **Combe**.

This *Agatha de Turvill* lived to a great age; for I find, that by the procurement of *Geffrey Turvill*, her son; who was Arch-Deacon of **Dublin** and the Kings Treasurer there, she had a Patent [f] whereby her self and her heirs were, during her life, free'd from suit to the County and Hundred Courts for **Wuluerechesston**, **Merston**, and **Wretford** in this Shire. Which *Geffrey* being elected * Bpp. of **Ossory** in that Kingdom, had the royall assent for confirmation thereof. But the next of this line, that I meet withall, as Lord of **Wolston**, is Sir [g] *Richard Turvile* Kt. in 29. *E.* 1. then one of the Coroners in this County, an [h] Office, in those days of great accompt, and confer'd onely upon the wisest and discreetest Knights that might best attend thereon: for there is a writ in the Register [i] *Nisi sit miles*, whereby it appeareth, that there was a sufficient cause to remove a Coroner chosen, if he were not a Knight, and had not C. *sol.* Rent of Free-hold. But I find, that in regard of impotency, he was discharged of that Office, and dyed the same year, as 'tis like; for in 9 *E.* 2. was *Robert de Turvile* certified [k] to be Lord of **Wolfrichesston**, with the members thereto belonging. To which *Robert* succeeded *John de Turvile*; who in 19. *E.* 2. levyed [m] a Fine thereof; entayling it on himself and his children by *Margaret* his wife; but for default thereof, to *Thomas Ferrers* and his heirs: and left issue [n] *Thomas Turvile* his son and heir, *William*, *Robert*, and *Geffrey*. Howbeit, after the 34 *E.* 3. that this *Thomas* presented to the Chappel of **Wretford**, I find no more mention of these *Turviles* here.

Nor further of this place till x. *R.* 2. that Sir *William Wauton* Kt. and Dame *Ismania* his wife, levyed a Fine [o] thereof to the use of Sir *William Bagot* Kt. and *William Glym*, and the heirs of the said Sir *William Bagot* for ever: by which Fine it appears that there was special warranty against her the said *Ismania*; whence I guess, that she was *Turviles* daughter and heir. Which Sir *William Bagot* left issue *Isabell* [b] his daughter and heir, wife [c] to *Thomas Stafford*; who in *H.* 5. time, past [d] it to the Canons of **Kenilworth** without licence; whereupon, it being seized [e] into the Kings hands, was in 6 *H.* 6. granted [f] to *John Verney* Clerk, and *John Throgmorton*, to hold for twelve years: but in 10 *H.* 6. *Iohn Weston* of *Weston*, Sergeant at Law, *Iohn Beauchampe* of **Kenilworth** Priest, and *Iohn Stokes* of the same **Kenilworth** Yeoman, were [g] certified to hold it, with **Merston**, by the fourth part of a Knights fee. How they had it, or how they parted with it I find not; but certein it is, that *Nicholas Metley* a Lawyer, soon after obteined it, and by his last will [h] and Testament, dated 12 *Nov.* 16. *H.* 6. appointed, that his Feoffees thereof should hold it to the use of *Joane* his wife during her life, and afterwards to the behoof of *Margaret* his Daughter by the said *Joane*, and her heirs for ever: which *Joane* took [i] to her second husband one *Richard Hotoft*, who was constrained to [k] defend his wifes right therein against *Thomas Throgmorton*, and one *John Brokesby* in 30. *H.* 6. they then laying claim thereto; but of this suit the Plantiffes had little benefit as it seems; for after the decease of the said *Joane*, *John Hugford* of **Emscote** possest [l] it in right of *Margaret* his wife, daughter to the before specified *Nicholas Metley*, and dyed [m] seized thereof 1. H. 7. leaving *John Beaufoe* son and heir of *Joane* his daughter, *Margaret*, *Alice*, and *Anne* daughters to him the said *John* and *Margaret Metley* abovesaid his next heirs, as when I come to **Emscote** shall more plainly be shewed; whereupon in 4. H. 8. *scil.* 12. *Aug.* partition [n] being made of *Hugford*'s lands, *Iohn Cotes* (of **Honingham** in right of *Alice* his mother, had these mannours of **Wolston** and **Merston**; which *Iohn* by his deed, [p] bearing date xx. *Aug.* the same year, past them in exchange to *Edward Belknap* Esq. and his heirs, as in **Dercet** I shall more fully shew.

This *Edward Belknap* was afterwards a Kt. and by his Testament [a] gave **Wolston** with the mannour of **Marston** to his brother in Law, *William Shelley* Esq; and *Alice* his wife, sister of the said Sir *Edward*, and to the heirs of the said *Alice*, reserving first an estate for life in them to his wife: which *William Shelley*, by the said *Alice*, had issue [b] *Iohn Shelley* his son and heir, who dyed [c] seized of them 16. *Dec.* 4. *E.* 6. leaving *William* his son and heir 12. years old; who being attainted [d] for treason committed xv. *Dec.* 25. *Eliz.* forfeited all the estate he had here, (which was no more than for life, by reason of an entayl made 16. *Ian.* 23. *Eliz.*) so that dying

[w] *Regist. de Kenillw. p. 56. & p. 70.*
[x] *Pat. 8. H. 6. p. 1. m. 15. per Inspex.*
[y] *Regist. de Cumba f. 53. b.*
[a] *Regist. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 131*
[b] *Regist. de Kenill. p. 56.*
[c] *Regist. de cumba f. 52. a.*
[d] *Clauf. 24. H. 3. m. 10.*
[e] *Regist. de Cumba f. 54. a.*
[f] *Pat. 21. H. 3. m. 2. Clauf 22. H. 3. m. 23.*
[g] *Clauf. 28. H. 3. m. 8.*
[h] *Ex autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Leic.*
[i] *Stat. Westm. Cap. 10.*
[k] *Fol. 177. b.*
[l] *Clauf. 8. E. 2. m. 28.*
[m] *Nom. Vill.*
[n] *Octab. Vill.*
[o] *Autog. penès S. Archer mil.*
[a] *Mense Pasch. 10. R. 2.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès Wil. Bromley de Baginton ar.*
[c] *Rot. fin. 6. H. 6. m. 8.*
[d] *Rot. penès Remem. Regis in Scac.*
[e] *Ex autog. penès Edw. Ferres de Badsley ar.*
[f] *Placita de T. Hil. 30. H. 6. Rot. 322.*
[g] *Ex autog. penès S. Archer mil.*
[h] *Esc. 1. H. 7. n. 8.*
[i] *Clauf. 4. H. 8. in dorso, m. 24. & 25.*
[k] *Autog. penès G. Warner ar. 1640.*
[l] *Manwaring Qu. 17.*
[m] *Esc. 4. E. 6.*
[n] *Ex evidentiis Georgii Warner ar.*
[o] *Fin. levat. T. Hill. 23. Eliz.*

ing without issue, 15 *Apr.* 39 *Eliz.* these Mannours, by vertue of the said entail, came to Sir *John Shelley* Kt. and Bt. son and heir to *John Shelley* brother of the said *William*: which Sir *John*, by his deed [f] of bargain and sale bearing date 19 *Oct.* 10 *Jac.* conveyed the same to *George Warner* Gent. and his heirs, the present Owner thereof, *an.* 1640.

[f] *Autogr. penès Geo. Warner de Wolston, præd.*

I now return to the descendants from *Robert de Chetwode*, by *Sibilla* the other daughter and coheir of *Roger de Frevill* (before mentioned.)

This *Robert* had issue *Raph de Chetwode*, and *William*; which *Raph* confirmed [g] his Uncle *Richard Frevill*'s grant of **Perston**-mill to the Abby of **Combe**: but left no issue, as it seems: for *William* his brother inherited the estate; and having given [h] to those Monks certain errable lands in **Wolston**-field, left one onely daughter [i] and heir married to *William le Bretun* of **Long-Ichington**, betwixt whom they had issue *Guy le Bretun*. Which *Guy* in 15 *E.* 2. (with other Commissioners) was appointed [k] to assess the sum of cc l. imposed upon those Knights, Esquires, and other men at Arms in this County, who being summoned to attend the King in person against the Rebels here in **England** (*viz.* *Thomas* E. of **Lancaster**, and his complices) desired to be exempted from that service.

[g] *Regist. de Cumba, f. 53. b.*

[h] *Ib. fol. 52. a.*

[i] *Ib.*

[k] *Clauf. 15 E. 2. in dorso, m. 12.*

In 2 *E.* 3. he was [l] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **York**. And in 9 *E.* 3. one [m] of the Commissioners assigned to assess and collect the sum of 1201. in this County for the discharge of lx Hobelers and cc Archers, which were to be chosen and armed, as also conducted to **Newcastle** upon **Tine**.

[l] *Clauf. 2. E. 3. in dorso, m. 32.*

[m] *Pat. 9 E. 3. p. 1. m. 2.*

In [n] 14 & 15 *E.* 3. he was assigned, with others, to make sale of the Ninth of Sheafes, Fleeces, and Lambs in this County granted to the K. in Parliament; as also to levy [o] and collect a Tenth granted in the same Parliament; and founded [p] a Chantry in the Abby of **Combe** for one Monk to sing Mass daily there at the Altar of St. *Edmund* the Archb. for the soules of *William le Breton* his father, and of *Avice* his wife, and their ancestours; which *Avicia* was a Benefactress in the enlarging and beautifying the Church of **Wolston**, as her picture in a North window thereof doth manifest.

[n] *Clauf. 14 E. 3. p. 1. m. 3.*

[o] *Pat. 15. E. 3. m. 31.*

[p] *Pat. 14. E. 3. p. m. 47.*

[q] *Autogr. penès Will. D. Craven.*

This *Guy* had issue Sir *William Bretun* Kt. Lord also of **Wolverton** in this County, and one of the [a] Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster**, 45 *Edw.* 3. who being constituted [b] Shiriff of the Counties of **Warwick** and **Leicester**, 49 *E.* 3. in [c] 1. *R.* 2. served again as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**; and left issue [d] *Guy*; of whom I find nothing memorable, neither can I trace down this descent any further.

[a] *Clauf. 45 E. 3. in dorso, m. 34.*

[b] *Rot. fin. 49 E. 3. m. 20.*

[c] *Clauf. 1. R. 2. in dorso, m. 22.*

[d] *Esc. 5 H. 4. n. 19.*

I now come to the Monastery sometime here situate; which being a *Cell*, as I have said, to St. *Peters sup Dinam* in **France**, was one of those we commonly call **Priories-alien**. But of these Cels have I not seen many formal foundations; the course being, for the most part, barely to grant the Land and Tithes (as by a multitude of instances might be manifested:) After which the Monks beyond Sea, partly to propagate more of their own Rule, and partly to have faithfull Stewards to transmit unto them a good proportion of the profits arising out of such their new acquired possessions at so great a distance, built competent places for the reception of a small Covent, and then sent over such a number as they thought fit, constituting Priors over them successively, as occasion required: which grants were all very antient, I mean shortly after the Conquest; being commonly made by such, who had themselves been Founders of some Religious House, or at least their Ancestours, or near Allyes. And that the grant of this at **Wolston** was about that time I have intimated, these circumstances do much satisfie me; (for in our publick Records can I find nothing thereof) First, that the Fabrick of the Tower Steeple hath the apparent form of those Buildings which were in use soon after the Normans entrance: And next, that *Roger de Montgomeri*, the Possessour of this place in the Conquerours time, stood in a near relation of kindred [e] to *Robert* Earl of **Ewe**, who with his Brother *Hugh*, Bp of **Lisieux**, assisted [f] their Mother *Lescelina* [g] in the foundation of St. *Peters super Dinam* before specified, as the descent herewith drawn will shew; and so consequently was the more like to be a Benefactor to that Monastery.

[e] *W. Gem tic. p. 27 C.*

[f] *Ib.*

[g] *Ord. vital. p. 54 D.*

Quidam potens de nobili genere Danorum.

Richardus I. dux-Normanniæ.	Gunnora. Osbertus de-Bolebec.
Guillelmus.	Lescelina. Hugo de Monte-gomerico. | Roscelina.
Hugo episcopus Lexovii.	Rob. Aucensis Comes. Rogerius de Montegomerico.

But whether there was any grant thereof at all, otherwise than verbal, is somewhat disputable: for in those elder times, concessions by Charter were not very common I am sure, as may appear by this instance to the Monastery of **Daventre** in **Northamptonshire**, *viz.* by *Stephan de Velton*, of the Church of **Staverton** in that County, bearing date in the year 1161. 7 *H.* 2. In which Charter there is this expression, [h] *Hanc eandem ecclesiam de Staverton ad jus ecclesiæ Daventrensis pertinentem, & membrum ejus, pluribus annis ante hanc donationem sancto Augustino & suis, patre meo annuente, reddideram; sed nullam chartæ vel sigilli defensionem contra posterorum cautelam & vexativam pulsationem dederam, & actionem meam immunitam reliqueram: ut ergo jam ex hoc nunc in seculum rata sit & stabilis, mea quæ præcessit redditio, & quæ sequuntur adjuncta est donatio; necnon & ipsa præfatæ libertatis concessio, Scripti & Sigilli mei testimonio eas pariter munimine confirmo.*

[h] *Regist. priorat. de Daventre, f. 68. a.*

Leaving therefore the original of this finall Monastery thus uncertain, I will now descend to what our Records, or other evidences, which I have seen, do shew thereof.

It appeareth by a publick Instrument [i] of the Prior and Covent of **Tutbury**, Bearing date the day of the translation of St. *Benedict*, *an.* 1226. (10 H. 3.) that the Abbot and Covent of St. *Peters super Dinam*, had granted to the said Prior and Covent of **Tutbury** the Church * of **Wilfrichesston**, with all the appurtenances, in consideration of ten pounds sterling to be yearly paid to them and their successours by the said Prior and Covent of **Tutbury**; excepting the right of presentation to such Churches, which were of their advouson, as they should fall voyd.

[i] *Autogr. penès Pet. Wentworth mil. de Balneo.*

* *Id est*, the Priory.

But these Prioryes-alien were seized into the Kings

Kings hands, in respect of the wars he had with **France**, the Rents and Profits, which issued out of them to those forreign Monasteries, in case they had received them as formerly, being conceived[k] of advantage unto the Kings enemies; for such were the **French** then esteemed to be, as this Record doth fully manifest. [l] *Que à les maisons en Engleterre sont mandez moignes Franceys de par de la, pur convenient d'eux (id est, of those Houses in France to which they were subject) les quels n'ount conisance de gentz, ne scavent le language, ne la manere de la terre. Et outre ceo plusours d'eux avenont de notoirement feble vie, soeffrent lour maisons de eschoir, divine service amenuser, & degastent les biens de lour maison, come la chose se monstre en fait, & ount grant indignation qe ul Engleis soit avance entre eux si soit il mi si able persone; Et qe plus est a douter come homme suppose communement pur eux lour cousins & allies, & autres Franceys qe demourront oveq; eux, le Conseil de la terre est descovert, & les bienz emportez a les oeps des ewemies dont supplient, &c.*

But the first publick seizure made in that kind, (for which I have seen any authority) was in 23 *E.* 1. as appeareth by the Roul[m] of that year, wherein the particular persons in each County, to whom the custody of these Religious Houses was committed, are recorded. Which persons were to retain them in their hands during the Kings pleasure, answering to his Exchequer the profits thereout issuing, according to the tenor of the Ordinance therein made by the King and his Councel: whereupon those in this County, and in **Leicestershire**, were committed to the custody of *John de Shelton* (as the same Record sheweth) all Freeholders and other tenants of those lands being commanded to be observant to the said *John* accordingly.

It seems that K. *Edw.* 2. in [n] consideration of a certain Rent to be yearly paid into his Exchequer, did commit this Cell, with what belonged thereto, unto the Prior thereof, to hold during the Kings pleasure: for so in 1 *E.* 3. the same Prior by his Petition exhibited to the K. and his Councel then in Parliament, doth set forth, whereby he craveth restitution of the lands, goods, and chattels, with the advouson of Churches belonging to that house; and pardon for such arrearages of Rent, which were due upon the above mentioned grant of K. *Edw.* 2. whereunto the King was gratiously pleased to condescend.

After this, K. *Edw.* 3. seized it again, and committed[a] it to the Prior thereof, for a certain Rent to be paid into the Exchequer yearly; whereof default being made, and the same resumed upon the Petition of the said Prior, he allowed him iii *sol.* a week for his maintenance; command being given to *Roger de Gray* and *Henry Arderne* to make payment thereof unto him accordingly: but I do not perceive that there was any one Monk there at that time to bear the Prior company.

In[b] 31 *E.* 3. it appears, that the Prior of this Monastery, having made an agreement to pay xx l. yearly into the Exchequer, as a ferm for this Cell; and being not able to perform it, the King was pleased to pardon ten marks a year thereof for the three next ensuing years. After which, by an extent[c] of these Prioryes-alien in the 1, 2, and 3. years of K. *R.* 2. I find, that the possessions hereof were rated[d] at xxviii l. ix *sol. per annum*; and that shortly after it was committed[d] to *Warine Waldgrave*, paying xx l. yearly into the Exchequer, as *John Chater* Prior of that House had wont to do. Which frequent seizures, giving the Monks beyond Sea little hope to have any considerable profit from their English Cells for the future, occasioned the Abbot and Covent of St. *Peters super Dinam*, to think of making their best thereof. Whereupon, by their publick Instrument, bearing date 10 *Dec. an.* 1394. (18 *R.* 2.)[e] expressing, that, by reason of the wars, and distance of place, they had not received any benefit at all from thence of 50 years, their charges in sending over all waies exceeding the profit; and that, were there perfect peace concluded betwixt the Kings of **England** and **France**, the benefit would be so small to them, as that it would suffice for the maintenance but of one religious person to be sent from their Monastery thither: And therefore, considering that it might be of advantage and profit to the Prior and Covent of *Carthusians* near **Coventre**, then lately founded by K. *R.* 2. and withall that the said Prior and Covent had given them two thousand four hundred Francks, in good gold of French coyn, to be imployed in purchasing Rents and Possessions lying nearer, and more profitably to them; did they, by their said publick Instrument, grant and confirm to the same Prior and Covent of *Carthusians* this Cell at **Wolfrichesston**, with the advousons of the Churches of **Wolfrichesston**, and **Church-Lawford** in the County of **Warr.** **Potters-pirie** in the County of **Northampton**, **Homton-Dzehell** in the County of **Leic.** with all other profits and advantages, to the said Priory of **Wolfrichston** any waies belonging; to have, hold and possess to them, the said Prior and Covent of *Carthusians* and their successours for ever.

All which was confirmed by the K. Letters[f] Patents bearing date 5 *Julii*, 20 of his reign, (upon the return of a Writ[g] of *Ad quod dampnum* thereupon) and thenceforth continued to the said *Carthusians* till the general dissolution of all the Monasteries by K. *H.* 8. After which it came to the hands of *Roger Wigston*, descended from a family of the *Wigstons* in **Leicester**, divers whereof were Merchants of the Staple. Which *Roger* (being a Lawyer, I suppose, for he was Steward[h] to the Monastery of **Pinley** in this County) by his Will[i] dated 34 *H.* 8. bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Church of **Wolston**; having been Shiriff[k] of this County and **Leicestershire** in 33 *H.* 8. and in commission of the peace for divers years. And left issue[l] *William VVigston*, a Justice of Peace likewise in this County, and *Eschaetor*, [m] towards the latter end of K. *H.* 8. reign; as also Shiriff in 5 *E.* 6. but Knighted[n] in 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.* who dyed 27 *Sept.* 19 *Eliz.* and lyeth buryed in the Chancell at **Wolston**, *Roger* his son and heir being then xl[p] years of age: which *Roger* having no issue male, left the inheritance of his lands to his two daughters; whereof *Susanne* was the wife of *Nicholas VVentworth* Esq; who in her right became Lord of this Mannour (for so it is now reputed to be) and left it to Sir *Peter VVentworth* Knight of the Bath, his son and heir, the now owner thereof.

The Church dedicated to St. Margaret.

In[q] *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) the value of the Rectory here was certified at xxxiii marks: out

k *Vide Rot. Parl.* 50 *E.* 3. *n.* 128.
l *Ibid.*
m *Rot. fin.* 23 *E.* 1. *m.* 1.
n *Clauſ.* 1. *E.* 3. *m.* 22.
a *Clauſ.* 16 *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 17.
b *Pat.* 31 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.
c *Rot. penès Remem: Regis in Scac.*
d *Rot. Fin.* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 2.
e *Sk. fol.* 137. *a.*
f *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 32.
g *Esc.* 19. *R.* 2. *n.* 73.
h *Ex Cod. MS penès S.* Archer *mil. de valore eccl. f.* 10. *b.*
i *Spert. Qu.* 15.
k *Rot. Pip.* 33 *H.* 8. *Warr.*
l *Spert. Qu.* 15.
m *Esc.* 36, & 37 *H.* 8.
n *Pat. de iisdem ann. in dorso.*
o } *Esc.* 19.
p } *Eliz.*
q *Cod. MS in Scac.*

of which, besides the [q] sum of xiii *sol.* iiii *d.* due to the Bp of **Coventre** and **Lichfeld**, for the time being, as a pension, there was [r] liii *sol.* iiii *d.* yearly to be paid to the poor there, as the composition manifesteth.

The Vicaridge in [s] 26 *H.* 8. was valued at xv *l.* x *sol.* over and above viii *l.* yearly allowed for the stipend of two Priests serving in two Chappels within this Church, and ii *sol. per annum* for [t] *Synodals.*

The appropriation of the Fruits of this Church to the Monastery of St. *Peter sup. Dinam*, was antient: for I have seen a very old Copy [a] of the ordination of the Vicaridge (commonly called the Composition) made by *Alexander de Savensby*, Bp of **Cov.** and **Litch.** about the beginning of *H.* 3. time; who at his institution of *Henry de Leicester* Priest, upon the presentation of the Prior of **Tutbury**, Procurator general to the above mentioned Abbot and Covent, makes this appointment in the behalf of the said Vicar and his successors, *viz.* that they shall have all the Obventions of the Altar, as well of the Mother Church as of the Chappels, with a Messuage and a croft which one *Alanus* then held; the Vicar out of these being to pay *Synodals*, and to see that the Chappels were served by honest and able persons.

But by another Instrument [b] of the said Bp. it appears, that by the consent of the before mentioned Prior of **Tutbury**, there was an assignation made of four marks yearly to be paid to the Vicar for the time being, out of the profits of the Rectory, by the hands of the Procurator of the said Abbot and Covent, whoever he should be, at **Wolfrichesston** at two terms in the year, *viz.* two marks at the day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, and two marks on the day of her Purification; out of which the Vicar was to give yearly xiii coats, each containing three ells, and xiii pair of shoes to the poor of the parish, by the oversight of the Archdeacon of the place, or his Official; and whatsoever was remaining, himself to have towards the maintenance of one Priest, there, assisting him.

There is one thing more, that I am not willing to pass by, touching this Vicaridge; *viz.* a Commission [c] which I find granted by the Bp. of **Cov.** and **Litch.** bearing date 1 *Dec. an.* 1454. (33 *H.* 6.) to certain persons there named, and entrusted by him, to enquire of the Ordination thereof; forasmuch as the present Incumbent had signified to the said B. that the same was so slenderly endowed, that, having there the cure of souls, he could not maintain himself in that fit manner as he ought out of the profits thereof, nor well undergo what was incident to him as Vicar; and thereupon humbly craves remedy from the B. By which Commission the B. gives power to the persons therein mentioned, to call before them the Prior and Covent of *Carthusians* near **Coventre**, to whom the Rectory was appropriate; appointing, that this enquiry should be made by persons of credit both of the Clergy and Laity, and upon oath; as also thereupon to proceed in augmentation thereof as there should be cause, with power of Canonical coercion.

By which it appears, that though the Vicaridge were formerly endowed, yet, if in the discretion of the B. or his successours, at any time after, the fruit issuing out thereof to the present Incumbent, were not esteemed sufficient to maintain him in a fit manner, there might be an enlargement made out of the profits of the Rectory.

And that the B. may lawfully do this, I could manifest by very good authorities, as well as undeniable reason: but, in regard this Argument belongs to men of another profession, and that there is already a very handsome Discourse written upon this subject by Dr *Ryves*, a learned Civilian, entituled, [d] *The poor Vicars plea*, I will spare that which otherwise I could have said therein. Adding this onely, that if respect be to be had, that the Vicar is to have that competent and laudable support as is sutable to his degree and quality; for work he may not by the Laws, being to follow his study, maintain hospitality, releive the poor, pay *Procurations*, and defray all other charges incident to his Benefice; and that the Laws do allow him to marry, whereby the charge of a single person, as antiently they were, is by wife and children much, in all probability, increased; then no doubt many hundreds in *England* ought to be in this case regarded. Neither can the Impropriator, justly say, he hath wrong, though he purchased the Rectory at a dear rate; for he must needs know, that it is divolved to him with no more priviledge than the Monks had it, who were alwaies subject to coertion for the like augmentation, as cause required; it being not originally intended, that they who lived plentifully in their Cloyster should sweep away the chief fruits of the Church, the Parish which paid duely their Tithes having little advantage from them; and that the Vicar, who daily served at the Altar, should snap on short commons; but if there were sufficiency for both, each to have share; otherwise, if one must want, it should not be he that did undergo the work.

I know this will sound harshly in Impropriators ears, but *Magna est veritas, & prævalere debet.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Institt.	
Procurator Abb. & Conv. S. Petri sup. Dinam.	*Henricus de Leicestria, Pbr. H.* 3.	
	Ric. de Blaby Diac. ii. *Id. Oct. an.* 1300.	*Langt. f.* 6. *a.*
Prior de Wolrichston.	*Petrus Mallori*, xvi. *Kl. Dec. a.* 1317.	*Ib. f.* 78. *a.*
D. Rex ratione Priorat: de Wolrichesston in manu sua existent.	*Nich de Stonelay Cap.* ii. *Id. Martii, a.* 1357.	*Northb. f.* 61. *b.*
Pr. & Conv. S. Annæ Carthus. juxta Coventre.	*Will. Chamber*, Cap. xxv. *Aug. an.* 1403.	*Burgh. f.* 12. *a.*
	Alex. Benet, iii. *Jan. an.* 1410.	*Ib. f.* 27. *a.*
	D. Joh. Hill, Cap. xx. *Jun. an.* 1412.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
	Will. Prestwood, Pbr. xvi. *Maii, an.* 1421.	*Heyw. f.* 5. *a.*
	Ric. Tonsover, xi. *Julii, an.* 1424.	*Ib. f.* 13. *a.*
	Will. Prestwode, pen. Maii, an. 1432.	*Heyw. f.* 27. *b.*
	Ric. Habkyn Pbr. xiii. *Jun. an.* 1433.	*Ib. f.* 31. *a.*
	Thomas Arkynden, Pbr. xvi. *Julii, an.* 1438.	*Ib. f.* 37. *a.*
	Will. Killworth, Pbr. iii. *Oct. an.* 1447.	*Bo. f.* 7. *a.*

[q] *Stafford & Kempe, f.* 339. *a.*
[r] *Cod. MS penès S. Archer, eq. aur. f.* 29. *b.*
[s] *Ib. fol.* 140. *b.*
[t] *Synodals.*
[a] *Penès Petrum Wentworth mil. de Balneo.*
[b] *Ab exemplari pervetusto penès eundem* P. Wentworth.
[c] *Bowl. f.* 66. *a.*
[d] *Impr. Lond. an.* 1620.

Thomas

Rowl. f. 240. b.		*Thom. Forſter, Pbr.* iii. *Jan. a.* 1493.
Ib. f. 141. a.		*D. Laur. Cauſey,* xx. *Sept. a.* 1494.
Ib. f. 204. a.		*Will. Regelde,* xii. *Julii, a.* 1500.
Bl. f. 6. a.		*D. Will. Clerke, Pbr.* xii. *Jan. a.* 1512.
Samp. f. 41. b.	*Thom. Gregory de civitate Covent. hac vice ratione conceſſ: Pr. & Conv. S. Annæ.*	*D. Thom. More, Cap.* xv. *Apr. a.* 1546. (1 *E.* 6.)
Sampſ. & E. f. 9. a.	*Will. Wigſton de Wolſton, miles.*	*D. Will. Harwar, art. Magr.* ix. *Maii, a.* 1555. (2 & 3 *Ph. & M.*)
Ib. f. 12. b.	*Will. Wigſton, miles.*	*Joh. Middleton, Cler.* iiii. *Martii, a.* 1559. (2 *El.*)
Overton bundell. B.	*Roger. Wigſton. ar.*	*Edw. Lorde, in art. Magr.* xii. *Oct. a.* 1585. (27 *El.*)
Overton bundell. E.	*Roger. Wigſton de Wolſton, ar.*	*Hugo Clarke, Cler.* v. *Jan. a.* 1591. (34 *Eliz.*)

In the South Ile of this Church are there two Arches in the Wall: In one whereof there ſtill lyeth a very antient Statue of a Woman in free-ſtone, with a wimplet on her chin, and her hands in a praying poſture. In the other was the Statue of a Man, as I gueſs, which is now removed and laid cloſe to that of the Woman, having his hands elevated in ſuch ſort as the Woman, his head bare, and hair ſomewhat long, but no beard; and his outer garment looſe, extending to his feet, with a belt about his middle, and a broad ſword hanging thereat.

In the ſame Ile are two fair Grave-ſtones of marble, on each whereof hath been the pourtraicture of Women in braſs; with plates at their feet, wherein were theſe following Inſcriptions, taken notice of by Mr *William Belcher* many years ſince, but now torn out.

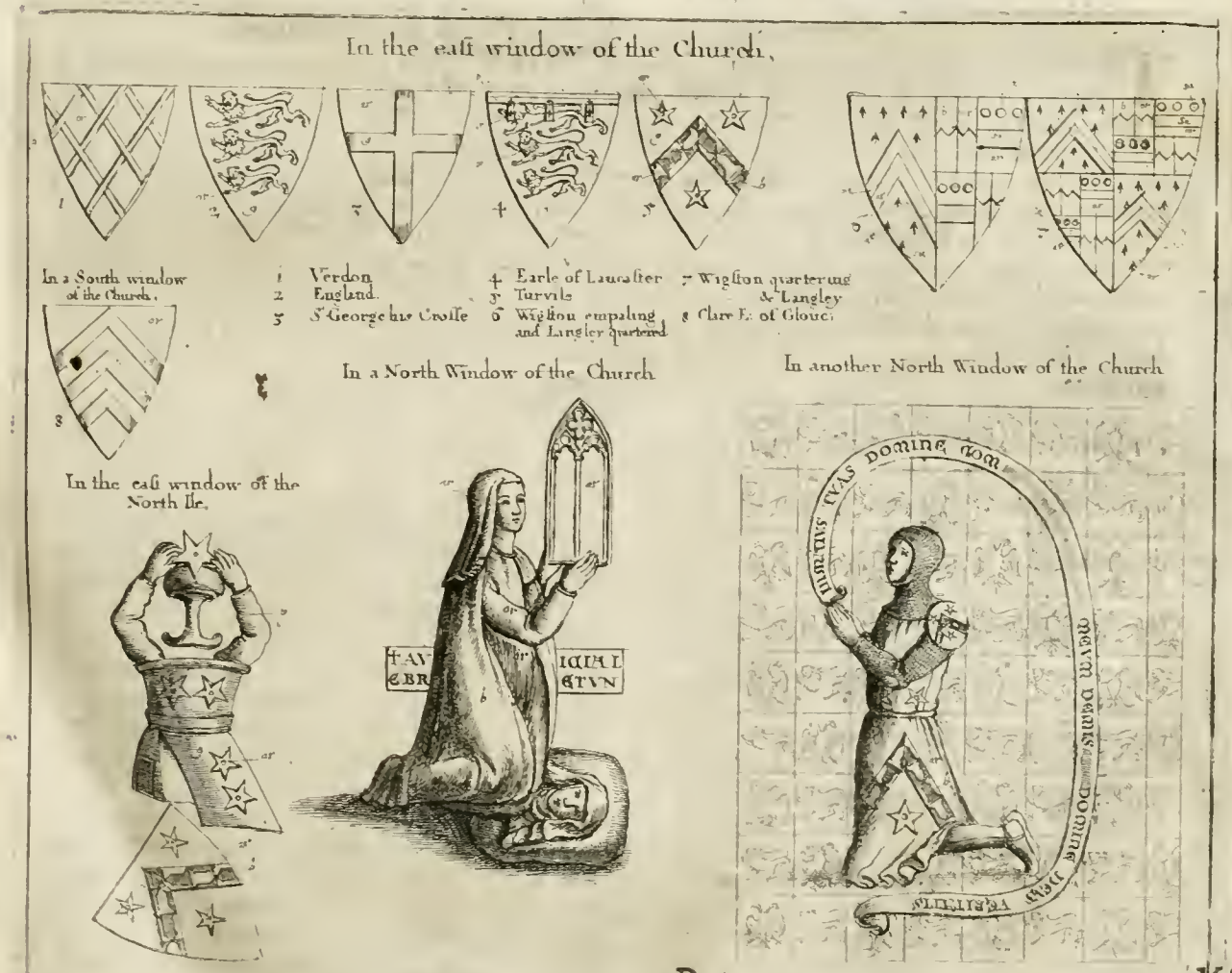
Hic jacet Johanna nuper uxor Ricardi Hotoft, quondam uxor Ricardi Metley, nuper domini de Wolſton & Merſton, que obiit anno domini. MCCCCLxxii.

Hic jacet Margareta uxor Johannis Hugford, domini de Edmeſcote, filia & heres Nicholai Metley, domini de Wolſton, Merſton, Wapenbury & Ulleſthorpe, que obiit anno domini MCCCCLxxiiii.

On the former is this Coat of Arms ſtill remaining, *viz. a Cheveron betwixt* 3 *Eagles diſplayed, empaling a Cheveron betwixt* 3 *Hunters horns, braſed.* And on the other the ſame Coats quartered.

In the Chancell, adjoyning to the South wall, is a Monument of free-ſtone, about two foot in height, with this Epitaph upon the verge thereof.

Here lyeth the body of the right worſhipfull Sir William Wigſton Knight, who deceaſed the xxvii day of September in the year of our Lord, MDlxxvii.



Merſton juxta Wolſton.

OF this Mannour, being ſituate flat and low near the River, where the ſoyl is naturally mariſh, and giveth occaſion of the name, I ſhall not need to ſay much, having already ſpoken thereof in **Wolſton**. It was antiently called *Bretons*-Mannour, *Guido Breton* writing [a] himſelf of this place in 5 and 6 *H.* 4. But how it paſt from that family, I have not ſeen, nor when; the firſt [b] mention which I afterwards find thereof being in 6 *H.* 5. where *Richard Quatermaynes* of **London**, granted the moytie thereof, with the appurtenances, to *Thomas Wodelow* and *Margaret* his wife, and to the heirs of *Thomas*; and levyed a fine [c] thereupon the ſame year: Unto which *Thomas* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of *Thomas*, did *John Boteler* of **Wolvardington** releaſe [d] all his right in the other moytie. Whereupon the ſaid *Thomas*, being poſſeſt of the whole, was in 10 *H.* 6. certified [e] to hold it by the ſervice of half a Knights fee. After which it was not long ere that it came to *Nicholas Metley*, and ſo to *John Hugford*, in right of *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heir to the ſaid *Nicholas*, as in **Wolſton** I have ſhewed: ſince which it hath paſt from hand to hand with **Wolſton**, and ſo continues to the owner of that Mannour till this day.

[a] *Autogr. penès S. Archer milit.*
[b] *Clauſ. 6. H. 5. in dorſo, m. 6.*
[c] *Craſtin. purif.*
[d] *Clauſ. 7. H. 5. in dorſo, m. 6.*
[e] *Rot. penès Remem: Regis in Scac.*

Stretton ſuper Dunſmore

THis Village takes its name from the ſituation upon that old Roman way called the **Foſſe**; which, being by the common people termed the **Street**, as all great waies and paſſages are, thence hath the name of **Stretton**: the addition, *ſuper* **Dunſmore**, being to diſtinguiſh it from the reſt of the **Strettons** in this County.

In the Conquerours time I find that ſame *Rainaldus*, whom I mentioned in **Wolſton**, held [f] alſo this place of *Roger de Montgomerie* E. of **Arundell**; it being then rated for 5 hides, and written **Stratone**.

Within the limits hereof is a very antient Mill (written long ſince **Purmulne**, but now **Pirreymill**) given [g] to the Monks of **Combe** by *Robert de Chetwode* and *Sibilla* his wife (of whom I have already ſpoke in **Wolſton**;) which Monks, in conſideration of xx marks, paſt [h] it to the Lady *Albreda Marminn*; who again aſſigned it unto them for the ſolemnizing the Anniverſaries of her huſband Sir *William Camvill*, her ſelf, *William* her ſon, and the reſt of her ſons and daughters.

There is no doubt, I think, but that this Mannour came, with **Wolſton**, to *Alanus filius Fladaldi*; for I find, that the ſaid *Alan* gave [i] certain lands here to the Abby of **Burton**. And from him likewiſe it is probable that *Roger de Frevill* had it: for in 36 *H.* 3. *Raph Strange*, who deſcended from one of the co-heirs to the ſaid *Roger* (as the deſcent in **Wolſton** ſheweth) was certified to [k] hold half a Knights fee here of *John Fitz-Alan*, deſcendant to the before ſpecified *Alanus*: but the next poſſeſſor thereof, that I have ſeen any authority for, was *Thomas de Garſhale*, *temp. E.* 1. (of whom in **Bourton** I have made mention) who, with *Maud* his wife, ſold [l] it unto *Robert de Herriz* and his heirs, to hold of them the ſaid *Thomas* and *Maud*, and their heirs, by the ſervice of 1 *d.* to be paid yearly at *Eaſter*. Which *Robert*, in conſideration of xxx marks of ſilver, ſoon after granted [m] the inheritance thereof unto *Henry de Haſtings*, ſon and Heir of Sir *Henry de Haſtings* Kt. to hold of him the ſaid *Robert* and his heirs by the ſervice of a pair of white Gloves, or 1 *d.* yearly at *Eaſter*. But this *Henry* kept it not long; for I find, that Sir *Thomas de Bray* purchaſed [n] it of him within a ſhort time after; to whoſe poſterity, reſiding here, it continued for divers deſcents: and at length (as it ſhould ſeem) by *Elene* [o] one of the daughters and co-heirs of *Richard Bray*, wife of *Edmund Starky* Gent. in *H.* 6. time, divolved to that family; in which it reſted till 4 *Eliz.* that *William Starky* ſold [p] it, by the name of the capital meſſuage, and certain lands, *&c.* in **Stretton** to the Lady *Longvile*; upon whoſe death it deſcended to *Bartholmew* her ſon and heir, by *Bartholmew Tate* of **de la Pre** *juxta* **Northampton**, her firſt husband: which *Bartholmew* in 23 *Eliz.* conveyed [q] it to *Anthony Tate* his younger brother, who left iſſue *George Tate* of **Sutton-Bonington** in *Com.* **Nott.** that, by his deed [r], dated 6 *Julii*, *an.* 1620. ſold them to *Ric. Taylor* of **Binley** in this County, to whoſe poſterity they ſtill continue.

[f] *Domeſday lib.*
[g] *Regiſt. de Cumba, f. 51. b.*
[h] *Ib. f. 51. a.*
[i] *Ex Regiſt. de Burton, fol. 18. a.*
[k] *Teſta de Nevill.*
[l] *Ex autog. penès Edw. Taylor de Binley.*
[m] [n] [o] [p] *Ibid.*
[q] [r] *Ibid.*

There is within this Village a Chappel of **All Saints**, which had a Chantry [s] therein, founded by *Thomas de Wolvardynton*, Parſon of the Church of **Lobenham** (in **Leiceſterſhire**) for two Prieſts to ſing Maſs daily at the Altar of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, for the good eſtates of the ſaid *Thomas*, *William Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**, *Richard* Earl of **Arundell**, *John Peyto* the younger; as alſo of *Alice* and *Margaret*, ſiſters to the ſaid *Thomas* the Founder, during their lives; and of the reverend Father in God *Roger Northburgh*, then B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** and for all their ſouls after their departure out of this life: as alſo for the ſouls of Sir *Peter de Wolvardington* Kt. and the Lady *Aliva* his Wife, Father and Mother of the ſaid *Thomas*: and of the ſouls of *John de Wolvardynton*, *William*, and *Peter*, brethren of the ſaid *Thomas* deceaſed; and of all faithfull people departed. For the maintenance of which two Prieſts, King *E.* 3. in 19 of his reign, granted [t] licence to the ſaid *Thomas de Wolvardynton*, to amortize three meſſuages, three yard land, four acres of meadow, three acres of wood, and xx *ſol.* rent, with the appurtenances in **Stretton** aforeſaid. After this, *viz.* in 2 *R.* 2. licence was alſo granted [u] to *Robert de Stretton*, then B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** to amortize four meſſuages, and eight yard land, with the appurtenances, lying in this Village of **Stretton**, for the maintenance of a Prieſt to ſing Maſs daily in the aboveſaid Chappel, for the good eſtate of the ſaid King whil'ſt he lived; and for the health of his ſoul, when he ſhould depart this life; as alſo for the ſouls of the Kings Father and Grandfather, and all the faithfull deceaſed. Whence I conclude, that this B. was born here, and took his name of the place, having been firſt a Canon [w] of **Litchfeild**, and Chaplain to the Black Prince (K. *Richard* the 2. Father:) but an illiterate man he was (ſaith *Godwin*) in ſo much as he found it a very difficult matter to obtain Conſecration; which nevertheleſs, through the Kings power, at length he got. in 35 *E.* 3.

The lands of the Chantry here, founded by *Thomas*

[s] *Ex autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich. Eſc. 19. E. 3. n. 8.*
[t] *Rot. fin. 19. E. 3. m. 2. Pat. 19. E. 3. parte 2. m. 19.*
[u] *Pat. 2. R. 2. parte 1. m. 33.*
[w] *Godwin de præſulibus,*

Thomas de VVolvardynton, viere in 26 H. 8. valued [x] at iiii l. xiiii *sol. per annum*; but upon the survey [y] taken 37 H. 8. at iiii l. xvii *s. per annum*.

[x] *Cod. MS penès S. Archer mil. f. 41. a.*
[y] *Cod. alter MS penès eundem S. A.*

Prinsthorpe.

OF this place, lying in the Parish of **Wolston**, but Southwards from it about two miles, do not I find any mention, till [z] 4. E. 1. at which time it was written **Prenesthorpe**.

As for the name, it proceeds, doubtless, from some antient possessor thereof, the latter syllable, *viz.* **Thorpe**, signifying a Village or Hamlet, for so in the Saxons time they were called; the Dutch to this day (whose Language hath a great affinity with our old English) calling such Villages **Dorpes**, pronouncing **d** instead of **th**.

In xx E. 3. it answered with **Stretton** upon the Aid [a] then collected. And in 31 E. 3. there was a Fine [b] levyed thereof betwixt *William de Peeke*, Parson of the Church of **Wapenbury** pl. and *Nicholas de Stoneley* and *Hugh de Geydon* Priests, Deforciants, whereby it was setled upon the said *William de Peeke* for life, the remainder to Sir *Richard Trewlow* Kt. and the heirs of his body; and for lack of such issue, to *John Hockele* and *Cecelie* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; and for default thereof, to *Nicholas le Eyr*, and his heirs.

After which I have seen little considerable of it, till it [c] came to the *Hugfords* of **Emscote** in H. 6. time; but whether by *Metley*'s heir, or not, I am yet to learn. In which family it continued till 9 H. 8. that *John Hugford* sold [d] it to Sir *William Compton* Kt. whose great Grand-child, Sir *Henry Compton* Knight of the Bath (and brother to *William* late Earl of **Northampton**) now enjoyes it, *an.* 1640.

[z] *Inq. per Hundr.*
[a] *Rot. penès Sim. Clarke, Bar.*
[b] *Quind. Hill.*
[c] *Exaut. penès Fr. Netherſole eq. aur.*
[d] *Exaut. penès Fr. Netherſole eq. aur.*

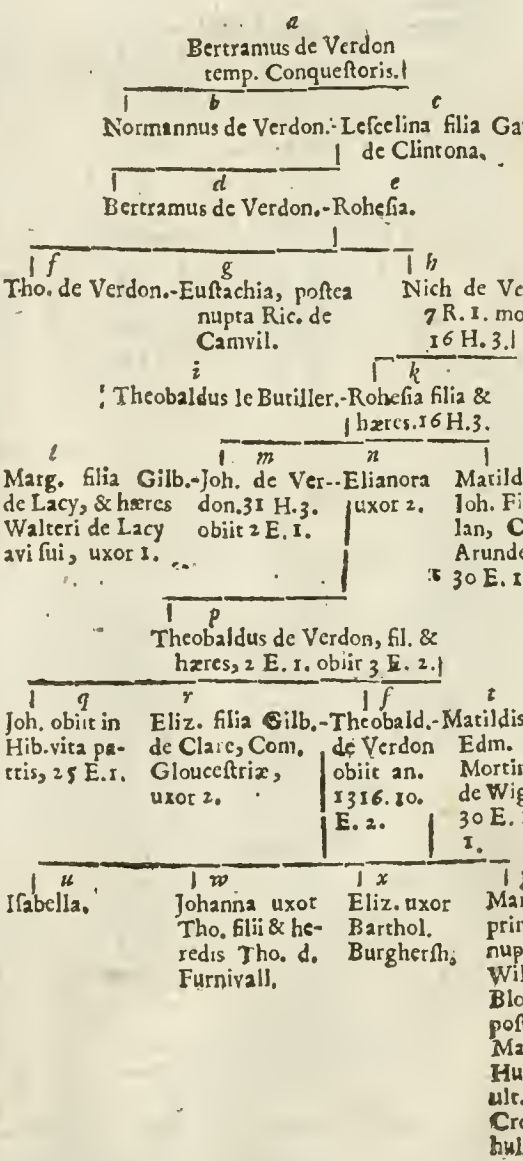
Brandon.

THis being a part of **Wolston** Parish lying on the other side of **Avon**, and situate at the foot of a Hill, the soyl whereof is sandy and dry, makes me conjecture, that it might originally have its name from the effect that the Sun by heat doth oft-times produce upon such high ground; or otherwise, because, being antiently woody, it was first made fit for tillage by burning the thickets that naturally grew thereon.

In the Conquerours dayes *Turchill de Warwick* was possest thereof, *Wlfi* then holding it of him. By the general Survey [e] then taken (where it is written **Brandune**) the extent of it is certified at half a hide, the woods containing four furlongs in length, and two in bredth, and the whole esteemed at xxv *sol.* there being then a Mill rated at xxvi *d.*

But *Turchill*'s lands being by the Conquerour, for the most part, disposed of to others (as I shall have occasion in due place to shew) this was (it seems) given to *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain and Treasurer to K. *H.* 1. and Founder of the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth** (of whose advancement, and what else is memorable, I am to speak in **Kenilworth**) whose daughter *Lescelina*, being married [f] to *Norman de Verdune*, brought it, with other lands, to that noble family: but *Geffrey* her brother had a hope to regain it: for having given [g] lands in **Bretford**, near adjoyning, to found there a small Cell for Nuns (as in **Bretford** I purpose to declare) which lands were, by those Nuns, very soon after, granted [h] to the Monastery of **Kenilworth**, and confirm'd [i] by him; covenanted [k] with the Canons of **Kenilworth**, that, if he recovered **Brandone**, he would give them as much land in value as that at **Bretford**, and have that again in exchange.

This *Geffrey de Clinton*, the second, wedded *Agnes* the daughter of *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**; and had with her in Frank marriage by the gift [l] of her Father (*inter alia*) ten Knights Fees of those seventeen that were held by him of the said Earl, *de Veteri Feoffamento*; that is to say, whereof he or his Father were enfeoffed in the time of K. *H.* 1. which ten, by those covenants of marriage, were to perform their (military) service in the custody of this **Brandune**: whereby 'tis plain, that the Castle was then in being, though it be hard to say whether *Geffrey de Clinton* the Father of *Lescelina*, or her husband *Norman de Verdune* built it.



[e] *Domesday lib.*
[f] *Pl. de T. Mich. 9. Joh. rot. 4. Oxon.*
[g] *Regiſt. de Kenill. p. 138.*
[h] *Ib. p. 7.*
[i] *Ib.*
[k] *Ib. p. 139*
[l] *Ex Cartulario Warwici Comitum penès Dudleium Baronem North. an. 1641. f. 51. a.*
[a] *Domesday lib.*
[b] *Cart. ant. R. n. 26.*
[c] *Fin. 7. R. 1*
[d] *Regiſt. de Kenill. p. 119.*
[e] *Chart. fundac. Abb. de Croxden.*
[f] *Plac: de T. Mich. 9 Joh. rot. 4. Oxon.*
[g] *Plac: de T. Mich. 9 Joh. rot. 4. Oxon.*
[h] *Plac: de T. Mich. 9 Joh. rot. 4. Oxon.*
[i] *Clauſ. 9. H. 3. m. 4.*
[k] *Rot. Pip. 16 H. 3. Warr.*
[l] *Plac. de banco 26. H. 3. term. Mich. rot. 12.*
[m] *Rob. Fin. 31. H. 3. m. 7.*
[n] *Clauſ. 4. E. 1. in dorſo, m. 18.*
[o] *Eſc. 30. E. 1. n. 30.*
[p] *Eſc. 2. E. 1.*
[q] *Rot. Fin. de an. 25. E. 1. m. 16.*
[r] *Regiſt. de Croxden.*
[ſ] *Ib.*
[t] *Ib.*
[u] *Clauſ. 18 E. 3. parte 1. m. 27.*
[w] *Rot. Fin. 3. E. 3. m. 6.*
[x] *Ib.*
[y] *Ib.*

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In the line of which *Norman* it continued for divers ages, as the descent here inserted sheweth. (their principal seat being at **Alton-Castle** in **Staffordshire**.) But little do I find memorable of it, other than, that, in 7 *R.* 1. it was garrison'd [m] by *VVill. fil. Ricardi* (a great man in this County, as in **Wroxhall** shall be manifested) who had then the custody [n] thereof, by reason of the minority of *Bertram*, son and heir to the before specified *Norman de Verdon*. To which *Bertram* succeeded *Nicholas*; who in 11 *H.* 3. had a Charter [o] of **Free-warren** granted to him and his heirs in all his demesn lands here. And raised a Pool in this place to so great a height, as that the Monks of **Combe** brought [p] an Assize of *Novel-disseisin* against him for drowning their lands in **Stretton** thereby. But it was not long afterwards ere that this Castle underwent the fate, which is incident to such strong holds in time of hostility: for it appears, that the partakers with *Simon Montfort* E. of **Leicester**, who in 39 *H.* 3. held **Kenilworth** Castle against the King, taking notice, that *John de Verdon*, Grandchild to the before specified *Nicholas*, had Commission to raise Forces in **Worcestershire** against those Rebels, issued out of of that place, and pulled [q] it down.

To which *John* succeeded *Theobald*; who, about the beginning of *E.* 1. time, extended [r] his **Free-warren** here beyond the bounds of his Barony, into the lands of the Prior of **Coventre** and Abbot of **Combe**; and ingrossed the whole fishing of **Avon**, on the one side, to himself; *viz.* from **Bretford** to **Herbines-mill**, which had wont to be common. It seems he rebuilt the Castle: for I find, [s] that it was then again in being (though now nothing remain thereof but the moats and heaps of rubbish) and had a Park thereto, containing a mile in length. As also, that [t] his Tenants were thus distinguisht, *viz.* by Servants, Cottagers, and Free-holders. Of the first sort there being xxv that held xii yard land and a half in servage; that is to say, besides payment of a certain Rent, each of them to find one workman, at the Lords disposal, to labour from Monday next after the feast day of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, untill the feast of St. *Peter ad vincula* (which is the first of *August*) in every week two daies; and after that time, till *Michaelmass*, to find one man working two daies one week, and three daies another by turns, at such imployment as the Lord should appoint. And the Cottagers to find, each of them every week, from the first of *August* till *Michaelmass*, one labourer, to work upon Monday onely, as the Lord should appoint. But the Free-holders, which were onely three, held by a certain Rent and homage, and to do service to his Court every three weeks. It was likewise then found, that he had **Free-warren** here of the grant of K. *H.* 3. and how he had incroacht upon the Prior of **Coventre** and Abbot of **Combe**; as also that he had a **Court Leete**, Gallowes, with assize of Bread and Beer, for a Palfrey yearly payable to the K. Unto which Leet his Father, being a powerfull man, had [u] drawn the Hamlets of **Thurlaston** and **Alhoe**, without any justifiable authority: but as to the rest of those priviledges, being questioned in 13 *E.* 1. by what authority he claimed them, he pleaded [w] prescription, which was allowed. To which last mentioned *Theobald*, succeeded *Theobald* his son and heir; and to him his four daughters and heirs; whereof *Elizabeth* the wife to *Bartholmew de Burgherssh* had (*inter alia*) this Lordship in partition assigned unto her: Whose son and heir, *viz.* Sir *Bartholmew*, shortly after, past [a] it unto Sir *VValter Pavely* Kt. and other feoffees; who in 43 *E.* 3. conveyed [b] it to Sir *John Delves* a **Staffordshire** Kt. from whom it came to Sir *John Arundell* Kt. who in 3 *R.* 2. dyed [c] seized thereof: and so descending to Sir *Richard Arundell*, fell by partition [d] in 16 *H.* 6. unto *Elianore* wife of Sir *VVilliam* St. *George* Kt. one of the two daughters and heirs to the said Sir *Richard*: which *Elianore* departing [e] this life without issue, it divolved [f] to Sir *Robert VVilloughby* of **Eresby** Kt. son and heir of *Thomas VVilloughby* Esq; and *Joane*, the other sister and co-heir; which Sir *Robert VVilloughby* dyed [g] 5. *E.* 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir within age: but [h] Sir *VVilliam St. George* had the possession thereof during his life, as Tenant by the curtesy of **England**, and dyed 11 *E.* 4. the reversion thereby coming to [i] *Christopher VVilloughby*, brother [k] of the last mentioned *Robert*, who was at that time 19 years of age.

From which *Christopher*, by *Thomas* a third son, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas in the later end of K. *H.* 8. reign, descended Sir *Percivall VVilloughby* Kt. (late of **Middleton** in this County, as I shall further shew when I come to speak of that place) who sold it to Sir *Henry Yelverton* Kt. Atturney General to K. *James*, within our memory.

m Rot. Pip. 7 R. 1.
n Ib.
o Carta 11. H. 3. m. 4.
p Pat. 11. H. 3. in dorso.
q Regist. de Stoneley.
r Inq. per Hund. 7 E. 1. per H. Nott. &c.
s Ib. f.
t 10. b.
u Rot. de Quo Warr. per Theſ. & Camer. Scac.
w Ib.
a Ex evidenc: Rob. Catesby attincti.
b Claus. 43. E. 3. in dorso, m. 30
c Esc. 3. R. 2. n. 1.
d Esc. 5 E. 4. n. 35.
e
f Ibid.
g
h Esc. 11. E. 4. n. 50.
i Rot. fin. 12 E. 4. m. 6.
k Esc. 11. E. 4. n. 50.

Bretforde.

THis was a member of **Brandon**, as will appear by what I am now to say, having its name from the wideness of the Forde; and for **Bradforde**, is, by corruption, called **Bretforde**. But the first mention I find thereof, is, that *Geffrey Clinton* (son to *Geffrey*, who founded the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth**) gave [l] land to the foundation of a small Cell for Nuns here; which land is particularly mentioned in his grant, the name of the first Votress there, being *Noëmi*; but it seems, she liked not the place; for her fellow Nun, named *Seburge* [m], and she past away the same lands to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in the life time of the said *Geffrey Clinton*, and by his [n] consent; *Henry de Clinton*, son of the said *Geffrey*, afterwards confirming [o] the grant. After this, *viz.* in 11 *H.* 3. *Nicholas de Verdon* obtained a special [p] Charter for a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Tuesday, and his great Grandchild *Theobald* had here a [q] Gallowes, as a badge of those royal priviledges belonging to his Castle of **Brandon**; which Gallowes were in this place at first erected, as I guess, because it lyes upon that great Roman way called the **Fosse**, so that it might be *in terrorem* to passengers. But upon partition [r] of *Verdons* lands, it went, with **Brandon**, to *Burgherssh*, in right of *Elizabeth* his mother, one of the co-heirs; since which time they have not been severed.

Here was a kind of Hospital or Chappel of St. *Edmund*; founded, I presume, by the *Turviles*, Lords of **Wolston**; for they were Patrons of it, as appears by the Institutions [s] thereunto.

l Regist. de Kenill. p. 7. & p. 38.
m Regist. de Kenill, p. 116.
n Rot. Cart. 8. E. 2. per Inspex. n. 4.
o Regist. de Kenill, p. 13.
p Rot. Cart. 11 H. 3. m. 4. Claus: de eodem an. m. 4.
q Rot: de Quo warr. 13. E. 1.
r Claus: 34 E. 3. m. 3.
s Ex Reg. Cov. & Leich. epiſc.

Rieton

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HAving now done with the Parish of **Wolston**, I come to **Rieton**, situate upon the Southern-side of **Avon**, and usually called **Rieton** *super* **Dunsmore**, for distinction from another of the same name, which is in **Bulkinton**-Parish: the reason being obvious enough, forasmuch as the soyl here is of a light sandy disposition, and beareth Rye best of any Grain.

This was one of those towns which Earl *Leofrike* gave [a] to the Priory of **Coventre** upon the foundation thereof *An.* 1043. 1. *Edw. Confessoris*, as I shall further declare when I come to speak of that Monastery. But it seems, that the Monks chopt it quickly away, though it appears not how: for *Aluuinus*, [b] Progenitor to the family of *Arden*, had it before the end of the said Kings reign; And in the Conq. time *Turchill*, the son of the same *Aluuin*, (commonly called *Turchill de Warwick*) held it. It is [c] there written, **Rietone** and conteyning three hydes and half a carucate, had at that time a Church, and a Mill, the woods thereof being then certified to contain half a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth; and the value of the whole lx. *sol.*

The word in *Domesday-book* signifying a mile, is *leuca* or *leuva*, which the *French* to this day call a *legue*: but that it was used to express a mile, that is to say a thousand paces, and not a league, (which with the *French* is twice so much) observe what *Ingulphus* [e] (an authentique Historian who lived in that age) says: *viz.* that the English, being now brought under the dominion of the Normans, did, in many things, follow the *French* Garbe; and therefore in the stead of miles they called them *leucas*, that is *legues*, but intended miles: Nay so carefull were those that took this Survey to account the measure with the scanteſt, in regard of envious Informers, that they would alwaies express [d] the measure rather more than less of what it really was.

The Leiger [e] Book of **Stonley** says, that this Mannour was a member of **Stonley**, and given to the family of *Arden* by K. *H.* 1. The first part of which expression is like to be true: but I am of opinion, that it was part of those lands which *Turchills* posterity were permitted to enjoy, and not at all out of their possession till they granted it away to the *Hospitalars*, as I shall, shortly manifest: For *Siward de Arderna*, (son and heir to the said *Turchill*) with *Cecelia* his wife, gave [g] to the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridge**-shire, the Mill here at **Ryeton**, for the health of his soul; which grant *Henry de Arderne* his son confirmed [h] which Mill yeilded xii. s. Rent *per an.* in that age: howbeit in these grants and confirmations of **Thorney**, it is written *Rugintunia*, *Rutunia*, and *Ruitonia*. In which family of *Arden* it continued till *Edw.* 1. time: *Thomas de Arden* being [k] certified in 7. *E.* 1. Lord thereof; and that he held it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of half a Kts. Fee. This *Thomas* had here then [l] in demesn three carucates of land and a water-Mill; as also three servants, each of them holding a yard land and a half, and paying a certain yearly rent in money, plowing one day in winter a peice, and one day in Lent, mowing, raking, making hay, carrying corn, and gathering Nutts, at each work one day.

The Cottagers were at that time xiii. in number, who likewise, besides their Rent, did work one day a piece at some of those before mentioned labours. And the freeholders [a] xv. which held eight yard land and a fourth part, three acres and a half, and one rode: but their particular names and Rents, for brevitie I omit. At that time it was also certified, [b] that the Abbot of **Thorney** held a Mill there, and half a yard land: And the *Hospitalars* had two Free-holders holding one yard land, and a water-Will. But in 10. *Edw.* 1. there was a sute [c] betwixt the before specified *Thomas de Arderne* and the said *Hospitalars*; by which suit the Prior of St. *Johns* recovered of the said *Thomas* one Mill, CC. acres of land, twelve acres of meadow, and ten acres of wood; and had possession thereof accordingly: howbeit the Earl of **Warwick**, of whose Fee it was, came and interposed with his claim so that there issued out a Writ to enquire of the Earls right therein. After which, *viz.* in 14. *E.* 1. this *Thomas*, though for what consideration I find not, granted [d] all his right therein to the said *Hospitalars*, and their successors: against whom in 9. *H.* 8. it was certified, [e] that they had incloſed here three hundred acres of land, and that by this decay of husbandry, if remedy were not provided, the Church there would fall to ruin.

But after the dissolution of the Monasteries K. *Edw.* 6. in 4. of his reign granted [f] this Mannour, (*inter alia*) to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; which *John* was afterwards made Duke of **Northumberland**, and lost his head in 1. *Mariæ* (as in **Warwick** I shall more fully shew) After whose attainder, Queen *Mary*, restoring the Romish Religion, granted [g] it, with other things, to Sir *Thomas Tresham* Kt. as Master of the Hospitall of St. *John* of *Jerusalem* in **England** and to his successours: but upon the death of that Queen, the Romish Religion being again suppreſt, *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** (son to the attainted Duke: amongst divers other lands which were his Fathers, obteined [h] it to himself and the heirs of his body; who dying without issue, in [i] 31. *Eliz.* it returned to the Crown; whereupon the said Queen, by her Pat. [k] dated 28. *Oct.* 40. *Eliz.* passed it to *Randle Crew* of **Lincolns-Inne** Esq. and *Richard Cartwright* of **London** Gent. and their heirs; who by their deed of bargain and sale bearing date xxiii. *Junii* 41. *Eliz.* granted [l] it to *Thomas Dilke* Esq. (but afterwards Kt.) and to his heirs, whose Grand-child *William Dilke* of **Warstoke**-Castle now enjoys it.

The Church here was very antiently given [m] by the Prior of **Coventre** unto the Cathedrall of **Lichfield** in the name of a Prebend: and in 1291. 19. *E.* 1. was valued [n] at xv. marks; but in [o] 26. *H.* 8. at xi. l. vi. *sol.* viii. d the *Procurations* [p] and *Synodalls* being then vi. *sol.* viii. d. *per an.* and the Curate a stipendary to the Prebend. But in it are neither Arms nor Monuments.

Bobenhull.

BElow **Rieton** lyes **Bobenhull**: which, in the Conq. time, being possest [a] by *Robert de Statford* (of whom I am to speak in **Wolston**-*wawen*) and

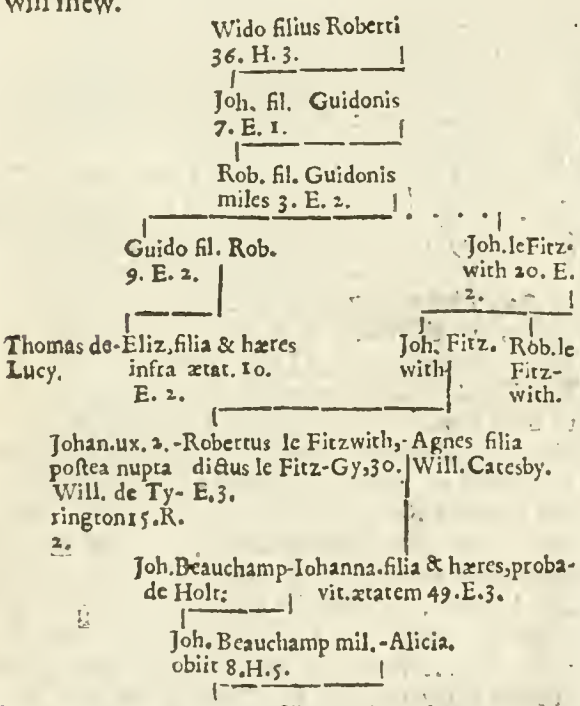
[a] *Regiſt. Priorat. de Coventre in Scac. penès Remem. R. f.* 75. *a.*
[b] Domesday *lib.*
[c] *Ibid.*
[d] *Ingul. Hiſt. f.* 117. *b. n.* 40.
[e] *Penès Thomam. D. Leigh.*
[g] *Regiſt. Abb. de Thorney penès Com. weſtmerl. p.* 4. *f.* 1. *a.*
[h] *Ib. Cap.* 2.
[i] *Ib. p.* 9. *f.* 15.
[k] *Inq. Cap. per H. Notingh. &c.* 53. *b.*
[l] *Ibid.*
[a] *Ib.* 54. *a.*
[b] *Ib.*
[c] *Pl. de T. Trin.* 10. *E.* 1. *rot.* 44.
[d] *Pat.* 14. *E.* 1. *m.* 20
[e] *Inq.* 9 H. 8.
[f] *Pat.* 4. *E.* 6. *p.* 7.
[g] *Pat.* 4. & 5. *Ph. & M. p.* 14.
[h] *Pat.* 4. *Eliz. p.* 4. *Pat.* 6. *Eliz. p.* 4.
[i] *Inscrip. super tumulum apud Warwick.*
[k] *Pat.* 40. *Eliz. p.* 16.
[l] *Autog. penes Will. Dilke ar.*
[m] *Fin. levat. xv. Ioh. Bap.* 32. H. 3.
[n] *Inq. Capt. per H. Noting. &c. f.* 54. *b.*
[o] *Cod. MS. in Scac.*
[p] *Cod. MS penès S. Archer eq. aur. f.* 48. *a.*

and, of him held by one *Aluric*, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion, contained then five hydes, whereof the woods were two furlongs in length and two in breadth; there being at that time a Mill; but the value of all then certified at fifty shillings, where it is written **Bubenhalle**.

In 13. *Joh.* this Mannour answered for the third part of a Knights fee, amongst the lands which were of the Honour of *Herveus de Stafford*. And in [c] 36. *H.* 3. amongst the fees held of the Lord **Stafford**, it was certified, that the Earl of **Warwick** held two parts of a Knights fee here.

But in [d] 7. *E.* 1. *John Fitzwith* being Lord thereof, held it of *Hugh de Plessets* by the third part of a Kts. fee, the same *Hugh* holding it over of the Baron of **Stafford**; which *John* had at that time here one carucate of land in demesn; ten servants that held two yard land and a half; seven Freeholders holding ten yard land and eight acres; as also eight Cottagers.

In whose family it continued till the later end of *Edw.* 3. time; but then went away with a Daughter and heir, as the descent here inserted will shew.



I am of opinion that these *Fitzwith*'s had their seat here, as I shall further instance anon, therefore I purpose here to memorize what I find notable of them. Of this *John*, whom I have already mentioned, I find, that he was the first that assumed the sirname of *Fitzwith*, being the son of one *Guido* (or *Guy*) called *Guido filius Roberti*, as in **Shotswell** I shall have occasion to shew; and in [a] 3. *E.* 1. one of those who had Commission for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: as also, that in 5. *E.* 1. he attended [b] the King in his expedition into **Wales**; at [c] which time the Welch were reduced to subjection, their Prince being then content to accept of such termes as K. *Edward* would afford him: And, that [d] in 29. *E.* 1. he was one of those that received the Kings precept to be at **Berwick** upon **Twede** sufficiently appointed with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots.

To whom succeeded [e] *Robert*, called *Robertus filius Guidonis*; who, being a Kt. in 3. *E.* 2. wrote himself of this place; which *Robert* had issue *Guy*, that dyed [g] in 10. *E.* 2. leaving *Elizabeth* his Daughter and Heir within age; who departed this life without issue as it seems; for the inheritance came to [h] *Robert le Fitzwith* Nephew to the last *Guido* by *John* his Brother; which *Robert*, having no issue, fetled [i] part of his lands in his life time, upon the said *Robert le Fitzwith*, his Nephew, (as I shall more fully shew when I come to **Bernangre**) the rest descending to him. This last mentioned *Robert* had two wives; [k] *Agnes* the Daughter of *Will. Catesby*, and [l] *Joane* who survived him, and married to *Will. de Tyrington*; and died [m] in 36. *E.* 3. leaving issue *Joane* his Daughter and heir, ward to Sir *Richard Penbruge* Kt. by the Kings grant; which *Joane* married [o] to *John Beauchamp* of **Holt** (in **Worcester**-shire) and proved [p] her age in 49. *E.* 3. whereupon her husband and she had [q] livery of her lands.

This *John Beauchamp* had the honour to be the first man that ever had creation to the dignity of a Baron in **England** by [r] Patent, which bears date at **Woodstoke** x. *Octobris undecimo R.* 2. but he enjoy'd it not long; for the same year the rebellious Lords, having rais'd a potent army, came up to **London**; and there mustering their men in the sight of the Tower, where the King then lodg'd, forced him to call a Parliament, wherein, by their power, they did what they listed, causing Sir *Robert Tresilian* chief Justice of **England**, and divers others to be attainted of treason; of which number this [t] Sir *John Beauchamp*, (then Lord Steward of the Kings house-hold) being one; was thereupon hang'd [u] drawn and quartered.

But by the Kings writ [w] of *Monstraverunt* directed to the Justices of the Common Pleas in xv. *R.* 2. upon the allegation of *William de Tyrington* and *Joane* his wife; wherein they set forth, that the said *William* and *Joane* had recovered the third part of this Mannour in 43. *E.* 3. as the dowrie of *Joane*, against the said *John Beauchamp* and *Elizabeth*; it appears, that the said *John* and *Elizabeth*, long before this attainder; *viz.* the Sunday being the feast day of the exaltation of the Holy cross in 7. *R.* 2. did demise it unto *John Catesby*, to hold during the said *John Catesby* his life, in consideration of viii. l. *per an.* to be payd to the said *John Beauchampe* and *Joane* and their heirs: so that, by reason of this demise, the viii. l. Rent *per an.* onely, and the reversion, after *John Catesby* his death, were seized for the King in regard of the aforesaid attainder: And (which is not the least notable) that his coat of male, being then in the hands of one *John Reede* an Armorer of **London**, was thereupon [*] delivered up unto *Henry* E. of *Derby* (afterwards King by the name of *Henry* the 4.) by a speciall command. But this attainder as all things else done in that Parliament of xi. *R.* 2. held by force, being made [a] void in the Parliament of 21. *R.* 2. and it being enacted, that all that were then dis-herited should be restored to their estates; command was given by the K. writ directed to his Eschaetor in this County, to put Sir *John Beauchampe* Kt. son and heir of the aforesaid *John*, into possession of the viii. l. *per an.* rent, payable during the life of *John Catesby*; which Sir *John Beauchamp* dyed [b] seized of this Mannour 8. *H.* 5. leaving issue *Margaret* his [c] Daughter and heir, then the wife of *John Pauncefot*, and shortly after of *John Wysham*; who in 1. *H.* 6. with her husband *John Wysham*, levyed

[g] *Autogr. in Scac. inter eviden. R. Catesby.*
[h] *Fin. de T. Hill. 25. E. 3.*
[i] *Autogr. in Scacc. inter eviden. R. Catesby.*
[k, l, m] *Ib.*
[o, p, q] *Clauf. 49. E. 3. m. 21.*
[r] *Pat. 11. R. 2. p. 1. m. 12.*
[t] *Th. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. in 1388. p. 365. n. 20.*
[u] *Ib. n. 40.*
[w] *Clauf. 15. R. 2. m. 42.*
[*] *Clauf. 12. R. 2. m. 19.*
[a] *Clauf. 22. R. 2. m. 25.*
[b] *Esc. 8. H. 5. n. 70.*
[c] *Ib.*

[b] *Lib. rub. f. 157. a.*
[c] *Testa de Nevill.*
[d] *Inq. per H. Noting. &c. f. 23. a.*
[a] *Pat. 3. E. 1. m. 28.*
[b] *Pat. 5. E. 1. m. 8.*
[c] *Th. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. in an. 1278.*
[d] *Clauf. 29. E. 1. In dorso.*
[e] *Autogr. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.*

a 4. Fine of divers Mannours; and amongst the rest of this, whereby it was put into the hands of many, named in the same Fine (which were Feoffees in trust no doubt;) howbeit in [c] 10. *H.* 6. *John Blounce* of **Wygington**, *in Com. Oxon*, was certified to be Lord thereof: but how it past from him I know not; neither have I seen more thereof till 12. *E.* 4. that *Thomas Craft* and *Elizabeth* his wife [d] setled a third part of it, by a Fine then levied, upon themselves and the heirs of the said *Elizabeth*. From which *Thomas* it divolved to *John Croste*, who in 8. *H.* 8. [e] passed what interest he had here, by the name of the moytie of the Mannour, unto Sir *Edward Grevill* Knight.

In whose line it did not long continue; for in 29. *Eliz. Edward* the son of *Thomas Wotton* [f] possest it; and I have heard that his descendants are still Lords of it.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Giles*) being a *Prebend* [g] belonging to the Cathedrall of **Lichfield**, was first [h] granted thereunto by *Roger* Prior of **Coventre** in 32. *H.* 3. and in *an.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. valued [m] at x: marks.

c *Rotul. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

d *Fin. de diversis comitat. Levat. Octab. Joh. P. 1. H. 6.*

e *Fin. de diversis comit. levat. craft. anim. 12. E. 4.*

f *Fin. de T. Mich. 8. H. 8.*

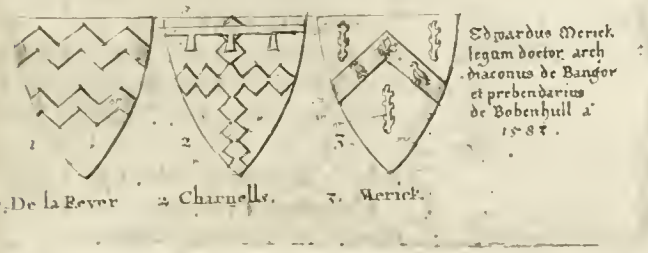
g *Esc. 8. H. 8.*

h *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 23. a.*

i *Fin. levat. xv. Joh. B. 32. H. 3.*

m *cod. MS. in Scac.*

Bobenhull
Armes in the Church windows



Being now come to the skirts of **Stoneley** Parish wherein the River of **Sow** meets with **Avon**, before I follow the Banks of that River any further on this South-east side, I am, according to my declared method, to take notice of those places, which are situate on the North-west side thereof: but because the Northern part of this Hundred lyes not adjacent to any branch of **Avon**, I must be constrained to observe some few places in that Eastern Corner by their bordering on **Watlingstreete**, or near thereto, till the same great and well known road do meet with the River **Swifte** at **Benasord**-bridge, which will lead me to those other towns that lye on the North-west Bank of that stream, as also of **Avon**. Which being done, I then purpose to discover the originall of **Sow**; and so following that Channell, with its branches, not onely to finish all that Northern side of this Hundred, but to take view of the City of **Coventre** with the liberties, which antiently was part of the same, (though now an intire County of it self.)

And having thus declared the course that I purpose to take, wherein the Map will be a proper guide to the Reader, I shall begin with **Stretton**, now a depopulated place, and known commonly by the name of **Stretton**-fields; but antiently called **Stretton**-*Baskervile*, to distinguish it from the many other **Strettons** in this County; according to which appellation I have fixt it in the Map.

Stretton-Baskervile.

As all other **Strettons** take their names from some great road near unto which they are situate, so doth this of that known Roman way, called **Watlingstreet** lying on the North side of it; with the addition of *Baskervile*, in regard that family were antiently Lords thereof, as I shall shew anon. In [n] *Edw.* the Conf. days one *Edricus* possessed it; but after the Norman invasion it was bestowed on *Raph de Mortimer*, Progenitor to that eminent family seated at **Wigmore** *in Com. Salop*, who had also lands in the Counties of **Oxford**, **Linc.** **Salop**, **York**, **Hereford**, **Worcester**, **Somers.** and **Berks.** as by the generall Survey, then taken, appeareth, where this place (written **Stratone**) is rated for three hides, and valued at xxx. *sol.*

n Domesday *lib.*

How or when it went out of the line of *Mortimer*, I have not found: but the next possessor thereof, that I meet with, was *Baskervill*, and that very antient; for in 12. *H.* 2. when *Will.* Earl *Ferrers* certified what Fees were held of him, it appears, [o] that *Raph de Boskervill* held one of those three, of which *William de Boskervill*, his Father, was enfeoffed by (*Robert* Earl *Ferrers*) his Grand-Father, which must needs be in *H.* 1. time; whereof this **Stretton** was part, as the Aid-roll [p] in 20. *E.* 3. manifesteth: For *John de Twyford* was then found to hold the fourth part of a Kts fee here, of the fee of **Tuteburp**; which Honour of **Tuteburp** did antiently belong to *Ferrers*, as is commonly known. But the first of the *Baskerviles*, that the Records, I have seen, do directly point out to be possessor hereof, was *Walter de Baskervile*, who lived in K. *John*'s time; and this is in a pleading [q] betwixt the said *Walter*, and the Prioress of **Eton** (now **Nun-Eaton**) which the said Prioress claimed in right of the Church of **Burton**, whereunto she alleaged this to belong as a Chappell; and, to fortify her title, produc't the grant of the Church of **Burton** to the Nuns of **Eaton** by *Raph de Turevill*, together with the confirmation of *H.* (*Nuvant*) Bishop of **Coventre**, whereby it was mentioned to be a Chappel belonging to **Burton**. And, besides all this, she exhibited a writing made by *Alice de Baskervile*, Grand-Mother to this *Walter*, directed to the Bishop of **Coven.** whereby it appeared, that after the truth touching the right of advowson was known unto her, she did for ever after further desist laying claim thereto. But to this *Walter* answered, that what the Nuns had there produced could not prejudice his title; for they had shew'd no grant thereof from any of his ancestours; and alleged, that this of his Grand-Mothers ought not to bind him, in regard she had no interest there but by her dowrie.

o *Lib. rub. f. 106. a.*

p *Penès S. Clarke Bar.*

q *Pl. de banco temp. R. Joh. Rot. 1. & Rot. 4. In dorso.*

This, as it is historical in relation to the Church, so doth it shew, that *Alice* was Grand-Mother to *Walter*; And that *VVilliam* was his Grand-Father and *Raph* his Father, I think there is no doubt. Of these, *Raph* was a Benefactor [r] to the Monastery of **Merevale** (in this County, founded in his time by *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*:) And *VValter* gave [s] three palfreys in 10. *Johan.* for having respite in the payment of x.l. owing to the King for a Fine, which he made with him; and of xxv. l. debt that he owed to the Jews. But in

r *Cart. 21. E. 1. n. 2. per Inspex.*

s *Rot. P. 10 Joh.*

[t] Rot. P. 16. Joh. [u] F. de diversis com. 12. Joh. [*] Clauſ. 3. H. 3. m. 4. in dorſo. [†] Plac. apud weſtm. Oct. Mich. 4. H. 3. Rot. 2. [w] F. levat. Oct. Mich. 5. H. 3. [x] Clauſ. 13. H. 3. m. 17. [y] Cart. 14. H. 3. m. 4. [z] Matth. Pariſ: in an. 1257. [a] Ib. [b] Rot. F. 42. H. 3. m. 11. [c] Clauſ. 47. H. 3. in dorſo, m. 7. [d] Eſc. 50. H. 3. [e] Pat. 52. [f] H. 3. in dorſo. [g] Eſc. 1. [h] E. 1. m. 19. [i] Rot. F. 2. E. 1. m. 31. [k] Rot. de Quo warr. [l] F. levat. Oct. Ioh. Bap. 29. E. 1. [m] Eſc. 3. E. 2. n. 15. [n] Ex Coll. H. Ferrers.

[t] 16 *Joh.* this *Walter* was dead: for then *Yſolda* his widow gave C. marks and one palfrey to have poſſeſſion of her inheritance; as alſo of the dowry accruing to her by the death of her husband; and that ſhe might not be diſtreyned to marry. Yet what iſſue ſhe left, is not known to me, except *Aſcilia*[u] (with whom he gave 6 marks rent in frank marriage to *Walter Biſet*) was his daughter; which *Aſcilia* afterwards married to *Nigell de Pinchbec.* But if ſhe were his daughter, ſhe dyed without iſſue, as it ſeems: for in 4 H. 3. I find, that *Raph Fitz-Nicholas*, then Steward [*] to *William* Earl *Ferrers* was owner of it [†], by deſcent from *Alice de Baskervile* his Grandmother; and the next year following there was a Fine [w] levyed betwixt him and the Prioreſs of **Eton** touching the advouſon of the Church; which was acknowledged to be the right of the ſame *Raph*, ſaving to the ſaid Prioreſs and her Church of **Burgton** the antient and due portion ſhe had wont to receive out of it.

This *Raph Fitz-Nicholas* was a very eminent man in his time, and had here a Mannour-houſe, as may be inferred by the ſtoring of a pool with fiſh, for which purpoſe he had the Kings mandate [x] to the Conſtable of **Kenillworth**-Caſtle to deliver unto him C. Bremes out of **Kenillworth**-Pool (a Fiſh in great eſteem and price antiently, as, when I come to **Sutton** in **Hemlingford Hundred** I ſhall ſhew.) In 14 H. 3. he had, [y] amongſt other liberties and priviledges granted to him and his heirs in divers Mannours, freedome from ſuit to the Hundred and County-Court, and of the payment called *Auxilium Vicecomiti* for this his Mannour of **Stretton**. And in [z] 41 H. 3. departed this life (at which time he was Steward [a] of the K. Houſhold) leaving *Robert* [b] his ſon and heir, who did his homage the year following. Which *Robert* was ſummoned [c] to be at **Worceſter**, with divers other great men, on the feaſt day of St. *Peter ad vincula*, 47 H. 3. to reſiſt the power of *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**, then in hoſtility; but he afterwards adhered to the rebellious Barons, being of the retinue [d] to young *Simon Montfort*: Nevertheleſs, returning afterwards to obedience, he was again received [e] to favour, finding Sureties [f] for his future fidelity, *viz. Raph de Pipard*, and *Raph de Pichford* of **Shropſhire**; and in 1 E. 1. dyed [g] without iſſue, leaving *Raph*, [h] ſirnamed *Pipard*, his nephew and heir; which *Raph* did his homage [i] in 2 E. 1. having lands in the Counties of **Nott. Derb. Oxon.** and **Berks.** by deſcent from his ſaid Uncle.

In 13 E. 1. this *Raph Pipard* claimed [k] a **Court-Leet** here, with weyfs and other priviledges: and power to puniſh the breakers of the Aſſize of Bread and Ale: part of which his claim was allowed, in regard it appeared, that his Anceſtours had uſed them time out of mind; but as to the weyfs he did not ſpeed. After which, *viz.* in 29 of the ſaid K. reign, he aliened [l] this Lordſhip, with the advouſon of the Church, unto *John de Twyford*, reſerving to himſelf an eſtate for term of life onely: and in 3 *E.* 2. departed [m] this life, leaving *John Pipard* his ſon and heir 37 years of age, of whom I ſhall ſay more when I come to **Long-Compton**.

This *John de Twyford* made his reſidence here, as it ſeems (though **Kirk-Langley** in **Derbyſhire** was his antient ſeat) for in 17 E. 2. I find [n] him amongſt the Liſt of thoſe Knights and Men at Arms, whoſe names were then returned into the Chancery for this County. In whoſe family it continued till H. 7. time, that *Thomas Twyford*, having begun [o] the depopulation thereof, in 4 H. 7. decayed 4 meſſuages, and 3 cottages, whereunto Clx acres of errable land belonged, ſold [p] it to *Henry Smith* Gentleman. Which *Henry*, following that example, in 9 H. 7. enclоſed [q] DCxl acres of land more, whereby 12 meſſ: and 4 cottages fell to ruine; and 80 perſons there inhabiting, being employed about tillage and husbandry, were conſtrained to depart thence and live miſerably. By means whereof, the Church grew to ſuch ruine, that it was of no other uſe than for the ſhelter of Cattle, being, with the Churchyard, wretchedly prophaned, to the evil example of others, as are the words of the Inquiſ: In which line of *Smith* it continued, till that *Richard Smith*, ſon and heir to Sir *Walter*, ſetled it with **Shirefoord**, as I have there declared; and ſince, hath it been poſſeſt by the owners of that Lordſhip.

[o] [p] [q] *Inq. ſuper de pop. 9. H. 8. & 3. E. 6.*

The value of the Church, in *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. was certified [r] at viii marks; and in [ſ] 26 H. 8. at vi *lib.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Synodals* and *Procurations*: there being antiently a penſion [t] of x *s. per annum* payable out of it to the Monaſtery of **Nun Eaton**: but there is not now any part of the Church ſtanding.

[r] *MS. in Scac.* [ſ] *MS penès S. Archer eq. aur. f. 39. a.* [t] *Ex vet. exemplari penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.	
Rad. fil. Nicholai.	*Ric. Clericus*, 33 *H.* 3.	*Ex autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.*
D. Joh. de Twyford miles.	*Magr. Will. de Langele, die domin: in feſto S. Nich.* 15 *E.* 2.	
	Joh. de Roderham Pbr. 17. *Cal. Aug.* 15 *E.* 3.	*Northb. f.* 1. *a.*
Rob. de Twyford.	*Henr. de Stretton Cleric:* 4 *Cal. Aug.* 23 *E.* 3.	*Ib. f.* 37. *b.*
D. Rob. de Twyford, miles.	*Will. de Makworth Pbr. ult. Junii*, 4 *R.* 2.	*Ib. f.* 49. *a.*
Rob. Twyford, domicellus.	*Joh. VVright Pbr.* 25 *Sept.* 15 *R.* 2.	*Strett, f.* 72 *b.*
Rob. de Twyford, domicellus.	*D. Thom. de Cowdale Pbr.* 5 *Febr.* 1 *H.* 4.	*Sk. f.* 68.
Rob. de Twyford.	*Simon de Fareſleye*, 7 *Nov.* 4 *H.* 4.	*Burgh. f.* 6. *b.*
D. Rob. de Twyford miles, D. de Langley.	*Will. Cole Capell.* 14 *Febr.* 7 *H.* 4.	*Ib. f.* 11. *a.*
Rob. Twyford ar. D. de Langley.	*D. Will. Toneworth Pbr.* 27 *Aug.* 10 *H.* 5.	*Ib. f.* 17. *a.*
	Joh. Staunton Pbr. 21 *Maii*, 7 *H.* 6.	*Heyw. f.* 10. *a.*
	Joh. Wormegay, 16 *Julii*, 12 *H.* 6.	*Ib. f.* 22. *b.*
	Joh. Bythebroke Pbr. 27. *Sept.* 21 *H.* 6.	*Ib. f.* 33. *a.*
Tho. Twyford ar.	*Rob. Bulmer Pbr.* 20 *Febr.* 26 *H.* 6.	*Ib. f.* 41. *a.*
D. Will. Blount mil.	*D. Will. Atkynſon Cap.* 16 *Junii*, 10 *H.* 8.	*Bo. f.* 7. *a.*
Joh. Onley & Baldw. Porter generoſi, ratione advoc: ejuſd: durante minori ætate Walt. Smyth D. de Shirford.	*D. Edw. Smyth Cler.* 12. *Junii*, 17 *H.* 8.	*Bl. f.* 8. *a.*
Walt. Smith miles.	*D. Joh. Walker Cap.* 3 *Sept.* 29 *H.* 8.	*Ib. f.* 11. *b.*
Ric. Smyth ar.	*Ric. Palmer*, 10 *Novemb.* 12 *Eliz.*	*Str. & P. f.* 14. *b.* *Sampſ. & B. f.* 144.

Ric.

Ib. f. 48. a.	*Rich. Smyth de Shirford, ar.*	*Geo. Messenger Cler.* 11. *Apr.* 23 *Eliz.*
Bundell B.	*Will. Welshe de Burbage in Com. Leic. ex conceſſ: Ric. Smyth.*	*Will. Robynſon Cler.* 27. *Sept.* 24 *Eliz.*
Overton bund. Br	*Galfr. May de Sutton Cheyne in Com. Leic. gen.*	*Galf. Amherſt*, 4 *Apr.* 1607.
Ib.	*Galfrid. Amherſt, Cler.*	*Ric. Teynton in art. bacc.* 4 *Dec.* 1609.

Hyde.

THis is now alſo a depopulated place, but had anciently a Chappel pertaining [u] to Hinkley in Leiceſterſhire, whereof (doubtleſs) it was not long ſince a member, in regard it appears to be of the fee of Winchester (by reaſon of *Quincy* E. of Winchester's intereſt in the Honour of Leiceſter.)

u Rot. de Nonis garb. &c. in Scac.

As for the ſignification of the name; I ſhall refer you to the Gloſſ: of the learned Sir *H. Spelman*, where may be ſeen the various acceptions thereof; conceiving, that in this place it was firſt impoſed, to expreſs a certain quantity of Land ſufficient for one Plough to manage. But the firſt mention that I have met with of it, is in 3 *Joh.* where *Will. Mareſchall* and *Raph Mallore* levyed a Fine of two yard Land here to the uſe of *Richard fitz Robert*. To which *William* ſucceeded *Thomas*, who in 55 *H.* 3. held [w] half a Knights fee in this place and Eton (now Nun-Eaton) with Sapcote in Leiceſterſhire. After which have I not ſeen any thing conſiderable relating thereto, till 20 *E.* 3. that *William Moton* anſwered [x] for the 8th part of a Knights fee here, held of the Honour of Winchester; whoſe title therein divolved, as it ſeems, to *Richard Grey* of Codnoure, and *Laurence Dutton*: for in 11 *R.* 2. the half Knights fee before ſpecified, lying here and in Eaton, was certified [y] to have been held by them of *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of Groby. From which time, till 1 *Mariæ*, can I diſcover no more thereof; but then was it found, [z] that Sir *Walter Smyth* (of whom I have ſpoken in Shirley) dyed ſeized of the third part of this Mannour; As alſo 300 acres of paſture, 60 acres of meadow, and 2 *s.* rent lying here and in Hinkley, purchaſed of *John Leeke* and *Richard Aſtell*, leaving *Richard* his ſon and heir 22 years of age: which *Richard*, in 35 *Eliz.* being poſſeſt [a] of two parts, ſeiled them upon *William Littleton*, in marriage with *Margaret* his daughter, in the ſame manner as he did Shirley (whereof I ſhall ſpeak at large) ſince which it hath accompanyed the poſſeſſion of that Lordſhip.

w Eſc. 55. H. 3.

x Rot. penès S. Clarke Bar.

y Eſc. 11. R. 2. n. 26.

z Eſc. 1. M.

a Eſc. 35. Eliz.

Burton-Haſtings.

SOuthwards from Stretton, and adjoyning thereto, lyes Burton, anciently called Burton-*Haſtings*, by reaſon that the *Haſtings* were ſometime Lords thereof: which, with other Lands, whereof I ſhall make mention in their due places, being part [b] of the poſſeſſions belonging to *Siuard* ſirnamed *Barn*, a potent [c] man in England before the Conqueſt, was, among other the diſtributions, which *William* the Conquerour made, given to *Henry de Fereires*, one of his Normans, (Progenitor to that great Family afterwards Earls of Derby) and contained then 4 hydes, having 2 mills belonging thereto: the value of the whole being certified at xl *s.* But in the general Survey it is written Boxtone; howbeit in after times, Burthon, Burhton, Burugton, Buroughton, and ſometimes Burtone, from the old Engliſh word burh and burgh (as I gueſs) ſignifying, with the Saxons, not onely a place fortified with ſome warlike rampier or wall, but that which had a kind of fence or cloſure about it: or elſe from geburc, and then may it be *colonorum villa*.

b Domeſday lib.

c R. Hoved. p. 264. 22.

In *H.* 2. time half this Town was [d] given to the Monaſtery of Nun-Eaton by *Geffrey le Abbe* and *Emme* his wife (it being of her inheritance) with the conſent of *Raph de Turvill* and *Richard le Abbe*, heirs to the ſaid *Geffrey* and *Emme*; and confirmed to them by the Charter of the ſame King: the reſidue, as it ſeems, coming ſoon after to the family of *Haſtings*: for in 36 *H.* 3. it was certified, [e] that *Henry de Haſteng* held 1. Kts. fee here and in Shirley of the Earl *Ferrers*. And in [f] 53 *H.* 3. upon the death of *Henry de Haſtings*, amongſt other Kts. fees aſſigned in dowry to *Joane* his wife, there was one in this Burton, which *Nich. de Turvile* then held.

d Rot. vetuſt. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich.

e Teſta de Nevill.

f Clauſ. 53. H. 3. in dorſo, m. 8.

How or when *Turviles* intereſt paſſed away, I have not ſeen; but, in 9 *E.* 2. *John* the ſon of *Fouke de Orreby*, having (as by his deed [g] he expreſſes) granted all his Lands which he had in the Village of Boxghton to *William de Herle* and his heirs, paying to the ſaid *John* and his heirs 7 marks of ſilver yearly, at the feaſts of *Eaſter* and St. *Michael* the Archangel by equal portions, then releaſed to the ſaid *William* all his title to that Rent of 7 marks, reſerving 6 marks to be paid by the ſaid *William* during the life of him the ſaid *John*; which releaſe bears date at Stapleford in Cheſhire, 9 *R.* 2. whereupon, the ſame year it was certified, [h] that the Prioreſs of Eton, and *William de Herle* were Lords of this place. Which *William* had iſſue Sir *Robert de Herle* [i] Kt. aſſigned [k] one of the Juſtices for conſervation of the peace in this County in 18 and 19 [l] *E.* 3. who gave [m] a meſſuage in Eaton to the Nuns there; and, in 21 *E.* 3. departed [n] this life, leaving his ſon *Robert* then 30 years of age: which *Robert* dyed [o] in 38 *H.* 3. without iſſue; whereupon Sir *Raph Haſtings* Kt. ſon of *Margaret*, ſiſter to the ſaid *Robert*, became his next [p] heir: which Sir *Raph* had iſſue *Raph*, that dyed [q] 21 *R.* 2. leaving iſſue *Raph*, *Richard*, and *Leonard*. Of theſe, *Raph* the eldeſt, being attainted [r] for Treaſon, loſt his head 20 *Jul.* 6 H. 4. for [s] conſpiring with *Richard Scroop* Archb. of York, and others, againſt the King: but *Richard* his younger brother, a man of better affections to the Crown, had reſtitution [t] of his Lands; and, in 2 H. 5. underwent [u] the Shiriffalty for this County and Leiceſterſhire. After which, *viz.* in 9 H. 5. he was retained [w] by Indenture to ſerve the K. in his wars beyond Sea with 10 Men at Arms, and 30 Archers, taking 2 *s.* a day for his own wages, 1 *s.* for every of the ſaid Men at Arms, and 6 *d.* for every Archer.

g Ex autog. penès Tho. Cotton Bar.

h Nom. vill.

i Ex autog. penès G. Pudſey ar.

k Pat. 18. E. 3. p. 2. m. 34.

l Pat. 19. E. 3. p. 1. m. 31. in dorſo.

m Eſc. 19. E. 3. n. 16.

n Eſc. 21. E. 3. n. 44.

o Eſc. 38. E. 3. n. 23.

p Ib.

q Eſc. 21. R. 2.

r Rot. Parl. 11. H. 4. n. 42.

ſ Rec. de T. Hill. 14. H. 4. Rot. 14. Ebor.

t Rot. Parl. ut ſupra.

u Rot. F. 2. H. 5. m. 26.

w Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.

In 1, 5, and 11. H. 6. he had again the cuſtody [x] of thoſe Counties. But, in [y] 15 H. 6. dyed, leaving *Leonard* his brother and heir xl years of age. Which *Leonard*, being alſo Shiriff [z] for theſe Counties in 32 H. 6. departed [a] this world in 34.

x Rot. F. 32. H. 6. m. 14.

a Eſc. 34. H. 6.

leaving *William* his ſon and heir, afterwards Lord Chamberlain to K. *Edw.* 4. and erected [b] to the degree of a Baron by the ſame King; as alſo made Maſter-worker [c] of the K. Moneys, both Gold and Silver; and Keeper of all manner his eſchange and interchange in the Tower of **London**, **Ireland**, and **Calays**. This is he whom *Ric.* D. of *Glouc.* (afterwards Kning, by the name of *Ric.* 3.) cauſed to be pull'd from the Councel Table, in the Tower, and immediatly beheaded upon a peice of Timber within the walls of that place, as our Hiſtorians do manifeſt: But he had a more honourable burial, *viz.* in the Chapel of St. *George* at **Windſor**, by the appointment of his laſt Will and Teſtament [d], and in a place aſſigned for that purpoſe by K. *E.* 4. in his life time; where is a fair Monument erected over him by his Executors, for the making whereof he bequeathed an hundred marks.

To whom ſucceeded *Edward* [e] his ſon and heir, ſtiled Lord *Haſtings* and *Hungerford*; who by his Teſtament [f] in 22 *H.* 7. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Colledge at **Windſor**, near his Fathers Tombe; and left iſſue *George* Lord *Haſtings*: which *George* was afterwards created [g] Earl of **Huntington**, 8 *Dec.* 21 H. 8. and ſold [h] this Mannour to *Thomas Harvey* Eſq; (a rich Merchant) who, by his laſt Will and Teſtament [i], bequeathed it, together with one meſſuage lying in **Woodcote** in this County, to the uſe of 3 Prieſts, during xxi years, to keep an *Obit* for his ſoul. After which time it returned to his four daughters and heirs; whereof *Lucie*, the youngeſt, was married to *Thomas Cotton* of **Connington** in *Com.* **Hunt.** Eſq; (formerly in ward to the ſaid *Thomas Harvey.*) Upon partition of whoſe Lands, this (*inter alia*) being alotted to her, is deſcended to Sir *Thomas Cotton*, now of **Connington** Bt. (great Grandchild to that *Thomas.*) Unto whom, for his ſingular favours in moſt freely communicating to me many rarities out of that ineſtimable Library, which with great coſt were gathered by his worthy Father, and with no leſs care preſerved by himſelf, I ſtand highly obliged.

After the diſſolution of the Abbyes, that part of this Lordſhip, with the Rectory, belonging to the Monaſtery of **Nun Eaton**, was granted [k] unto Sir *Marmaduke Conſtable* Kt. together with the ſite of that Religious Houſe, and divers other Lands: but ſince, by purchaſe, is come to *John Hele* Eſq;

The Church, being granted [l], very antiently, to the Monaſtery of **Nun Eaton**, was alſo appropriated [m] thereto; and in *an.* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. valued [n] at 7 marks and a half: but in [o] 26 *H.* 8. at 4 *l*, 14 *s.* 2 *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, being not a Preſentative, but the Cure ſerved by a Stipendiary; in which Church are neither Arms nor Monuments.

[b] *Pat.* 1. *E.* 4. *m.* 25.
[c] *Pat.* 4. *E.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 16.
[d] *Logg.* Q. 10.
[e] *Eſc.* 1. *R.* 3.
[f] *Benet* Q. 37.
[g] *Mich. R.* 25. H. 8. *Rot.* 21.
[h] *Ex relat:* Th. Cotton *bar.*
[i] *MS penès* S. Archer, *eq. aur. f.* 13. *b.*
[k] *Pat.* 32. H. 8. *p.* 3.
[l] *Ex vet: membr: penès Dec. & Cap. Eich.*
[m] *Burgh. f.* 166. *b.*
[n] *Cod. MS in Scac.*
[o] *MS penès* S. Archer, *eq. aur. f.* 39. *a.*

Shirforde.

FRom **Burton-Haſtings**, towards the South, lyeth **Shirford**, whereof there now remains nothing but part of the antient Mannour-houſe. This place may ſeem to have taken its name from the Forde or Paſſage over that little Torrent, which runs on the Weſt part thereof towards **Nun-Eaton**, as the Map will ſhew; **Shire** ſignifying [p] *clear*, and in that ſenſe we ſtill uſe the word upon ſome occaſions.

As it lyes within the Pariſh of **Burton-Haſtings**, ſo was it antiently a member thereof, and held likewiſe of *Ferrers*: but the firſt mention that I find of it, is in H. 2. time, where *Raph* the ſon of *Robert de Chartres* (a man in ſome eminency at that time, as I apprehend by the ſtile of his Deed) confirms [q] unto the Canons of **Eroburg** (in this County) a yard Land lying in **Strefford**; for ſo is it there written: and, by the conſent of *Richard* his ſon, granted unto them ten acres more in pure alms. Amongſt the Witneſſes to which Deed were *Randolfe Truwe*, and *William* his ſon. Not long after which time, *viz.* about the beginning of H. 3. reign at the fartheſt, certain Lands there were given [r] to the Monks of **Combe** by *Thomas Trove*, who ſtiles himſelf in his Grant, *Dominus de* **Schirefford**. From which *Thomas*, as I gueſs, did deſcend *John de Shireford*; who, in 20 E. 3. with *Robert de Herle*, anſwered [ſ] for half a Knights fee in **Broughton** and **Shirford**, then held of the Honour of **Tutbury**.

This *John de Shirford* was alſo Lord of the moytie of the Mannour of **Church-Wabor**; but, leaving no iſſue male, theſe his Lands divolved to the family of *Purefey*, *Margaret* his Daughter taking to Husband *Philip Purefey* of **Munſterton** in **Leiceſterſhire**: In whoſe line this Mannour of **Shirefford** continued till H. 8. time, being their principal ſeat in this County.

Will. Purefey de Munſterton, temp. E. 1. & E. 2.

Philippus Purefey-Margareta filia & hæres 3, & 48, E. 3. | Joh. de Shirford.

Will. Purefey, 6, & 21, R. 2.

Thomas Purefey Legis-peritus, & de conſilio Ric. de Bellocampo, Warwici Comitis. 6. H. 5.

Will. Purefey,-Margareta filia Will. Chetwin 21. R. 1. 1. H. 5. | de Ingeſtre mil. 21. R. 2.

Will. Purefey,-Mariana filia & hæres Alani Aiott obiit 6. E. 4. | de Shalſton in Com. Buck.

Philippus Purefey,-Iſabella, nupta Joh. Denton, 12. E. 4. obiit 8. E. 4.

Joh. Purefey, 12. E. 4.

Joh. obiit ſine prole. | Nich obiit ſ. p. | Will. obiit ſ. p. | Nich. Purefey, qui vendidit M. de Shirford, temp. H. 8.

Which *Philip* was ſon [s] to *W. Purefey* of **Munſterton**, who bore [u] for his Arms, *upon a feſſe betwixt 3 pair of gantlets, handing each other, 3 martlets*: and, being learned in the Laws, became Steward [w] to *Raph* Earl *Stafford* for holding his Courts; as alſo a Juſtice of [x] Peace in this County, from the 38, till the laſt of E. 3. reign. He had iſſue *William* and *Thomas*: which *Will.* in 14 R. 2. had licence [y] granted to him by *Ric. Scroope*, B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** to have an Oratory or private Chappel, in his houſe here at **Schirefford**; being alſo in Commiſſion [z] of the peace in this County, from the 6, to the 20 of K. R. 2. reign (*viz.* [a] 13, 14, 17, and 20.) But *Thomas* was train'd up to ſtudy the Laws; and, in 8 R. 2. had an annuity [b] of xx *s.* granted to him by Sir *John Warren* Kt. with a Robe and Hood of the better ſort, of that ſuite which he gave to the reſt of his

[p] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 3. *f.* 91.
[q] *Ex autog. penès Ric. Newdigate ar.*
[r] *Regiſt. de Cumba, f.* 89. *b.*
[ſ] *Rot. penès* S. Clarke *bar.*
[s] *Ex autog. penès Com. Denbigh.*
[u] *Ib.*
[w] *Regiſt. de Cumba, f.* 215. *b.*
[x] *Pat. ab an.* 38. *uſq;* 48. E. 3. *in dorſo.*
[y] *Scrope. f.* 127. *b.*
[z] *Pat. de iiſdem ann. in dorſo.*
[a]
[b] *Ex Coll.* W. Burton.

his Esquires, to be yearly paid him out of the Mannour of **Rotley**, *pro consilio suo impenso & impendendo.* He was also in Commission [c] for conservation of the peace in this County, from the 13 of R. 2. till 6 H. 5. and had a memorable Grant from *John de Whellesburgh* of the inheritance in reversion of **Fenny Drayton** and **Whellesburgh**, two good Mannours in **Leicestershire**; whereby the same *John* did also pass his Arms to be born by him the said *Thomas*, his heirs and assigns, as entirely as he himself or his Ancestours had born them; all which appears by the Deed [d] sealed with his Seal of Arms, and bearing date at Fenny-Drayton 21 R. 2. which Arms, *viz. Or, 3 piles gules, and upon a Canton arg: a mullet Sable*, have ever since been born by his Descendants, quarterly with their own.

This Mannour continued to *William*, son and heir of the last mentioned *William*, who marryed [e] *Margaret* the daughter to Sir *William Chetwynd* Kt. in 21 R. 2. Which *William*, in 6 H. 4. was joyned in Commission [f] amongst others to treat with the people about a loan of Money for the K. special service, and rested in Commission for the peace in this Shire from [g] 8 H. 4. till [h] 1 H. 5. But how long he lived, I find not; for the name of *William* holding on to his Posterity, doth so confound the descent, as that without more particular light than I have yet had, I must onely by circumstances distinguish them: which I presume is here right enough done: for the next mention of them, that I meet with, is in 10 H. 6. where *William Purefey* of **Shirford** is certified [i] to hold the Mannour of **Wober** (now **Church-Dver**) in this County, whereof I have already spoke. This is that *William*, who marryed [k] *Mariana* the daughter to *Alan Ayott* of **Shalston** in *Com.* **Buck.** and in 12 H. 6. when all the men of note through **England** were sworn to observe divers Articles agreed on in the Parliament then held, is recorded, [l] amongst others in this County, having then his residence here at **Shirford**.

In 19 H. 6. he had Commission [m] to treat for another loan: and was a Justice of Peace from [n] the 18, to the 24 of H. 6. In [o] 26 H. 6. he had the Shiriffalty of these Counties; and dyed [p] in 6 E. 4. leaving issue *Philip* [q] his son and heir 24 years of age, with *John* [r] a younger son. Which *Philip* in 8 E. 4. being in Commission [s] for the assessing of two fifteens, and two tenths in this County, then granted to the K. in Parliament, dyed [t] the same year, seized, *inter alia*, of this Mannour; and was buried [u] in the Church of St. *James* at **Badsley-Clinton**, as by his Testament he directed; leaving issue [w] *John*, *Nicholas*, and *William*. Of these three, *Nicholas* [x] was the last that survived; but all of them dyed [y] without issue: and therefore *Nicholas* [z], son to *John* their Uncle, became heir to the estate, being then in ward to the King for this inheritance. Of whom I find nothing further memorable, than, that he was [a] of **Shalston** in **Buckinghamshire**, and sold [b] this Mannour of **Shirford** to *Henry Smyth* Esq; the principal branch of his descendants having for the most part resided ever since at **Drayton** in **Leicestershire** (whereof *George Purefey* Esq; son and heir of *George*, by *Mary* one of the daughters and co-heirs to Sir *Valentine Knightley*, is still Lord, though his seat be at **Wadley** in **Berks.**)

Which *H. Smyth* being son to *John*, a wealthy Citizen of **Coventre**, (of whom in **Nether-Fletchamsted** I have spoke) bore so great a love to that City, that he contributed [c] to the purchase of 50 *l.* lands *per annum*, for the maintenance of one Priest, 12 poor men, and one woman in the **Gild** of the holy *Trinity*, St. *John Baptist*, and St. *Katherine*, there situate. And was in Commission for conservation of the peace from [d] the 17 of H. 7. till his death: as also for Goal-delivery in 17, [e] and 23, [f] H. 7. And had issue Sir *Walter Smyth* Kt. whose Murther here at **Shirford** by his own Lady, assisted with two servants, and the circumstances conducing thereto (which are very memorable) I shall here briefly set forth.

This Sir *Walter*, being grown an aged man at the death of his first wife, considering of a marriage for *Richard* his son and heir, then at mans estate, to that end made his mind known to Mr *Thomas Chetwin* of **Ingestre** in **Staffordshire** (a Gentleman of an antient family and fair estate) who, entertaining the motion in behalf of *Dorothy*, one of his daughters, was contented to give 500 *l.* portion with her. But no sooner had the old Knight seen the young Lady, than that he became a sutor for himself, being so captivated with her beauty, that he tendred as much for her, besides a good joynture, as he should have received in case the match had gone on for his son. Which liberal offer so wrought upon Mr *Chetwyn*, as that he spared not for arguments to perswade his daughter to accept of Sir *Walter* for her husband. Whereupon the marriage ensued accordingly; but with what a tragique issue, will quickly be seen: For it was not long, ere that her affections wandring after younger men, she gave entertainment to one Mr *William Robinson* (then of **Drayton-Basset**, a young Gentleman of about [h] 22 years of age) son [i] to *George Robinson* a rich Mercer of **London**: and grew so impatient at all impediments, which might hinder her full enjoyment of him, that she rested not till she had contrived a way to be rid of her husband. For which purpose corrupting her waiting Gentlewoman, and a Groom of the stable, she resolved by their help, and the assistance of *Robinson*, to strangle him in his bed, appointing the time and manner how it should be effected: And, though *Robinson* failed in coming on the designed night (perhaps through a right apprehension of so direfull a fact) she no whit staggered in her resolutions: for watching her husband till he was fallen asleep, she then let in those assasinates before specified; and, casting a long towell about his neck, caused the Groom to lye upon him to keep him from struggling, whilst her self and the maid, straining the towell, stopt his breath.

It seems the good old man little thought that this his Lady had acted therein: for when they first cast the towell about his neck, he cryed out, help *Doll* help! But, having thus dispatcht the work, they carryed him into another room where a close stool was plac'd, upon which they set him; and, after an hour, that the Maid and Groom were silently got away, to palliate the business, she made an outcry in the house, wringing her hands, pulling her hair, and weeping extreamly; with pretence, that missing him for some time out of bed, she went to see what the matter was, and found him accidentally in that posture. Which subtill and feigned shews of sorrow, prevented all suspicion of his violent death: and, not long after, went to **London**, setting so high a value upon her beauty, that *Robinson*, her former darling (perhaps for

c Pat. de iisdem ann. m dorso.

d Ex autog. penès Geo. Purefey ar.

e Ex autog penès Wal. Chetwyn, ar.

f Rot. F. 6. H. 4. m. 6.

g Pat. 8. H. 4. p. 1. in dorso. m. 38

h Pat. 1. H. 5. p. 1. in dorso, m. 35

i Rot. in Scac. penès Remem. R.

k Ex Coll. W. Burton

l Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.

m Pat. 19. H. 6. p. 1. In dorso m. 20.

n Pat. de iisdem ann. In dorso.

o Rot. f. 26. H. 6. m. 10.

p } Esc. 6.
q } E. 4. n. 5.

r Claus. 12. E. 4. In dorso m. 21.

s Rot. f. 8. E. 4. m. 14.

t } Esc. 8.
u } E. 4. n.
w } 29. Godin Qu. 31.

x } Claus. 12. E.
y } 4. In dorso m. 21.

z Pat. 6. H. 7. m. 2.

a Ex autog. penès G. Purefey de wadley. ar.

b Esc. 1. M. 1. levat. T. Mich. 37. H. 8.

c Pat. 23. H. 7. p. 2.

d Pat. de iisdem ann. in dorso.

e Pat. 17. H. 7. p. 2. in dorso, m. 4.

f Pat. 23. H. 7. p. 1. in dorso, m. 20.

g Ex relat. Johannis Smyth de Crabbet in Com. Suss. eq. aur. & Ric. Wallop de Bugbroke in Com. Northamp. avunculi ejusdem Joh.

b } Esc. 2.
i } Eliz.

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for not keeping touch with her, as before hath been said) became neglected. But, within two years following, it so hapned, that this wofull deed of darkness was brought to light by the groom before specified; who, being entertained with Mr *Richard Smyth*, son and heir to the murthered Knight; and attending him to **Coventre** with divers other servants, became so sensible of his villany, when he was in his cups, that out of good nature, he took his Master to a side, and upon his knees besought forgiveness from him for acting in the murther of his Father, declaring all the circumstances thereof. Whereupon Mr *Smyth* discreetly gave him good words, but wisht some others, that he trusted, to have an eye to him, that he might not escape when he had slept and better considered what might be the issue thereof. Notwithstanding which direction, he fled away with his Masters best Horse; and, hasting presently into **Wales**, attempted to go beyond Sea: but being hindred by contrary winds, after three essays to lanch out, was so happily pursued by Mr *Smyth*, who spared for no cost in sending to several Ports, that he was found out and brought Prisoner to **Warwick**, as was also the Lady and her Gentlewoman, all of them, with great boldness, denying the fact; and the Groom most impudently charging Mr *Smyth*, with endeavour of corrupting him to accuse the Lady (his mother in-law) falsly, to the end he might get her joynture: But upon his arraignment so smitten was he at apprehension of the guilt, that he publickly acknowledged it, and stoutly justified what he had so said to be true to the face of the Lady and her Maid; who, at first, with much seeming confidence, pleaded their innocency, till at length, seeing the particular circumstances thus discovered, they both confessed the fact: For which, having judgement to dye, the Lady was burnt at a Stake near the Hermitage on **Wolvey**-heath (towards the side of **Shirfold** Lordship) where the Country people to this day shew the place: and the Groom with the Maid suffred death at **Warwick**. This was about the third year of Q. *Mary*'s reign, it being *May* 15. 1 *Mariæ*, that Sir *Walter*'s murther [k] so hapned.

[k] *Hist. 1. M.*

To whom succeeded the before specified *Richard*, his son and heir; who was strangely juggled out of a fair inheritance, this Lordship being part; the manner * whereof, considering what success hath attended it, is not unworthy the relation.

* *Ex relatu præfati Joh. Smyth ar.*

This *Richard*, having but one onely daughter, called *Margaret*, by his first wife; and doubting of issue male, treated with Sir *John Littleton* of **Frankley** in **Worcestershire**, for a marriage betwixt his said daughter, and *William Littleton*, third son to the said Sir *John*: In consideration whereof, he agreed to settle all his lands, in remainder, after his own decease without other issue, upon the said *William* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but, for lack of such issue, to return to his own right heirs. And having Writings drawn accordingly, trusted the said Sir *John Littleton* to get them ingrossed. Which being effected, and a day appointed for sealing, Mr *Smyth* came over to **Frankley**, where he found very noble entertainment, and some of Sir *John*'s friends to bear him company, in whose presence the Writings were brought forth, and begun to be read: but before they came to the uses, stept in Sir *John Littleton*'s keeper in a sweat, and told them, that there were a brace of Bucks at lare in the Park, which carryed a glass in their tails for Mr *Smyth*'s Dogs to look in (for he loved coursing well, and had his Greyhounds there) but, if they made not hast, those market people, which passed through the Park, would undoubtedly rouse them. Whereupon Sir *John Littleton* earnestly moved Mr *Smyth* to seal the Writings without further reading; protesting, that they were according to the draughts he had seen, and without any alteration. Which bold asleverations, putting him out of all suspicion of sinister dealing, caused him forthwith to seal them, and to go into the Park.

Hereupon the two Children (for they were not above ix years old a peice) were marryed together, and lived in the house with Sir *John*. But so it hapned, that, about six years after, the young man dyed by a fall from a Horse; insomuch as Mr *Smyth*, considering that his daughter had no issue, resolved to take her away, and signified as much to Sir *John*; who, designing to marry her again to *George*, his second son, refused to deliver her; till which time Mr *Smyth* never suspected any thing in the Deed formerly so sealed, as hath been said: But then, upon difference betwixt him and Sir *John*, it appeared, that for want of issue by the before specified *William* and *Margaret*, the lands were to divolve unto the right heirs of the said *William*, which was *Gilbert Littleton* his eldest brother, contrary to the plain agreement at first made. To make short therefore; *William*, the youngest son, marryed her; *George*, the second, enjoy'd her; and *Gilbert*, the eldest, had the estate, as heir to his brother: Which, descending to *John* his son, was kept from Mr *Smyth* the true heir, with whom he had great suits in Law; and at length by his attainder [l] for adhering to *Robert* E. of *Essex* in 42 *Eliz.* came to the Crown [*for he* [m] *was drawn into that Treason, as being a man much respected for his wit and valour by those Conspirators, and dyed in Prison.*] After which, King *James*, at his first coming to the Crown of **England**, being petitioned by *Muriel* the widow to the said *John* for restitution of his lands; well weighing how popular a man the Earl of *Essex* was, and so consequently all those that took part with him were lookt on by the Vulgar, unto whom an Act of Mercy could not but be, especially at his first entrance, very gratefull, yeilded to her request; and by his Letters pat. made a grant of them to her. Whereupon, she still doubting more trouble by suits with Mr *Smyth*, sold them away to Sergeant *Hele*, a great Lawyer: who likewise considering upon what foundation *Littleton*'s title was at first built, to the end that it might the better be defended, disposed of them to his 5 sons, *viz.* Sir *Warwick Hele* and Sir *Francis* (both Knights) *Nicholas*, *Walter*, and *George*. But such is the fate that follows these possessions, that for want of a publick adversary, these brothers are now at suit amongst themselves for them.

[l] [m] Decl. of the Pract. of Ro. E. of Essex and his complices *Impr. Lond.* 1601.

And, as none of the line of *Gilbert Littleton* before specified (to whom they so descended by force of the before specified conveyance) doth enjoy a foot of them: so is it no less observable, that the son and heir of *George* by the same *Margaret* (so marryed as I have declared) *viz. Stephen Littleton* of **Holbeach** in **Worcestershire**, was attended with a very hard fate, being one of the Gunpowder Conspirators in 3 *Jac.* for which he lost

loſt his life and eſtate, as is very well known.

Bulkinton.

SOuthwards from hence lyes **Bulkinton**, which is a large Pariſh, containing theſe Hamlets, *viz.* **Weſton** in **Arden**, **Ryeton**, **Bramcote**, **Wolverſhill**, **Merſton-Jabet**, and **Bernacle**; of which in their order.

In the Conquerours dayes, this was certified [n] to be in the poſſeſſion of the Earl of *Mellent*, and held then by *Salo* his under-tenant; at which time it contained 4 hydes and one virgat of land, being valued at xx *s.* and written **Bochintone.**

That *Ernald de Boys* was Steward to *Rob. Boſſu* E. of **Leic.** I have already taken notice in **Clifton**; but whether this place deſcended to him as heir to *Robert de Watervill*, his Uncle [o]: or whether he were enfeoffe thereof immediatly by the ſaid Earl, I cannot ſay; nevertheleſs that he ſucceeded *Watervill* as heir, is moſt probable: for it appears [p], that *Roger de Watervill*, brother of *Robert*, gave the Church to the Abby of **Leiceſter**, upon, or near the time of that Monaſtery its foundation, which was in *an.* 1143. (8 *Steph.*) To which Church were then belonging [q] two yard land, called the glebe; with the Chappels of **Bernangle**; **Weſton**, **Ryton**, **Merſton**, **Schelton**, **Anſty**, and **Bramcote**: all which, except **Schelton** and **Anſty**, do yet continue of this Pariſh: for in thoſe dayes it was ſeldome ſeen, that the poſſeſſion of the Mannour and patronage of the Church were in ſeveral hands before ſuch perpetual advouſons were given to the Monks. Which *Ernauld* confirmed [r] the ſaid grant of *Roger de Watervile*: ſo alſo did [ſ] his deſcendants, the 3 ſucceeding *Ernalds*.

In 13 E. 1. *John de Boys*, ſon to the laſt *Ernald*, claimed [t] a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, power to puniſh the breakers of the Aſſize of Bread and Ale: as alſo Weyſs; and to be diſcharged of the common amerciaments of the County. All theſe, I ſay, he claimed then by preſcription in this his Mannour of **Bulkinton**, **Weſton**, and **Ryton**, with **Free-warren** here by grant to *Ernald* his father, which were allowed. To whom ſucceeded *William* his brother and heir, (as in **Clifton** is manifeſted.) Which *William* ſetled [u] this Mannour, with divers other, upon himſelf for life; and afterwards upon *VWilliam de la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of the ſame *VWilliam* and *Maud*; and for lack of ſuch iſſue, to the ſaid *Maud*, and the heirs of her body; the remainder to his right heirs. Which *Maud* was heir to the above mentioned *VWilliam de Boſco*, as the deſcent in **Clifton** ſheweth.

In the line of *Zuche* [whoſe chief ſeat was at **Haringworth** in **Northamptonſhire**, by inheritance [w] from *Mileſent de Cantilupe*] it continued for divers generations.

[a] Guliel. de Cantilupo obiit 39. H. 3.

[b]	[c]	[d]	[e]
Georg. de Cantilupo obiit ſine prole.	Johanna ſoror & cohæres, ux. Henrici de Haſtings.	.... de Monte alto. 1. mari-tus.	Miliſenta altera ſororum & cohæredum, de-functa 27 E. 1.	Eudo la Zuche 2. E. 1.

[f] Will. la Zuche filius & hæres obiit *h* 10. Martii, 26 E. 3.

[g] Matilda filia & hæres Joh. Lovel, mil. & Iſabellæ ux. ejus, ſororis & hæredis Will. de Boſco.

[i] Eudo de la Zuche, obiit vita patris.

[k] Will. la Zuche, ætat. 30. an. ad morrem avi. obiit *l* 5. R. 2.

[m] Will. la Zuche, ætat. 40. an. 5. R. 2. obiit *n* 3. H. 5.

[o] Will. la Zuche, ætat. 13. an. 3. H. 5. obiit *p* 8. E. 4.

[q] Joh. dom. Zouſche, ætat. 8. an. 8. E. 4. attinctus *r* in Parl. 7. Nov. 1. H. 7.

[ſ] Joh. Zouche, fil. & hæres 23. H. 7.

[t] Ric. dom. Zouche.

[u] Geo. dom. Zouche, plenæ ætat. 6. E. 6. obiit *w* 19. Junii, 19. Eliz.

[x] Edw. fil. & hæres, accrevit plenam ætatem, 6. Junii, 19. Eliz.

In 7 E. 2. the K. granted [y] **Free-warren** to the before ſpecified *VWilliam* and *Maud* his wife, in their demeſn lands here at **Bulkinton**, **Weſton**, **Riton**, **Bramcote**, and **Wolfarſhull**, all in this Pariſh. But afterwards do I meet with nothing more of that family, relating to this place, further than their dying ſeized thereof, till *Edward*, the principal male branch of thoſe Barons; who, waſting that great Patrimony, deſcended to him from his Fore-fathers, ſold this Lordſhip, with the reſt of the Hamlets in this Pariſh, to *Humfry Davenport* Eſq; and one *Richard Bucknam* Gent. Which *Humfrey* and *Richard* paſt the one moytie thereof to Sir *Chriſtopher Yelverton* Kt. one of the Juſtices of the K. Bench (*temp. Jac. R.*) whoſe Grandchild Sir *Chr. Yelverton* of **Eaſt-Weſton** *in Com.* **Northampt.** Kt. of the Bath, now enjoys it. And the other moytie to *George Purefey*, fifth ſon to *Michael Purefey* of **Caldecote** Eſq; : which *George* had iſſue *Gamaliel Purefey*, who ſold it to *Anthony Stoughton* now of St. **Johns** in **Warwick** Eſq; the preſent owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. *James*, being granted to the Abby of **Leiceſter** (as I have allready ſhew'd) was antiently appropriated to that Monaſtery: and, upon the endowment of the Vicaridge, a penſion of xxvi *s.* viii *d.* *per annum*, was reſerved [z] out of the ſame.

In *an.* 1291. 19. E. 1. the Rectory was valued [a] at xxvi marks; and the Vicaridge at [b] 11 marks: But in 26 H. 8. I find the Vicaridge rated [c] at vi *lib.* x *ſol.* vi *d.* over and above

[a] *Eſc.* 39. H. 3.
[b] *Rot. F.* 1. E. 1. *m.* 3.
[c] *Eſc.* 1. E. 1. *n.* 16.
[d] *Rot. F.* 2. E. 1. *m.* 29.
[e] *Rot. F.* 27. E. 1. *m.* 21.
[f] *E Cod. MS penès H. Com. Stanf.*
[g] *Eſc.* 26. E. 3. *n.* 50.
[h] *Eſc.* 5. *R.* 2. *n.* 62.
[i] *Eſc.* 3. *H.* 5. *n.* 46.
[k] *Eſc.* 8. E. 4. *n.* 53.
[l] *Rot. Parl.* 1. H. 7. *m.* 6.
[m] *Rot. Cur.*
[n] *Lib.* 3. *cedul.*
[o] *Lib.* 4. *cedul.*
[p] *Cart.* 7. E. 2. *n.* 27.
[q] *Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl.* Bodl. *f.* 30. *a.*
[r] *E cod. MS in Scac.*
[s] *Ms penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 38. *b.*

[n] Domeſday *lib.*
[o] *Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 28. *a.*
[p] *Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl.* Bodl. *f.* 30. *a.*
[q] *Ib.*
[r] *Pat.* 12. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 18.
[ſ] *Ib.*
[t] *Rot. de Quo warr.* 13. E. 1.
[u] *F. levat. xv Mich.* 21. E. 1.
[w] *Cart. Antiq. PP. n.* 69.

above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Synodals* and *Procurations*,

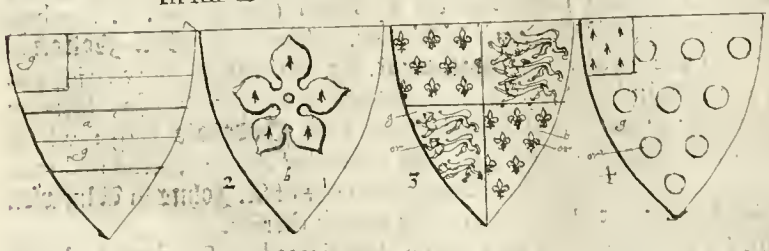
Which Rectory, being in the Crown, as parcell of the poſſeſſions belonging to the diſſolved Monaſtery of **Leiceſter**, was granted [d] by Q. *Eliz.* in 33 of her reign, to the Free-ſchool of **Uppingham** *in Com.* **Rutland.**

[d] *Pat.* 33. *Eliz. p.* 5.

In a North window of the Church



In the East window of the Chancell



1 Boys
2 Aſtley
3 Engli. & France
4 Zouch



Patroni

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 7. b. Northb. f. 20. a. Stret. f. 8. b.	*Abb. & Conv. de Leic.*	*Warinus de Swanington Pbr. an.* 1258.
		Rob. de Bengrave. 5. *Id. Dec.* 1305.
Heyw. f. 21. a.		*Joh. Bernard Pbr.* 4. *Non. Apr.* 1326.
Ib. f. 24. b.		*Dom. Ric. de Chedle.* 4. *Id. Aug.* 1361.
Ib. f. 41. b.		*Will. Granger Pbr.* 26. *Martii.* 1428.
Ib. f. 42. b.		*Ric. Wylkyns Pbr.* 21. *Julii,* 1430.
Ib. f. 43. a.		*Hen. Awbell Pbr.* 20. *Aug.* 1443.
Bo. f. 8. b.		*Tho. Sawnder Pbr.* 8. *Dec.* 1444.
Bowl. f. 9. b.		*Tho. Hille Pbr.* 17. *Febr.* 1444.
Bl. f. 11. b.		*Will. Gregg Pbr.* 13. *Aug.* 1449.
		Joh. Webbe, Cap. 22. *Martii.* 1453.
		D. Tho. Lyndon, Cap. 11. *Apr.* 1525.
Str. & P. f. 17. b.	*H. 8. Rex Angliæ, ratione dissolut. Abb. Leic.*	*D. Tho. Mower. Cap.* 4. *Sept.* 1540.
Sampf. & B. f. 9. b.	*Hen. Waver de Coventre, Mercer.*	*Will. Smyth Cler.* 12. *Maii,* 1557.
Ib. f. 11. a.		*Ric. Briscow Cler.* 6. *Dec.* 1557.
Ib. f. 30. a.		*Edw. Jurdayne Cler.* 2. *Junii,* 1561.
Ib. f. 46. b.	*Ric. Waver, alias Over.*	*Walt. Enderby,* 6. *Aug.* 1575.
Overton hund. C.	*Geo. Belgrave de Belgrave in Com. Leic. ar.*	*Henr. Bradshaw, Cler.*

Weston in Arden.

THis, taking its name from the Western situation from **Bulkinton**, was also, in the Conq. daies, in the possession of the Earl of **Pellent**, and then certified to contain two hydes, which were valued at xl *sol.* Since which time the possession thereof hath gone along with **Bulkinton**, till now: therfore shall I not need to make instance by particular proofs; in regard, that all those Records, that I have made use of for **Bulkinton**, do manifest the same. Yet, because there are some things peculiar hereunto onely, I shall in their order take notice of them: amongst which this is not the least observable; that of all these places in the Parish of **Bulkinton**, it hath not onely the priority in rank, where they are mentioned together in the Records: but even **Bulkinton** it self, with the rest, are accounted as members of it; the reason whereof can be no other, than, that the Lord of them all had his Mannour-house here, where the **Leet** being kept, not onely the Inhabitants of the other Villages met; but from other places, both in this County and **Leicestersh.** which were the Lord *Zouches* lands, *viz.* **Clifton, Brownsover, Wybtoft, Bulkinton** and **Ryton**, *in Com.* **Warr**; with **Ulfthorpe, Elmesthorpe**, and **Cleybrooke** in **Leicestersh.** as by *Court-Rolls* in *H.* 6. time I have seen.

Upon the death of the last *Ernald de Boys*, 5 *E.* 1. it was found[a], that this Mannour was by him held *in capite* of the heirs of the Earl of **Wincester** (in right of their partage in the Honour of **Leicester**) paying yearly unto them one Hound called a **Brache**, and seven pence in money for all services. [a] *Esc.* 5. *E.* 1. *n.* 9.

Afterwards, *scil.* in 7 E. 2. *Will. la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife had **Free-warren** granted to them here and in divers other places, (as in **Bulkinton** hath been said.) Which *Will.* in 19 E. 3. had licence[b] for amortizing of 8 Messuages, 9 yard land and a half, and xxx *s.* annual Rent, with the appurtenances, lying in **Cleybrooke** and **Lepre** (*in Com.* **Leic.**) this **Weston in Arden, Werston-Jabet, Coton**, and **Ryton** *juxta* **Bulkinton**, (*Com.* **Warr.**) for the maintenance of two Priests to sing Mass daily in the Chappel of our Lady within this his Mannour of **Weston**, for the good estate of himself, whilst he lived, and for the health of his soul after he should depart this world; as also for the soul of *William Danet*; and for the souls of the father and mother, with the ancestours and heirs of the said *Will. la Zuche* and *Will. Danet*, and of all the faithfull deceased. Concerning which Chantry, the B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** upon his Ordination[c] thereof, the next ensuing year, thus declared; That there having been a Chappel of the blessed Virgin *Mary* within this Mannour of **Weston**, and therein divine service celebrated time out of mind; which, being grown ruinous, was then newly fallen down, Sir *Will. la Zuche* of **Haringworth** Kt. had rebuilt the same with a fair fabrick, in honour of the said blessed Virgin, for the good estate of himself; as also of Sir *Will. la Zuche* of **Totenes**, and the Lady *Eliz.* his wife, with their children during this life; and afterwards for the health of their souls, and for the souls of *Will. de Boys*, Sir *Eudo la Zuche*, *Melisent de Montalt*, *Maud la Zuche*, *Elene la Zuche*, and their children departed this life: And for the souls of *Will. Danet* and *Richard Dobyn*, and other Benefactors, with all the faithfull deceased. [b] *Pat.* 19. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 19. [c] *Northb. f.* 121. *a.*

But, whereas the first licence for amortizing the lands before mentioned was for two Priests (as I have said) it seems the said Sir *Will. la Zuche* chang'd his purpose: for I find, that in 21 E. 3. he had the K. licence[d] for the alteration thereof for one Priest onely, so that the said Priest might have another under him for performance of that service. [d] *Pat.* 21. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 26.

Belonging to the Lord *Zouch* his Mannour-house here, there was antiently a Park, as it seems: for, in 46 E. 3. Sir *Will. la Zuche* had licence[e] to turn a way for the enlargement thereof: Howbeit, in 10 H. 6. where *Will.* Lord *Zouch* was certified[f] to hold this Mannour, it is called **Weston-Arnold**, for distinction from the other **Westons** in this County, in regard that *Arnold de Boys* had antiently been owner thereof. [e] *Esc.* 46. *E.* 3. *n.* 23. *Pat.* 47. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 9. [f] *Rot. in Scac. penès Remem. R.*

But after the attainder of *John* Lord *Zouch*, in 1 H. 7. the K. granted[g] it to Sir *James Blount*, and to the heirs males of his body: nevertheless, it seems, that the family of *Zouch* afterwards regain'd it: for in 6 E. 6. *George* Lord *Zouch* was possest[h] thereof, and dyed[i] seized of it, 19 *Junii*, 19 *Eliz.* leaving *Edward* his son and heir, who sold it to *Humphrey Davenport* Esq. and *Richard Bucknam*, with **Bulkinton** and other lands; by [g] *Pat.* 3. *H.* 7. *p.* 2. *m.* 9. [h] *Lib.* 3. *cedul.* [i] *Lib.* 4. *cedul.*

which means it came to Sir *Chriſtopher Yelverton* Kt. of the Bath, and *Anthony Stoughton* Eſq; the preſent Lords thereof, as **Bulkinton** did.

A Tradition there is, that one of the Lord *Zouches*, who much affected to reſide here, and wanting ſufficient mowing ground for his uſe, upon a time invited the Free-holders of **Bulkinton** to his houſe; and welcoming them with very good entertainment, propoſed the purchaſing of their ſeveral doles in a fair large meadow, which lay fitly for him; All which aſſented, except one *Rogers*. Whereupon the reſt urging him to do as they had done, the Lord *Zouch* ſaid, **Let the Churle alone with his peice**; And ſo, to this day, the poſterity of the ſaid *Rogers* continue poſſeſt thereof, it being called **the Churles peice.**

Rieton juxta Bulkinton.

THE firſt mention that I find of this place, is in that grant [k] of the Tithes thereof to the Abby of **Leiceſter**, as a member of the Pariſh of **Bulkinton**; *viz.* when the Church of **Bulkinton** was firſt given thereto by *Roger de Watervile*, of which I have already ſpoken: but that it was and is a member of **Bulkinton**, or rather **Weſton**, where the Lord had his ſeat, all the teſtimonies from Record, which I have produced before, do manifeſt; and therefore I ſhall not need to ſay any more thereof.

[k] *Reg. Abb. de Leic. f. 35. a. in bibl. Cotton.*

Bramcote.

[l m n o] Domeſday lib.

THis place, in the Conq. time, contained [l] two hydes, whereof one and a half then belonged to Earl *Alberie*, of whom I have made mention in **Clifton**: and the other half hyde to *Ric. Foreſtarius*, of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Cheſterton**. But, before the Conqueſt, one *Salo* was owner [m] of that, which Earl *Alberic* had, being the ſame man that afterwards held **Bulkintone** of the Earl of **Pellent**. The other half hyde one *Sexi* poſſeſt [n]. It is there [o] written **Bramcote**; perhaps from **Bram**, the Saxon, and **cott** or **coed**, the Britiſh word, which ſignifie the **burnt wood.**

That the inheritance of this Village was as antiently in *Watervile*, as any of thoſe before ſpecified were, I am induced to believe: for *Roger de Watervile* gave [p] ſix yard land and the Mill here to the Abby of **Leiceſter**, by the conſent of *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter** his Lord (and Founder of that Monaſtery) which grant was afterwards confirmed [q] by *Arnold de Boys*, his Nephew, and all the reſt of the ſucceeding *Arnolds*. Yet, in an *Inſpex.* [r] made by *Thomas* Earl of **Lanc.** whereby he recites divers grants to the Canons of **Leic.** and amongſt thoſe, the ſame yard land in **Bramcote**, he declares it to have been given to them by *Geffrey le Abbe*, of whom I had occaſion to make mention in **Burton-Haſtings**: and, together with his confirmation thereof, ratifies [s] alſo the gift of two yard land more, which one *Ranulph* held: ſo that there being eight yard land therein belonging to the Abby of **Leic.** beſides the Mill, and what was appurtenant thereto, the Canons of that Houſe did, as in other their lands in this County, [t] claim a **Court-Leet** and other priviledges therein in 13 E. 1. as granted by the Ks. progenitors to that Monaſtery, for which they then produced their Charters.

[p q] *Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Cotton. f. 28. a.*

[r] *Pat. 22. E. 2. p. 1. m. 18.*

[s] *Ib.*

[t] *Ret. de Quo war. 13. E. 1.*

But in 6 E. 2. I find [u], that the heirs of *Henry de Haſtings* held the third part of a Kts. fee here of *John de Haſtings* the elder, then deceaſed, it being then written **Brompcote**. The like is certified [w] as to the tenure of that third part by the heirs of the ſaid *Henry* in 49 E. 3. 14 [x] H. 6. and 16 [y] E. 4. But what the Lord *Zouch* poſſeſt in this Village, I am not able directly to point out: howbeit, certain it is, that ſomething he enjoy'd, in regard the **Free-warren** granted [z] to him in 7 E. 2. extended into his demeſn lands here, as well as in thoſe of **Weſton**, **Bulkinton**, and **Ryton.**

[u] *Eſc. 6. E. 2. n. 46.*

[w] *Eſc. 49. E. 3. n. 10.*

[x] *Eſc. 14. H. 6. n. 35.*

[y] *Eſc. 16. E. 4. n. 66.*

[z] *Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.*

As for that which the Abbot of **Leic.** had, it amounted to the third part of a Kts fee: for in 20 E. 3. it is certified, [a] that ſo much he held of the Earl of **Lancaſter**, who then had the Honour of **Leic.** as is well known. All which lands ſo belonging to that Abby, were in 38 H. 8. granted [b] to *Edward Watſon* Eſq; and *Henry Herdſon*, and to the heirs of the ſame *Edward*; who (as I have heard) had two daughters that were his heirs; the one marryed to ..... *Turner*; the other to ..... *Liſle*: from which ..... *Liſle* deſcended ..... *Liſle*, that ſold his moytie to *George Pureſey* of **Wolverſhill** Gent. And from ..... *Turner*, *William*, his Grandſon, of whom *Gamaliel Pureſey*, ſon to the ſaid *George*, purchaſed the other.

[a] *Rot. penes* S. Clarke *Bar.*

[b] *Pat. 38. H. 8. p. 4.*

Wolverſhill.

THE firſt mention that I meet with of this place, is in 21 E. 1. where it is ſetled, with **Bulkinton** and other Mannours, upon *Will. la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of *Maud* by *VVill. de Boys* (as I have in **Bulkinton** already obſerved.) In that Fine it is written **Wulfareſhull**, which doth import, that the original of its denomination was from one *VVulphere* his reſiding there; that being a very common name in the Saxons time.

In the line of *Zouch* it continued with **Weſton** before ſpoken of, till [c] the time of *Edw.* Lord *Zouch*, the ſon of *George*, as the Records, which I have cited touching **Weſton** do ſhew; *VVill. la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife having **Free-warren** granted [d] to them here in 7 E. 2. Which *Edw.* ſold [e] the ſame with **Weſton**, *&c.* unto *Humphrey Davenport* Eſq; and *Richard Buckram*, in ..... *Eliz.* from whom *Geo. Pureſey*, 5th ſon to *Mich. P.* of **Caldecote** in this County, Gent. purchaſed [f] it, whoſe ſon *Gamaliel* now enjoys it.

[c] *Lib. Feudul.*

[d] *Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.*

[e] *Ex relat.* [f] Gam. Pureſey.

Merſton-Jabet.

THis Village, taking its name from the flat and mooriſh ſituation, had the addition of **Jabet** to diſtinguiſh it from the other Towns in this County of the ſame appellation, in regard the *Jabets* were antiently Lords thereof.

In the Conq. time it was in the poſſeſſion of the E. of **Pellent**, and certified [g] to contain one hyde, valued at 3 *lib.* one *Hereunard* being owner thereof in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes; who, after the Norman invaſion was glad to become Tenant to it under the ſaid E. of **Pellent.**

[g] *Domeſday lib.*

This,

This, being part [b] of those 3 Kts. fees whereof *Philip de Estley*, Ancestour to the family of *Astley*, had been enfeofft in the time of H. 1. (as I have already pointed at in my discourse of **Hillmorton**) was held by his descendants of the Earls of **Warwick** by [i] the third part of a Kts. fee; and, of them by *Henry* [k] sirnamed [l] *Jabet*, son [m] to *Fulco de Merston*; which *Henry* gave [n] 4 yard land here to the Abby of **Leicester**, whereupon he was received into that Monastery, as a Canon, and his wife as a sister. To him succeeded *John* [o] his son and heir, sometimes called *Joh. filius Henrici de Merstona*, and sometimes *John Jabet*, who was a Benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**, by giving to them lands in this place: which grant K. H. 2. confirmed [p].

This *Henry* had a brother called *Robert* [q]; who, having certain lands in this Village, gave [r] divers small parcels thereof to the said Monks of **Combe**: and not onely so, but, by his deed made them promise, that he would neither sell nor pawn any of it, except to that Monastery. Which grants to those Monks, with divers more made by several persons, whose names are of no great note, were confirm'd [s] by *Thomas* the son to *Walter de Estley*, *in an.* 1241. 25 H. 3. To whom succeeded Sir *Andrew de Astley* Kt. who confirmed [t] to them and their successours for ever a **Court-Leet** here for their own tenants; which, with other priviledges, was allowed [u] of by the K. in 13 E. 1. But the residue of this town, the said Sir *Andrew* himself held by the service of half a Kts. fee, (as I have already said) and, in 13 E. 1. claimed [w] here, by prescription, a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Weyfs, power to punish the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Ale, **Free-warren**, with immunity from the common amerciaments, and of aid to the Shiriff, it being then accounted a member of **Astley**, all which were allowed. But further than this have I not found any thing considerable of it, other than, that after the dissolution of the Monasteries, that part, which belong'd to the Abby of **Combe**, was, with divers other lands, granted by Letters [x] Pat. dated 28 *Octob.* 36 H. 8. to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Broke*; from whom, it seems, *Henry Waver* soon purchased it: for I find [y], that on the 26 of *Febr.* next following, the said *Henry* aliened it to *Will. Perkins*, whose descendants do still enjoy it.

[b] *Esc.* 52. H. 3. *Esc.* 8. H. 4.
[i] *Rot. penès* S. Clarke *Bar.*
[k] [l] *Reg. de Cumba f.* 206. *a.*
[m] [n] *Reg. de Leic. inbibl.* Bodl. *f.* 110. *a.*
[o] *Reg. de Cumba, ut supra.*
[p] *Ibid. f.* 169. *a.*
[q] [r] *Ib. f.* 106. *b.*
[s] *Ib. f.* 206. *a.*
[t] *Ex alio Reg. de Cumba in bibl.* Cotton. [*Vitelius A.*1] *f.* 99. *b.*
[u] *Rot. de Quo w. Pat.* 20. E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 9. *per Inspex.*
[w] *Rot. de Quo w.*
[x] *Pat.* 36. H. 8. *p.* 22.
[y] *Ex autog. penès* Wil. Perkins *gen.*

Bernacle.

IN the Conq. time [z]; this was in the Earl of **Pellent's** possession, and held of him by the same *Hereuuard* that had **Merston**, whose freehold it had been in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes. By the general Survey it is certified to contain 3 virgats of land, and of wood 4 furlongs in length, and 3 in bredth, the value of all being xx *s.* and there written **Berenhangre**, the latter part of the name (*viz.* **hangre**) signifying, of old, the same that *collis* or *mons* doth: but afterwards it is otherwise written.

There were 4 yard land, lying in this place, given [a] very antiently to the Abby of **Leicester**, by *Henry* the son of *Fulke de Merston* (of whom I have made mention in **Merston-Jabet**) all of the fee of *Ernald de Boys* before spoken of, and by him confirmed to that Monastery; as also by K. H. 2. In that grant it is written **Bernangul**; but in *Thomas* E. of **Lanc.** his ratification [b] of a carucate of land to the same Monastery, **Berhangil**.

In 13 *Edw.* 1. the Abbot of **Leicester** had a **Court-Leet** here for his own Tenants, with other priviledges, which he claimed [c] to have had time out of mind.

It seems, that the *Fitzwiths* (of whom in **Bobenhull** and **Shotswell** I have spoke) were antiently owners of this place, though the grant thereof to them have I not found: for it appears, [d] that the Canons of **Leicester** granted unto *Guy*, a Knight, then Lord thereof, that he and his heirs should have an Oratory, or Chappel, in his house here at **Bernangre**; provided, that such Priest, who was to celebrate divine service there, before he entred upon that duty, should take a solemn oath in the presence of the Vicar of **Bulkinton** for the time being, that it might be no damage to the Mother-Church of **Bulkinton**; and, that he would be faithfull to the said Vicar. This was in H. 3. time, as will appear by the descent of that family in **Bobenhull**; for his Grand-child *Robert*, called *Robertus filius Johannis, filii Guidonis*, Lord [e] also of this place, dyed in the beginning of E. 2. time. From whom descended *Robert*, whose daughter and heir *Joane*, being the wife to *John Beauchamp* of **Holt**, brought this Lordship to that family (whereof also in **Bobenhull** I have spoke.) After which time it accompanyed the possession of **Bobenhull**; first to *Pauncefote*, afterwards to *Croft*, and then to Sir *Edw. Greuill*, as the authorities there cited will manifest; but further I cannot speak.

It seems, that the *Hospitalars* were antiently Lords of the moytie of this Village; for so in an old Rentall [f] of lands, lying in **Anstey** and **Shortwood**, they are said to be. Which moytie was, after the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses, granted [g] (*inter alia*) by K. E. 6. 15. *Dec.* in 4. of his reign, to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. and *Laurence Wennington* Gent. by the name of a messuage called **Ferne-place**. Which Sir *Raph* sold [h] the same to *John Wade* Gent. and his heirs. From whom, in 3 *Eliz.* it was past [i] by the name of the Mannour of **Barnakell**, to Sir *Rouland Heyward* Kt. and others; who sold [k] it to ..... *Over*, and *Phyneis*. But *Phyneis* releasing, *Over* past [l] the same away to *Richard Perkins*, by the name of the Mannour and capitall Messuage in **Barnakell**. Which *Richard*, in 14 *Eliz.* granted [m] it to *Edw. Aglionby*. And, in 15 *Eliz.* the above mentioned *John Wade* joyn'd [n] with the said *Perkins* in levying a Fine thereupon, by the name of the Mannour of **Barnakell**, 8 Messuages, and ..... Acres of land lying in **Barnakell** and **Shilton**. Which *Edw. Aglionby*, by his deed [o] dated 8 *Maii*, 32 *Eliz.* granted the reversion thereof, after the death of *Mary* his wife, unto *Mich. Feilding* and his heirs; who dying without issue, it descended unto *Basill Feilding*, late of **Newnham** Esq; his elder brother: which *Basill* setled the same upon *Roger Feilding*, his younger son, afterwards Knighted; whose son, *Basill*, now enjoys it.

[z] Domesday *lib.*
[a] *Reg. de Leic. in bibl.* Bodl. *f.* 16. *b.*
[b] *Pat.* 12. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 18. *per Inspex.*
[c] *Rot. de Quo w.*
[d] *Reg. de Leic. ut supra.*
[e] *Reg. de Coventre, f.* 204. *b.*
[f] *Ib. f.* 55. *a. b.*
[g] *Pat.* 4. E. 6. *p.* 4.
[h] [i] [k] [l] [m] [n] [o] *Ex evid.* Basilii Feilding *ar.*

Shilton.

I Have now done with the Parish of **Bulkinton**. The next Town in my designed order is **Shilton**, which the Earl of **Pellent** held [p] in the Conq. time, *Wallef* being his tenant thereof, whose free-hold it was before the Norman invasion.

[p] Domesday *lib.*

It then contained two hydes, having woods of two furlongs in length, and one in breadth, and was valued at xl *sol.* being in the general Survey then taken, written **Scelftone**. I suppose, that it attended the succession of **Bernangre** for a long time, though I have not light enough from Record to manifest as much; for, in 8 H. 5. it appears, [q] that *John Beauchamp* of **Holt** dyed seized thereof, and that *Margaret* the wife of *John Paunzefot* was his daughter and heir. After which time, till 5 H. 8. have I seen no more of it; but then did [r] *Raph Swillington* and *Alice* his wife pass it to *Richard* Bishop of **Winchester**, and others, though to what uses I know not. And, in E. 6. time, was *Thomas Essex* Esq; son of Sir *Thomas Essex* Kt. seized [s] thereof.

[q] *Esc.* 8. H. 5. *n.* 70.

[r] F. *levat. T. pasch.* 4, & 5. H. 5.

[s] *Lib.* 2. *Cedul.*

This Village is now reputed to be a Parish of it self, whereas antiently it was of the Parish of St. *Michael* in **Coventre**, and the Chappel here appropriated [t] to the Priory of **Coventre**. Howbeit the Inhabitants had [u] not then liberty of sepulture in the Chappel-yard, which was made and consecrated by *Roger de Clinton* B. of **Coventre**, with the permission of the Prior and Covent, but were enjoyn'd to bring the bodyes of their dead to be buryed at the Mother Church of **Coventre**, the Curate being a Stipendiary [w] to the Prior of **Coventre**, and removable at his pleasure; having [x] onely the small tythes assigned him for his Salary; which, in 26 H. 8. were valued at 5 *l. per annum*. It seems that the interest [y] which the said Prior had here, was by Composition with the Canons of **Leicester**, forasmuch as this, with **Anstey**, were antiently Chappels belonging to **Bulkinton**, and given to the Monastery of **Leic.** by *Roger de Watervill*; for which the said Prior paid x *sol.* yearly to the Canons of **Leicester**.

[t] *Cart.* 22. *E.* 3. *n.* 6. *per Inspex.*

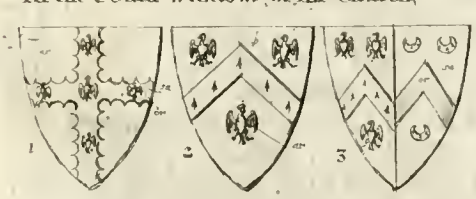
[u] *Reg. de Cov. f.* 75. *b.*

[w] *Ib. f.* 56. *b.*

[x] *MS penes S.* Archer *mil. f.* 28. *a.*

[y] *Reg. Abb. Leic. in bibl.* Cotton, *f.* 18. *b.* & 30. *a.*

Shilton
In the South windows of the Church.



Wolvey.

NOrthwards and somewhat by East from **Shilton**, lyes **Wolvey**, whereof *Alricus* the son of *Meriet* was possest [z] in *Edw.* the Conf: dayes: but after the Norman invasion it came to the hands of *Robert de Veci*, with other Lands in the Counties of **Leic.** and **Linc.** and by the general Survey [a] is certified to contain five hydes and a half, valued at 50 *s.* there being at that time a Church. In that Record [b] it is written **Ulvesa**, taking its name originally (no doubt) from one *Ulf* or *Wulf*, whose seat it was in the Saxons time, and the Saxon word haȝa, which is the same with *domus*, the g being, for easiness of pronunciation, changed into y or i, and the h sometimes left out, and sometimes retained, as in 32 E. 1. may be observed.

[z] [a] [b] Domesday *lib.*

To the posterity of this *Robert de Veci* it continued not: for, in *H.* 2. time, the Earl of **Warwick** had it, and enfeofft *Harecourt* thereof, it being part of those 7. Knights fees which *William* E. of **Warwick** in 12 H. 2. certified [c] that *Yvo de Harecourt* then held of him *de veteri feoffamento*.

[c] *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *a.*

This *Ivo de Harecurt* disposed [d] thereof (*inter alia*) to *Robert Basset* with *Beatrice* his sister in frank marriage, to hold and enjoy as freely, as he the said *Ivo* or his father ever held them: which *Robert* was [e] of the family of *Basset* of **Ricton** (now called **Rushton**) in **Northamptonshire**, and a good Benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**; for he purchased [f] a great part of **Bilney** from *Thurbert* the son of *Hadhelwlfus*, and gave [g] it to that Monastery. By the consent [h] of *Beatrice* his wife, he gave likewise thereunto C. acres of land lying in this Lordship, with pasture to the same belonging, which K. H. 2. also confirmed [i].

[d] *Reg. de Cumba, f.* 80. *a.*

[e] *Reg. de Pipwell, f.* 21. *a.*

[f] [g] *Reg. de Cumba f.* 38. *b.*

[h] *Ib. f.* 81. *a.*

[i] *Cart.* 35. H. 3. *per Inspex.*

This *Robert Basset* had issue [k] *Reginald*, who ratified [l] to the Monks of **Combe** the said grant by his Father; in which confirmation it is expresst that those C. acres did lye, partly upon **Caldwellehull** on **Wolvey-heath**, and partly betwixt **Sandford** and **Grimeswose** towards **Watlingstrete**; adding [m] also of his own gift pasture for 500 Sheep upon **Wolvey-heath**. And likewise bestowed [n] on them the Church of St. *John Bapt.* here at **Wolvey** of his patronage, with all lands, tythes, and obventions thereunto belonging. The one moytie whereof was appropriated [o] to them by *Geffrey Muschamp* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** in K. *John*'s time, at the request of the said *Reginald*; and the other [p], (by agreement betwixt the said *Reginald*, the Monks, and the said B.) made a Prebend to the Cathedral of **Lichfield**; whereof the said B. and his successours was to have the advouson. Which agreement was confirmed [q] by Pope *Innocent* the 4. in the 8. year of his Papacy (34 H. 3.) as also by [r] *Hubert* Archb. of **Canterb.** *William* [s] Bishop of **Coventre**, and [t] the Prior and Covent of that Church. Other grants [u] of land and rent, here in **Wolvey**, did the said *Reginald* make to them, which to particularize will not be much material; as also of lands in **Herberbury**, whereof I shall say more when I come to that place.

[k] [l] [m] *Reg. de Cumb. f.* 81. *a.*

[n] [o] *Ib.* 81. *b.*

[p] *Ib. f.* 82. *a.*

[q] [r] [s] [t] *Ib. f.* 82. *b.*

[u] *Ib.* 83. *b.*

Of this *Reginald* the first [w] mention that I find in Record, is in 23 H. 2. In [x] 4 and 5 R. 1. he was joyn'd with *Gilb. de Segrave* as substitute for *Hugh. Nuvant* Bishop of **Coventre**, to whom the custody of these Counties was committed: but, afterwards, *viz.* [y] for the 6, 7, 8, and 9, years of that K. reign, as also in [z] 1 *Joh.* he had the sole charge of them himself, and accounted for them as Shiriff.

[w] *Rot. P.* 23. H. 2.

[x] [y] [z] *Rot. P. de iisdem ann.*

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[a] Ex autog. in officio Armorum. To the Monks of **Kirby** he gave [a] Common of Pasture upon his Heath here at **Wolvey**, *viz.* for their draught Oxen at **Copston** with 5. Kine and a Bull; and to their tenants of that village Common of Pasture upon the same Heath for all kind of Cattle. As also 20. loads of Heath and Fern yearly to be cut upon the same Heath for those Monks; with liberty to their tenants of **Copston** to get Heath and Fern there yearly for fuell by the space of xv. days before Christmas, and for viii. days before Easter. And whereas the said tenants of **Copston** had wont, in consideration of the said common of Pasture and getting of fuell, to perform certain services to the same *Reginald* and his Father; *viz.* plowing twice a year, harrowing once, mowing and raking once; and in Harvest one man from every House to gather up Corn: as also from every House a Hen at Christmas, and ten Egges at Easter; the said *Reginald* for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Father, Mother, and Ancestors, released to them all those services.

[b] Rot. P. [c] 11 Joh. This *Reginald* seated himself here at **Wolvey**, as by that grant appeareth; and had [b] great suites with *Will. de Harecurt*, *Thomas de Astley*, and other Knights, that held of the Honour of **Leicester**: for, in 11. *Joh.* he gave [c] two palfreys, that the cause might be heard before the King; wherein he got the better, as may seem by that Fine [d] of CC. marks, payd into the Exchequer by the said *Tho. de Astley* the year following, *pro falso clamore*. But, having no Children, the issue of his two Sisters became his Heirs, *viz.* [e] *Yuo de Dene*, and *Rob. de Leicester*. Which *Yuo* had his seat at **Dene** in the East part of **Northampton**-shire, but was highly devoted to these Monks of **Combe**, as may appear by his large concessions [f] to them; first for pasturage for their Horses and Oxen that were imployed in Tillage; and likewise for 12. Kine and a Bull in all places within **Wolvey**, where his own Horses, Oxen, and Kine, or his Heirs, or others of the same town were to have pasture; as also liberty for them to dig turfe yearly with two men for six days. And moreover of his Mill here, with the Pool below his Mannour-house, and course of water thereto, excepting all the Fish but Eels, whereof the Monks were to have the one half. And afterwards, in further testimony of his bounty, bestowed [g] on them his Mannour-house and whole Lordship of **Wolvey**, with the homage and services of all that held thereof; which grants, not onely *Nich. de Dene*, son to the said *Yuo*, confirmed, [h] but *Ric.* [i] *de Harecurt*, Superior Lord of the Fee by descent from the before specified *Ivo de Harecurt*. So that now those Monks, having a Lordship here, which, in [k] 20. *H.* 3. and 20. [l] *E.* 3. answered for a whole Kts. Fee, claimed [m] in 13. *E.* 1. a **Court-Leet** and other Priviledges therein, whereof they had allowance: And in 18. *E.* 1. obtained a Charter [n] of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands here. And in 19. *E.* 2. the like for [o] a **Mercate** every week upon the Wednesday, with a **Fair** yearly to last for three days; *viz.* the Even of St. *Mark* the Evang. and two days following.

[d] Rot. P. 12. Joh. [e] Reg. de Cumba f. 83 b. 84. a. 87. a. [f] Ib. f. 84. a. [g] Ib. b. [h] Ib f. 86. b. [i] Ib. [k] Testa de Nevill. [l] Rot. penès S. Clarke Bar. [m] Rot. de Q. Warr. 13. E. 1. [n] Cart. 18. E. 1. n. 89. [o] Cart. 19. E. 2. n. 11.

But, leaving the Monks of **Combe** thus possest of this Mannour, I shall now observe what I find otherwise memorable in **Wolvey**; which is, that one Sir *Thomas de VVolvey* Knight had a fair estate here, and left issue [p] *Joan* the wife of Sir *Henry de Erdington* (of whom in **Erdington** I shall speak) and *Alice* of *Giles* the Son and Heir to *Andrew* Lord *Astley*, towards the latter end of *E.* 1. reign: upon which *Giles* and *Alice* and the Heirs of *Alice*, in 32. *E.* 1. he setled [q] 37. mes. three carucats with ten yard land and a half, lying in **Withybroke** and this **Wulfhey** in the County of **War**. Three mes. 1 carucat of Land, and 6. s. 6. d. rent in **Sirteneby**, and **Dieby** in Com. **Leic.** and 13. mes. and 13. oxgangs of land in **Scakethorpe** and **Nothum** in Com. *Ebor*; reserving to himself and *Alice* his wife an estate for term of life in the aforesaid lands, paying yearly to the said *Giles* and *Alice* a Rose at the Feast of the Nativty of St. *John Bapt.* for all services. But all that I have seen further of him is, that being one of the Coroners [r] in this County (an Office of great note in those days, as in **Wolston** I have shew'd) in 6. *E.* 2. he was [s] grown so aged, and impotent to undergoe the same, that he had his Writ of ease. And that he bore for his Armes *Or a Lyon rampant sable*, as by his seal [t] and other authorities appeareth: which Seal, being adorn'd, without the compas of the shield, with Castles, makes me suppose, that his paternall ancestours were of the family of *Castell*, residing at **Withybroke**, hard by.

[q] F. de diversis com. levat. Oct. Mich. 32. E. 1. [r] Clauſ. [s] 6. E. 2. n. 20. [t] Ex autog. penès Ric. Newdigate ar.

This *Alice*, the wife to *Giles de Astley*, surviving her Husband, was stiled *domina de Wolvey*, as by the institutions to the Chantry may be discerned; which Chantry she founded [u] in 17. *E.* 3. in the Chappel of our Lady within this Parish-Church, endowing [w] it with two mes: and two yard land lying here in **Wolvey**, for the maintenance of a Priest to sing Mass daily there for ever, for the good estate of her self whilst she lived, and for the health of her soul after she should depart this life: as also for the souls of her ancestors and heirs, and all the faithfull deceased. And left issue [x] *Thomas* Lord *Astley* her son and heir; of whom, being to speak at large in **Astley**, I shall now say no more than what relates to this Lordship: which is, that he gave [y] 1. mes. and 36. acres of land lying therein, to the Prior and Covent of **Erdbury**, and their successors towards the maintenance of a Canon in that Monastery, to sing Mass daily for the good estate of him the said *Thomas* and *Eliz.* his wife; and of the same *Alice de VVolvey*, and *Andrew de Astley* whilst they lived; as also for the health of their souls after their departure hence; and for the souls of their heirs and ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

[u] Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 1. m. 25. [w] Rot. F. 17. E. 3. m. 6. in cedula. [x] Ex autog. penès præfat. R. N. [y] Esc. 15 E. 3. n. 24. Pat 15. E. 3. p. 3. m. 6.

To which *Thomas* succeeded [z] *William* Lord *Astley*, and *Giles* a younger son; which *William*, in 15. *R.* 2. gave [a] to the said *Giles*, his Brother, and *Kath.* his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodies, this Mannour of **Wolvey**, paying to the said *William* and his heirs a grain of Wheat onely, at the Feast of St. *John Bapt.* yearly for all services. Of which *Giles* all that I find memorable is, that, in 18. *R.* 2. (which was about three years after he became possest thereof) by the consent of the Abbot of **Combe**, he admitted [b] one *VVill. de Scregham*, to the Heremitage upon **Wolvey**-heath, there to live a Heremeticall life in the service of God, and to pray for the souls of him the said *Giles*, his ancestours, and all the founders and benefactors of the said Monastery of **Combe**. When this Heremitage was first founded appears not, but by what is expresst in that Instrument of his admission, it seems, that it stood

[z] Ex autog. penès Th. Astley de Wolvey ar. [a] [b]

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in a ſolitary place upon **Wolvey**-heath, which long before that time, had been inhabited by Heremites.

[d] In 1. *H.* 5. there was an Award [d] made by *Reginald Grey*, Lord *Haſtings*, *Weysford*, and *Ruthin*, and *Richard Crosby* Prior of **Coventre**, upon certain differences, which were at that time betwixt the Abbot of **Combe**, and the before mentioned *Giles*, touching the metes and bounds of their lands on **Wolvey**-heath, and concerning common of paſture, which the ſaid *Giles* challenged in thoſe C. acres of land long before granted to the Monks of **Combe** by *Rob. Baſſet*, and *Reginald* his ſon (as is before expreſt) and concerning the ſole preſentation to the Heremitage before ſpecified, and commoning upon all that Heath: by which Arbitrators it was determined, that the ſaid Abbot and *Giles* ſhould preſent to the Heremitage in Common, and hold all the ſaid Heath in Common, except the above mentioned C. Acres of land: But all that I further find [*] of this *Giles* is, that he dyed at **Dunſtaple** upon the day of St. *Nicholas* the Biſhop *an.* 1427. (6. *H.* 6.) After which, *viz.* in 16. *H.* 7. *Will. Aſtley* his great Grand-child preſented [e] one *John Iddezeard* to the Heremitage. From which *Villiam* is *Giles Aſtley* Eſq. now Lord of the ſame Mannour, deſcended.

Having thus deduced the ſucceſſion of *Aſtley*'s Mannour, I am next to take notice of what the *Templars* had here: Of which the firſt mention I find, is in the Shiriffs account [f] of 1. *E.* 2. after the ſeizure of the lands belonging to the *Templars* into the K. hands; wherein he certifies vii. s. Rent of Aſſize received at the Feaſt of the *Annunc.* of our Lady next before of certain Free-holders and Cottagers there; and xx. s. at the ſame terme for the Rent of a Water-mill and a Vind-Mill let to ferm at xl. s. *per an.* which poſſeſſionswere antiently held [g] by the *Templars* of *Alan la Zouch* by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee.

That the *Templars* were ſuppreſt, and how their lands came to the *Hoſpitalars*, I ſhall ſhew when I come to **Balſhall** in **Hemlingford**-Hundred. And that the *Hoſpitalars* poſſeſſions came to the Crown in 31. *H.* 8. upon that great diſſolution of the Monaſteries is known ſufficiently: at which generall deluge this Mannour of theirs in **Wolvey** was ſwept in, being then accounted as a Member [h] of the Preceptorie of **Balſhall** abovementioned, and continued in the K. hands till 7. *E.* 6. but was then granted [i] (*inter alia*) to *Edw. Aglionby* of **Balſhall** Eſq. and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** Gent. and their Heirs; which *Edw.* in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.* aliened [k] the ſame to *Thomas Marrow* Eſq. who, the ſame year granted [l] it to *Will. Newman*: of whom, in 3. *Eliz.* it was purchaſed [m] by *Edmund Scarning* Eſq. which *Edmund* dyed [n] ſeiſed thereof 3. *Apr.* 1. *Jac.* leaving iſſue *Ezechias* his ſon and heir then aged 34. years.

Touching that Mannour, which belong'd to the Monks of **Combe**, I further find thereof this; that in 8. *H.* 6. it was granted by the then Abbot and Covent of that Monaſtery to *Humfry* Earl *Staffford* and his heirs, the advouſon of the Church with the lands in **Little-Copſton**, belonging thereto, excepted.

Here it hapned, that K. *Edw.* 4. being ſurprized by *Ric. Nevill*, the ſtout E. of **Warwick**, was carryed away Priſoner to **Middleham**-Caſtle in **Yorkſhire**; the circumſtances whereof I have briefly touched in my diſcourſe of that Earl in **Warwick**.

In *an.* 1291. (19. *E.* 1.) the Church (dedicated to St. *John Bapt.*) was valued [o] at xx. marks (the one moytie being then a Prebend of **Lichfield**) at which time the Vicaridge was rated, at 1. mark. But, in 26. *H.* 8. at [q] vi. l. vi. s. iiii. d. over and above ix. s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni vicariæ	Incumbentes.	
Abb. & Conv. de Cumba.	*Hen. de Thurlauſton Pbr.* 3. *Id. Febr.* 1301.	*Langt. f.* 6. *b.*
	Joh. le Smith Pbr. 12. *Kal. Nov.* 1352.	*Northb. f.* 56. *a.*
D. Tho. Clerc. Canon. Eccl. Cath. Lich.	*Joh. Oſmunderley* 31 *Nov.* 1429.	*Heyw. f.* 24. *a.*
Abb. & Conv. de Cumba.	*Joh. Joykin Pbr.* 14. *Jan.* 1438.	*Ib. f.* 37. *a.*
Prebend. de Wolvey.	*Ric. Blockley diac.* 28. *Nov.* 1493.	*Bowl. f.* 140. *b.*
Abb. & C. de Cumba.	*D. Rog. VVyldie Cler.* 3. *Febr.* 1537.	*Str. & P. f.* 14. *b.*
VV. Marton Preb. de VVolvey in Eccl. Cath. Lich.	*Ric. Palmer Cler.* 10. *Julii* 1564.	*Bentham bund. H.*
Humf. Perot de Belne in Com. VVigorn. Gen.	*Geo. VVilcockſon Cler.* 10. *Dec.* 1619.	*Morton bund. incert.*

[*] *Inſcrip. tumuli apud Aſtley.*

[a] *Ib.*

[c] *Ib.*

[f] *Penès Cler. Pipe in Scac.*

[g] *Eſc.* 7. *E.* 2. *Clauſ:* 8. *E.* 2. *m.* 16.

[h] *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *p.* 11.

[i] *Pat.* 3. & 4. *Ph. & M. p.* 4.

[k] [l]

[m] *Pat.* 3. *Eliz. p.* 8.

[n] *Eſc.* 2. *Jac.*

[o] [p] *M S. in Scac.*

[q] *M S. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 38, *b.*



Copston-parva.

NOrthwards from **Wolvey**, and in the same Parish, lyeth **Little-Copston**, now a depopulated place, and known onely by the name of **Copston-Fields**; which originally had its denomination from one *Copsi*, possessor thereof in the Saxons time, as I guess; that being a name then in use: but in the Conq. Survey is there not any express mention thereof; so that I do conceive it was involved with **Wolvey**: for, in the beginning of H. 2. time, *Ivo de Harecurt* granted all his land in this place (together with **Wolvey**) unto *Rob. Basset*, in frank marriage with *Beatrice* his Sister, as in **Wolvey** is shewed. Which *Robert*, very suddainly after, gave [a] to the Monks of **Combe** one carucat of land here. *In villa igitur mea, quæ dicitur parva* **Copston** (saith he) *unam caruc: terræ, &c. in perpetuam elemosinam dono.* So that, it seems he was then owner thereof, which grant K. *H.* 2. confirmed [b].

Here was antiently a Chappel, [c] as appears by the Composition touching the Church of **Wolvey**, betwixt *G. Muschamp* B. of **Coventre**, and the Abbot of **Combe** (34, *H.* 3.) whereof I have already spoken.

How it past from *Basset's* posterity I have not seen; but in *H.* 3. time, *Thomas de Asteley* had it: for, after he was slain in the battail of **Evesham** 49. *H.* 3. (as in **Astley** is shew'd) this, with the rest of his lands, being confiscate, was given [d] by the K. to *Warine de Bassingburne*. But after the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, whereby, they which were not slain in the battail, aswell as the posterity of those that lost their lives, were admitted to Composition for their forfeited estates (as in **Kenilworth** is manifested) *Andrew de Astley*, son and heir to the said *Thomas*, past [e] away this his village of **Little-Copston** with the appurtenances, to the Monks of **Combe** and their successors for ever, in consideration of CCCxx. marks sterling, which he received of them to redeem his lands so forfeited as hath been said. After which, *viz.* in 18. *E.* 1. the said Monks obteined a Charter [f] of **Free-Warren** in all their demesn lands here; whose

[a] *Reg. de Cumba f. 81. a.*

[b] *Cart. 35. H. 3. m. 12. per Inspex.*

[c] *Reg. de Cumba f. 82. a.*

[d] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 34.*

[e] *Ex autogr. penès Th. Astley ar.*

[f] *Cart. 18. E. 1. n. 8.*

whose possession it continued in till the dissolution of that Monastery.

Wibtoft.

I Now come to **Wibtoft**, a petty village, but eminent for its situation; for it lyeth in one of the Corners, where the two famous old Romane ways, *viz.* **Watlingstreet** and **Fosse** do meet: in which place once also stood a flourishing City of the Romans, called **Cleycester**, as the tradition goes; whereof I can say no more, than what Mr. *Cambden*, in **Leicester-sh.** hath already spoken, the very foundations thereof being now, for the most part, turn'd up by the Plough and spade; and large stones, Roman-brick, with Ovens and Wells; nay Coins of Silver and Brass, mixt with its ruins, frequently discovered; the earth, so far as it extended, being of a darker colour then the rest thereabouts; and of such rankness, that much of it hath bean carryed by the Husbandmen to further distances, like Dung, to make the ground more fertile.

Upon the very thwarting of those two great ways, hath antiently stood some eminent **Cross**, which the Country people called **High-Cross**; but now, instead thereof is onely a pole bearing that name. That this was the station of the *Bennones*, I have Mr. *Cambdens* authority from *Antonines-Itinerary*; yet nothing more can I say of it, time having worn out the memory of what else was memorable. But I return to **Wibtoft**.

Though it lye in this County, yet is it in the Parish of **Cleybroke** in **Leicester-sh.** and hath a Chappel dedicated to our Lady (*viz.* to her *Assumption.*)

The first mention I find of it, is 60. years and more before the Conquest. for *Ulfric Spot*, a potent man in those days (and founder of **Burton**-Abby in **Stafford-sh.**) gave [g] it by his Will to one *Athelric*, for life, and afterwards to the said Monastery of **Burton**. But, in the *Conq.* time, it was possest by the Earl of **Mellent**, and in the generall Survey [h] then taken, written **Wibetof**, **Willey** being join'd therwith; both which were the freehold of *Sevi* in *Edw.* the Conf. days After which, ere long, was **Ernald** *de Bois* enfeoft thereof, with **Clifton**, **Bulkinton**, &c. whereof I have already spoke: for not only an Extent [i] of Knights-fees in 55. *H.* 3. shews, that they were then held joyntly of the E. of **Warwick** by 4. Kn. fees; but the possession hereof continuing in the family of *Boys*, and afterwards to *Zouch*, as most of the other did, argues no less.

And I find, [k] that the grant of *Raph Araby* made to the Abby of **Leic.** of 7. mess, 10. crofts, 5. yard land and a half, and one mill lying here, was confirm'd by the same *Ernald*; wherein the Abbot claimed [l] a **Court-Leet** and the like Priviledges that he did in **Bulkinton**, and had allowance of them. As also, that the same year, *scil.* 13. *E.* 1. the Prioress of **Eaton** purchased [m] one mess: and 120. acres of land, lying in this place, of *Gilbert de Hoiby* (a great man in **Leicestersh.**) But further can I not speak thereof, than that, in the line of *Zouch* it continued (as by the severall authorities I have vouch't in **Bulkinton** appeareth) till *Edw.* Lord *Zouch*, in our Fathers memory, past it away, as he did the substance of his antient inheritance.

[g] *Regist. de Burton penes* Will. D. Paget.
[h] *Domesday lib.*
[i] *Esc.* 50. *H.* 3.
[k] *Reg. Abb. Leic. in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 21. *a.*
[l] *Pat.* 12. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 8. *per Inspex.*
[m] *Rot. de Q. war.* 13. *E.* 1.
[n] *F. levat. Oct. Mich.* 13. *E.* 1.

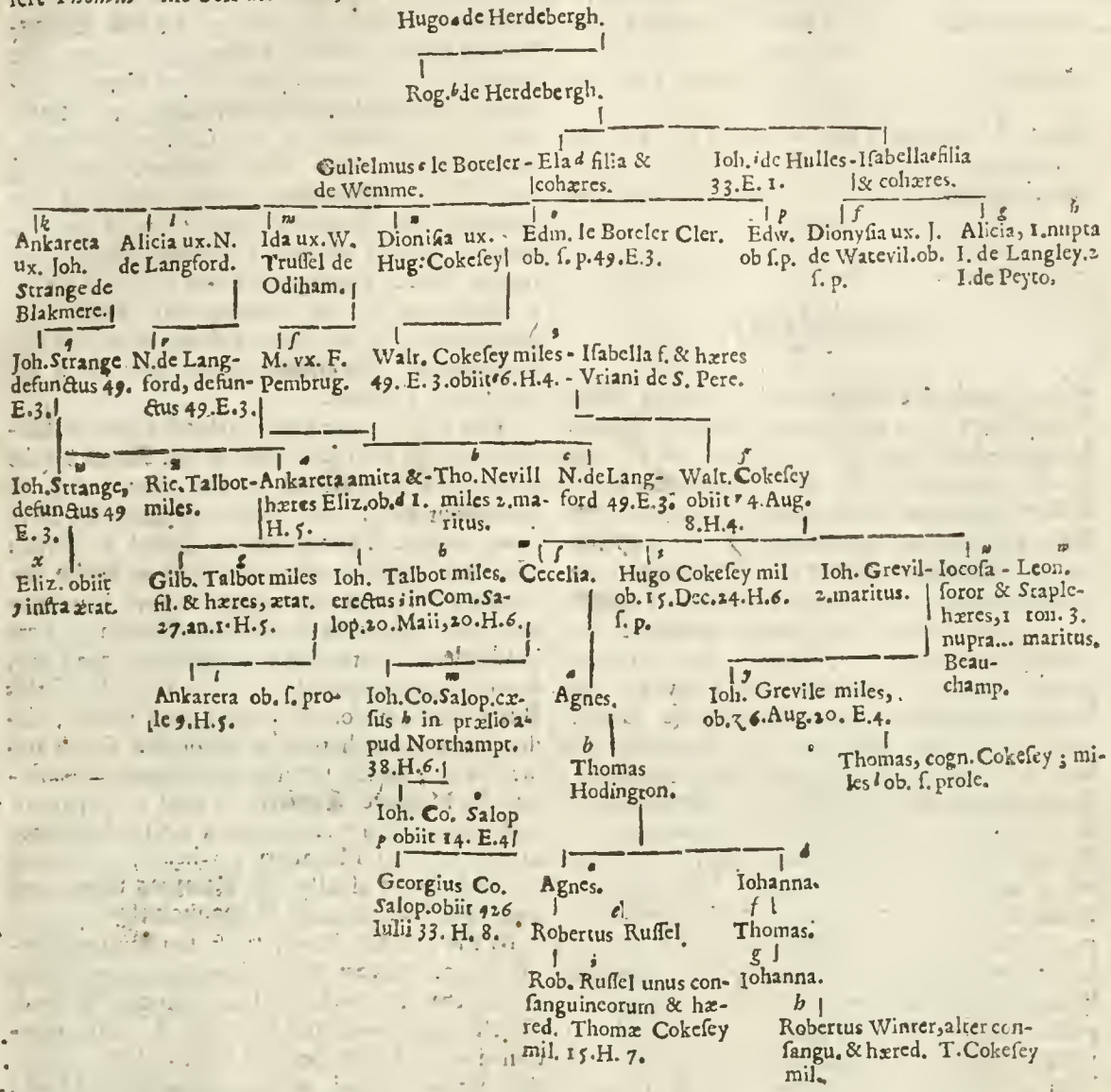
Willey.

FOllowing **Watlingstreet**, I next come to **Willey**, joyn'd with **Wibtoft** in the Conq. Survey; both which, being then held by the E. of **Mellent**, and containing 3. hides, were valued at 4.l. But the first mention that I after meet withall of this place, is in [o] 26. *H.* 2. where *Robert de Wilega* (for so he is there written) payd 3. marks to have a tryall in the K. Court against *Simon de Verdon* for this Village; From the E. of **Mellent**, it came to the E. of **Warwick** (as most of *Mellent's* lands in this County did) and was granted to *Hastings* by one of those antient Earls, as may seem by severall Inquisitions [p] from whom the ancestours to *Turvile*, and *Herdebergh* were at first enfeoft, *Robert de Wilega* being one of those families, and called *de Wilega* whilst he resided here, and *de Herdeberg* when he dwelt at **Herdeberg** (now called **Harborough-magna** in this County) for such kind of alteration of names was usuall enough in old time, as I could manifest, if need were. But what I find memorable in generall, touching this family of *Herdebergh*, I purpose to declare when I come to **Great-Harborough** before mentioned, where I have inserted a Scheme of their descent: and therefore here I shall chiefly take notice of them as in relation to this place; for I have circumstance enough to satisfy me, that *Herdebergh* had the principall interest and not *Turvile*, though *Turvile* had part.

In 33. *H.* 3. there was a tryall [q] betwixt *Roger de Herdebergh* and the Abbot of **Preaux** (in **Normandy**) touching the Church here, in respect of the right that the said Abbot claimed therein, by reason of the Cell at **Warmington** in this County, of the E. of **Warwick**'s foundation, which was subordinate to that Monastery of **Preaux**; upon which suit, it seems, that the Abbot of **Preaux** recovered the same: for it appears, by the Institutions, that he presented thereto. To which *Roger de Herdebergh* succeded *Hugh*, that held [r] this Mannour, immediatly, of *Hastings*, and had issue *Roger*; who dying [s] in the life time of his Father, left [t] onely two Daughters; *Ela*, the elder, within [u] age in 14. *E.* 1. marryed to *Will. le Boteler* of **Wemme** *in Com.* **Salop**; and *Isabell* [w] to..... by whom she had issue [x] *Dionysia* that dyed [y] Childless; and *Alice* [z] wedded to *John de Peyto*; which *John* and *Alice* in 7. *E.* 3. setled the one moytie of this Mannour upon the issue of their two Bodies, and for default thereof, upon the said *William le Boteler*, and the heirs of his Body, with remainder to the right heirs of *Ela*. And the other moytie, after the decease of them the said *John* and *Alice*, unto the said *William* with the like remainder. By which means it descended to *Edmund le Boteler*, son to the said *Will.* and *Ela*, as the descent doth manifest; which *Edm.* (being a Priest) dyed [a] 49. *E.* 3. whereupon his Sisters became his heirs to the estate; whereof *Dionysia* the eldest marryed [b] to *Hugh Cokesey*, and had issue [c] Sir *Walter Cokesey* Kt., unto whom Sir *Fouke Pembruge* Kt., and *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter [d] and heir of *Ida* (or *Idonea*) the second Sister of the said *Edmund*, by *William Trussell* of **Dotham**,

[o] *Rot. P.* 26. *H.* 2.
[p] *Esc.* 52. *H.* 3. *Esc.* 9. *E.* 2.
[q] *Pat.* 33. *H.* 3. *in dorso.*
[r] *Pl. de Banc.*
[s] *Term.*
[t] *M.* 14.
[u] *E.* 1. *R.* 44.
[w] *Pl. de banco*
[x] *Term.*
[y] *Mich.* 5. *E.* 3. *R.* 484.
[z] *F. levat xv. Mich.* 7. *E.* 3.
[a] *Esc.* 49. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *n.* 17.
[b] *Rot. F.* 50. *E.* 3. *m.* 22.
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ham, releaſed[f] their right in the fourth part of this Mannour 51. *E.* 3. which Sir *Walter* had iſſue *Walter*, and he Sir *Walter Cokeſey* Kt. that dyed[g] ſeized thereof 15. *Dec.* 24. *H.* 6. without iſſue, leaving *Joyce*[h] his Siſter and heir, firſt marryed to ..... *Beauchamp*, but afterwards to *Grevile*; by whom ſhe had iſſue[i] Sir *John Grevile* Kt. that left *Thomas*[k] his Son and heir, who called himſelf *Cokeſey*, as in **Milcote** I ſhall further ſhew; which *Thomas* was alſo a Kt. and dyed without iſſue; whereupon[l] *Robert Ruſſell*, and *Robert Winter*, being his Coſens and heirs, had livery of his lands in 15. *H.* 7. From which *Robert Winter* deſcended[m] *George*; who, accompliſhing his full age 27. *Jan.* 7. *Eliz.* ſold his two parts of this Mannour to the Tenants.



Of the two remanent parts; one deſcending to the *Talbots*, Earls of **Shrewsbury**, by *Ankaret*[n] 4. Siſter to the before ſpecified *Edmund le Boteler*, is by partition of the lands belonging to *Gilbert* late Earl of **Shrewsbury**, come to *Eliz.* one of his Daughters and Coheirs, Wife to *Henry* E. of **Kent**, deceaſed; which *Eliz.* now enjoyeth it; *an. ſcil.* 1640. But the other, ſometime *Langfords* (as the deſcent here inſerted manifeſteth) coming at length to *Leigh*; and whereof *Henry Leigh* Eſq. dyed[o] ſeized in 3. *Eliz.* was, by *Edw.* his Son and heir, ſold to ſeverall private perſons within memory, as I have been informed.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Leonard*) was granted[p] to the Monks of **Preaux** in **Normandy**, by *Rob.* E. of **Mellent** and **Leic.** in *H.* 1. time: and in *an.* 1291. (19. *E.* 1.) valued[q] at 5. marks, but in 26. *H.* 8. at[r] 8. *lib.* 6. s. over and above 7. s. 4. d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes.
Procurator Abb. & Conv. de Pratellis.	*Joh. de Craunford Cap.* 1248.
Nich. Prior de Warmynton procurator Abb. & C. de Pratellis.	*Will. de Wallingford Cler.* 3. *Id. Nov.* 1307.
Edw. Rex Angl. ratione temporal. Pr. de VVarmynton in manu ſua exiſten.	*Ric. de Kereſleye accol.* 2. *Id. Dec.* 1309. *Tho. de Lonne Cler. Non. Julii* 1325. *Hugo de Bardeby Cler.* 11. *Kal. Maii* 1326. *Joh. Lewes Pbr.* 3. *Non. Oct.* 1346.
Procurator Abb. de Pratellis.	*Joh. de Kirkham Pbr.* 16. *Kal. Sept.* 1361.
Idem procurator.	*Ric. de Homyngton Pbr.* 2. *Non. Jan.* 1361. *Ric. de VVylie Pbr.* 16. *Kal Febr.* 1365. *Joh. Mayler Pbr.* 3. *Kal. Dec.* 1366.
Ludovic. Clifford miles, ex conc. Regis, ratione Pr. de VVarmington, &c.	*Rob. Parys Pbr.* 26. *Feb.* 1394.

Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

Heyw. f. 35. b.	Pr. & Conv. de VVitham ord. Carthuſ.	Tho. VVyſtowe Cap. 3. Julii 1437.
Ib. f. 39. a.	Idem Pr. & Conv.	Frater Alanus Thoresby Pbr. 19. Junii 1440.
Ib. f. 41. b.		VVill. Neuton Pbr. 17. Maii 1443.
Ib. f. 43. a.		Joh. Gybbons 25. Feb. 1445.
Str. & P. f. 17. a.	Rex. Henr. 8.	D. Matth. Lowder Cap. 8. Oct. 1539.
Sampſ. f. 41. b.	D. Rex.	D. Joh. Hammer Cler. 14. Dec. 1546.
Sampſ. & B. f. 11. a.	Ph. & M. Rex & Regina.	VVill. Glenton Cler. 14. Dec. 1557.
Overton Bund. C.	Eliz. Regina.	Jac. Povye Cler. 11. Dec. 1602.

Monkskirby.

SOuthwards of **Willye**, and bounded by **Watlingſtreet**, lyes that great Pariſh of **Monkskirby**, conteining ten petty villages, or hamlets, beſides the town it ſelf; *viz.* **Brokhurſt**, **Stretton**, **Stretton-ſubtus-Foſſe**, **Walton**, **Eſenhull**, **Paylington**, **Newbold-Revell**, **Copſton-magna**, **Newnham Pador** and **Celler-Over**, extending it ſelf to the North-weſt bank of **Swift**, as the map ſheweth. Beginning therefore with the town of **Kirby** it ſelf, I am in the firſt place to take notice of what hath been obſerved to me by my worthy friend *Sam. Roper* Eſq. (a Gentleman learned and judicious, and ſingularly well ſeen in Antiquities, from whom I do acknowledge to have received much light for the furtherance of this work) *viz.* certain apparent tokens, that the Romans had ſome ſtation here: for, by digging the ground near the Church, he hath met with foundations of old Walls, and Roman bricks, part whereof I my ſelf have ſeen; as alſo 3. or 4. heaps of earth in an adjoyning paſture apparently manifeſting themſelves to be Monuments of Sepulture for ſome Military perſons in thoſe days; which badges are ſufficient to ſatisfy, that it hath been a place of note many hundreds of years ſince. And it may very well be, that thoſe materialls for building, by reaſon of the ruins before mentioned, ſo ready at hand, became a ſpeciall motive to that renowned Lady *Ethelfleda* * (ſo much taken notice of by our old Hiſtorians, and ſtiled [d] *Merciorum Domina*; to begin the ſtructure of this place: for in the year of Chriſt 917. *duas urbes*, **Cyricbyrig**, *viz.* & **Weadbyrig**, *poſt nativitatem Domini ædificavit*, ſaith mine Author. And that this is the ſame and no other, though the appellation it now hath, *viz.* **Kirby**, ſound not like it, I ſhall ſufficiently manifeſt; Firſt, by obſerving, that **Cyric**, with the Saxons, was the ſame that after-ages called **Kirk**, and we now **Church**; and that **Byrig** in our old Engliſh ſignifieth *Civitas* or *Burgus* in Latine; which, being now changed into **Bye**, alters not the meaning of the word, inaſmuch as **Bye** with the Saxons is no other than *habitatio* in Latine: neither is it out of uſe with us at this day in that ſenſe, thoſe orders and rules that are uſually made in our Court-Barons being called **Bye-Laws**, *id eſt* **Town-Laws**, *Byan* the Verb in the Saxon tongue ſignifying to dwell.

This [f] place, with **Newbold** [g] *ſuper Avon*, **Newbold-Revell**, **Long-Lawford**, **Wapenbury**, **Hampton-in-Arden**, **Shuſtoke**, **Bentley**, **Bromk-Over**, **Celler-Over**, **Newnham-Pador** and **Hopſford**, all belonging to *Leuvinus*, a Saxon, before the Norman Conqueſt; as alſo great poſſeſſions in the Counties of **Northampt.** **Leic.** **Not.** and **Linc.** was, in that generall diſtribution made by *Will.* the *Conq.* amongſt his friends and followers, given to one *Geffrey VVirce* of **Little Britanny** in **France**, and of the family aſſuming that name from the territory there, called **Guerche** adjoyning to **Anjou**; who then [b] came into **England** and aſſiſted [i] in the Conqueſt thereof, and, probably, with *Aland Fergant*, eldeſt Son to the D. of **Britanny**: for it appears by the teſtimony of a good Hiſtorian, [i] that divers perſons of quality in that Province, whereof he names ſome, accompanied him: as alſo, that a third part of the Conquerours Army was commanded by the ſame *Alan*, who had the Earldome of **Richmund** given him as a reward for his ſervice.

This *Geffrey* bore a great reſpect unto the Monaſtery of St. *Nicholas*, founded [k] at **Angiers** (the principall City of **Anjou**, in the year 1020. to the honour of St. *Nich.* Archb. of **Mice**, St. *Hierome*, and St. *Lazarus* whom Chriſt ſo loved: For by his deed, [l] bearing date here at **Kirby** the xii. year of K. *William*'s reign, he gave thereunto both land and tythes out of divers Lordſhips here in **England**, whereof he was poſſeſt by the *Conq.* favour; and in particular to the Church of this **Kirby**, which he found decayed, and rebuilt, dedicating it to the honour of the bleſſed Virgin and St. *Dennis*; which ſingular munificence occaſioned the Monks of **Angiers** to ſend over part of their Covent hither, making it a Cell ſubordinate to that forreign Monaſtery; whereby it became one of thoſe we uſually call **Priorys alien**, and thereupon had the name of **Monkskirby**.

By the generall Survey [m] this Lordſhip was certified to contein xv. hides, there being two Prieſts here at that time, who held xxi. carucats of land. [Theſe were *Franus* and *Oſgot*, as I gueſs, mentioned in the before ſpecified Charter.] All which then extended to x.l. value, whereof the Monks of St. *Nicholas* had two Carucats in demeſn, and vi. *bord.* holding v. more; and in that Record [n] it is written **Chirchberye**, which gives further illuſtration to what I have ſaid already touching the name. Howbeit of the ſaid *Geffrey Wirce* have not I ſeen any thing elſe memorable: nor do I find that he had any Children; ſo that I moſt incline to believe, that, dying, without iſſue, his poſſeſſions in **England** returned to the Crown; for all in this and the before cited Counties, came to the hands of *Nigel de Albani*, Progenitor to the *Moubray*'s, by the grant [o] of K. *H.* 1. whoſe poſſeſſions in this Shire, by that means, and by mariage of *Segrave*'s Daughter and heir were of no ſmall extent.

But, returning to this antient Monaſtery, I find, that *Nigel de Mulbray*, Grand-child to *Nigel de Albani*, made a generall confirmation [p] unto the Monks here, of all the lands, tythes, and other his poſſeſſions, which had been given to them by his Anceſtors in divers particular Mannours there expreſt; and in all others, as the grants of *Geffrey de Wirce*, *Nigel* his Grand-Father, and *Roger* his Father witneſſed. I am of opinion, that the before ſpecified *Nigel de Albany* gave all the reſt of this

* She was Daughter [e] to K. *Alfred* and wife [b] to a noble perſon called *Ethelfred*, to whom the K. her Father gave [e] *Mercia*, containing divers Counties of this Realm.

a { *W. Mal. f.* 24. *a. n.* 10.
b {
c *Ingulphi hiſt. f.* 495. *b. n.* 30.
d *R. Hoved.* 239. *b.*
e *Marian. Scot. hiſt. MS. in bibl. Bod'. in an.* 917.
f { *Domeſd.*
g { *day lib.*

[i] *Hiſt. de Britannie per... d'Argentre Cap.* 100.
[k] *Chron. Abb. S. Nic. apud Angiers.*
[l] *Ex autog. in bibl. Cotton.*
m { *Domeſd.*
n { *day lib.*
o *Regiſt. Abb. de Furneiſe. part.* 2.
p *Ex autog. in officio Armorum.*

this Lordship to those Monks: for in that confirmation [q] made to them by *Rog. de Stutevill* of what his ancestors had given in **Newbold** (*id est*, **Newbold** *super* **Avon**) he makes mention, that they had possessions there in the time of *Geffrey Wirce*; and that *Nigel de Albani* augmented the same, by grant of certain lands and other benefits. But all that I have seen of any further grants thereunto in this County, is certain common of pasture on **Wolvey-heath**, and in **Little-Copston** by *Reginald Basset* of **Wolvey**; and of a yard land in **Rokeby** by Sir *Henry Rokeby* Kt. of both which I have spoke more fully in my discourse of those places.

[q] *Ib.*

In **Leicestersh.** I find, [r] that *Hugh de Rampaine* gave unto them 7 oxgangs of land, with the capital Mess: of **Kirkby** *super* **Wreke**; which grant *Will. de Molbrai*, who was superiour Lord of the fee there, confirmed [s]. And that *Geffrey Trussell* gave them the Church of **Sharnesord** in the same County; whereof *Will. Basset* added his ratification [t]. After which, *viz.* in K. *John*'s time, *Geffrey Muschamp* B. of **Coventre**, confirmed [u] to them that which by his Predecessours had been granted, *viz.* the Church of **Kirkby**, with the Chappel of **Widebroc**, so that they should hold the same appropriat to their own benefit; as also 3 marks of silver yearly out of the said Chappel of **Widebroc** in the name of a pension. And ratified to them the Church of **Wapenbury**, with the Chappel of **Huningham**, so that they should receive xx *s.* yearly out of the same, and a stone of wax in the name of a pension: and likewise the Church of **Newbold**; that is to say, two parts thereof to their proper use; and to the third, that the Prior of **Kirkby** should present a fit Clerk to the Bishop.

[r] *Ibid.*

[s] *Ibid.*

[t] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

[u] *Ex autog. in offic. Armor.*

[w] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

Being therefore thus plentifully endowed, they obtained, in 50 H. 3. a Charter [x] for a weekly **Mercate** upon the Wednesday, with a **Faire** yearly to begin on the even of the feast of St. *Joh. Bapt.* and to continue 3 days: but the Wednesday **Mercate**, after a while, being not found so convenient, they procured K. E. 1. in 33 of his reign, to alter [y] it for Tuesday, at which time he likewise granted [z] to them **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands of **Monkskirby**, **Walton**, **Newbold-***Paunton*, and *parva* **Herdebergh**, with **view of Frank-plege** of all their Tenants in these and other places within this County: as also in **Kirkby** *super* **Wreke** in **Leicestersh.** with tryal of Malefactors and Weyfs: In consideration whereof, they were to pay to the King, his heirs and successors, v marks yearly. Which Mannour of **Kirkby** *super* **Wreke** was by these Monks in 14 E. 2. granted [a] to *Roger Beler*, and *Alice* his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodyes; paying yearly to them and their successors viii marks, vi *s.* viii *d.* at the feasts of St. *Michael* and *Easter* by even portions.

[x] *Pat.* 1. H. 4. p. 5. m. 28 *per Inspex.*

[y] *Ib.* Esc. 33 E. 1. n. 103. *Cart.* 33. E. 1. n. 15. & 63.

[z] *Ib.*

[a] *Pat.* 17. E. 2. p. 2. m. 17. *per Inspex.*

What else is memorable, relating to this Monastery, remains now to be spoke of as it was a *Priory-alien*, *viz.* first of its sundry seizures made by the King, and next of its dissolution. Of which seizures, happing by reason of our wars with **France**, as in **Wolston** hath been shewed; the first that I have seen authority for, was in 18 E. 1. for, by an Indenture [b] bearing date on the feast day of St. *Mathew* the Apostle, in that year it appears that *Rob. de Sottewell* and *Rog. de Belegrave*, to whom the lands and tenements of the said *Prioryes-Alien* in the Countyes of **Warr.** and **Leic.** were by the K. precept committed, did, upon certain conditions and agreements, deliver to the Prior of **Kirkby** the said Monastery, with what thereto belonged, and the stock upon the ground, all prized at estimable rates; In which Indenture, amongst other things it is observable, that Wheat was then rated at vi *s.* a quarter, Rye v *s.* Barly iii *s.* Beans and Pease ii *s.* viii *d.* Oats ii *s.* Swans at iii *s.* iiii *d.* a peice, and Ducks at i *d.*

[b] Ex autog. penès Wil. Com. Den-bigh.

After which, *viz.* in 14 E. 3. the K. having again made the like seizure, [c] and committed [d] the custody of this, with the other Cels subordinate to the Monastery of S. *Nich.* at **Angiers**, unto their Procurator general in **England** for a certain sum of money, to be yearly paid into his Exchequer at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* by even portions, did, in consideration that the said Procurator should make payment thereof at the feasts of the *Nativ.* of St. *Joh. Bapt.* and St. *Mich.* together with the Tenths granted to the said K. by the Clergy, so far forth as concerned those Cels, restore the same unto the Abbot of the Monastery of St. *Nich.* before specified. But in 50 E. 3. the custody [e] thereof was disposed to Sir *Cannon Rubussard* Kt. to hold from the feast of St. *Mich.* th'Archangel then next following, during the continuance of the wars with **France**, paying xl *l.* yearly into his Exchequer. Which Sir *Cannon* was onely to have the same benefit of Rent and other advantages as the Mother Monastery at **Angiers** before spoken of, in times of peace usually had: For, upon an Extent [f] in 1 R. 2. it appears, that all the lands belonging thereto were then valued at CCxx *l.* iii *s.* iiii *d. per annum*.

[c] *Rot. F.* 14. E. 3. *m.* 19.

[d] *Rot. F.* 14. E. 3. *m.* 19.

[e] *Rot. F.* 50. E. 3. *m.* 16.

[f] *Extent. terr. Prior alien. penès Remem. Regis in Scac.*

But so much were the Monks incumbred by these seizures, and appointment of secular persons to have the rule over them, that, in consideration of a good sum of money in hand, they made a Lease [g] to the said Sir *Cannon Robsart* of all their lands for 25 years. And the superiour House beyond Sea, likewise discerning themselves so set aside, as to the receiving any advantage from hence, made their addresses to *Thomas Moubray* E. of **Nottingham**, and Earl Marshal of **England**, offering to quit their interest here to him, upon easy terms.

[g] *Rot. F.* 14. R. 2. *m.* 19.

Which Earl, having in 20 R. 2. obtained liberty to found [h] a Religious House of *Carthusian* Monks at **Eppelworth**, or where else he thought fit within the Isle of **Axholme** in **Lincolnsh.** procured the K. Letters Pat. of licence for the Abbot and Covent of St. *Nich.* at **Angiers** before specified, to grant this their Priory of **Monkskirby**, with the Mannours of **Newbold** *super* **Avon**, **Copston** and **Walton** to the same belonging: As also the advousons of the Churches and Vicaridges of **Kirkby-***monach.* **Newbold** *super* **Avon**, **Withibroke**, **Wapenbury** and **Sharnesord**, with their pensions, unto the said Monastery of *Carthusians* for ever. Whereupon *John*, son [i] and heir to Sir *Can. Robsart* (the Lessee before specified) by his deed [k] bearing date upon Easter eve, 20 R. 2. released to the King, and to *John de Moreby*, Prior assigned of the then late founded House of *Carthusians* to the honour of the **Visitation of the Mother of God** in the Isle of **Axholme**, all his right and title in this Priory. But no sooner did H. 4. come to the Crown, than that the *Priors-alien* began to find much favour: for in the Parl. held *an.* 1. of his reign, taking into consideration the losses and inconveniences that had befallen them by the frequent seizure of their lands, and ferming them out in the time of his Grandfather K. E. 3. whereby not onely they had suffered great decay in their buildings, but that the worship of God in that regular way, Hospitality, Alms, and other charitable works, antiently established and there accustomed to be performed, were withdrawn, as also the pious desires of the Founders thereby

[h] *Pat.* 20. R. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 14.

[i] *Pat.* 19. R. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 2.

[k] *Clauf.* 3. H. 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 7. *in dorso.*

thereby defrauded (as the words of the Pat. do import) did by the advice of his Councel in that Parliament, reſtore[l] to the ſaid Abbot of St. *Nich.* at **Angiers**, the patronage and advouſon of thoſe Religious Houſes in **England**, which were ſubordinate to that Monaſtery, to have and to hold to him and his ſucceſſours, ſo that they ſhould preſent fit perſons to them upon the vacancies that might happen.

[l] *Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 2. m. 3.*

Howbeit, this favour of K. H. 4. was not long enjoy'd by them: for K. H. 5. reciting the licence granted by K. R. 2. for founding the ſaid Houſe of *Carthuſians* in the Iſle of **Arholme**; and the power then given to the Monks at **Angiers** to paſs away this Priory of **Monkskirby**, with th'appurtenances thereunto, as aforeſaid; by his Letters [m] Pat. dated at **Weſtm.** 28 *Junii*, 3 of his reign, confirmed the ſame. Whereupon the ſaid *Carthuſians*, being thus poſſeſt hereof, obtained of K. E. 4. in 8 of his reign, a confirmation[n] of thoſe priviledges granted to the Prior of **Monkskirby** by K. E. 1. in 33 of his reign before ſpecified, extending into all their lands there named, which they enjoy'd therewith till that fatal overthrow of the Religious Houſes in K. H. 8. time; when ſome, being corrupted with temporary profit, and others through terrour, were brought to ſurrender their Monaſteries into the K. hands, the ſaid Prior and Cov. of *Carthuſians* did, not onely give up theirs, but levyed a Fine[o] thereof; as alſo of all the poſſeſſions belonging thereto; and in particular of this Mannour of **Monkskirby**, with the reſt of the Mannours, Lands, *&c.* appertaining to it. Which ſtay'd not long in the Crown; for the ſame year was it granted away by the King to *Thomas Manning*, late Prior of the Monaſtery of **Butley** in **Suffolke**, then newly made Biſhop of **Ipſwich**, to hold for life; the remainder to *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to be held *in capite* by the tenth part of a Kts. fee, and the yearly rent of ix *l.* xiiii *s.*

[m] *in Pat. 3. H. 5. p. 2. m. 39.*

[n] *Pat. 8. E. 4. p. 3. m. 6.*

[o] *F. levat. T. Paſch. 30. H. 8.*

After which, *viz.* in 37 H. 8. the K. granted [p] unto *Trinity Coll.* in **Cambridge** the Rectory of **Monkskirby**, with the tythes, and certain lands, rents, *&c.* lying in **Monkskirby** and the other Villages adjacent, formerly belonging to the before ſpecified *Carthuſians*, to hold to them and their ſucceſſours in pure alms.

[p] *Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 6.*

From which Duke this Mannour of **Monkskirby**, with the reſt before mentioned, divolved to *Henry Grey* D. of **Suff.** in right of *Frances* his wife, daughter of the ſaid *Charles*, and one of the ſiſters and co-heirs to *Henry Brandon* D. of **Suff.** From whoſe death the ſaid *Frances* held [q] it during her life; and dyed [r] 2 *Eliz.* leaving the Lady *Kath.* and Lady *Mary Grey*, daughters to the aforeſaid Duke, her heirs; *viz. Katherine* 19. and *Mary* 13 years of age. Which *Kath.* being wedded to *Edw. Seymour* E. of **Hertford**, had iſſue *Edw.* Lord *Beauchamp*, that dyed in his fathers life time, father to *Will.* now Marq. of **Hertford**, who ſold this Mannour to the right honourable *Mary* Counteſs of **Buck.** in our memory (paternally, through that antient and noble family of the *Beaumonts* of **Colcorton** in **Leiceſterſh.** deſcended from the Kings of **France**, as is well known.) Which *Mary* ſetled it upon *Baſil* Lord *Feilding* (now E. of **Denbigh**) her Grand-child, with divers remainders.

[q] *Eſc. 2.*
[r] *Eliz.*

In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to St. *Edith*) was valued[s] at xxxiii marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge[t] at xxii *l.* ix *s.* 6 *d.* the Taxation or Ordination whereof was made in *an.* 1237. (21 H. 3.) as appears by the original Inſtrument[u]. Which Vicaridge, being but of ſmall worth, had an augmentation made thereunto by the bounty of the Lady *Aliza*, one of the daughters of Sir *Robert Dudley*, as in **Mancetter** I have particularly ſhewed.

[s] *cod. MS in Scac.*

[t] *MS penès S. A.*

[u] *In curiâ Augmentac.*

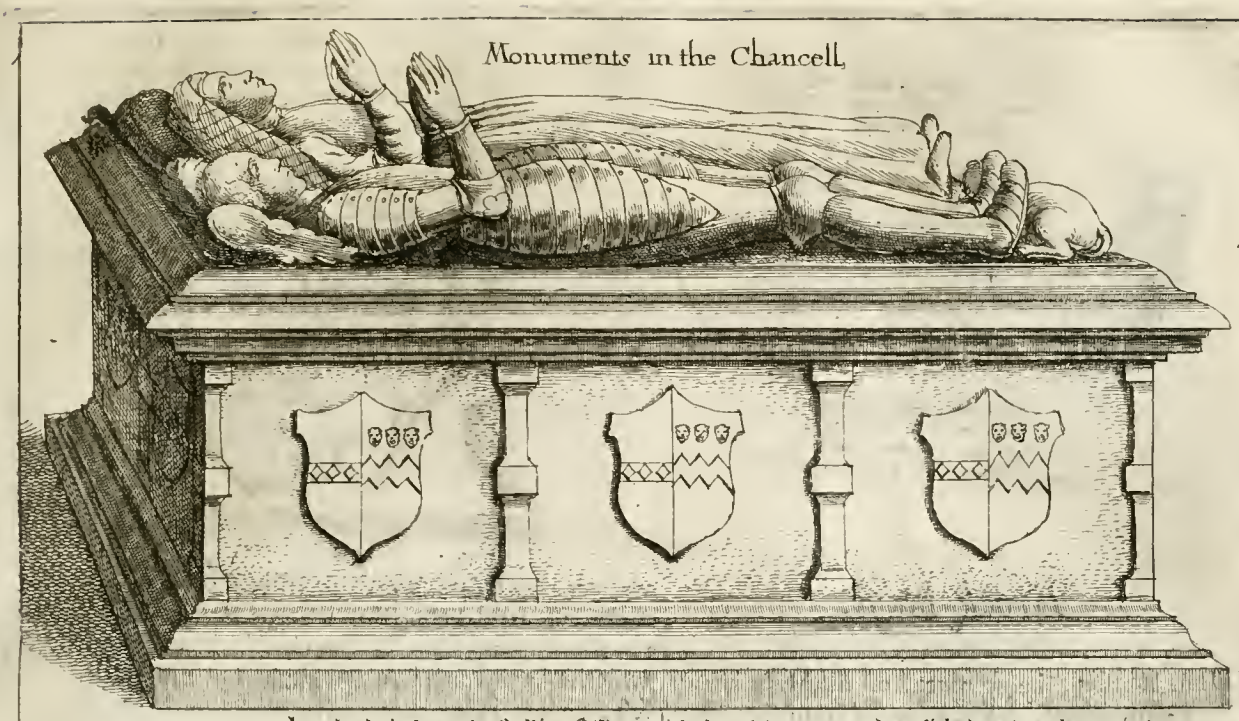
As this Pariſh is ſpacious, ſo is the preſent fabrick of the Church very large, though of no antient building; having a tall Spire for a landmark over all the Country; which was more eminent than now it is, till the Inhabitants within our memory, to ſave charges in repairing, pulled down above xx foot of it.

Patroni Prioratus.	Priores de Kirby.	
Abb. & Conv. S. Nich. Andegav.	*Ric. de Cornubia, temp. H. 2.*	*Ex autogr. penès H. S. George eq. aur.*
	Frater Defenſor. 35 H. 3.	
	Petrus Franciſcus monach. 8 Febr. 1314.	*Ex lib. albo penès D. & Cap. Lich. f. 107 Langt. f. 39. a.*
	Will. Eiſnelle monach. 6 Id. Junii, 1326.	
	Guil. de S. Clemente monach. 10 Kl. Jul. 1335.	
	Mauricius Aubere Pbr. Id. Nov. 1350.	*Northb. f. 20. a.*
	Oliverus de Deſertis, mon. Id. Sept. 1353.	*Ib. f. 28. b.* *Ib. f. 53. b.*
	Frater Willielmus prid. Non. Jun. 1358.	*Ib. f. 57. b.* *Strett. f. 1. b.*

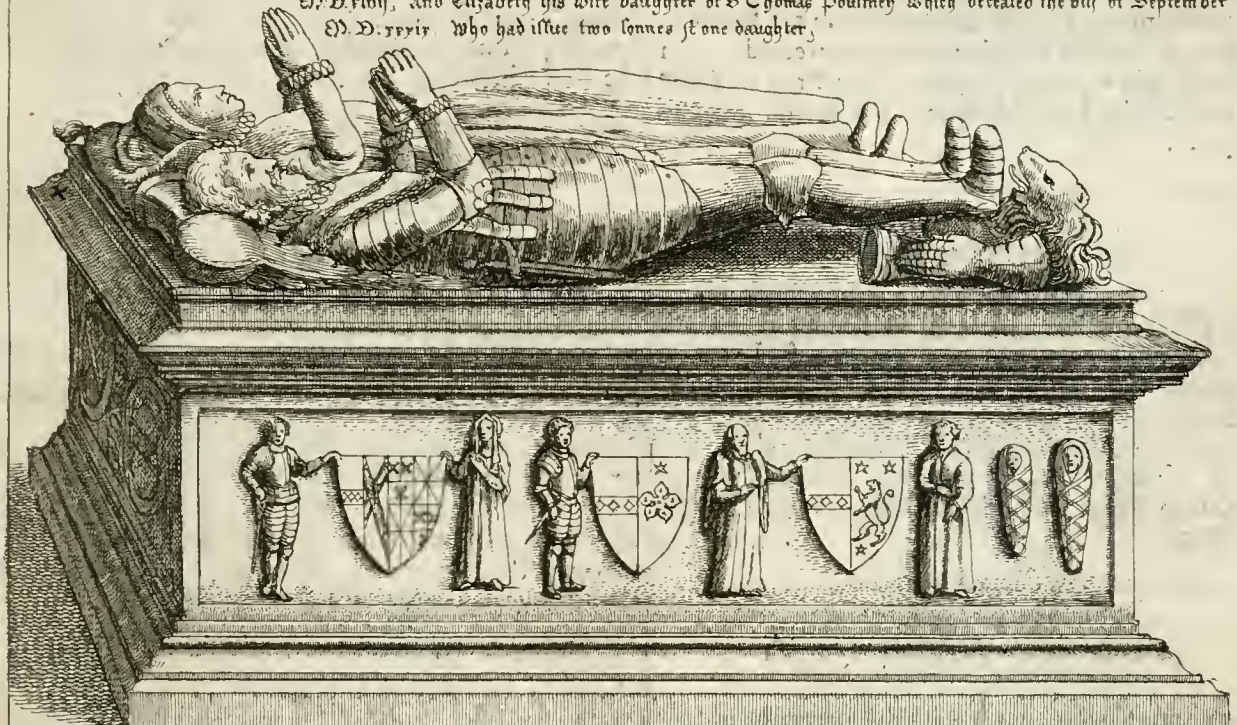
Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	
Prior & Monachi de Kirby.	*Ric. de Suham Cler. 1252.*	*Ex autogr. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
	Helias de Staunford Pbr. 16 Julii, 1304.	*Langt. f. 7. a.*
	Ric. de Paylington Pbr. 8. Id. Sept. 1308.	*Ib. 29. b.*
	Joh. Wylmot Cap. 11. Kl. Junii, 1316.	*Ib. f. 40. b.*
Edw. Rex Angl. ratione temp. Pr. de Kirby in manu ſua exiſten.	*Joh. de Lewes Diac. 11. Kl. Oct. 1342.*	*Northb. f. 40. a.*
	Rob. de Stretford Pbr. 3. Non. Oct. 1346.	*Ib. f. 44. b.*
	Ric. de Wylie Pbr. 5. Id. Nov. 1350.	*Ib. f. 53. b.*
	Will. de Walton Pbr. 7. Id. Apr. 1354.	*Ib. f. 58. a.*
Prior & Conv. de Kirby.	*Will. Stoneley Pbr. 23. Aug. 1361.*	*Strett. f. 10. a.*
	Rob. Grafton Pbr. 8. Id. Jan. 1361.	*Ib. b.*
Prior & Conv. de Axholme.	*D. Joh. Hykkling Cap. 22. Dec. 1414.*	*Aſund. f. 142. b.*
	Ric. Hunt Pbr. 7. Dec. 1421.	*Heyw. f. 7. b.*
	D. Rob. Barker Cap. 20. Junii, 1427.	*Ib. f. 19. b.*
	Will. Pepir. 16. Julii. 1433.	*Ib. f. 31. b.*
	Jok. Pake Pbr. 26. Sep. 1436	*Ib. f. 35. a.*
	Tho. Cowper. 6. Julii. 1444.	*Ib. f. 42. b.*
	Tho. Wenlok Cap. 10. Oct. 1503.	*Bl. f. 3. a.*
	Magiſter Henr. Sherman, 4. Apr. 1522.	*Ib. f. 9. a.*
	M. Rob. Newton, in decretis baccalar. ult. Junii, 1528.	*Ib. f. 54. b.*
	Will. Stokwith. 13. Oct. 1528.	*Ib.*
Adrian Stokes, ar.	*Tho. Ward, art. Mag. 3. Febr. 1568.*	*Sampſ. & B. f. 43. a.*
Mag. & Scol. Coll. S. Trin. Cantab.	*Edm. Battie, ſacræ theol. bacc. 29 Maii, 1591.*	*Overton bund. E.*

Brock-

Monuments in the Chancell.

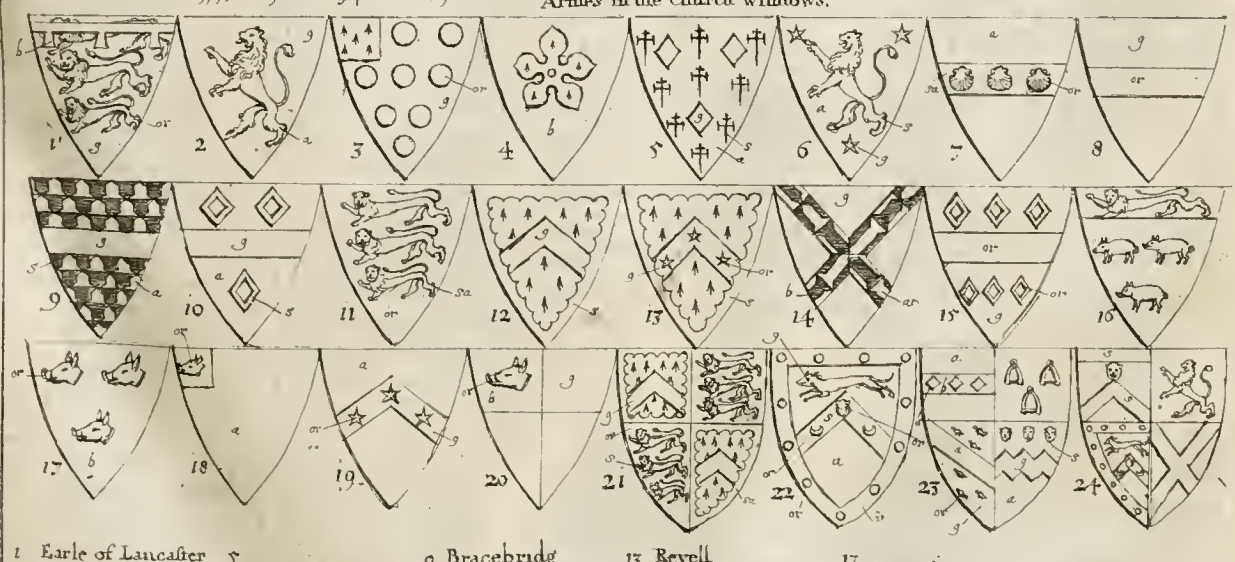


✻ Here lyeth the body of S^r William Feilding knight late of Padore Newnham. Which deceased the xxvi^th of September M.D.xlvij. And Elizabeth his Wife daughter of S^r Thomas Poultney Which deceased the viij^th of September M.D.xxxix. Who had issue two sonnes & one daughter.



✝ Here under lyes the bodyes of Basill Feilding of Newnham in the County of Warwick esq^r sonne & heire of S^r William Feilding Kn^t, W^m Basill deceased the ..... yeare of our lord God ..... And Goodith his Wife. W^m Goodith deceased the xix^th day of September, in the yeare of our lord God M.D.lxxx. Whom we hope rest in ioy.

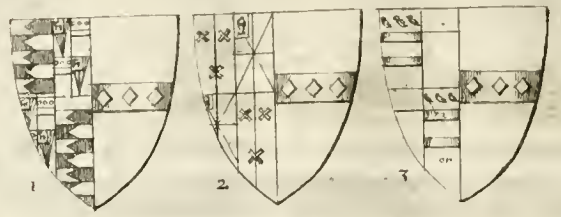
Armes in the Church windows.



1 Earle of Lancaster
2 Moubray
3 Zouch
4 Astley.
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6 Wolvey
7 Wiver
8 Worth
9 Bracebridg
10
11 Malory
12 Revell
13 Revell
14 Willington
15
16
17
18 Malory
19 20
21 Revell quarters Malory
22
23 Feilding matches
24 Trudham matches.

Monkes Kirby.

On the North side of Basill Fieldings monument, expresst on the last page are these Armes.



1. Peto empaling Fielding
2. Lane empaling Fielding
3. Aglionby empaling Fielding
4. Fielding w^th his quarterings.

On the east end of the same Monument,



4

Brock-hurst.

THis Hamlet, being parcel of the Mannour of **Monkskirby**, takes its name from the situation thereof upon that bank or **hurst** by the Brook, which runneth a little Eastward from the Church: but of it there is little mention in Record, other than that [a] the Kts fee, which the Prior of **Kirby** held of the Lord *Moubray*, did extend into this place.

[a] Esc. 35 E. 3. p. 2. n. 10. Esc. 1. H. 4. Esc. 1. E. 4.

Stret-Aston.

THis, being also part of the Mannour of **Monkskirby**, lyeth Eastward from the **Fosse** (commonly called the **Street**) and thence hath its denomination. In the same Records where mention is made of **Brockhurst**, is there also of this, and in no other that I have seen; it being written **Stred-Aston**, and **Stroderston**, as well as **Stret-Aston**.

Stretton subtus Fosse.

THis hath its name from the **Street** way also, below which it lyes, and was originally a member [b] of **Newbold-Revel**; and so being possest by the family of *Revell*, descended by a daughter and heir to *Malory*; and from *Malory* by the like means to *Cave*, and so to *Andrews* and *Boughton*, as the descent in **Newbold-Revel** sheweth: for in 37 H. 8. *Thomas Andrews* Esq; levyed a Fine [c] thereof; and in 8 *Eliz.* it was found, [d] that *Margaret Boughton* (one of the daughters and coheirs of *Edw. Cave*) dyed seized of it, leaving *Edw.* her son and heir, 21 years of age.

[b] Rot. penès S. Clerke Bar.

[c] T. Mich. 37 H. 8.

[d] Esc. 8. Eliz.

Walton.

OF this Village I have not seen any thing in Record till 19 E. 1. it being antiently reputed as parcel of **Monkskirby**, and the substance thereof belonging to the Priory there. That which is then mentioned thereof, is upon the payment of a Tenth to the Pope by all the Monasteries, as well as Churches, in **England**: at which time it was certified [e] that the Prior of **Kirby** had 4. carucats of land here. But the particulars I shall not stand to mention, forasmuch as the authorities, which I have voucht in **Monkskirby** will manifest, that it being therewith granted to the House of *Carthusians* in **Arholme**, came at length to the Crown, and so attending the possession of that Lordship (I mean of **Kirby**) ever since, is now in the Earl of *Denbigh*'s hands.

[e] Cod. MS in Scac. penès Remem. R.

Esenhull.

THis place taketh its name (I presume) from the situation, standing Eastwards from **Monkskirby**, and upon a rising ground; but was originally a member [f] of **Newbold-Revel**: So that passing from *Revel* to *Malory*, and *Malory* to *Cave*, by heirs general (as the descent in **Newbold-Revel** sheweth) it came at length by purchase to Sir *Walter Smyth* of **Shirlond** Kt; who dyed [g] seized thereof in 1 *Mar.* Since which, by force of that conveyance whereof I have spoke in **Shirlond**, it was possest for a time by the *Littletons*; but eschaeted to the Crown with that Lordship.

[f] Rot. penès S. Clerke Bar.

[g] Esc. 1. M.

Paylington.

OF this Village I have not seen any thing before H. 3. time; and then I find, that *Will. de Turevill* was Lord thereof; for so he writes [h] himself, bearing for his Arms *gules* 3 *chevrons varry*. From which *Will.* descended *Nich.* who, in 25 E. 1. was certified [i] to hold here and in **Herdebertwe** half a Kts. fee of the E. of **Lanc.** *Hugh de Herdebergh*, and *John de Charnells*, holding at the same time each of them the 4 part of a Kts. fee here.

To this *Hugh de Herdebergh* succeeded *Isabella de Hulles* in the possession of what he had here; and to her *Dionysia* and *Alice* her daughters and heirs (as the descent in **Wilye** sheweth:) betwixt whom partition being made of these and other lands in 17 E. 2. all that they had in this place was allotted [k] to *Alice*, then the wife of *John de Peyto*. It seems, that the residue, or a great part thereof, was antiently obtained by the *Revells* of **Newbold**: for, in 32 E. 1. *Will. Revell* had **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here. From which family it descended by an heir female unto *Malory*; and so to *Cave*; and from *Cave* to *Andrews* and *Boughton*,

[h] Ex collect. Will. Burton.

[i] Esc. 25. E. 1. n. 51.

[k] Claus. 18. E. 2. m. 27.

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as the descent in **Newbold-Revell** sheweth. For in 37 H. 8. *Tho. Andrews* Esq; levyed a Fine [l] thereof: and, in 8 *Eliz. Margaret Boughton* dyed [m] seized of it, leaving *Edw.* her son and heir 21 years of age.

[l] *Term. Mich.*

[m] *Esc. 8. Eliz.*

Within the precincts of this Village were 4 mess. and 4 carucats of land, whereof *Walter Hopton* Esq; dyed [n] seized in 1 E. 4. leaving *Eliz.* his sister and heir, then the wife of *Roger Corbet* of **Moxton** *in Com.* **Salop**, 30 years of age. Which lands had afterwards the name of a Mannour, *Andrew* the son of *Rog. Corbet* being possest [o] thereof in 30 H. 8. Which *Andrew* had issue *Robert*, and he *Elizabeth* and *Anne*, his daughters and heirs, of full [p] age in 37 *Eliz.*

[n] *Esc. 1. E. 4. n. 42.*

[o] *Lib. 1. cedul.*

[p] *Lib. 5. cedul.*

Newbold-Revell.

THis place, having been part [q] of the possessions which *Leuuinus* had in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes, was, after the Norman conquest, disposed [r] of to *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have already spoke in **Monkskirby**.) In the Survey [s] then taken it is written **Fent-Newbold**, and certified to contain 8 hydes, valued at vii *l.* which large extent makes me of opinion, that **Stretton** *subtus* **Foss**, as also **Esenhull** and **Paplington**, were at that time involved therewith; the possession whereof having also gone along with it ever since, as by what I have already said appeareth.

[q] [r] [s] Domes day *lib.*

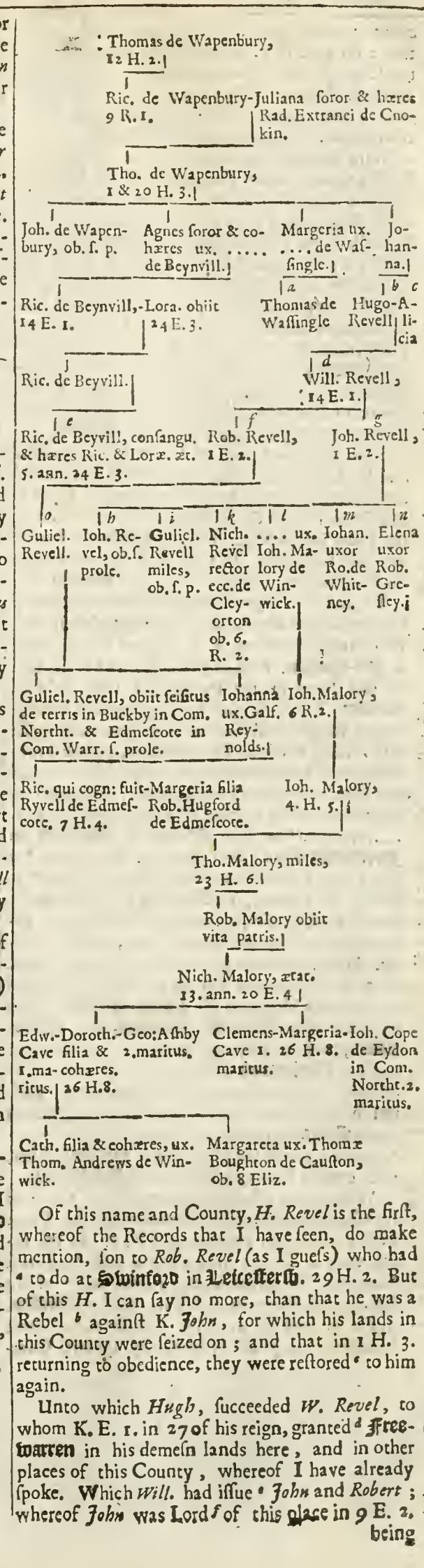
As for its name, *viz.* **Fent-Newbold**, there is this to be said, that **bold** in our old English signifies **a house**, the word **Fent** being onely an addition to distinguish it from the many other **Newbolds** in this Shire; **Fen**, with our ancestors the Saxons signifying **dirt**; from which reason part of **Cambridge** and **Huntingdonshires** are called the **Fens**. And that it is now called **Newbold-Revell**, is, by reason that the family of *Revell* were antiently Lords thereof, as I shall shew by and by.

But it was antiently reputed [t] a member of **Wapenbury**, in respect that the owners of **Wapenbury** were Lords hereof; it being (doubtless) part of those 5 Kts. fees which *Thomas de Wapenbury* held [u] of *Roger de Moubray de veteri feoffamento*, in 12 H. 2. and whereof his ancestors were enfeofft by *Nigel de Albani*, father to the said *Roger de Moubray* in H. 1. time. Which *Nigel* had *Geffrey Wirce* his lands conferred upon him, as in **Monkskirby** I have already intimated.

[t] *Rot. hund. 4. E. 1. penes Camer. Scac.*

[u] *Lib. rub. f. 118. a.*

But touching that antient family of *Wapenbury* (who had their seat at **Wapenbury**, whence they assumed their firname) I shall speak when I come to that place: And because this **Newbold** came by descent from *Wapenbury* to *Revell*, and afterwards from *Revell* to *Malory*, I have here inserted the pedegree, whereby the same may the better be understood; as also what I shall say historically of the families of *Revell* and *Malory*, whose seat it was.



[a] [b] [c] [d] *Plac. de banco T. Mich. 14 E. 1. Rot. 57*

[e] *Esc. 24. E. 3. n. 53.*

[f] [g] [h] [i] [k] [l] [m] [n] [o] [p] [q] [r] *Ex collect. S. Kniveton, p. 52.*

Of this name and County, *H. Revel* is the first, whereof the Records that I have seen, do make mention, son to *Rob. Revel* (as I guess) who had [a] to do at **Swinford** in **Leicestersh.** 29 H. 2. But of this *H.* I can say no more, than that he was a Rebel [b] against K. *John*, for which his lands in this County were seized on; and that in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, they were restored [c] to him again.

[a] *Rot. p. 29. H. 2.*

[b] [c] *Claus. 1. H. 3. m. 3.*

Unto which *Hugh*, succeeded *W. Revel*, to whom K. E. 1. in 27 of his reign, granted [d] **Free-warren** in his demesn lands here, and in other places of this County, whereof I have already spoke. Which *Will.* had issue [e] *John* and *Robert*; whereof *John* was Lord [f] of this place in 9 E. 2. being

[d] *Cart. 27. E. 1. n. 15.*

[e] *F. levat. Oct. Hill. 1. E. 2.*

[f] *Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.*

being an active man, and of great trust in his time: for in 6 E. 3. he had [g] the joynt custody of this County, with *Thomas de Astley*, and *John de Heyford*. And in 11 E. 3. was in [h] Commission for the levying and receiving Scutage for the K. Army, upon his expedition into **Scotland**.

In the same year he served [i] as one of the Kts. for this County in the Parliam. held at **Westm.** And the next year following, being appointed one of the Receivers of the xv. and x. granted to the K. in Parl. the year before, was eased of that trouble, by the K. speciall favour: as also from the Collection of the Scutage before mentioned, in regard of his speciall imployment otherwise in the K. affairs, as the Records [k] express. At which time I find, that the K. being to make an expedition into **France**; and to that end taking care for preservation of the Peace here, in his absence, did summon [l] him, being then one of the Kts. for this County, amongst others, to be at **Westm.** the morrow after the Clause of Easter before himself and his Councell, to hear what should be declared unto them thereupon. In 18. *E.* 3. he was a Kt. [m] & constituted one of the Justices for conservation of the Peace in this Shire. The like [n] authority had he the year following. In [o] 25. *E.* 3. he served again for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.**

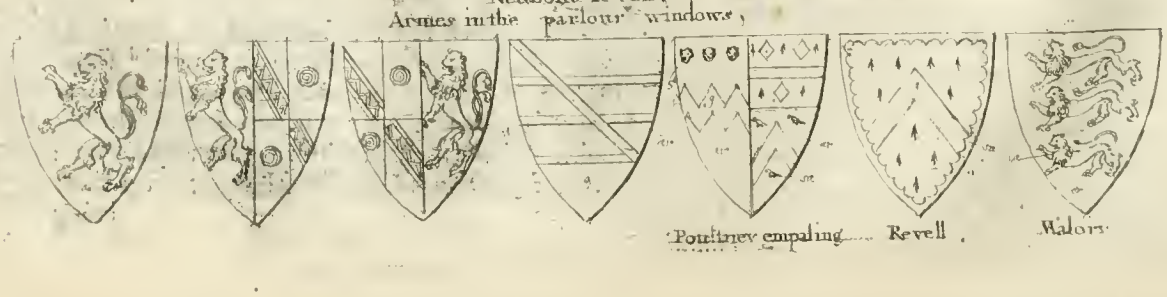
To this *John Revell* succeeded *Will.* who was of [p] the retinue to *Thomas* Bishop of **Duresme** in that French expedition 20. *E.* 3. whereof I have spoke in **Hil-Morton**. And in 32. *E.* 3. one [q] of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westm.** I suppose, that he then received the dignity of Knighthood; for the next year ensuing he is so [r] stiled, and bore for his Armes, *ermine a cheveron gules within a border engrailed sable*; but had no [s] issue, nor either of his Brothers; insomuch as their three Sisters became Heirs to the estate; *viz.* ..... married [t] to *John Malory* of **Winwick** in **Northampt.**-shire; who bore for his Armes [u] *a fesse between three boars heads couped. Joane* [w] to *Robert de Whitney*, of **Whitney** in **Hereford.**-sh. *Elen* [x] to *Rob. Gresley*, who had issue by her *Robert* that dyed Childless, and *Joane*, [y] to *Ric. Boteler*. Amongst whom partition [z] being made in 6. *R.* 2. *John Malory*, son to the same *John* and ..... had this Mannour of **Fenni-Newbold**, with certain lands in **Esenhull**, **Stretton**, and **Strod-Alton**; and the Capitall messuage, or Mannour house of **Paylington** assigned to him. *Robert de Whitney* and *Joane* his wife the Mannour of **Clifton** in this County, with certain lands in **Newton** *juxta* **Clifton** for their part. And *Richard Boteler* & *Joane* his wife the Mannour of **Brownsover**, with certain Rents and services in **Paylington**.

Which *John Malory* was constituted [a] one of the Commissioners for conservation of the Peace in this County in 13. and 14. [b] *R.* 2. In 15. being then a Kt. he was made Shiriff [c] of these Counties. To whom succeded *John*, one [d] of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. held at **Westm.** 1. *H.* 5. and in 4. *H.* 5. Shiriff [e] also of these Counties. In 7. *H.* 5. he was by speciall Commission, [f] with others, assigned to treat with the people about a loan of money to the King. In that year K. *H.* 5. being victorious in **France**, and *Humf.* D. of **Glouc.** his youngest Brother, constituted *Custos Angliæ* in the K. ablence, precepts [g] were directed to the Shiriffs of all the Counties in **England**, in the K. name, and signed by the said D. commanding them to elect and appoint a certain number in each Shire of Kts. and Esquires, bearing Armes from their Ancestours, such as were most able and sufficient to serve the K. for defence of the Realm; all which were to attend the K. Councell at **Westm.** the Tuesday in the first week of Lent. For which purpose 13. being chosen in this County, this *John Malory* was one. In 2. *H.* 6. he underwent the office of Eschaetor [h] for these Counties of **Warr.** and **Leic.** and, the next year following, the [i] Sheriffalty. And having been in [k] Commission for the peace, from 6. *H.* 5. till 12. *H.* 6. left issue *Thomas*; who, in K. *H.* 5. time, was of the retinue [l] to *Ric. Beauchamp* E. **Warr.** at the siege of **Caleys**, and served there with one lance and two Archers; receiving for his lance and 1. Archer xx.li. *per an.* and their dyet; and for the other Archer. x. marks and no dyet.

This *Thomas*, being a Kt. [m] in 23. *H.* 6. served [n] for this Shire in the Parliam. then held at **Westm.** and dying 14. *Martii* 10. *E.* 4. lyeth buryed [o] under a marble in the Chappell of St. *Francis* at the **Gray-Friers**, near **Newgate** in the Suburbs of **London**. To whom succeded *Nicholas* his Grand-Child, *viz.* son [p] of *Robert*, who dyed in his Fathers life time. Which *Nich.* being a Justice of Peace in this County from [q] the 17. of *H.* 7. till his death, left issue two Daughters his heirs; *viz. Dorothe* [r] first marryed to *Edw. Cave*, and afterwards to *George Ashby*; who had, upon partition [s] made of that inheritance 26. *H.* 8. the Mannour of **Winwick** in **Northampt.**-sh. with certain lands in **Stretton**, and **Paylington** in this County; as also in **Swinford** *Com.* **Leic.** And *Margery* [t] first married to *Clement Cave*; but afterwards to *John Cope*; which *Margery*, having this Mannour of **Newbold** assigned to her upon the said partition, with certain lands in **Esenhull** before specified, joyned with her second Husband *John Cope* 12. *Oct.* 29. *H.* 8. in the sale [u] of this Mannour to *Thomas Pope*, then Treasurer of the Court of Augmentation; which *Thomas Pope* by his deed dated 14. *Julii* 30. *H.* 8. past it to *Will. Whorwood* Solicitour generall to the K. whose Daughter and heir *Margaret* became the wife of *Thomas Throgmorton* Esq. Son and heir unto Sir *Rob. Throgmorton* of **Coughton** Kt. which *Thomas* and *Margaret* sold it to Sir *William Stamford* one of the Justices of the K. Bench: From whom it descended to Sir *Robert Stamford* Kt. his son and heir, who left it to *Charls Stamford* a younger son; of whom *Elizabeth* the widow of *John Alderford* of **Abbots-Salford** Esq. purchased it for *Edward Morgan* her son by ..... *Morgan* a former Husband: which *Edward* sold it to Sir *Sym. Clarke* Baronet, the owner thereof *an.* 1649.

[g] *Pat.* 6. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 11 *In dorso.*
[h] *Rot. F.* 11. E. 3. *m.* 9.
[i] *Claus.* 11. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 37. *In dorso*
[k] *Rot. F.* 12 E. 3. *m.* 12. & 35.
[l] *Claus.* 12. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 37. *In dorso:*
[m] *Pat.* 18. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 34.
[n] *Pat.* 19. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 27. *In d.*
[o] *Claus.* 25. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27. *In dorso.*
[p] *Rot. Franc.* 20. E. 3. *m.* 14. *In dorso.*
[q] *Claus.* 32 E. 3. *m.* 21. *In dorso.*
[r] *Ex autog. penès Rob. D. Digby.*
[s] [t] [u] *Ex collect. S. Knivetton ar.*
[u] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
[w] [x] [y] [z] *Ibid.*
[a] *Pat.* 13. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 26. *In dorso.*
[b] *Pat.* 14. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 33. *In dorso*
[c] *Rot. F.* 15 *R.* 2. *m.* 25.
[d] *Claus.* 1. *H.* 5. *In dorso m.* 12
[e] *Rot. F.* 4. *H.* 5. *m.* 12.
[f] *Pat.* 7. *H.* 5. *m.* 13.
[g] *Penès Camer. Scac.*
[h] *Rot. F.* 2. *H.* 6. *m.* 15.
[i] *Rot. f.* 3. *H.* 6. *m.* 10.
[k] *Pat. de iisdem an. In dorso.*
[l] *Rot. in bibl.* Hatton.
[m] [n] *Rot. f.* 23. *H.* 6. *m.* 10.
[o] *Cod. MS. in bibl. Cotton; sub effigiè Vitellii F.* 12.
[p] *Esc.* 20 E. 4. *n.* 46.
[q] *Pat. de iisdem an. In dorso.*
[r] [s] [t] *Ex autog. penes S. Clerke Bar.*
[u] *Ib. F. levat. T. Mich.* 29. *H.* 8.

Newbold Revell.
Armes in the parlour windows.



Poultney empaling ..... Revell. Walois.

Copston-magna.

OF this place I shall not need to say much; for as to the Etymologie of the name, what I have expresst in **Copston**-*parva* will serve turn. And, that it was given by *Geffrey Wirce* to the Monastery of St. *Nich.* at **Angiers** in 12 *Will. Conq.* what I have said in my discourse of **Monkskirby** will manifest.

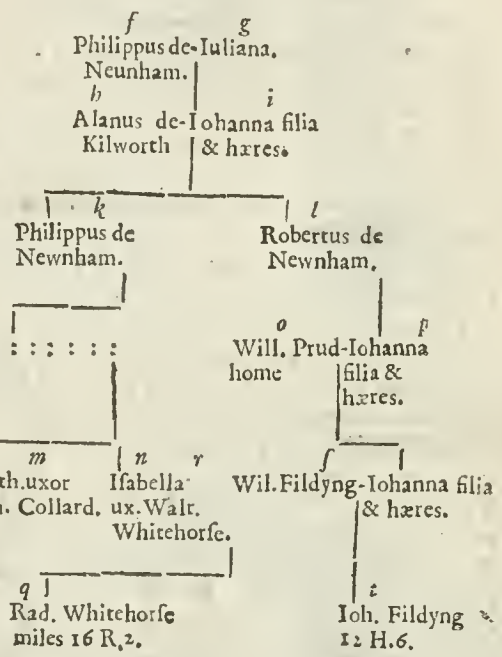
That it continued in the hands of those Monks, as parcell of the possessions of the Priory-alien of **Monkskirby**, and past therewith to the House of *Carthusians*, founded in the Ile of **Arholme** in 20 *R.* 2. I have likewise signified in **Monkskirby**: as also, that upon the dissolution of the Religious houses in 31 *H.* 8. it came to the Crown; for all which I shall refer my Reader to the Records there cited, not being able to give any further account thereof.

Neunham-Padox.

THis place, by reason of another not farre off, which hath the same appellation, hath been antiently distinguished from that, by these severall additions; *scil.* [a] **Newnham** juxta **Kirkby**-*monach.* **Newnham** [b] *parva*, *Cold* [c] **Newnham**; and lastly **Newnham** *Padox* [d], by reason of a little Park formerly there, as 'tis like.

In the Conq. Survey [e] it is rated for one Hide, valued at lx. *s.* and written **Niweham**, *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have spoke in **Kirby**) being then possest thereof; with the rest of whose lands it came to *Nigel de Albani* (as in **Kirby** I have intimated) and was, towards the end of *H.* 2. time, as I gues, granted by *Nigel de Moubray* (Grand-child to the said *Nigell*) unto *Roger de Newham*: for of this *Roger* is there no mention in 12 of that Kings reign, when *Roger de Moubray* certified his Knights Fees: but afterwards I find, [f] that the same *Roger de Newham* held one Kts. Fee of *Nigel de Munbray* before mentioned, which was, doubtlesse, for this place.

To whom succeeded *VVill. de Niweham*, who in 11 *Joh.* accounted [g] for vii. marks towards the making up for *Will. de Molbray* that Fine he payd to the King for part of his inheritance, concerning which he was impleaded by *VVill. de Stutevill.* From which *VVilliam* (who is stiled [h] *Dominus VVillielmus de Newnham*, which argues he was a Kt.) it came [i] in proces of time to *Philip*; and was in 6 *E.* 3. by him setled, [k] for want of issue, on *Robert* his Brother for life; the remainder to *John* another Brother, and the heirs of his Body; and for default of such issue on *Joane*, Sister to the said *John*: And for lack of issue by her, on *Mariot* his other Sister, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Joane*, then wife of *Roger Ryvell*. But from this *Philip*, descending [l] two Daughters and heirs; *viz.* *Kath.* [m] marryed to *John Collard*, and *Isabell* [n] to *Walter Whitehorse*, the same *John* and *Catherine*, in 36 *E.* 3. past [o] their title therein unto the said *Walter* and *Isabell*; entayling [p] it upon the heirs of the Body of her the said *Isabell*, with remainder to the right heirs of *Walter*. Which *Walter* had issue [q] Sir *Raph Whitehorse* Kt. who in 16 *R.* 2. granted [r] it to *VVill. Giffard* and others. From whom, as also from Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt. (who it seems had an estate in trust therein) it was convey'd [s] in 18 *R.* 2. to *John Leventhorpe*, *Thomas Totty* and others, but to the use of the said *John Leventhorpe*; which *John* in 3 *H.* 5. agreeing upon a price with *Totty*, levyed [a] a Fine thereof to him and his heirs; upon condition, [b] that the money should be forthwith payd: but the said *T. Totty*, going presently beyond Sea where he was made Captain [c] of the Castle of **Rysbanke** (neer **Calays**) and a Knight to boot; (for so was he after stiled) hapned to be slain [d] at the battail of **Parke**, so that the bargain could not be compleated. Whereupon the before specified *John Leventhorpe*, being fully siezed of it as his own right, by his deed [e] bearing date 11 *Nov.* 12 *H.* 6. past it to *John Fildyng* and his heirs: which *John* was great-Grand-Child to *Rob. de Newnham* before specified, as the Pedegree here inserted sheweth; and paternally of a very noble



extraction; *viz.* from the Earls of **Hapspurg** in **Germany**, as is apparent from divers authentique evidences [u], whereof I shall only give these two for instance; the one a Letter of Atturny made by *Geffrey* his grandfather, bearing date at **Dunsterton** (*Com. Leic.*) on the feast day of S. *Barnabas* the Apostle 9 *Edw.* 2. in which he calls himself *filius Galfridi, filii Galfridi Comitis de* **Hapsburg**, *& domini in* **Laufenburg**, *&* **Rinfilding** *in Germania*: and wherein, by the consent of *Agnes de Napton* his wife, he gives power to *VVill. Puresey* to deliver seisin of his Mannour of **Dunsterton**, before specified unto Sir *Rauf de Stanlow*; as also of one yard land in **Lutterworth**, which his Mother *Maud de Colvile* sometime held: And the other an Accquittance made by the said Sir *Raufe* upon the receipt from him of xli sterling, wherein he mentions his descent as aboveſaid; which Acquittance bears date at **Westm.** 5 *Julii* 12 *E.* 2.

And that it may not seem strange, that a forreigner, so eminent for his parentage, should thus settle here in **England**, I have here added what I find in an antient *MS.* [w] written about K. *Edw.* 4. time, which manifesteth the occasion thereof, *Memorandum quod* Galfridus *Comes* Hapsburgicus *propter*

a *Ex autog. penès Basil. Com. Denbigh.*
b *Cart.* 33 *E.* 1. *n.* 15.
c *Ex autog. penès eund. Com.*
d *Ex autog. penès eund. Com.*
e Domesd. *lib.*
f *Lib. rub. in Scac. f.* 134. *a. in cedula.*
g Rot. P. 11 Ioh.
h *Ex autog. penès eund. Com.*
i *Esc.* 29 E. 1. *n.* 80.
k *F. levat.* xv. *Mich.* 6 E. 3.
l *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
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o *F. levat.* 3. *sept. Pasch.* 36 E. 3.
p *F. levat.* 3. *sept. Pasch.* 36 E. 3.
q *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
r *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
s *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
a *F. levat.* T. Trin. 3 H. 5.
b *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
c *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
d *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
e *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
f l q g m r h n s i o t k p *Ib.*
u *Penès præfat. Com. Denb.*
w *Ibid.*

oppressiones sibi illatas à Comite Rodolpno, *qui postea electus erat Imperator, adsummam paupertatem redactus, unus ex filiis suis, nomine* Galfridus *militavit in Anglia sub Rege* Henrico *tertio. Et quia pater ejus* Galfridus *Comes habuit prætensiones ad certa dominia in* **Lauffenburg** *&* **Rinfelden**, *retinuit sibi nomen de* Felden, *Anglicè* Filding; *& reliquit ex* Matilda *de* Colevile *uxore sua* Galfridum Johannem *&* Thomam *tunc pueros.* Galfr. Filding *duxit in* uxorem *Agnetem filiam* Joh. de Napton, *qui fuit frater* Roberti *de* Nipton *militis, ex* Alicia *filia* Ricardi *de* Misterton *uxoris suæ, & habuit exitum* Will. Filding, *qui duxit in uxorem* Johannam *filiam* Will. Prudhome, *ex* Juliana *filia & hærede* Roberti *de* Newnham; *& ex illa genuit* Joh. Filding *militem, qui ex* Margareta Purfrey *uxore sua genuit* Will. Filding *mil. qui quidem* Will. *duxit in uxorem* Agnetem de Seyton, *& habuit exitum* Johannem, Everardum, Edw. *&* Martinum Filding.

It seems that K. *Henr.* 3. much tendring the condition of the before specified *Geffrey*, who was in Armes on his part here in **England**, as by what is above expreſt may appear, gave him a considerable support in Rents and Fees lying in sundry places: For in a Roll [x] of them yet extant, and written in *E.* 3. time, whereunto the title is *Redditus & feoda* Willielmi Filding *filii* Galfridi, *filii* Galfridi, *filii* Galfridi *Comitis de* **Hapsburg**, **Lauffenburg** *&* **Rinfelden**, in the margent thereof is this insertion *Ex dono quondam Regis* Henrici *filii Regis* Johannis. As the testimony of these things is, in truth, of much honour to those of this Family; so do I perceive that it hath heretofore had no lesse estimation amongst them: for in an old Book [y] sometime belonging to the Hospital of S. *John Bapt.* in **Lutterworth**, I find this written *Notum sit omnibus hunc librum visuris, quod ego* Willielmus Veysy *Magr. Hosp.* S. Joh. Bapt. *de* **Lutterworth** *præsens fui quando* Joh. Fylding, *qui postea erat miles, eodem anno quo inserviebat* Johannem ducem Bedfordiæ *in Bello contra Gallos, tradidit multas veteres scripturas custodiendas* Thomæ Bellers *Gentilman, quæ certificabant dominum* Galfridum Felding *filium fuisse* Galfridi *Comitis de* **Hapsburg** *&c.* (*ut supra*) And likewise this following expression [z] made by Sir *Will. Filding* Kt. who lived in *H.* 8. time, **The Evidence of all these things was left with** *VVill. Cave* **the son of** *Thomas Cave* **Gentleman, by** Sir *VVilliam Filding* **befor the battail of** Tewksbery, **and a Bill of remembrance of the same after given to** *Ric. Cave*, **which was also written in the book of** *VVill. Veysy* **Mayster of the Hospitall of S.** *John Bapt.* **of** Lutterworth.

This was the bok of my Faber Syr *Everard Fylding.*

That they have anciently born for their Armes *three Lozenges upon a Fesse*, some Seals to * Deeds before date; as also of K. *E.* 3. and *Ric.* 2. time do testifie: and for their Crest sometimes an *Eagle* and at other a *Palm Tree*, though of later times altered. And that these matches with *Napton* and *Prudhome* before specified, were heirs, the quarterings on those their Monuments at **Monkskirby** are satisfaction enough. But I return. This *John* having served in the warrs of **France** and been dignified with the honour of Knighthood, as by what is before expreſt appeareth, left issue *VVilliam* his son and heir, a person so well affected to the Lancastrian side in the Civill Wars betwixt that and the House of **York**, that no sooner did K. *H.* 6. regain his soveraignty (*viz.* in 49 of his reign) but that he constituted [a] him Shiriff of the Counties of **Cambridge** and **Huntingdon**, being then [b] a Kt. In which year, fighting on the behalf of the said K. in that memorable battail of **Tewksbury**, he lost [c] his life, and was there buried [d].

This Sir *William*, by *Agnes* the Daughter and [e] heir of *Seton*, with whom he had [f] the Lordship of **Martinsthorp** in **Rutland**, and a descent [g] in blood from those great families of *Vaux*, *Longvile*, and *Bellers* (a younger branch * of *Mowbray*) left [h] issue *Everard Fildyng* his son and heir, Shiriff [i] of this County and **Leicestersh**, in 21. *E.* 4. and in 2 *H.* 7. a Commander in the Kings Army at the battail of **Stoke** *juxta* **Newarke**: So likewise at [l] **Black-heath** in **Kent** in 12 *H.* 7. which *Everard*, being made [m] Kt. of the Bath at the marriage of Prince *Arthur* in 15 of that King's reign, was *Custos* [n] *Rotulorum* in the County of **Leic.** within two years after. And by his Testament, [o] bequeathing his body to be buried before the Altar of our blessed Lady in the **Black-Fryers** at **Northampton**, departed [p] this life in 6 *H.* 8. leaving issue by [q] *Jellis Russell* his wife, *VVill. Fildyng* Esq. Shiriff [r] of **Rutlandshire** in 11 and 12. as also in [s] 18 *H.* 8. but afterwards Kt. who having been imployed about raising forces out of his Tenants, and otherwise, for the Wars of **France** and **Scotland** in the time of *H.* 8. as by severall Privy Seals [t] appeareth, assisted likewise with no lesse than xvi. Horse at his own charges against the Scots; as from the Registers, sometime belonging to the Councell-table, hath been observed: As also [u] with ten able persons, most Archers and Gunners, in that Navall preparation made by the same King under the conduct of the Earl of **Southampt.** for preventing such attempts as might be exercised by the Pope or his Agents, whose Supremacy he had abolished: And was in such esteem with Q. *Jane* (third wife to the said K. *H.*) that in 29 *H.* 8. upon her delivery of Prince *Edward*, she sent a Privy-Seal [w] unto him, signifying the same, with desire of his congratulation and prayers.

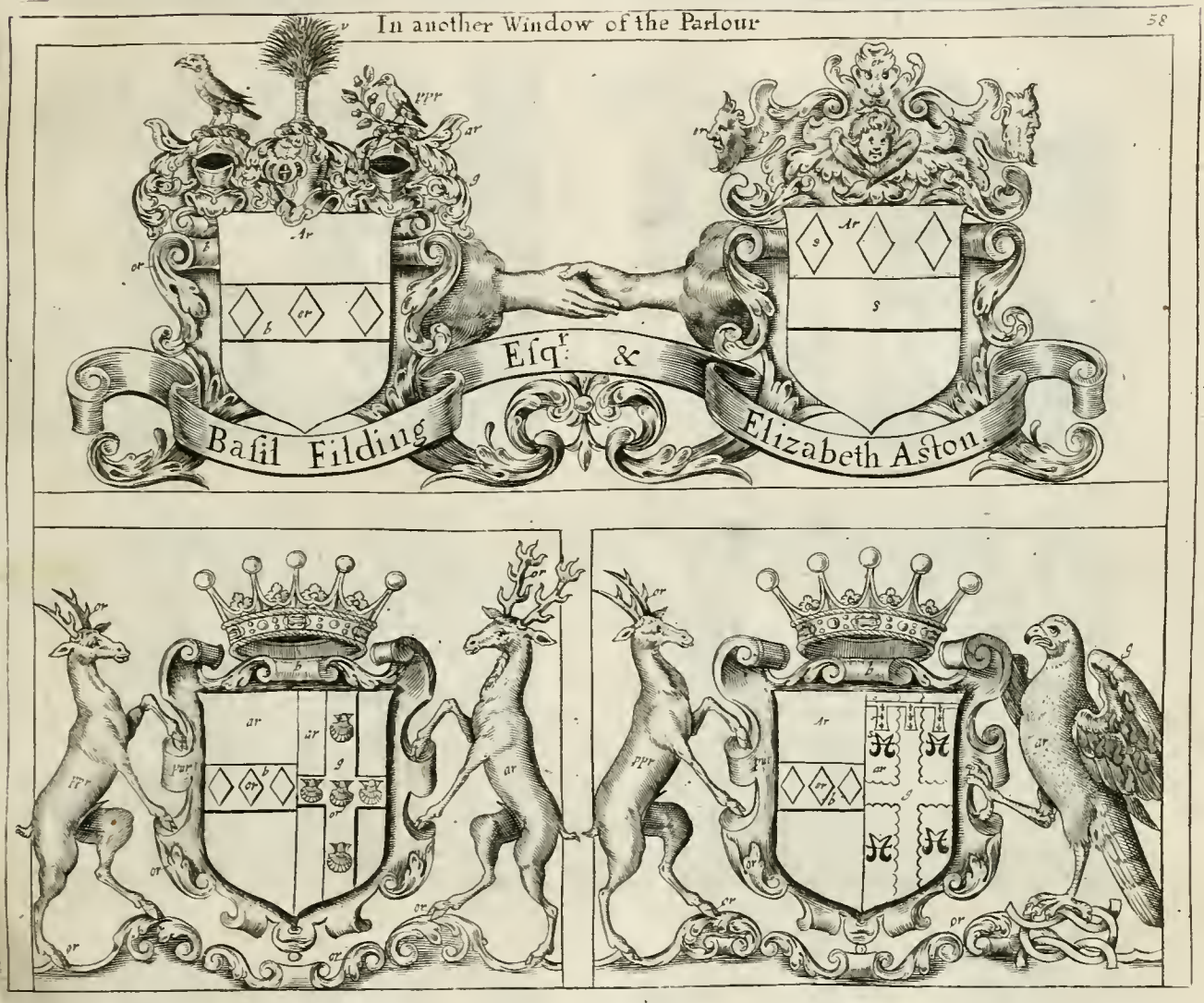
This S^r *Will.* by *Eliz.* Daughter [x] to S^r *Thomas Pultney* of **Misterton** K^t leaving issue *Basill* dyed [y] 24 *Sept.* 2 *E.* 6. which *Basill* was Shiriff [z] of this County in 11 *Eliz.* and took to wife [a] *Godith*, second of the 7 Daughters and coheirs to *Will. Willington* of **Barchesson** Esq; by whom he had issue *William*, Shiriff [b] of this County also in 31 *Eliz.* and thrice of **Rutland**; *viz.* [c] 24, 34, and 40 *Eliz.* who being afterwards a K^t by *Dorothy* the Daughter [d] to S^r *Raph Lane* (by a Daughter and coheir to the Lord *Parre* of **Horton**) had issue *Basill*, Shiriff of this County in 9 *Jac.* which *Basill* by *Eliz.* Daughter to Sir *Walter Aston* of **Tixhall** K^t had issue *William*, Lord of this place *an. scil.* 1640. who, being Knighted by K. *James* about the beginning of his reign; (and after made *Custos Rotulorum* in this County) was in 18 thereof advanced to the dignity [e] of Baron and Vicount *Fildyng*: And in 20, *ob generis claritatem, & nuptias admodum honorandas; sed præcipuè ob eximiam virtutem, & erga nos & Coronam nostram, fidem*, as the words of that Charter [f] import, created Earl of **Denbigh**. And having been constituted Master of the great Wardrobe, and Admirall at Sea in severall expeditions, did likewise, by his marriage with *Susan*, Sister to *George* late D. of **Buck**, not a little enlarge the honour of this Family.

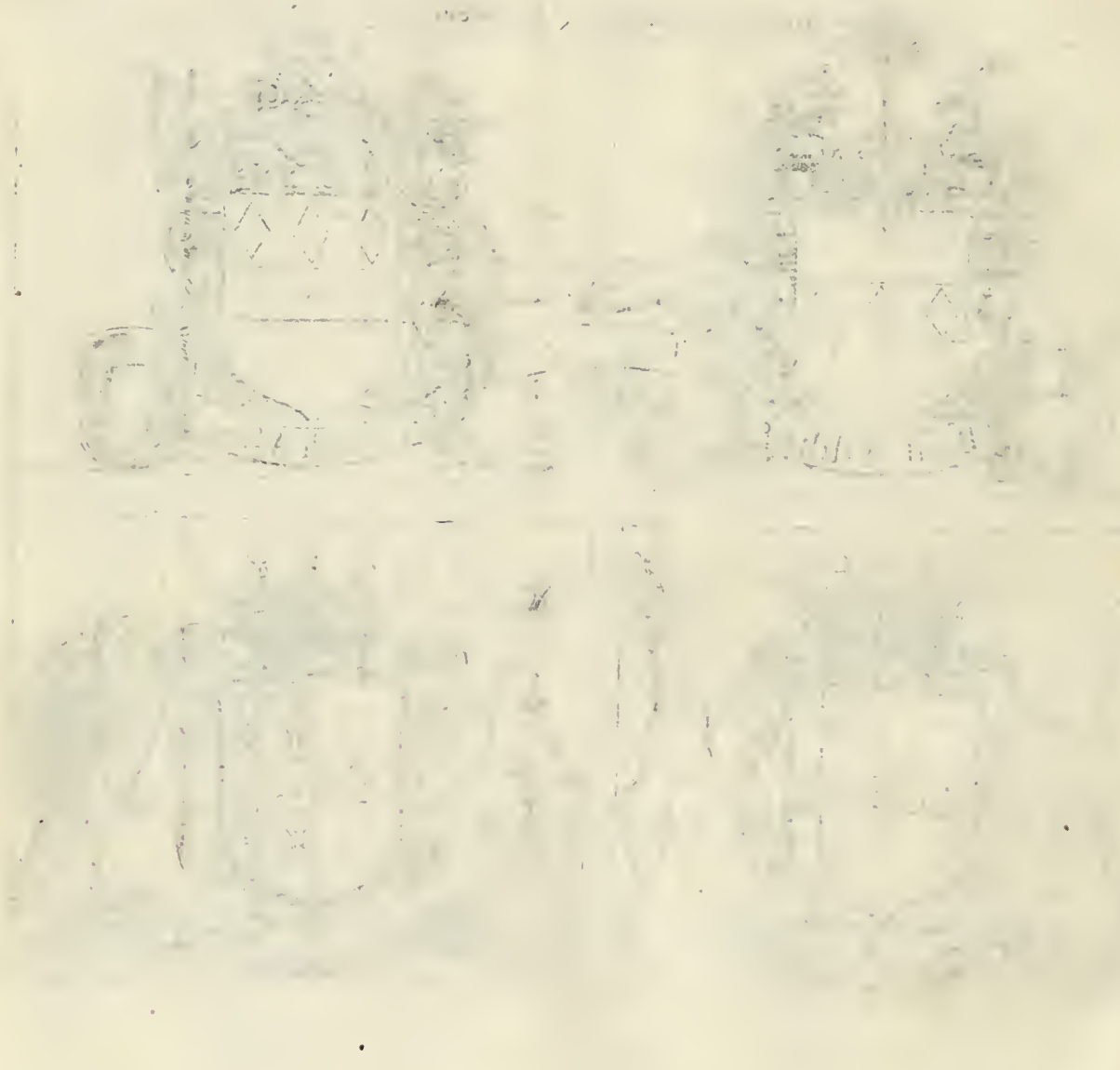
x } *Ibid.*
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z *Ex vet. membr. penès eundem Com.*

* *Penès eundem Com.*

a *Rot. F. 49 H. 6. m. 9.*
b *Claus. 17 E. 4. m. 16.*
c } *Stow's Annals*
d } *Leland. Itin. vol. 6. f. 93.*
c } *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
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g }
* *Ex vet. membr. penès G. Lascels de Knighton in Com. Not.*
h *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
i *Rot. F. 21. E. 4. m. 6.*
k *Polyd. Virg. hist. Angl. p. 573 n. 40.*
l *Ex vet. membr. penès eundem Com.*
m *Rot. penès H. S.* George Norroy.
n *Ex autog. penès præfat. Com.*
o } *Holder*
p } *Q. 5.*
q *Ex fenestra apud* Neunham.
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x *Inscrip. tumuli apud* Kirby. *mon.*
y *Esc. 2 E. 6.*
z *Rot. P. 11 Eliz.*
a *Inscrip. tumuli apud* Kirby.
b } *Rot. P. de iis. dem an.*
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d *Ex autog. penès eundem Com.*
e } *Rot. Cart. de iisdem an.*
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Basil Filding Esqr. &
Elizabeth Aston.



In the parlour Window at Newnham.

















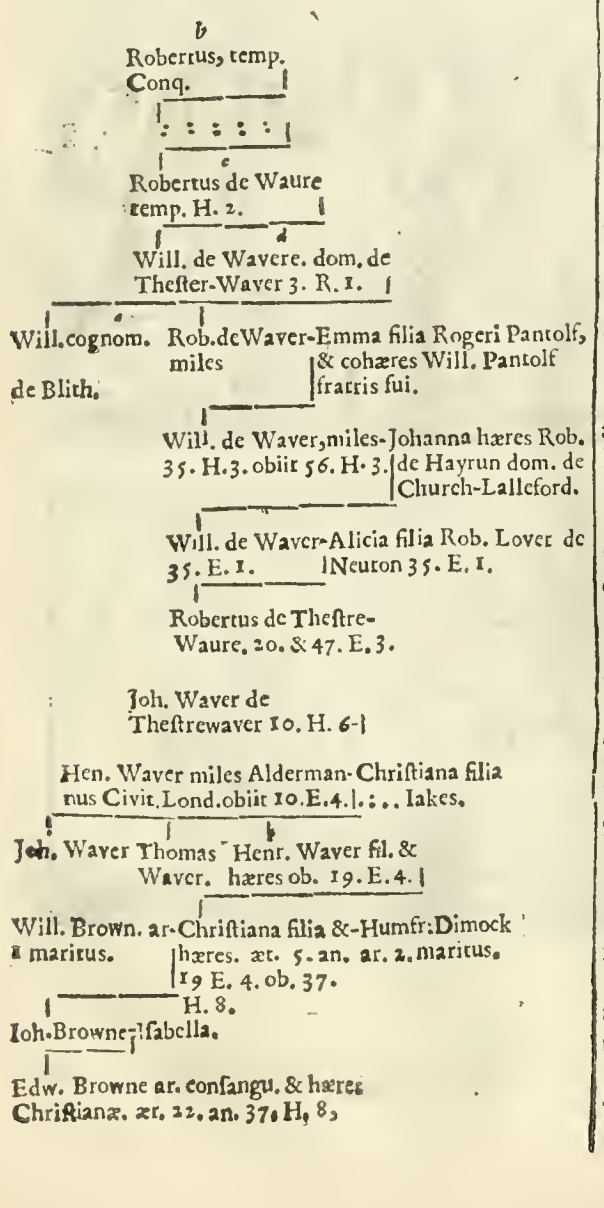
Ceſter-Over.

[a] *Chron. MS. I. Rous in bibl. Cotton. p. 144.*

THis was, antiently a village of many dwellings, but long ſince depopulated,[a] ſo that there remains now no more than the Mannour Houſe, and that reduced to ſo mean a condition, as 'tis ſcarce capable of any Inhabitant, other than an ordinary Fermour, the grounds, for the moſt part, being converted to Sheep-paſture. Of later times it hath been, by the vulgar, called **Ceſter-Over**, which occaſioned Mr. *Cambden* in his *Britannia* to repreſent it as a place of great antiquity, and no leſs then a City in the Romans time: to which opinion, the adjacency of **Watlingſtreet** did, as it ſeems, the more encline him. But that addition, which is, by the corrupt pronunciation of the vulgar called **Ceſter**, ſhould, in truth, be **Theſter**; for ſo 'tis antiently written, as I ſhall ſhew anon, and not uſed, neither, till a long time after the Conqueſt: for in **Domeſday-Book** it is called **Wara**, where the place now called **Church-Over** is written **Waure**, as well as **Wara**; and **Brownſ-Over** alſo **Waure**, and **Wara**, as I have already ſhew'd, with the reaſon thereof.

As for this addition of **Theſter**, for diſtinction from the other towns before mentioned, it is no more than to ſignify the Eaſtern ſituation thereof from **Monkskirby**, in which Pariſh it is; and ſo by contracting two words into one, *viz.* **The Eaſter**, or **The Eaſtward**, for the more brief expreſſion is called and written **Th'eſter**.

[b] *Domeſday lib.*
[c] *Lib. rub. f. 134. a. in ſcedula.*
[d] *Regiſt. de Pipwell f. 139. a.*
[e] *Ex autog. penès me W. D.*



In the Conq. dayes *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have ſo often made mention) poſſeſt it; at which time, being certified to contain 5. Hides, and having a Mill, it was valued at xl. s. one *Robert* then holdng it of the ſaid *Geffrey*; which *Robert* was paternall Anceſtour (as I conceive) to the family of *Waure*, written afterwards *Waver*; who, aſſuming their Sirname from hence, flouriſhed here till toward the end of *E.* 3. time, as this deſcent manifeſteth.

[e] [f] *Reg. de Pipwel f. 137. b*

But the firſt of this line, touching whom I have found any thing of note, is Sir *Rob. de Wavere* [g] Kt. who weddedf *Emma* one of the two Daughters of Sir *Roger Pantolf* Kt. (Lord of **Neubold-Pantolf**) and coheirs to *Will.* their Brother.

[g] [h] *Reg. de Cumba f. 112. a.*

This Sir *Robert* was a good benefactor[g] to the Monks of **Combe**; for, beſides the grant of 2. yard land, common for 100. Sheep, 24. Beaſts, and 30. Hoggs; for xxii. marks of ſilver he gave [h] them 96. acres of errable land lying in this village, with his Body to be buried in that Monaſtery; appointing the like ſolemnity to be performed for his *Obit*, as for a Monk of that Covent.

[i] *Reg. de Pipw. f. 143. b.*
[k] *Reg. de Cumba f. 61. a.*

To him ſucceeded Sir *William*, [i] his Son and heir, who wedded [k] *Juliana* heir to *Rob. Hayrun*, Lord of **Church-Lawford**; Which Sir *Will.* in 35. *H.* 3. founded [l] a Chantry in the Priory of **Monkskirby**, and endowed [m] it with certain lands and Rents lying in **Coſford**. In 38. *H.* 3. he was appointed Eſchaetor [n] for this County; but, having the K. ſpeciall warrant [o] to be freed of that office, in caſe he were not willing to undergoe it, as the Abbot of **Perſhore** (generall Eſchaetor on this ſide **Trent**) affirmed to the K. he procured a diſcharge [p]: and in 41 *H.* 3. obteined a Charter [q] to himſelf and his heirs for a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Tueſday; and a **Fair** once a year to laſt for three days, *viz.* on the Even of St. *James*, and two days following.

[l] [m] *Ex Regiſt. alibo penès Dec. & Cap. Lich. f. 107.*
[n] *Clauſ. 38. H. 3. m. 4.*
[o] [p] *Clauſ. 39. H. 3. m. 14.*
[q] *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 2.*

In 45 *H.* 3. he was conſtituted [r] one of the Juſtices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: but in 48 *H.* 3. adhering to the rebellious Barons, then in armes, was taken [s] at **Northampton**, and impriſoned; his lands being given [t] to *Roger de Someri* (Baron of *Dudley.*) But afterwards, taking benefit of the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, he had the K. letters [u] of ſafe conduct for acceſs to the Court; and, compounding with the ſame *Roger*, had all his lands reſtored [w] again, except the Mannour of **Merſton** (now called *Wavers-***Merſton**, in this County) which by agreement betwixt themſelves, the ſaid *Roger* and his heirs was, in conſideration of his Fine, to have.

[r] *Pat. 45. H. 3. In dorſo.*
[s] *MS. Oxon. in bibl. Bodl. 8. v. 8. Th. f. 138. b.*
[t] *Clauſ. 51. H. 3. m. 2. In dorſo.*
[u] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 35.*
[w] *Clauſ. 51. H. 3. ut ſuprà.*

After which he was again admitted to employments of truſt, as appears by thoſe Commiſſions [x] of 52. 53. and 54. *H.* 3. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: and [y] dyed in 56 *H.* 3. leaving *Robert* his Son and heir of full age, and then marryed. Whoſe Grand-child, *Robert*, paſt away the inheritance of this Lordſhip to *John Lovet* of **Newton** in 32 *E.* 3. Unto which *John* ſucceeded *VVill. Lovet* of **Liſcumbe** *in Com.* **Buck.** who, in 9 R. 2. granted [a] 12. meſs. 3. toftes, and 13. yard land, lying within this Lordſhip and **Coſford**, in reverſion after the death of *Clementia* his Mother, then the wife of *John Paraunt*, unto *VVill. Purefey* (of **Church-Over**) and his heirs: from whom they deſcended to *VVill.* his Grand-child: for in 10. *H.* 6. I find, [b] that he, and one *John VVaver* were certified to be Lords of this Mannour.

[x] *Pat. de iiſdem an. In dorſo.*
[y] *Eſc. 56. H. 3.*
[z] *Ex autog. penès G. Shirley Bar.*
[a] *F. levat. craſt. Mart. 9. R. 2. Record. xv: Paſch. 14. R. 2.*
[b] *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

But,

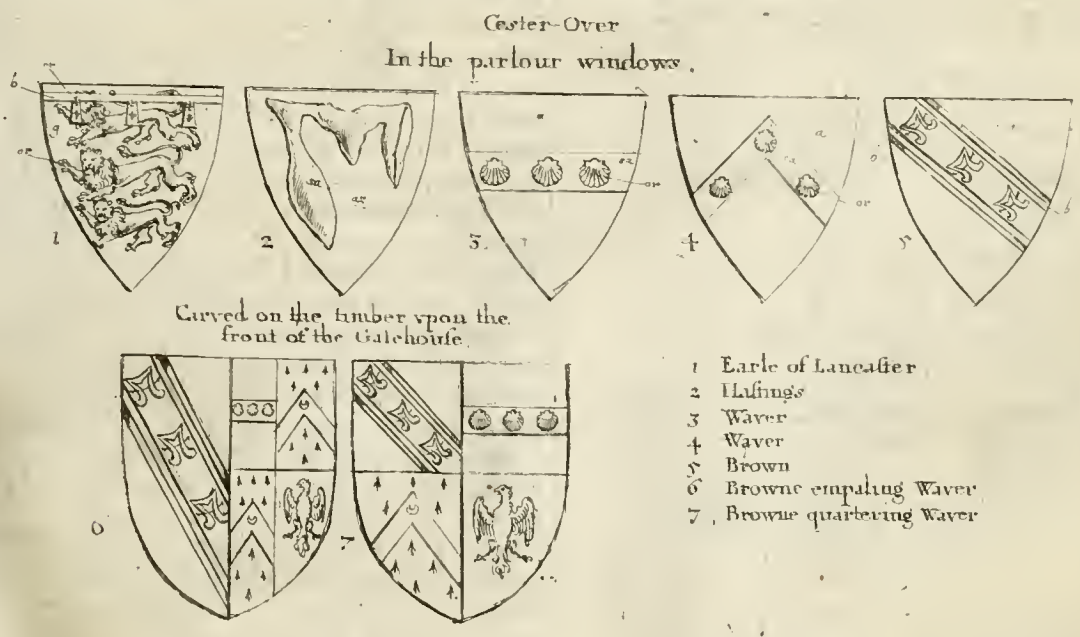
But, for ought I perceive, the family of *Waver*, notwithſtanding its intereſt here, was at that time very low, and might have ſunk to nothing, had not the induſtry of *Henry*, Cittizen and Draper of **London** rais'd it up again: for he it was (being queſtionleſſe a branch of this antient houſe) that in 39. H. 6. First, obtaining a leaſe [e] from *Will. Broke* gent. ſon and heire to *Elene Brooke* late of **Aſtwell** in Com. **Northampt.** of the one moytie of this mannour, for the naturall life of himſelf and xii. years after, upon the rent of xi. l. *per. ann.* ſterling, payable at Eaſter and Michaelmaſs by even portions; purchaſed [d] the inheritance thereof from the ſaid *William*, in 5. E. 4. as alſo, at the ſame time, bought [e] the other moytie of *Will. Bate* of **Melburne** *in Com.* **Derb.** Eſq. In which year, on Aſcenſion day, being one [f] of the Shiriffs for the Citty of **London**, he was made Knight of the *Bath*. Whereupon, reſolving to reſtore this antient ſeat of his Progenitors, not only to the condition wherein it formerly ſtood, but to add a greater luſtre thereto, the next year enſuing, obteined a ſpeciall Patent [g] from the King to rebuild it with Turrets and Walls embattelled; and to incloſe 500. acres of Land and Paſture, with 20. acres of wood for a Parke: and moreover to have a **Court-Leet** here, with **Free-warren**, and fiſhing in all his demeſn lands belonging thereto.

This wealthy Alderman, by his Teſtament [h], bearing date 4. Febr. 9. E. 4. (and proved in Auguſt following) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of *St. Peter* in **Cornhill**, before the Image of *St. George* there. And gave [i] to the Dean and Chanons of *S. Steph.* Chappell * at **Weſtminſter** and their ſucceſſors an annuall Rent of 5. marks ſterling, to endure for xx. years next after his deceaſe; ſo that they ſhould pray for his ſoul, and keep on *Obit* there during the ſaid xx. years, with *Placebo* and Maſs of *Requiem* by Note, for his Soul, and for the Souls of Sir *Thomas Haſeley* Kt. and *Annes* his wife; and all Chriſtian Souls. And willed, that his Son *Harry* ſhould have this mannour of **Theſturwaver** to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and for want of ſuch iſſue to his Son *Thomas*; with the like remainder to his Son *John*: as alſo to *Eliz.* and *Anne*, daughters of the teſtator. Bequeathing likewiſe an annuity of xx. s. ſterling out of it, to the Parſon and Wardens of the Church of **Monkskirby**, to keep an *Obit*, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and Maſs of *Requiem* by Note, yearly, in the ſaid Church of **Monkskirby**, for his Soul; and for the Souls of his Father and Mother; making a certain diſtribution in money to poor people there.

Which *Henry*, (the younger) dyed [k] 19. E. 4. leaving *Chriſtian* his onely child but 5. years of age; the cuſtody [l] of whoſe lands was committed to *Thomas Points* Eſq. 21. E. 4. during her minority. This *Chriſtian* firſt [m] marryed to *Will. Brown* Eſq.; who being a Juſtice of peace in this County, from [n] 18. H. 7. till his death; and making his reſidence here, built the Gate-houſe of timber now ſtanding, as appears by the Armes carved thereon, which I have below expreſt: but afterwards became wife [o] to *Humfry Dimock* Eſq., and dyed [p] 29. *Martii* 36. H. 8. leaving *Edw. Brown*, her grandchild and next heire; (viz. Son and heire of *John Brown*, deceaſed in her life time.) Which *Edward*, the year following his grand-mothers death, ſold [q] it to Sir *Fulke Grevill* Kt. From whom it deſcended to Sir *Fulke* his grandchild, created Lord *Brooke* of **Beauchamps-court**, 9. Jan. 18. *Jac.* By which meanes it is come to *Robert* Lord *Brook*, his heire adopted, together with **Beauchamps-court**, and other fair poſſeſſions.

[e] *Clauſ. 39. H. 6. m. 6. In dorſo.*
[d] [e] *Clauſ. 5. E. 4. m. 21. In dorſ.*
[f] *Stow's ſurvey p. 569.*
[g] *Pat. 5. E. 4. p. 2. m. 11.*
[h] [i] *Godin Q. 31.*
[k] *Eſc. 19. E. 4. n. 64.*
[l] *Pat. 21. E. 4. p. 2.*
[m] *Eſc. 37. H. 8.*
[n] *Pat. de iiſdem ann. In dorſo.*
[o] [p] *Eſc. 37. H. 8.*
[q] *F. levat. T. Mich. 37. H. 8.*

* This is now the Houſe of Commons for the Parl.



I have now but a word or two more to ſay, and then ſhall I leave this great pariſh of **Monkskirby**; which is to obſerve, that part of the old Roman way, called **Foſſe**, leading through it, lyes open like a ditch, having not been filled with ſtones and gravell in ſuch ſort as in moſt other places it is. And, that on the Weſt-ſide thereof ſtands an eminent, *Tumulus*, whereupon a Beacon is now ſituate, but antiently ſome noted Buſh, as 'tis like, in regard it bears the name of **Cloudſley-buſh** to this day. But touching theſe *Tumuli* I have already ſpoke in my diſcourſe of **Knightlow-hill**, and therefore ſhall now ſay no more, then that 'tis hard to gueſs, whether this had at firſt its name from one *Claudius* a Roman Souldier, whoſe place of ſepulture it was; or from the Britiſh word **Claude**, ſignifying a ditch, becauſe it is ſo near the **Foſſe**.

Harborow

Harborow magna.

FOllowing the ſtream of **Swift**, I come next to **Harborow**, commonly called **Great Harborow**, in wich pariſh there is onely one village more; viz. **Little-Harborow**; but antiently they were not divided. In the Conq. time *Ric. Foreſtarius* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Cheſterton**) held [a] 4. hides and a half here, which were then valued at xx. s.; and whereof, before the Conqueſt, 4. *Theins* * were poſſeſt. At that time there was one *Anſeiſus* who held alſo 4. hides more in this place; which in *Edw.* the Conf. time were the freehold of *Bruning*. Theſe were likewiſe valued at xx. s., there being then a Prieſt (which ſhews that it had a Church ſo ancient) and a Mill rated at xvi. d. In that Record [b] it is written **Herdeberge**, which gives me occaſion to conjecture, that the name at firſt aroſe, partly from the ſituation, and party from the herds of cattell there kept, the old Engliſh word beop3e ſignifying a **Hill**.

[a] [b] Domſday *lib.*

* Free ſerviteurs to the K. or ſome great perſon.

When it went out of the hands of theſe perſons above ſpecified I am not able to ſhew; but long it was not, ere that a family, aſſuming their ſirname from hence, poſſeſt a great part thereof: howbeit the reſidue, in ſubſtance, with the advouſon of the Church (being that part, it ſeems, which *Anſeius* held in the Conq. time) did very antiently come to the family of *Langley*: for it appears, [c] that *Geffrey de Langley* gave ſome part thereof to the Monks of **Combe** in H. 2. time; and that *Geffrey*, (his grandchild) in 39. H. 3. ſold [d] to them all the reſt that he had here, amounting to 2. carucats; reſerving only the ſaid advouſon, and a rent of x. li. vj. s. ſterling *per ann.* to himſelf and his heires, iſſuing out of thoſe carucats, and payable in the great Church of **Coventre**, on Chriſtmas eve, Eaſter eve, Midſummer eve, and Michaelmaſs eve, by equall portions. But I returne to the line of *Herdeberge*.

[c] *Reg. de Cumba f. 65. a.*

[d] *Ib. f. 69. b.*

[e] *Rot. P. 16. H. 2.*

Ansketillus [e] de Herdeberg. 16. H. 2.

[f] *Clauſ. 11. H. 3. In dorſo.*

Hugo de Herdeberg 1. H. 3. — Haſculfus [f]

[g] *Pat. 33. H. 3. In d.*

Rog. de Herdeberg 33. H. 3. [g]

[h] *Clauſ. 53. H. 3. m. 8.*

Hugo de Herbergh 53. H. 3. [h] — Iſabella relicta 14. E. 3. [i]

[i] [k] [l] *Plac. de banco T. Mich. 14. E. Rot. 44.*

Rog. de Herdeberg mortuus 14. E. 1. [k] — Ida, relicta. 14. E. 1. [l]

Ela filia & cohæres, infra æt. 14. E. 1. primò nupta Walt. de Hopton; ſecundò Will. le Boteler, de cujus progenie vide in Willey.

Joh. de Hulls 33. E. 1. — Iſabella filia & cohæres.

[m] [n] *Clauſ. 18. E. 2. m. 27.*

Joh. de Langley, [m] — Ela, five Alicia, f. de Peto & cohæres 2. maritus 18. E. 2. — Dionyſia filia & cohæres ux. Ioh. de Watervill 18. E. [n]

[o] [p] [q] [r] *F. levat. xv. Paſch. 4. E. 3.*

Galfr. de Langley defunctus 4. E. 3. [o] — Maria 18. E. 3. [p] — Will de Kareſwell 2. maritus, defunctus 33. E. 3. [q]

[ſ] *Clauſ. 46. E. 3. m. 23. In dorſo.*

Galfr. Langley defunctus 33. E. 3. [r] — Petrus Careſwell miles 46. E. 3. [ſ]

[t] *Rot. F. 33. E. 3. m. 14.*

Johanna filia & hæres, æt. 17. ann. 33. E. 3. ux. Ioh. filii Alani de Cherleton militis. [t]

Of theſe, *Hugh de Herdeberg*, was one of that number; who, being in armes againſt K. *John*, return'd [v] to obedience in 1. H. 3. having then reſtitution of his lands ſeized on for that offence. His grandſon, *Hugh*, in 3. E. 1. was conſtituted [w] one of the Juſtices for the gaol-delivery at **Warwick**.

[v] *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. p. 1. m. 2.*

[w] *pat. 3. E. 1. In dorſo.*

Whoſe ſon *Roger* left onely two [x] daughters, betwixt whom the inheritance of this mannour happened to be divided, as it ſeemes; for it appears [y], that *Ela* the widow of *Walter Hopton*, in 33. E. 1. paſſing away her right to *John Hulls* and *Iſabell* her ſiſter, and the heires of the ſaid *Iſabell*, it came to *Ela* one of the daughters and coheirs of the ſaid *Iſabell*; who, taking to her ſecond husband *John de Peyto*, joyned [z] with him in the entayling thereof upon her iſſue by the ſaid *John*; with remainder to Sir *Walter Hopton* Kt. and his heirs (ſon to the before ſpecified *Walter*, as I gueſs). By which means it divolved [a] to Sir *John Hopton* Kt., whoſe poſterity, in 1. H. 5. obtained [b] that intereſt which *John de Langford*, ſon of *Henry de Langford*, had here: for ſome title they had, it ſeems, by deſcent from one of the coheirs to *Will. le Boteler*, ſecond husband to *Ela de Herdeberg* before ſpecified, as the deſcent in **Willy** doth manifeſt. Of theſe *Hopton*'s the laſt was *Walter*, who departed [c] this life in 1. E. 4. ſeized of the moytie of this mannour; leaving *Eliz.* [d] his ſiſter and heire then 30. years of age, and wedded [e] to *Roger Corbet* of **Poxton** *in Com.* **Salop**, from whom deſcended *Robert Corbet*, who died [f] 30. *Mart.* 25. *Eliz.* leaving *Eliz.* and *Anne* his daughters and heires within age.

[x] *Plac. de banco T. Mich. 14. E. 1. Rot. 44.*

[y] *F. levat. Oct. Trin. 33. E. 1.*

[z] *Ex autogr. penès .... Waldron gen.*

[a] [b] *Ib.*

[c] [d] [e] *Eſc. 1. E. 4. n. 42.*

[f] *Lib. 5. cedul.*

As for the other moitie 'tis plain, that *John de Langley*, firſt husband to *Ela*, one of the daughters and coheirs to *John de Hulls*, and deſcendant to *Geffrey* before mentioned, had it in the right of the ſaid *Ela*; whoſe poſterity paſt it away to Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, the elder, as it ſeemes: for plain it is, that upon the partition [g] of *Frevill*'s lands, betwixt the ſiſters and heires of the laſt Sir *Baldwin* in 31. H. 6. the ſame moitie (there called the mannour) was allotted [h] to *Thomas Ferrers* Eſq. in right of *Eliz.* his wife, the eldeſt of thoſe coheirs: by which meaus it deſcended to his poſterity, Lords of **Tamworth**-caſtle, as by ſeverall [i] authorities appeareth. But as for the x. li. vi s. rent, and advouſon of the Church, I find [k], that Sir *Peter Careſwell* Kt. ſon and heire to Sir *Will. Careſwell*, ſecond husband to *Mary*, wife to *Geffrey de Langley*, ſon and heire to the abovementioned *John* and *Ela*, obtained it; and by their deed [l], bearing date 45. E. 3. granted them unto the before ſpecified Sir *Baldwin* and his heires; by which means they divolved alſo, with the mannour, unto the family of *Ferrers*.

[g] [h] *Ex autogr. penès Ioh. Ferrers ar.*

[i] *Eſc. 14. H. 7. Eſc. 1. & 2. Ph. & M.*

[k] *F. levat. xv. Paſch. 4. E. 3.*

[l] *Clauſ. 46. E. 3. m. 28. In dorſo.*

In An. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was valued [m] at vii. marks and a half; but in 26. H. 8. at [n] xiv. l. xiii. s. ii. d. over and above ix. s. vi. d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

[m] *Cod. MS. in Scacc.*

[n] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 39. a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.	
D. Joh. de Langford, miles.	*Rob. de Farendon.*	13. *Kal. Jan.* 1305. *Langt. f. 7. a.*
D. Will. de Caverſwell, miles.	*Adam de Sadyngton Pbr.*	5. *Kal. Martij* 1335. *Northb. f. 29. a.*
Joh. Trillow, Dominus de Pinleye.	*Will. de Thornton cap.*	*Kal. Martij* 1336. *Ib. f. 30. a. Strett. f. 8. b.*
	Hen. Caytewayte Pbr.	6. *Id. Aug.* 1361.

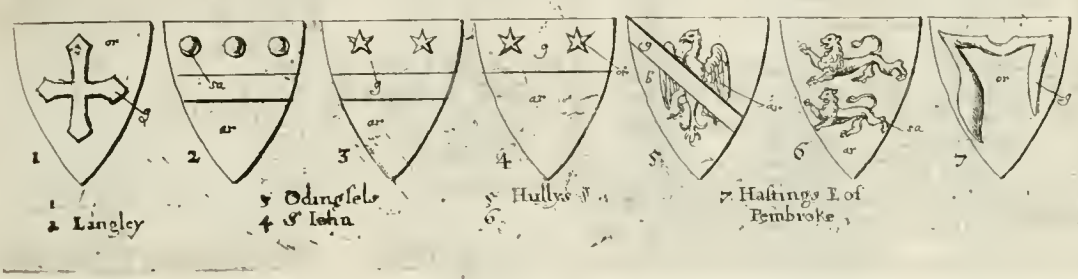
Fulco

lb.f.15. b	*Fulco Bermyncham, miles Procur. generalis, Baldw. Frevill, militis.*	*Simon. de Eſton. Pbr. 3. Kal. Martij* 1366.
Burg.f.15.a	*Adam de Peſhale, miles.*	*Will. Layſcheſer.* 8 *Jan.* 1404. *Will. Smyth, Cap.* 8. *Nov.* 1417.
Bull.f.6.b		
Heyw.f.6.a	*Tho. de Ferrers ar. Rog. Aſton miles. Hugo Willoughby, ar, Tho. de Ferrers.*	*Tho. Roxſon,* 8 *Aug.* 1421.
lb.f.11.a	*Ric. Bingham. Rob. Aſton ar,*	*Joh. Stodelay Cap.* 20 *Nov* 1450.
	Tho. Ferrers, ar,	*Tho. Rogers Cap.* 18 *Oct.* 1458.
	Tho. Ferrers mies.	*D. Joh. Paynell Pbr. ult. Maii* 1497.
	Will. Wirley & alii, ex conceſſ. Humfr. Ferrers de Tamworth, militis.	*Anſelmus Seyll,* 18 *Jan.* 1540.
	Joh. Ferrers,	*Franc. Kymberley Cler.* 16 *Junii* 1557.
	Tho. Baſſet de Brounſ-Over, ex conc. Will. Boughton de Lawford.	*Tho. Baſſet fil. dicti. Thomæ,* 21 *Dec.* 1629.

Bowl.f.27 b. Ib.f.202.a Str.& P.f. 17.b. Sampſ.& B.f.10.a Morton bund. inſert.

Harborow magna

Armes in the Church windows



Harborow-parva.

OF this place have I met with nothing, but the mention of what the Abby of **Combe**, and Monks of **Kirby** had; viz. [o] **Combe** 3. Meſs. and 33 acres of Land; and the Monks of **Kirby** [p] the 4th part of a Kts. Fee.

o *Rot. penès A.B.*

p *Eſc.* 29 E. 1. *n.* 80.

Newbold ſuper Avon.

THis is one of thoſe places which *Geffrey Wirce* (before ſpoke of) held in the Conq. days; out of which he gave [q] to the Monks of S. *Nich.* at **Angiers** two parts of the Tythes of corne and cattell, and all the Tythe of Wooll and Cheeſe; as alſo of the mill; and a man to gather them. After which time, by the generall Survey, it is certified [r] to contain 8 hides, then valued at C. s. and that *Leuuinus* held it before the Norman invaſion: But with *Wirce* his lands it came to *Nigel de Albani*, progenitor to the family of *Moubray* (as I have formerly intimated) which *Nigel* enfeoft thereof *Robert de Stutevill* in H. 1. time, as it ſeemes: for in 12 *H.* 2. *Roger de Moubray*, ſon to the ſame *Nigel*, certified [s], that *Rob. de Stutevill* then held of him 8 Kts. fees *de veteri feoffamento* [*id eſt*, whereof his Anceſtour had been ſo enfeoft *temp. H.* 1.] the moſt whereof lay in **York-ſhire**, where the chief ſeat of this family was.

q *Ex autog. in bibl.* Cotton.

r *Domeſd. lib.*

s *Lib. rub. f.* 118.a

From which *Robert* deſcended *Roger*, as the Pedegree on the next page inſerted ſheweth; who granted [t] away this Lordſhip to *Roger Pantolf*, his nephew (by *Burgia* his ſiſter) to be held by the ſervice of 1 Kts. Fee: all which was confirmed by the Charter [u] of the ſaid *Burgia*, and of *Iſeud Pantolf* her grandchild.

t *Ex col. S. Erdſwick in bibl. Dewes. p.* 148. *Reg. de Pipw. f.* 37.a

u

But theſe *Pantolfs* enjoy'd it not long; for *Will.* the ſon and heire to the before ſpecified *Roger*, dyed [w] without iſſue, leaving his two ſiſters his heirs; viz. *Burgia* and *Emma*. Which *Burgia* gave [x] her part to the Monks of **Pipwell**, and *Emme* marryed to Sir *Robert de Waver* Kt. (of whom in **Theſterwaver** I have ſpoke) which *Will. Pantolf*, before mentioned [y] betook himſelf to a retired life, and reſided in the Monaſtery of **Pipwell**, having a Chamber aſſigned him by the Monks there, where he determined to end his days, and to have been a good benefactor to them: but [z], on a time, the Monks removed him out of that lodging, in reſpect of an entertainment they gave to a great Judge, who travailed (it ſeemes) that way; which cauſed him to take ſuch diſtaſt, that he preſently left the Houſe, and came to **Monks-kirby**, where he after dyed, giving [a] to that Monaſtery what he intended to **Pipwell**; viz. the capitall meſs. or Mannour-houſe of this **Newbold**, with 3. carucates of Land, and fiſhing in the water of **Avon**.

w x y z a *Ib.*

To Sir *Rob. de Waver* and *Emme*, ſucceeded [b] Sir *Will. de Waver* Kt. betwixt whom and the Monks of **Pipwell** partition [c] was made in 35 *H.* 3. of all the Lands that belong'd to the ſaid ſiſters and heirs, in reſpect that *Burgia* had given her part to that Monaſtery, as I have ſaid, being at that time ſirnamed *de Bending*. After which; viz. in 11 *E.* 1. the Abbot and Covent of **Pipwell** had (*inter alia*) **Free-warren** granted [d] to them in all their demeſn Lands here in **Newbold**. And in 13 *E.* 1. they claimed [e] a **Court-Leet** and divers other priviledges therein, for which they exhibited the Charters of K. *R.* 1. and K. H. 3. whereunto allowance was given. But, it ſeems that the Monks of **Kirby**, having the Mannour-houſe, obtained ſome further grant of Lands in this Lordſhip afterwards: for in 4 *E.* 1. I find [f], that they had the moytie of the Mannour (then written **Newbold**-*Paunton*) and in 33 *E.* 1. obtained [g] power to keep a **Court-Leet** for their Freeholders and Tenants here, with other priviledges. As alſo a Charter [h] of **Free-warren** in all their demeſn Lands of this place.

b *Ib.* & *f.* 143. *b.*

c & 145. *a.*

d *Cart.* 11 E. 1. *n.* 33.

e *Rot. de Quo w.*

f *Rot. Hund.* 1. *Scacc. in baga de Ragm.*

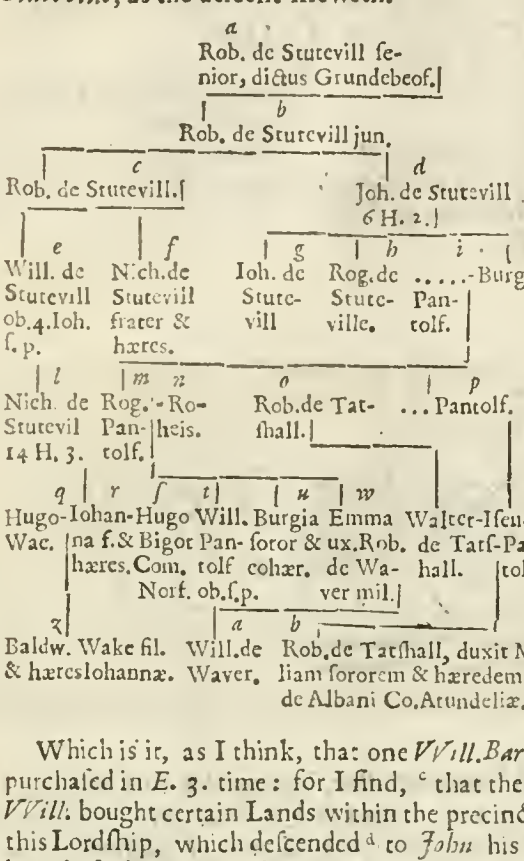
g *Cart.* 33 E. 1. *n.* 15.

h *Ib. n.* 63.

i *Eſc.* 26 E. 3.

Yet

Yet I perceive, that *VVaver*'s intereſt in **Newbold** was not utterly quitted: for in 26 *E.* 3. it appears [i], that *Thomas de VVaver* held the 4th part of a Kts. fee here of *Joane* late Counteſs of **Kent**, heir to *Stuteville*, as the deſcent ſheweth.



Which is it, as I think, that one *VVill. Barbour* purchaſed in *E.* 3. time: for I find, [c] that the ſaid *VVill.* bought certain Lands within the precinct of this Lordſhip, which deſcended [d] to *John* his ſon, by whoſe daughter and heir called *Agnes* [e], wife to *Richard Dalby* of **Brokhampton**, they came to that Family, and had the reputation of a Mannour, whereof the ſaid *Richard* died [f] ſeized in 20 *E.* 4. leaving *Robert* his ſon and heir 30 years of age.

After the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, that which the Monks of **Pipwell** had here, came thus to be diſpoſed of; *viz.* all thoſe Lands called **Newbold-grange** to *Edw. Boughton* Eſq. and his heirs, by a grant [g] from the Crown in 33 H. 8. but the Mannour one *Thomas Wightman* obtayned; who, in 4 *Eliz.* ſold [h] it to Sir *Tho Leigh* Kt. Alderman of **London**; whoſe great-granchild, *Francis* Lord **Dunſmore** had a confirmation [i] of it from the K. in 15 *Car.*

But the other Mannour, which belong'd to the Monks of **Kirby**, did the *Boughtons* of **Lawford** obtain, as it ſeems; for in 15 *Car. Will. Boughton* Eſq; had the Kings confirmation [k] thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Botulph*) belong'd to the Monks of **Kirby** very antiently; for *Geffrey Wirce* granted [l] to them the greateſt part of the Tythes. And by a confirmation [m] thereof made to that Monaſtery from *Roger de Stutevill*, he relates to the grants, not onely of *John* his father, but of his Anceſtours (he means the former poſſeſſors thereof) viz. *Geffrey de Wirce*, and *Nigel de Albani*. In K. *Johns* time *G. Muſchamp*, then B. of **Coventre**, confirmed [n] it to the ſaid Monks of **Kirby**; upon condition, that during the then Incumbent's time, whoſe name was *Alardus*, they might receive annually ſix marks out of it, and afterwards two parts of the profits to their proper uſe: but that, to the third, the Prior of **Kirby** ſhould preſent a fit Clerke to the Biſhop, who was to diſcharg *Synodals*, & all other duties belonging thereto.

In the year 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) it was [o] valued at xix marks, and the Vicaridge at *v.* marks: but in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge [p] was rated at viii *l.* xii *s.* over and above viii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Prior & monachi de Kirby.	*Will. de Walton Cap.* 4. *Kal. Apr.* 1335.	*Northb. f.* 28. *a*
Edw. Rex Angl. ratione temporal. Pr. de Kirby.	*Ric. de Wyke Pbr.* 7. *Id. Apr.* 1354.	*Ib. f.* 58. *a.*
Pr. & C. de Kirby.	*Walt. de Frelond.* 17. *Kal. Dec.* 1366.	*Stret. f.* 15. *b*
Dom. Rex, ratione temporal. Pr. de Kirby in manu ſua.	*Ric. Toſte Pbr.* 14 *Apr.* 1393.	*Sk. f.* 8. *a*
Prior. & Conv. de Axholme.	*Rog. Hunt, Cap.* 12 *Sept.* 1412.	*Burgh. f.* 31 *b.*
	Tho Normanton Cap. 20. *Nov.* 1450.	*Bo. f.* 11. *a*
	Joh. Stamford Pbr. 29 *Dec.* 1458.	*Bowl. f.* 27. *b.*
D. Anna Comitiſſa Derb. ratione conceſſ. Pr. & C. de Axholme.	*Dom. Adam Halſall,* 12 *Apr.* 1539.	*Str. & P. f.* 17. *a*
Dominus Rex.	*Joh. Coppull, Cap.* 10 *Jan.* 1544.	*Sampſ. f.* 44 *a.*
Ph. & M. Rex & Regina.	*Will. Heather, Cler.* 15 *Junii,* 1557.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 10. *a*
Domina Regina.	*Edw. Bowne, Cler.* 17 *Julii,* 1572.	*Ib. f.* 44. *b*
	Rog. Barker Cler. 5 *Maii,* 1575.	*Ib. f.* 46. *a.*
Jacobus Rex.	*Ric. King, Cler.* 25 *Junii,* 1604.	*Overton, bund. incert*
Tho. Gerard de Burwell in Com. Can. tab. gen. ex conceſſ. Edw. Boughton ar.	*Henr. Wylde, S. Theol. Bac.* 7 *Maii,* 1611.	*Neale, bund. incert.*

As for the ſeverall Monuments in this Church, I have repreſented them upon the enſuing pages: on the laſt whereof is this Epitaph.

Here lieth the Bodies of Edward Boughton Eſq; and Eliz. *his wife, daughter of* Edw. Catesby *of Lapworth Hall in the County of Warw. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue two ſons,* Will. *and* Thomas; *and one daughter,* Katherine; *which* Thomas *married* Judith *one of the daughters and coheirs of* Henry Baker *of South-Sowburie in the County of Eſſex Eſq; and* Kath. *married* Will. Combe. *of Stratford upon Avon in the Countie of Warw. Eſq; Which* Edw. *died the* 9th *of Auguſt* 1625. *and* Eliz. *died the* 12th *of Aprill* 1619.

William *the eldeſt ſon of the ſaid* Edw. *married* Abigaile *the eldeſt daughter and coheir of the ſaid* Henry Baker *Eſq; and had iſſue* Edward, William, Humfrey, Elizabeth, *and* Abigaile: *which* Abigail *wife of the ſaid* William *dyed the* 21 *of Febr.* 1635. *and* Eliz. *died the* 14 *of Jan.* 1632 *and* Abigaile *died the* 4 *of Sept.* 1636.

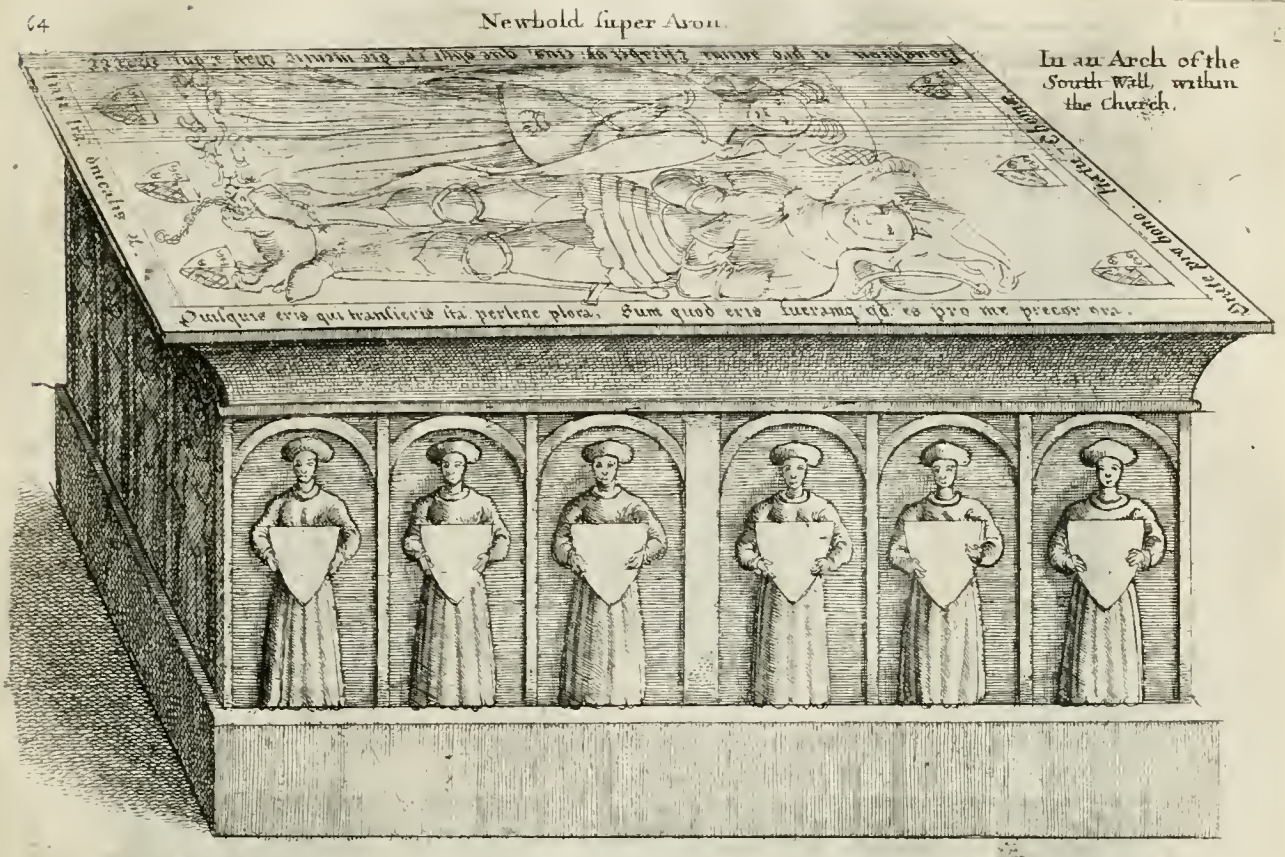
Coſford.

OF this place do I find no mention till *H.* 2. time, where *Will. de Stuteuill* confirms [a] to *John de Stutevill*, his kinſman, what *Rob. de Stutevill*, father of the ſaid *VVilliam*, had given him in **Penbold**, **Coſſeford**, and **Lalleford**: ſo that I conclude, that it was antiently a member of **Penbold**,

i *Eſc.* 26 E. 3.

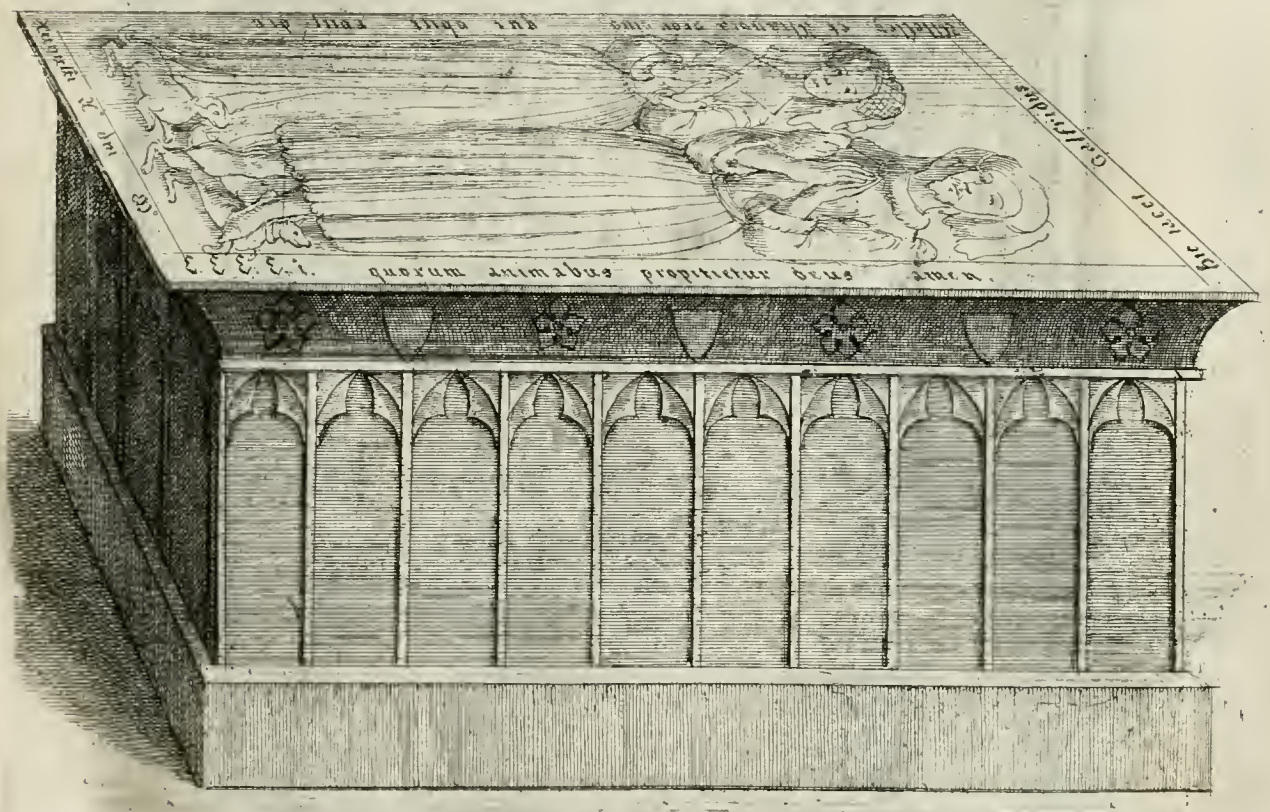
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b *Ib. p.* 819. *A. B. C.*
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d *Reg. de Pipw. f.* 119. *b*
e *R. Hov. f.* 456 *b. n.* 30.
f *Rot. F. 7.* Ioh.
g *Reg. de Pipw.* h *f.* 120. i *Ib. f.* k 37. *a.*
l *Rot. F. 6. H. 3.*
m *Reg. de* n *Pipw.* o *f.* 137. *b.*
p *Ex coll. S. Erdſw. p.* 148.
q *Reg. de* r *Pipw.* ſ *f.* t 37. *a.* u w
x *Rot. F. 7 H. 3.*
y *Ex coll. S. E. p.* 148.
z *Reg. de* a *Pipw. f.* 37. *a*
b *Fin. 7 H. 3.*
c *Ex autogr. penès* d *Joh.* e *Dalby de Brokhampt.*
f *Eſc.* 20 E. 4.
g *Pat.* 33 *H.* 8. *p. f.* 6.
h *Pat.* 4 Eliz. *p.* 9.
i *Pat.* 15. Car.
k *Ib.*
l *Ex autog. in bibl.* Cotton.
m *Ex autog. in officio Armorum.*
n *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
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a *Reg. de Pipwell, f.* 37. *a*



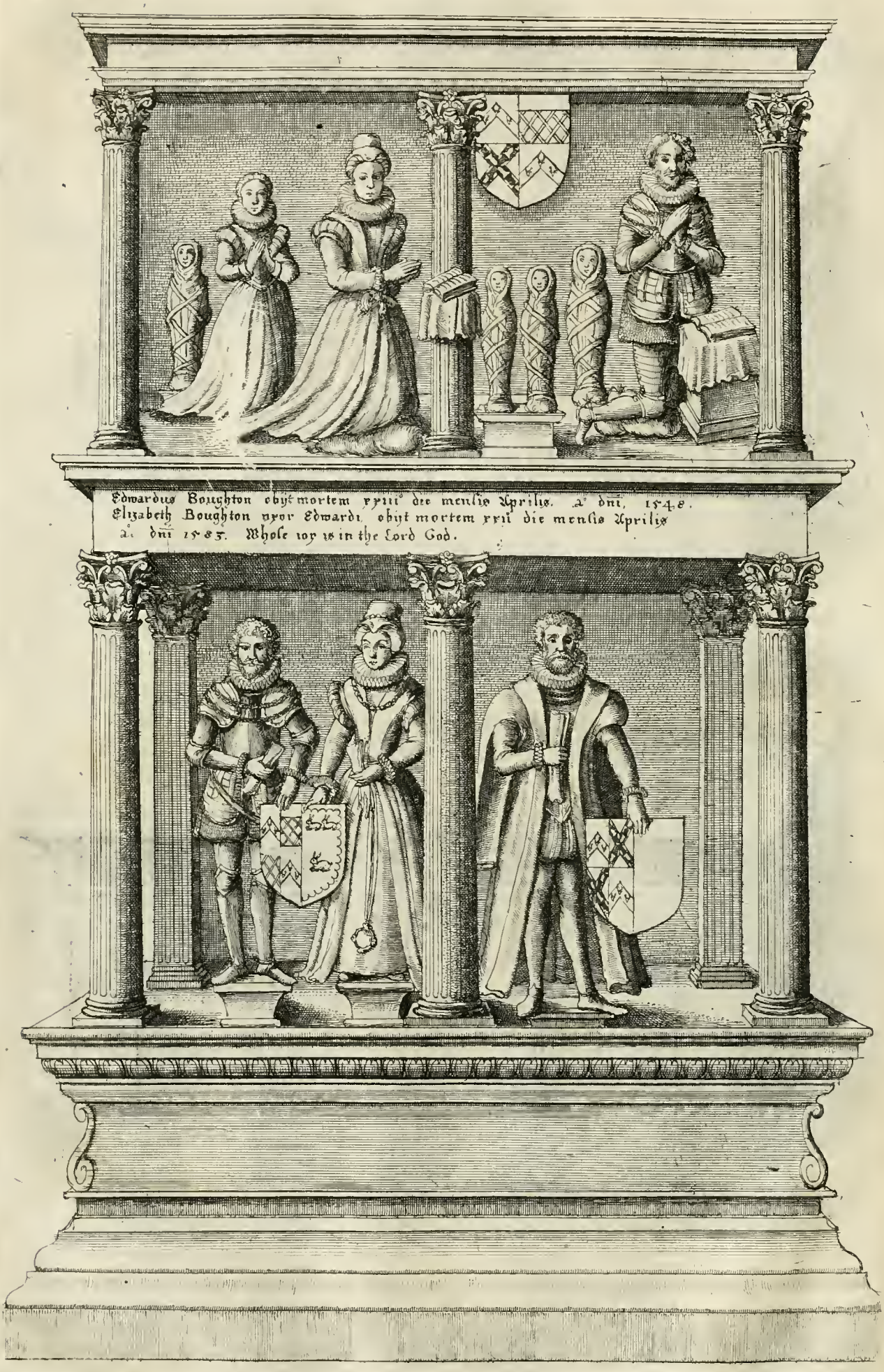
In an Arch of the South Wall, within the Church.

In the middle Alley of the Church, near the entrance into the Chancell.

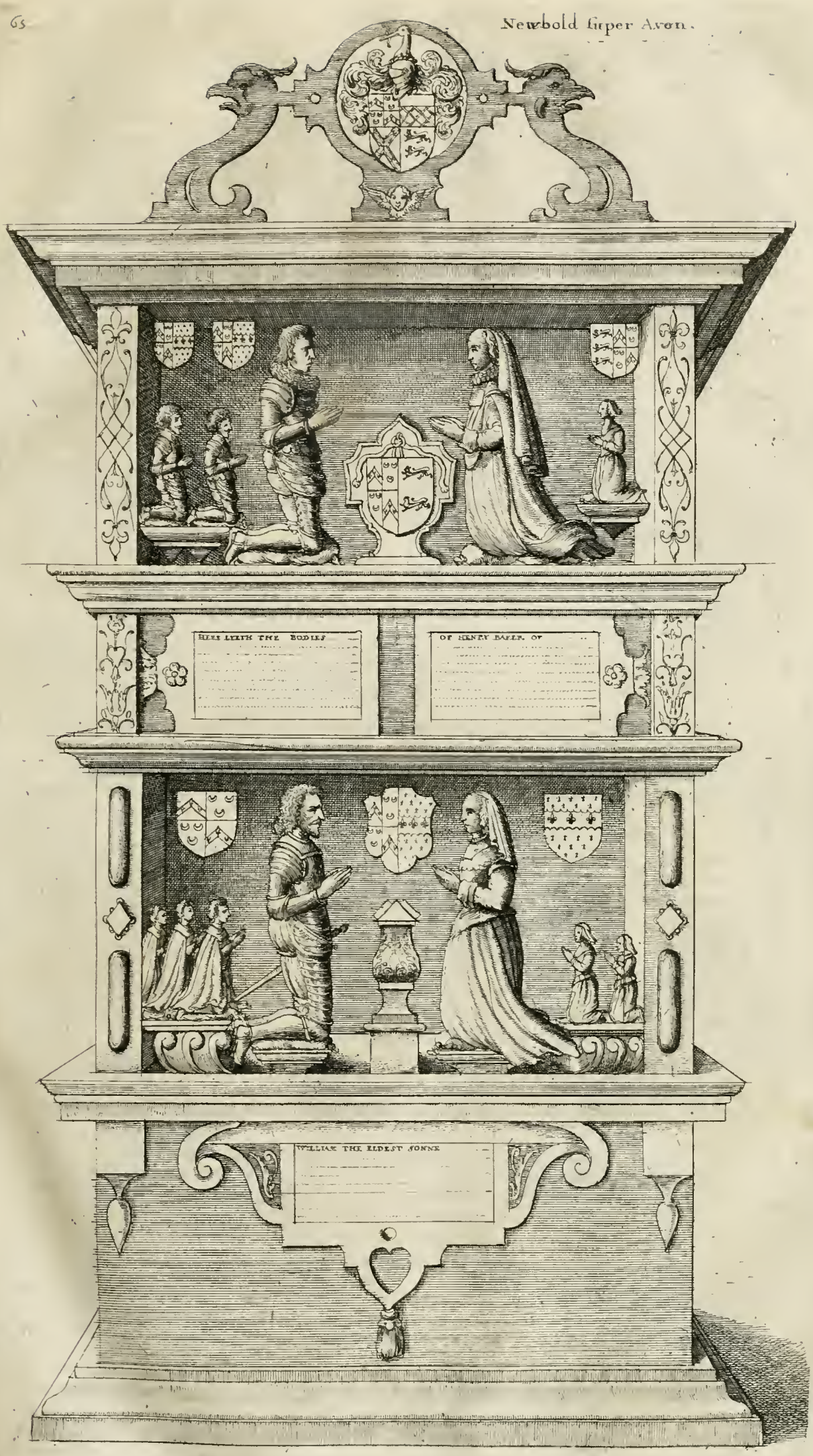


Neubold super Avon.

In the Ile on the South side of the Church.



Edwardus Boughton obyt mortem xviii die mensis Aprilis. A° dni, 1548.
Elizabeth Boughton uxor Edwardi obyt mortem xvii die mensis Aprilis
A° dni 1585. Whose soy is in the Lord God.


HERE LYETH THE BODIES
OF HENRY BAKER. OF
WILLIAM THE ELDEST SONNE

bold, and involved therewith when that great Survey was taken by the Conq. whereof I make mention so oft.

That *Stuteville*'s lands in Newbold and this place (as a member thereof) were given to *Pantolf*, in marriage with *Burgia*, sister to *Rog. de Stuteville*, I have already shewed in Newbold. As also, how that *Will. Pantolf*, dying without issue, *Burgia* and *Emme* his sisters became his heirs. Which *Emme*, being marryed to *Rob. de Waver*, brought [b] the greatest part hereof to that family: in which it continued [c], and past with the Mannour of Thester-waver, as may seem by some Records which I have there cited.

As for what belong'd to the Monks of Pipwell, I find, that in 7 E. 6. the K. granted [d] it to *John Greene* of the City of Westm. and *Raph Hall* of London Scrivener, and their heirs. Which *John*, in 1, & 2 *Ph. & M.* had licence [e] to alien the same unto *Eliz. Boughton*; from whom, as it seems, they were afterwards granted to one *Tho. Wightman* Gent. for it appears [f], that, in 4 *Eliz.* the said *Thomas* had licence to pass them unto Sir *Tho: Leigh* Kt.

[b] Ib. & f. 145. a.
[c] Esc. 56. H. 3.
[d] Pat. 7. E. 6. p. 10.
[e] Pat. 1, & 2. Ph. & M. p. 14.
[f] Pat. 4. Eliz. p. 9.

Little-Lawford.

BEfore the Norman invasion, this was possest by the same *Alwine*, of whom I have made mention amongst the Earls of Warwick; and descended to *Turchill* his son, who held it in the Conq. dayes, one *Leveva* being then his Tenant thereto. By the general Survey [g] at that time taken, it is certified to contain two hydes, whereunto belong'd a Mill, all valued at x s. viii d. and there written Lillesord. But from this *Turchill* it came to *Henry*, the first E. of Warwick after the Conquest; whose Grand-child, Earl *William*, gave it, as it seems, to *Robert de Craft*: for I find [h], that in 12 H. 2. the same *Robert* was certified to hold one Kts. fee of him *de novo feoffamento*. To whom succeeded [i] *Rog. de Craft* (brother to the same *Robert*) in the possession [k] thereof, who granted the Mill here to the Monks of Pipwell in fee-ferm, for the rent of v marks of silver yearly: which rent was afterwards released [l] to them by *Roger* his son, in consideration of xx marks given unto him by *Walter de Patshull*, son and heir of *Simon de Patshull*, who built the Chapter house at Pipwell.

Which *Roger*, afterwards granted [m] this whole Village to *John de Chavini* and his heirs, it being then rated at 2 hydes (the just proportion that it was certified to contain in the Conq. time) *id est*, 8 yard land. For which grant he reserved the Rent of i d. to be paid yearly at Easter to him the said *Roger*. and his heirs for all services, excepting forreign; there being for that the 5th part of a Kts. fee due. Which *John de Chavini* past [n] it away to the Monks of Combe for C. marks of silver, *Robert de Campane* confirming [o] the grant in 1 H. 2. time. But, it seems that the Monks of Pipwell paid [q] yearly to the Prior of Kirby, at the feast of S. *Botulph*, x s. for the tythe of their Mill here (it being within the Parish of Newbold *super* Avon, the Church whereof belong'd to the Monks of Kirby, as I have already shew'd) Howbeit, afterwards they withheld [r] that payment, in regard of their priviledge (*viz.* being of the *Cistertian* Order) yet did they, by Agreement [s], settle the x s. annuity to the said Prior and his successors for ever.

[g] Domesday lib.
[h] Lib. rub. 104. b.
[i] Reg. de Cumbr. f. 63. a.
[k] Reg. de Cumbr. f. 63. a.
[l] Reg. de Pipw. f. 38. b.
[m] Reg. de Cumbr. f. 63. a.
[n] Ib. b.
[o] Ib. f. 64. a.
[p] Ib. f. 65. a.
[q] Reg. de Pipw. f. 38. a.
[r] Ib.
[s] Ib.

After which, in process of time, further difference growing betwixt the Monks of Combe and Pipwell, they of Combe required [t] of Pipwell 6 acres of land, and xx s. yearly in money, for their interest in this Lordship of Little-Lawford, and in the capital Messuage. But the Register [u] of Pipwell saies, that in the place where that capital Messuage stood, the Monks of Combe had divers Cottages; and that they also had the whole Lordship besides: so that they of Pipwell, having there no more than the Mill, with the crofts and holmes thereto belonging, did pay that xx s. yearly, *quia Luna lucet in aqua.*

Upon which differences, there was an Award [w] made *an.* 1226. (10 H. 3.) by the Abbots of Stratford and Woburne, appointed for that purpose by a general Chapter of their order; whereby it was decreed, that the Abbot and Covent of Pipwell and their successors should for ever enjoy this Lordship with the Mannour-house and all the appurtenances, which heretofore they held as termers of *Rog. de Craft*, excepting 6 acres which the Monks of Combe were to have for quietness sake; and that the Monks of Pipwell should yearly pay to them of Combe, hereupon, xx s. sterling. So that, by all that hath been said, it appears, that *Chavini* had it from *Craft*; the Monks of Combe from *Chavini*; and they of Pipwell by force of this Award.

But afterwards, to the family of *Craft* it divolved again, it seems; yet how, I have not seen: for in [x] 20 H. 3. *Roger de Craft* answered for the 5th part of a Kts. fee here, held of the E. of Warwick. From whom descended *Geffrey de Craft*, who in 4 E. 1. stiles [y] himself *Dominus de parva-Lalleford*; and from him *Nich.* [z] who was the last of this line that had to do here, for ought I have seen. Neither can I further discover in whom the possession thereof rested for a long time after, untill that *Geffrey de Alleſley* had [a] it, which was about the beginning of H. 6. time. Which *Geffrey* marryed [b] *Margaret*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Henry Sutton* Esq. Lord of Ditchford-*Frary* in this County, where I shall have occasion to make further mention of him; and was in Commission [c] for assessing of the Subsidy granted to the K. in Parl. 9 H. 6. And in [d] 12 H. 6. (with the rest of the principal persons in this Shire) took his oath for observance of the Articles concluded of in the preceding Parliament. In 17 and 18 H. 6. he was constituted [e] one of the Justices of peace in this County; and departing [f] this life, 18 *Aug. an.* 1441. left issue *Elizabeth* his daughter [g] and heir, wife [h] of *Thomas Boughton* (a Bedfordshire Gentleman, as I have heard) whereby this Lordship became transferred to that family, wherein it still continues.

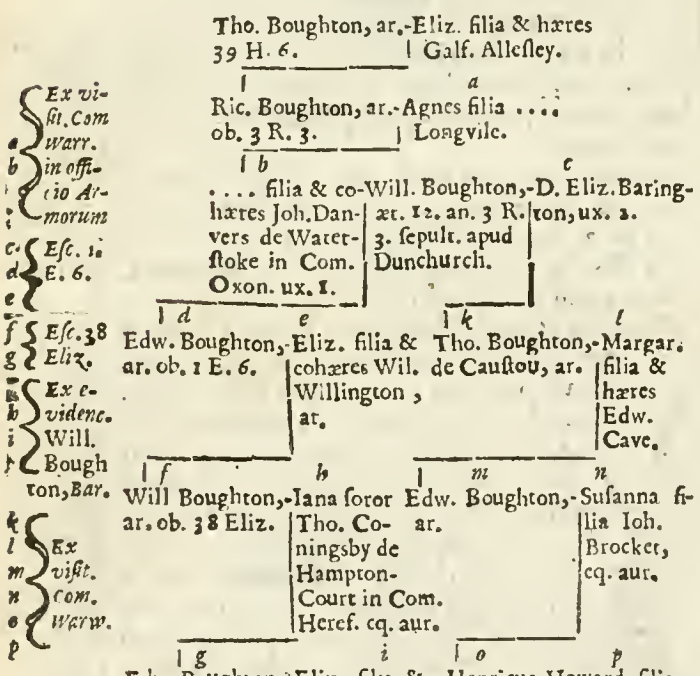
Which *Thomas*, being constituted [i] a Justice of peace in this County in 21 H. 6. so continued till the end of that K. reign, as appears by the sundry renewings of those Commissions. In 31 H. 6. he served [k] in the Parliament as one of the Knights for this Shire; and in [l] 38. was appointed, with others, to array and arm all persons, of body able, and estate sufficient, within this County, for the K. service. To whom succeeded *Richard* his son and heir, constituted Eschaetor [m] for this County and Leicestersh. in 13 E. 4. as also Shiriff [n] in 20.

[t] Ib. b.
[u] Ib. f. 40. a
[w] Ib. f. 145. b.
[x] Testa de Nevill.
[y] Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
[z] Rot. in Scacc. penès Rem. R.
[a] Ex autog. penès Wil. Com. Denbigh.
[b] Pat. 9. H. 6. p. 1. in dorso, m. 2.
[c] Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25. in dorso.
[d] Pat. de ilsd. ann. in dorso.
[e] Inscrip. tumuli apud Newbold.
[f] Levat. 3 Sept. Mich. 19. H. 6.
[g] Inscrip. super tumulum apud Newbold.
[h] Pat. 21. H. 6. p. 1. m. 30. in dorso.
[i] Rot. F. 31. H. 6. m. 8.
[k] Pat. 38. H. 6. p. 1. m. 14. in dorso.
[l] Rot. F. 13. E. 4. m. 13.
[m] Rot. P. 20. E. 4.

And Justice [o] of peace in 22 E. 4. and 1 E. 5. Which *Richard*, being again Shiriff for these Countyes in 2 R. 3. as by the Indentures [p] betwixt him and *Humfry Beaufo* Esq; the precedent Shiriff, appears, had the fate to be slain on that K. behalf at **Bosworth**-field, as the tradition is: but therein is a mistake; for the Inquis: taken after his death expresseth, that he dyed [q] 20 *Aug.* 3 R. 3. which was two dayes before the Battail: therefore 'tis like, that raising Forces in this County for the King, he was encountred by some of the Earl of **Richmund's** Troops in their passage towards **Bosworth**, and by that means lost his life.

Of whose descendants I find [r], that *Will.* his son and heir was Squire of the body to K. H. 8. and, in 27 of that K. reign, Shiriff [s] of this County and **Leicestersh.** As also, that *William*, Grandson to the same *William*, underwent the like office [t] for these Countyes in 17 and 32 *Eliz.* being in Commission for the peace the greatest part of that Q. reign. So likewise *Edward*, son and heir to the said *William* the most part of K. *James* his reign, having been Shiriff in 4 *Jac.* But further, as to their matches and otherwise, the Descent here inserted, which briefly points at what else I am able to say in relation to this family here seated, shall suffice.

o Pat. de iisd. ann. in dorso.
p Ex coll. W. Burton
q Esc. 1. H. 7. n. 25.
r Ex evidenc. W. Boughton Bar.
s Rot. P. 27. H. 8.
t Rot. P. de iisd. ann.



a Ex viſit. Com Warr. in offic. Armorum
b Ex viſit. Com Warr. in offic. Armorum
c Eſc. 1. E. 6.
d Eſc. 1. E. 6.
e Eſc. 1. E. 6.
f Eſc. 38 Eliz.
g Eſc. 38 Eliz.
h Ex evidenc. Will. Boughton, Bar.
i Ex evidenc. Will. Boughton, Bar.
k Ex viſit. Com. Warw.
l Ex viſit. Com. Warw.
m Ex viſit. Com. Warw.
n Ex viſit. Com. Warw.
o Ex viſit. Com. Warw.
p Ex viſit. Com. Warw.

Newnham-Regis.

NExt below, on the bank of **Avon**, stands **Newnham**-*Regis*, where depopulation attending the inclosure, hath reduced it to a small number of Inhabitants besides the Mannour-house. In the Conq. Survey there is no direct mention of this place, so that to what it then belonged, I cannot well guess, but do conceive it to have been of the E. of **Pellent's** or *Turchill de Warwick's* possessions, in regard that it was of the fee of *Roger* E. of **Warwick**, whose father (Earl *Henry*) enjoy'd the greatest part of the said E. of **Pellent's** and *Turchill's* lands in this County.

From which E. of **Warwick**, the first that obtain'd it was *Hugh fil. Ricardi*, as it seems (of whom in **Wroxhall** I have spoke) who past it unto *Geffrey de Clinton*, Chamberlain and Treasurer to K. H. 1. and he to [a] the Canons of **Kenilworth** upon his foundation of that Monastery. Which Canons had special [b] grants from them both, to acquit it of all secular services due to either of them, or to the King: in consideration whereof, the said *Geffrey* gave [c] to the above mentioned *Hugh* ten marks of silver; to *Margaret* his wife two ounces of gold, and to *Roger* E. of **Warwick** two gold Rings, each having a pretious stone therein: for it was held of the said Earl by one Kts. fee, as appears by K. H. 2. confirmation [d] thereupon.

a Reg: de Kenill. p. 1.
b Ib. p. 27.
c Ib. p. 20.
d Cart. 8. E. 2. n. 4. per Inſpex.

But this, for distinction from another **Newnham** within the same Hundred, is called **Newnham**-*Regis*, in respect that the K. was antiently possest [e] of it, as is evident also by the *Quo warranto* Roll of 13 E. 1. where the Kings Atturney, questioning the Prior of **Kenilworth** for it, alledged, that K. *Richard* the first was seized thereof. How this claim was determined, I find not; but, that the Canons of **Kenilworth** enjoy'd it till the dissolution of that Monastery, is plain enough; and had allowance [f] of a **Court-Leet** here, and divers other notable priviledges.

e Rot. de præſentat. per Hundr. 4 E. 1. penès cam. Scacc.
f Rot. de Q. Warr. 13. E. 1.

After which suppression, it continued in the K. hands till 7 E. 6. and was then granted [g] to *John* D. of **Northumberland** and his heirs: upon whose attainder in 1 *M.* the Queen past [h] it to Sir *Rouland Hill* Kt. and Citizen of **London**. Of whom Sir *Thomas Leigh* Kt. and Alderman of the said City, soon obtain'd it, as may seem by his presentation to the Vicaridge in 1 *Eliz.* Which Sir *Thomas* afterwards setled [i] it on Sir *Will. Leigh* Kr. a younger son, and the heirs male of his body; who inclosed it, and left issue *Francis* his son and heir, created Baronet 24 *Dec.* 16 *Jac.* whose son and heir *Francis*, advanced to the dignity of Lord **Dunsmore**, 11 *Julii*, 4 *Car.* and afterwards to be Earl of **Chichester**, now, *scil. an.* 1650. enjoyes it.

g Pat. 7. E. 6. p. 8.
h Pat. 1. M. p. 5.
i Lib. 3. cedul.

The Church (dedicated to .....) is not presentative, nor hath in it any Arms or Monuments.

Arley.

HAving now taken notice of all those places which lye contiguous to the River *Avon*, on its North side; till the stream of **Sow** meet therewith; I must, in pursuance of my method; ascend to the head of that brook, which riseth Westwards from **Astley**, as the Map will shew, and not far from the skirts of **Arley**: And therefore to dispatch this corner of the Hundred, I will begin with **Arley**, whereof there is a member called **Sholey**, though little taken notice of now: but because I find, that antiently there is mention of it in Records, I must not omit it.

The later sillable of this Towns appellation is very frequently used, as we know, for terminating the names of sundry Villages: and if we ascend to the

the Britiſh for its original, we ſhall find lle in that language to be the ſame with *locus* in the Latine; but if to the Saxons, ley there ſignifieth ground untill'd, and in that ſenſe we ſtill uſe the word in relation to ſuch land. As for the former, *viz.* Ar, 'tis Britiſh, and ſignifieth the ſame with *ſuper* in Latine, which very well agreeth with the ſituation hereof, the greateſt part of the Pariſh being high ground in reſpect of the aſcent to it almoſt every way; ſo that then Ar-lei, is by interpretation, in effect, *locus altus*.

[k] Domeſday *lib.* In the Conq. time, this was poſſeſt [k] by one *Criſtina*, a great Woman; and with her other lands in this County came immediatly to *Raph de Limeſi*, a Baron of eminent note, whoſe chief ſeat was at **Wolverle**, in thoſe dayes a remarkable place, though now there is nothing left thereof more than ſome grounds within the precincts of **Solihull** bearing the name, and that ſomewhat corrupted by length of time.

In the general Survey [l] it is recorded for one hyde, the woods whereof contained a mile and half in length, and half a mile in bredth, all being then valued at lx *s.* and was (as it may ſeem) a member of **Wolverle**; but it is there written **Alvlei** in capital letters, the Clerk miſtaking the R for a V.

Of this *Raph de Limeſi* and his poſterity, I am to ſpeak when I come to **Wolverle**, where I ſhall inſert the deſcent of that family; whereby it will appear, that the daughters and heirs thereof were matcht to *Lindeſei* and *Odingſels*, the former a Scot, the other a Fleming. Which family of *Lindeſei* continued but a while; but that of *Odingſells* remained even till our fathers memory, as in **Long-Itchington** I ſhall fully ſhew.

Touching this Mannour of **Arley**, I find, that one *Raph de Limeſi*, who lived in K. H. 3. time, had it; and granted [m] the inheritance thereof to *Richard de Limeſy* his brother, and to his heirs; which *Richard* had iſſue [n] *Peter*. Howbeit, whether the above mentioned *Raph de Limeſi* iſſued from ſome younger brother of the family of *Limeſy*, whoſe deſcent I have plac't in **Wolverle**, I am not able to ſay: but I have ſeen an antient Pedegree of *Odingſells* which derives him from that family, as ſon to the firſt *Gerard*, who lived in H. 3. time: expreſſing, that he quitted his paternal name, and called himſelf *Limeſi* (to preſerve the memory of his Grand-mother *Baſilia de Limeſi*, I preſume, in that ſhe was ſo great an heir) which was a courſe uſual enough in antient time to do, as I have elſwhere obſerved.

[m] [n] Clauſ. 19 E. 2. m. 8.

Following therefore the guidance of that deſcent, I have put this *Raph* and his brother *Richard*, as younger ſons to the ſaid *Gerard de Odingſells*; and the rather, for that I conceive, that the ſame *Gerard* was Lord of this Mannour, in regard that he and his brother *William* had a trial [o] at **Northampton** againſt *Will. de Waverton* and *Gerard de Lindeſei* in 28 E. 3. concerning the advouſon of this Church; though afterwards it did not conſtantly accompany the poſſeſſion of the Mannour, as moſt in thoſe elder times did: For *Will. de Odingſells* of **Solihull** (ſon to the before mentioned *William*) had [p] it in E. 1. time; and yet afterwards *Peter de Limeſy* preſented (as will appear by the Inſtitutions.)

[o] Pat. 28. H. 3. in dorſo.

[p] Eſc. 23. E. 1. n. 30. [q] Cart. 4. E. 2. n. 48.

To return therefore to the ſaid *Peter* (ſon of *Richard*) whom I find thus poſſeſt of **Arley**, as aboveſaid: He had **Free-warren** [q] granted to him and his heirs here in 4 E. 2. and being a Knight [r] in 5 E. 2. aſſiſted the Earls of **Lancaſter**, **Hereford**, and **Warwick**, in the beheading of *Piers de Gaveſton*; for which, with the reſt, he had his pardon [s] in 7 of that K. reign. In 9 E. 2. he was in Commiſſion [t] for chooſing of foot-ſouldiers in this County for the wars of **Scotland**: and the ſame year [u] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Lincoln**: In which Parliament the Commonalty giving [w] unto the K. a xvith towards the charge of his wars in **Scotland**, the foot-ſouldiers elected as aforeſaid were relaſed [x] by the K. command, this *Peter* being, with others, aſſigned [y] for levying the ſaid ſixteenth.

[r] [s] Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 1. m. 15. in cedula. [t] Pat. 9 E. 2. p. 2. m. 19. [u] Clauſ. 9. E. 2. m. 16. in dorſo. [w] [x] [y] Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 16.

In 11 E. 2. he was in Commiſſion [z] for enquiry who they were that furniſht themſelves with Arms, and retained ſouldiers, horſe or foot; or did confederate themſelves by private meetings in this County. And, the ſame year, being conſtituted [a] Shiriff of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Staff.** had the cuſtody [b] of the Caſtles of **Shrewsbury** and **Bridgenorth** committed to his charge. In 14 E. 2. he was in Commiſſion [c] for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick**; but afterwards in the rebellion with *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaſter**; for which his lands [d] being forfeited, were ſeized into the K. hands: and dyed [e] at **York** the Monday next before the feaſt of the Epiphany in 18 E. 2. but whether a natural death or not, the Record doth not ſpecifie, leaving iſſue [f] *John de Limeſy* his ſon and heir, then 24 years of age, on whom this Mannour was ſetled by the grant [g] of *Ric. de Limeſy*, his Grandfather.

[z] Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 1. m. 8. in dorſo. [a] [b] Rot. F. 11 E. 2. m. 5. [c] Pat. 14. E. 2. p. 2. m. 24. in dorſo. [d] Rot. de ter. contravriantium, 17 E. 2. penès Cleric. Pipæ. [e] [f] [g] Clauſ. 19 E. 2. m. 8. Eſc. 19. E. 2. n. 67.

What became of this *John de Limeſy*, or what iſſue he had, I find not: but plain it is, that in 2 E. 3. Sir *Roger Corbet* of **Caus** Kt. and *Amicia* his wife, granted [h] unto Sir *Will. Camvile* Kt. ſon of *Thomas Camvile*, the reverſion of this Mannour; as alſo of the Mannour of **Sibbeſdon** in **Leic.** which Sir *Roger* had a daughter alſo called *Amicia*, wife of *John de Odingſells*, as in **Long-Itchington** appeareth.

[h] Ex coll. W. Burton

The next mention I meet with of it, is in 19 R. 2. where it appears [i], that Sir *Roger Corbet* of **Lygh** Kt. dyed ſeized of a third part thereof, leaving *Thomas* his ſon and heir aged 23 years. But in 5 H. 4. after the death of Sir *John Odingſells* of **Long-Itchington**, it was found [k], that Sir *Raph Rochford* Kt. then held it, with **Stowley**, of him the ſaid Sir *John*, by the ſervice of one Kts. fee. As alſo, in [l] 8 H. 5. that *Thomas Corbet* of **Legh** then deceaſed, held 8 meſſ. and 4 yard land; and that *Thomas* his ſon and heir was 28 years of age. Unto which Sir *Raph* ſucceeded *Henry Rochford* Eſq; who paſt [m] to *Thomas Bate* Eſq; all his title therein; of whom *Edw.* Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby** obtain'd [n] it, in 35 H. 6. But further mention thereof in Records have I not ſeen till 7 E. 6. there being at that time a Fine [o] levyed of it betwixt *John Poley* Eſq; Pl. and *Rob. Greene* and others defore. but to what uſes I know not. Nor afterwards till [p] 13 *Eliz.* that *Tho.* the ſon of *Will. Skeffington* (of **Skeffington** in **Leiceſterſh.**) accompliſht his full age. Which *Thomas*, being then poſſeſt of it, had iſſue [q] *William*, whoſe poſterity do now enjoy it.

[i] Eſc. 19 E. 2. n. 16. [k] Eſc. 5 H. 4. n. 19. [l] Eſc. 8 H. 5. n. 45. [m] [n] Ex autog. penès Aſtonū Cokein Bar. [o] T. Trin. [p] Lib. 3. cedul. [q] Lib. 4. cedul.

In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedic. to .....) was valued [r] at vi marks; but in 26 H. 8. at ſix *l.* vi *s.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. The patronage whereof, in [s] 12 R. 2. belong'd to Sir *Rob. Grey* of **Rotherfeild** Kt. and Sir *John Clinton* Kt. by turns.

[r] MS in Scac. [s] MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 61. a. [t] Eſc. 12. R. 2. n. 24.

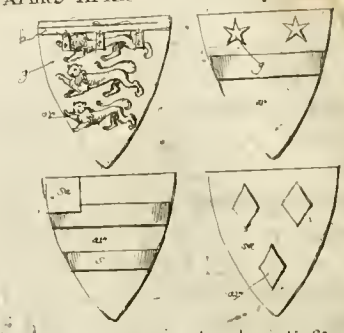
u Esc. 2. H. 6. But, in 2 H. 6. it was found[u], that *Eliz.* Lady *Clinton* had the whole advouſon in dowry from *Robert* Lord *Grey* of **Rotherfield**, ſometime her husband; the inheritance belonging to *Alice* and *Margaret*, daughters and heirs to the ſaid Lord *Grey*; the one marryed to *Will.* Lord *Lovel*, and the other to *Raph* Lord *Cromwell* of **Tatſhall**.

w Esc. 31. E. 3. n. 14. In 31 E. 3. licenſe[w] was granted to *Ric. de Caldeford*, Prieſt, for the amortizing of one meſſ. 16 acres of land, one acre of meadow, 8 acres of paſture, and one acre and half of moor, lying here in **Arley**, to the uſe of *Rob. de Sekindon*, then Parſon here, and his ſucceſſors, for a certain *Collect* or Prayer to be ſaid by him the ſaid *Robert* and his ſucceſſors every day in this Church, for the ſoul of *Robert Norreis*, for ever.

This Monument standeth on the North ſide of the Chancell.

Armes in the Church windows.





1 The Earle of Lancaſter
2 Odingſells
3
4 Whitacre



	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.
Ex autog. penès Dec. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 5. a. Ib. f. 37. b.	Will. D'Oddingsells, miles.	Ric. de Coventre, Cler. 1287.
	Domina Ela de Odinsells.	Nich. de VVermyngham, Pbr. 9 Kl. Maii, 1296.
		VVill. de Bockmor, Pbr. 7 Id. Jan. 1311.
Northb. f. 47. a.	D. Joh. Grey de Rotherfeild.	Nich. Hoddeie, Cap. 3 Id. Nov. 1348.
Ib. f. 48. a.	D. Joh. Clinton de Maxstoke.	Adam de VVhitindon, Cap. 16 Kl. Junii, 1349.
Ib. f. 53. b.	D. Joh. de Grey de Rotherfeild, miles.	Will. de Allespath, Pbr. 3 Non. Aug. 1350.
Ib. f. 59. a.		Rob. de Sekynton, Cler. 13 Kl. Febr. 1354.
Strett. f. 1. b.	Joh. de Clinton, miles.	Ioh. de Islip, Pbr. 6 Kal. Jan. 1358.
Ib. f. 8. a.		Rob. Birchley, Cap. 3 Id. Mai, 1361.
Ib. f. 14. b.	Joh. Grey de Rotherfeild, miles.	Ric. de Walford. 7 Febr. 1365.
Burgh. f. 18. b.		Will. Thomes, Cap. ult. Martii, 1407.
Ib. f. 19. a.	D. Eliz. domina de Clinton.	D. Will. Lowtery, 21 Dec. 1407.
Ib. f. 23. a.		Io'. Benet, 22 Aug. 1409.
Heyw. f. 18. b.		Will. Lynie, Pbr, 22 Iunii, 1426.
Ibid.	Will. Clinton, miles, dominus de Clinton & Say.	Will. Hancock, Cap. 3 Oct. 1426.
Ib. f. 25. a.		D. Ioh. Halle, Pbr. 26 Oct. 1430.
Ib. f. 32. a.	Joh. dom. de Clinton & Say.	Ric. Bedworthy, Pbr. 29. Aug. 1433.
Ib. f. 36. b.		Will. Loneleye Pbr. 27 Iunii, 1438.
Heyw. f. 44. a.	Will. de Ferrers, mil. Joh. Gresley, mil. Tho. Mollesley, &c.	Will. Ynge, Pbr. 11 Martii, 1445.
Bl. f. 8. a.	Will. Bull, yeoman, ratione advoc. sibi concessæ, hac vice, per Tho. Clinton, milit.	Ric. Bull, 27 Apr. 1517.
Ibid.	Dom. Edw. Poynings, & alii feoffati ad usum Tho. Clinton, milit.	Henr. Morgan, 20 Dec. 1517.
Sampf. & B. f. 8. b.	Tho. Wood & alii, ex conceff. VValt. Aston, gen.	Ioh. Wood, Cler. ult. Oct. 1554.
Ib. f. 10. b.	Walt. Aston, ar. & Eliz. ux. eius.	Nich. Bagaley, Cap. 21 Iulii, 1557.
Ib. f. 46. b.	Walt. Aston, miles.	Tho. Buther, 1 Febr. 1575.
Overton bund. C.	Edw. Coke, ar. attorn. D. Reginæ, ratione minoris ætat. Walt. filii & hæred. Edw. Aston, milit.	Rob. Kercher, Cler. in art. Mag. 29 Iunii, 1598.

Slowley.

THis is a place now onely known by the name of **Sloley-hill**, there being at the skirt thereof, where the Brook runs, a house still called **Sloley-hall**; which shews, that some person of note hath antiently dwelt there.

The first mention I find thereof is in 20 H. 2. where the Shiriff accounts [a] for the profit of certain lands here, then belonging to *Reginald de Eton*, who was in rebellion against the King; in which Record it is written **Slalei**. But in E. 2. time, *Peter de Limesy* was possest thereof, with **Arley**; both which were then seized on for his rebellion, (as I have before declared.) Since which time it hath gone with **Arley** (as a member thereof.) But in 9 H. 5. it was found [b], that *Richard Sloley* of **Sloley**, held of the K. *in Capite*, one mess. and four acres of land here, by *Sergeanty*; that is to say; giving to the King upon his expedition with his Army towards **Scotland**, one Pole-axe, or xii *d.* in silver for all services. Which *Richard* dyed 8 H. 5. leaving *John Porter*, son and heir of *Agnes Porter*, sister of *Henry Sloley*, father of the said *Richard*, his next heir, then aged 40 years.

[a] Rot. P. H. 2.

[b] Esc. 9. H. 5. n. 17.

Astley.

WIthin the precincts hereof is the head of **Sow**, of which Brook there is a member of this Lordship that hath its name, *viz.* **Souley**, now scarce taken notice of, but by a few scattering houses, called **Souley end**: howbeit, in the Conq. time, it was of more regard, for it is mentioned in **Domesday-booke** by the name of **Soulege**.

Before the Norman invasion one *Alsi* possest [c] this place; but after the Conquest, *Robert* E. of **Mellent** had it; at which time it was rated for one hyde, having woods extending to one mile in length, and half so much in bredth. As for the name, there is no question but that it first arose from the Eastern situation from some other made habitable before: for in the Conq. Survey [d], it is written **Estlesa**, id est, *locus orientalis*; but corruption in speech hath, in time, changed it to **Astley**, as those Towns, antiently written **Eston**, are into **Aston**.

[c] [d] Domesday lib.

That the greatest part of the E. of **Mellent's** lands came to the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman line, I have given a touch already in **Hill-Morton**: as also, that *Philip de Estley* is certified to hold 3 Kts. fees of *Will.* E. of **Warwick**, in 12 H. 2. *de veteri feoffamento*; by which 'tis plain, that his Father or Grandfather was enfeofft of them in H. 1. time. Of which 3 Kts. fees, this **Estley** was part, as by those Records I have there cited appeareth: and held [e] of the Earls of **Warwick**, with **Wedington**, **Hill-Morton**, **Milverton**, and **Merston-Jabet**, by the service of holding the Earls stirrop, when he did get up or alight from Horseback.

[e] Ex Cartul. Warw. Comit. penès Dudl. Bar. North f. 176. b.

Being to speak historically of this family (which was the stock whence the *Astleys* of **Hill-Morton**, and **Wolvey** in this County; and of **Patshull** in **Staffordsh.** are of younger branches descended, I have set down the Pedegree, so far as it relates to this place, beginning with the before mentioned *Philip de Estley*, for his fathers name I cannot discover: and have fixt thereunto that part of *Grey's* descent, as, through *Astley's* daughter and heir, became Lords thereof.

Philippus

Philippus de Eſtlega, 12 H. 2.

Ala- Tho. de Eſtlega, 9 Ioh. | Marilda ſoror & cohæres Rog. de Camvill.

Iohanna filia Ernaldi de Boſco. | Tho. de Eſtley, miles, cæſus in prælio de Eveſham, 49 H. 3. | Editha filia Petri Conſtable de Melton in Com. Norf. | Philippus, Rector eccl. de Hil-Morton.

Iſabella ux. Wil. de Bermingham. | Andreas de Eſtley, defunctus, 29 E. 1. | Sibilla, 11 E. 1. | Thomas de Eſtley, cui pater dedit Hil-Morton, 47 H. 3.

Nich. de Aſtley, fil. & hæres, 29. E. 1. | Egidius de Aſtley, miles, 7 E. 2. | Alicia filia & hæres Tho. de Wolvey, mil. | Sibilla ux. Will. le Boteler de Weringtton.

Tho. de Aſtley, conſangu. & hæres Nich. 19 E. 2. fundator eccl. Colleg. de Aſtley. | Eliz. filia Guid. de Bellocampo Comitis Warwici.

Will. de Aſtley, miles, 11 R. 2. | Tho. de Aſtley, miles, 2 R. 2. à quo Aſtlei de Patſhull in Com. Staff. | Egid. de Aſtley de Wolvey, 18. R. 2.

Regin: Grey, de Ruthin, mil. 13 R. 2. | Iohanna filia & hæres, defuncta 27 H. 6. | Tho Ralegh, 1. maritus.

Edw. Grey, miles, dom. de Groby jure ux. 27 H. 6. | Eliz. filia Henrici Ferrers, filii Will. Ferrers de Groby, mil. 23 H. 6.

Edw. Grey, Vic. L'iſle, 1 R. 3. | Ioh. Grey, miles, filius & hæres, 36 H. 6. cæſus in prælio S. Albani, 39 H. 6.

Ioh. Grey, Vic. L'iſle, duxit Muſrielam fil Tho. D. Norf. obiit 6 Sept. 20 H. 7. | Anna uxor Ioh. Wiloughby, 25. an. 20. H. 7. | Eliz. ux. Edm. Dudley, ſoror & cohæres, æt. 23. an. 20 H. 7. | Tho. Grey, mil. erectus in Marchion. Dorſ. 18 Apr. 15. E. 4.

Eliz. nata poſt humatum patris, æt. 7 dierum, 20. H. 7. | Thomas marchio Dorſet, ob. 22. H. 8.

Ioh. Grey, miles, à quo Henr. Baro Grey de Groby, modò Comes Stamfordiæ. | Henr. M. Dorſ. erectus in D. Suff. decoll. 1 M. | Franciſca filia Car. Brandon, D. Suff. obiit 2 Eliz. | Adrianus Stokes, ar. 2. maritus.

Iana ux. Guilfordi Dudley, mil. decollata 1 M. | Kath. æt. 19. an. 2 Eliz. (nupta Edw. Comiti Hertf.) | Maria ætat. 13. an. 2. Eliz. (nupta Martino Keys, ar. & obiit ſ. prole.)

That they took for their Arms *Azure a cinqfoile ermine*, which hath ſo near a reſemblance to the bearing of the antient Earls of **Leiceſter**, is very well known. And that it hath been no unuſual thing for younger branches, or thoſe who held their lands of ſuch great perſons, or had other near relation to them ſo to do, I could manifeſt by ſundry examples; which was the caſe here, in part, if not in all theſe inſtances: for *Thomas de Eſtley*, ſon to *Philip*, was not onely Bayliff to *Simon Montfort* E. of **Leic.** (who had that Honour conferred on him by K. *John*, in regard he had marryed *Amicia* the eldeſt ſiſter and coheir of *Rob. Fitz-Parnel* E. of **Leic.**) as appears by [a] a Fine that he gave to the King, 9 *Joh. viz.* fourſcore marks and a palfrey, to be diſcharged of the iſſues required of him for that Earls lands whil'ſt he had to do with them; but held [b] certain lands by military ſervice of that Honour.

In 12 *Joh.* this *Tho. de Eſtley* gave [c] a Fine to the K. of C. marks, that he might not go beyond Sea: the Record expreſſes not whither; but 'tis plain, that the K. went that year with a great Army into **Ireland**, and ſetled [d] that Realm in obedience to him: therefore thither it was, without doubt, that he had command to attend him. After which, *viz.* in 17 *Joh.* being in Arms againſt the K. with the rebellious Barons, he was committed Priſoner [e] to the Caſtle of **Bedford**, whereof *Falcaſius de Breant* then had the cuſtody: But. in 1 H. 3. ſubmitting [f] to obedience (or rather being forc't thereto by the wiſdome and courage of the famous *Will. Marſhall*, then E. of **Pembroke**, who had the tuition of the young K. and government of the Realm) he had his lands, which were forfeited for that offence, reſtored to him; and in 4 H. 3. was in [g] Commiſſion for the Goal-delivery both at **Warwick** and **Leiceſter**.

So alſo in [h] 5 H. 3. for ſeizing into the K. hands all the demeſns whereof K. *John* was poſſeſt at the beginning of the wars with the Barons; and likewiſe to take Eſchaets, as well thoſe lands which were belonging to Normans and Britons, as other ſtrangers, that either came to the K. hands or his fathers, before the ſaid war, in the war, or after it; and to certifie the ſtock thereupon, with the value, as alſo in whoſe poſſeſſion they were. But after this do I find no more mention of him, than that he wedded [i] *Maud*, one of the ſiſters and coheirs to *Rog. de Camvile* of **Creek** in **Northampton.** and that he left iſſue [k] *Walter*; of whom K. *John* exacted Scutage [l] for military ſervice in **Poictou**, in 16 of his reign, as of all others that held by that tenure. Which tax being ſo great, *viz.* 3 marks for every Knights fee, was never [m] paid, in regard that the Barons hereupon took [n] occaſion to rebel; at which time they brought in *Lewes*, the eldeſt ſon to K. *Philip* of **France**, took the City of **London**, and grew very outragious, as our Hiſtorians relate.

This *Walter* was poſſeſt of lands in **Whichford**; which, in 17 *Joh.* were given [o] by the K. to *Alice de Moyun* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak more fully when I come to that place.) But in [p] 1 H. 3. he received favour of the K. as his father had done; and in [q] 19 H. 3. anſwered for one Kts. fee in this County two marks upon payment of the Aid for marriage of *Iſabell*, the K. ſiſter, to the Emperour.

To him ſucceeded [r] *Thomas*; who was a Kt. in 26 H. 3. and then conſtituted [s] one of the Juſtices for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick**; ſo alſo [t] the year following, in which he paid [u] to the K. 15 *l.* for his Releif.

In 32 H. 3. he was ſent [w] with divers other great men into **Gaſcoyne**; but within few years after, taking [x] part with the rebellious Barons in 47 H. 3. joyned with thoſe that ſeized upon the K. profits in this County and **Leiceſterſh.** which the then Shiriff *Will. Bagot* had in charge to receive; and grew ſo eminent for his activeneſs, that upon the Agreement in 48 H. 3. betwixt the ſaid K. and the Barons; wherein the K. to ſatisfie them, ſubmitted to thoſe unreaſonable Articles, called *Proviſiones Oxonii*, which they by power had formerly forc't him unto, conſtituting ſeveral perſons

[a] *Rot. P. 9 Joh.*
[b] *Rot. P. 11 Joh.*
[c] *Rot. P. 12 Joh.*
[d] *M. Pariſ. in an. 1215*
[e] *Ex Coll. T. Talbot.*
[f] *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. m. 16 in dorſo.*
[g] *Clauſ. 4. H. 3. m. 14.*
[h] *Rot. F. 5 H. 3. in dorſo, m. 1.*
[i] [k] *Record. de T. Mich. 42 E. 3 Rot. 49. 7.*
[l] *Clauſ. 16. Joh. in dorſo.*
[m] [n] *Lib. rub. f. 48.*
[o] *Clauſ. 17. Joh. m. 13.*
[p] *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. m. 16.*
[q] *Teſta de Nevill.*
[r] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[s] *Pat. 26. H. 3. in dorſo.*
[t] *Pat. 27. H. 3. in dorſo.*
[u] *Rot. F. 27 H. 3. m. 5.*
[w] *Pat. 32. H. 3. in dorſo.*
[x] *Clauſ. 55. H. 3. m. 5.*

persons of greatest trust in all parts of the Kingdom to secure what they had sogot; he was [y] the onely man deputed in **Warwickshire**, for that purpose, having the title of *Custos pacis*.

[y] *Pat. 48. H. 3. in dorso.*

Touching their giving battail to the K. at *Lewes*, in May, 48. H. 3. and how both K. and Prince were there made prisoners, I must refer my Reader to our Historians; observing onely, that, during the time the King was thus in their hands, they made use of his great Seal, doing what they listed in his name; and in particular made a Charter to *Thomas de Estley*, son of this *Thomas*, for a **Mercate** and **Faire** at **Hill-Morton**, which beares date 15. *Jan.* 49. H. 3. (as I have already, in my discourse upon that place, intimated.) But see the successe: after they had got the whole Kingdom into their power; the Ring-leaders of them fell at emulation about sharing the spoil, and superiority in command: which caused such irreconcilable animosities, that contrivances were layd for each others destruction; *Clare* E. of **Glouc.** making what party he could to ruine *Montfort* E. of **Leic.** who had both the K. and Prince in his custody at the Castle of **Hereford**: yet, when he had considered his strength, and found, that of themselves it would be very difficult and hazardous, if possible, to effect; rather than he would fail of his ends, he was willing to take in the Royallists to his aid; which could not be well accomplish't, he knew, without the presence of the K. or Prince for their countenance.

Whereupon plots were layd for the Prince his escape; which taking effect accordingly, an Army was raysed within two months, and at **Evesham** gave battail to the E. of **Leic.** and his complices, where they had a suddain and fatall overthrow. In which conflict *Montfort* himself being slain; and with him *duodecim milites vexilliferi*, saith *Math. Paris.* whereof this *Thomas de Estley* was [z] one; scarce a man of note escap't with life, that was not made prisoner: but touching the particular circumstances hereof, having occasion to speak further in **Kenilworth**, I shall now pass them by.

[z] *M. Paris. p. 998. l. 28.*

This victory so obtained, the King rewarded those, which adventured their lives for him in that battail with the possessions of his vanquish't Rebells: amongst which, he gave [a] to *Warine de Bassingburne* the lands of this *Thomas de Astley*. Which *Warine*, in 50. *H.* 3. obtain'd a charter [b] bearing date at **Kenilworth** 22. Oct. for leave to fortify his house at **Bassingburne** in **Cambridg-sh.** and this at **Astley**, and to embattle the walls of them both: but 'tis not very probable that he did any thing thereupon at this place, in regard it was so soon granted away again by him, as I shall presently declare. For that the posterity of those who had thus forfeited and lost their lives, with the rest that were not slain, except the Sonns of *Montfort* E. of **Leic.** were by that Decree, called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** (whereof I shall speak elswhere) admitted to composition, is not unknown to those who have any cognusance of our English History: I shall therefore here omit the relation thereof, and descend to such particulars as concern the family of this *Thomas*.

[a] *Cart. 49. H. 3. m. 3.*

[b] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 1.*

And first, to manifest what commiseration the K. had to *Edith* his wife, do observe, that whereas [c] his lands in **Astley**, **Wetinton**, **Willeby**, and **Copston**, in this County; **Lilburn**, and **Creek** in **Northampton-sh.** **Brouton**, **Cotes** and **Hecham**, in **Leicester-sh.** were all bestowed on the said *Warine*, and whereof the value, by extent, was certified to be 151.l.-16.s.-11.d. *per ann.* he notwithstanding gave unto her those in **Willeby**, **Hecham**, and **Wetington**, valued at 34.li.18.s.-1.d. ob. *per ann.* for the maintenance of her self & children during her life; paying to the same *Warine* and his heirs, only, one mark at the Feast of S. *John Baptist* yearly.

[c] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 34.*

I now come to *Andrew*, his son and heir. This *Andrew*, compounding with the said Sir *Warine de Bassingburne*, according to the Edict before specified, had a grant from him of those lands: but for raising of money to that purpose, was constrain'd to pass [d] away his Lordship of **Little-Copston**, before specified, to the Monks of **Combe**, and their successors for ever; from whom he received for the same cccxx. marks sterling: which sum was to fit him for his voyage to the Holy-Land, as by the originall [e] Charter appeareth. Shortly after which, the said *Andrew* was received [f] into favour, giving security for his faithfull demeanour towards the K. and his heirs; *Reg. le Strange* of **Shropsh.** and *Nich. Haversham* of **Northamptonsh.** by their speciall acts in Court, undertaking for him therein. And being thenceforth put into the condition of a loyall subject, as to purchase of lands or any other thing (the K. confirming [g] the grant, made to him by the said *Warine*) he was, in 12. *E.* 1. joyn'd in [h] Commission with *Raph de Hengham*, (a learned and eminent Professor in the Law, of that time, and afterwards chief Justice [i] of the Common pleas) for taking Assizes of *Novel-disseisin*, *Mort d'ancestor* &c. in this County.

[d] *Ex autog. penès Th. Astle, de Wolvey ar.*

[e] *Penès Ri. Chamberlein ar.*

[f] *Pat. 50. H. 3. in dorso.*

[g] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 11.*

[h] *Pat. 12. E. 1. in dorso.*

[i] *Pat. 29 E. 1. in dorso.*

In 13. E. 1. he claimed [k] by Prescription, a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, power to punish the breakers of Assize of bread and beere, **Free-warren**, with other priviledges, in this Lordship with it's members; viz. **Merton-Jabet**, **Wedington**, and **Milverton**; and had allowance of them. After which; *Fœil. in* 28. E. 1. *Edm. de Bassingburne* brought [l] an Assize of *Mort d'ancestor* against him for this mannour before the then Justices *Itinerant*, but prevailed not therein, as it seemes. Of his farther publique employments, I finde, that in 24. E. 1. he had summons [m] (with divers other great men) to be at **New-castle** upon **Tine**, the first of March, there to attend the K. with Horse and Armes to vindicate the injuries done by *John* K. of **Scotland**. As also [n] the next year following, to be at **Newcastle** again, upon *St. Nicholas* day, to attend Pr. *Edward*, who then went as Generall against the Scots. And afterwards, the same [o] year, was enjoyned to be at **London**, the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of *S. John Baptist*, furnish't with Horse and Armes to wait upon the K. in his expedition beyond Sea (into **Flanders** and **Gascoine**): but, it seemes he was dispens't with for his personal service in that voyage: for I finde [p], that *John de Clinton* and he were then assigned by the Prince (who during the K. absence was deputed his Lieutenant here in **England**) to make choyce of such Knights and others of this County, whom they should think fit, and to retein them by wages for attendance on the said Prince at **London** on the *Octaves* of St. *Michael* the same year. And, that in 26. E. 1. he had command [q] to be at **York** at the feast of Pentecost, accoutred with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots; which was the time that *K. Edw.* had the victory at **Faukirke** in **Scotland**.

[k] *Rot. de Quo w.*

[l] *Pat. 28. E. 1. In dorso.*

[m] *Clauſ. 24. E. 1. m. 12. in dorso.*

[n] *Clauſ. 25. E. 1. m. 26. in dorso.*

[o] *Ib. m. 14.*

[p] *Pat. 25. E. 1. p. 2. m. 5.*

[q] *Clauſ. 26. E. 1. in dorso m. 12. in cedula.*

This *Andrew* gave [r] (or rather sold) to the Canons of **Erdbury** a wood, lying within the precincts of **Chilverscoton**, called **Herewardshey**, which

[r] *Ex autog. penès Ric. Newdigate ar.*

which his Father had of the grant of *Tho.* the ſon of *Thomas* the ſon of *Seherus de Stoke*. And dyed [f] in 29.E.1. leaving *Nicholas* his ſon and heir aged 24. years; who, doing his fealty had then livery [g] of his Fathers lands. Which *Nicholas* in [h] 1. and [i] 3.E.2. being conſtituted one of the Commiſſioners for conſervation of the peace in **Warwickſh.** and to ſee the Statute of **Wincheſter** obſerved, in 5.E.2. was [k] a Knight, and bore for his Armes *a Lion rampant*, as by his Seal appeareth. But, in 7. E. 2. attending [l] the K. in that unfortunate expedition againſt the Scots, was taken priſoner in the battail of **Stribelin**, where many a gallant Engliſhman had the ſame fate, or loſt his life. The time of his death I cannot certainly point out; but he dyed [m] without iſſue: for I find that *Thomas* his nephew, viz. ſon of Sir *Giles de Aſtley* his younger brother (and with him taken priſoner [n] at **Stribelin**) became heire to the eſtate: and in 19. E. 2. had livery [o] of his lands, being then of full age. Which *Thomas* was a Knight [p] in 10. E. 3. and ſuch a man whoſe pious and noble actions gave no ſmall luſtre to this family. For, in 11. E. 3. he founded [q] a *Chantry* in the Pariſh-Church here at **Aſtley**, of one Prieſt to ſing Maſs daily for the health of his ſoul, and for the ſoul of *Eliz.* his wife (daughter to *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warr.**) as alſo for the ſouls of his Father and Mother, and all the faithfull deceaſed; to which he had licenſe for the amortizing of 8. meſs. 2. carucats of land, paſture for 2. horſes and 4. Oxen, cvj. s. viij. d. rent, with the appurtenances lying in **Aſtley**, **Wolvey**, **Pilberton**, and **Willughby** *juxta* **Dunchurch** in this County.

In 12. E. 3. he was aſſigned [r] one of the Commiſſioners for conſervation of the peace; and to be aſſiſtant to *Ric.* E. of **Arundell**, and *Tho.* Lord *Berkley* for arraying of all men in this Shire, according to their ſeverall eſtates and faculties. The ſame year he had licenſe [s] to grant the advouſon of the Church, here at **Aſtley**, to the Guardian and Prieſts belonging to the Chappell of our bleſſed Lady therein, for the health of his ſoul, and the ſouls of his anceſtors, and all the faithfull deceaſed: which, by *Rog. Northburg*, then B. of **Cov.** and **Litch.** was appropriated [t] thereunto 8. *Kal. Oct.* following. Who, thereupon reſerved theſe penſions [u]; viz. to the Chapter of **Litchfield** 5. s. to the Chapter of **Coventre** as much; and 13. s. 04. d. to the Cathedrall of **Litchfield**, to be payd at the feaſt of S. *Mich.* th'Archangell yearly out of the profits thereof. Which *Chantry*, as appeares by the Biſhops ſaid Inſtrument of Appropriation, conſiſting of 4. ſecular Prieſts; one called the *Cuſtos*, or Warden, and another the Sub-warden, was founded [x] for the good eſtate of the ſaid *Thomas de Aſtley*, the Lady *Eliz.* his wife, and of Dame *Alice* and *Alice*, Mothers to them both, their heirs and ſucceſſors: as alſo *Roger* then B. of **Cov.** and **Litch.** and after their deceaſe for the health of their ſouls, and of the ſouls of *Sir Walter de Aſtley* and *Iſabel* his wife, Sir *Thomas de Aſtley* and *Joane* his wife, Sir *Andrew de Aſtley* and *Sibill* his wife, *Nich. de Aſtley* and *Alice* his wife, Sir *Giles de Aſtley* (father of the ſaid *Thomas* the founder) Sir *Thomas de Wolvey* and *Alice* his wife; and of Sir *Thomas de Clinton* Knight.

For augmentation [k] of which number to ſeaven Prieſts and one Clerk, in 14. E. 3. he obteyned licenſe to amortize 2. meſs. 3. yard land and half, 2. acres of wood, and 2. s.-8. d. rent in **Withybroke**, **Hapsford**, and **Bedworth**. In that year he was joyn'd in Commiſſion [l] with the Biſhop of **Worceſter**, the Abbot of **Stoneley**, and Prior of *Erdbury* to ſuperviſe the ninth of Sheaf, Lamb, and Wooll for this County granted to the K. in Parliament. And the next year did he grant [m] to the Prior and Covent of **Erdbury** and their ſucceſſors 1. meſs. and 36. acres of land lying in **Wolvey**.

Thus was the heart of this worthy perſon ſtill more and more enlarged, as we ſee by theſe his pious conceſſions: and yet, thinking all not enough, procured licenſe of the K. for the changing theſe *Chantry-Prieſts* into a *Dean* and *Secular Canons*; and to grant [n] to them and their ſucceſſors the perpetuall patronage of the Church of **Hill-Norton**, which was appropriated [o] thereto by the ſaid *Rog. Northburgh* Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lich.** 3. *Cal. Martii* the ſame yeare, with reſervation of x. s. annuall *penſion* [p] to be payd out of the profits thereof at the feaſt of S. *Michael* th'Archangel. Whereupon he then began to [q] erect a moſt fair and beautifull Collegiat-Church in the form of a Croſs, dedicated to the *Aſſumption* of the Bleſſed Virgin, with a tall ſpire covered with lead, whereof I ſhall ſay more anon. Which foundation conſiſted of a *Dean* and two *Canons*; who were to be *ſecular Prieſts*, each having their lodgings appointed to them, with particular lands out of the before mentioned poſſeſſions ſo given; the Dean being to provide a Prieſt, as perpetuall Vicar there, and by him preſented to the Biſhop, by the the B. to be inſtituted, and by his mandate to the Chapter of his Church, to be admitted, having v. Marks by the year, quarterly, for his ſalary: And likewiſe another prieſt with a fit Clerk to ſerve the Pariſhioners in the ſaid Church.

Shortly after which; viz. in 20. E. 3. did *Tho. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** grant [r] thereunto the Church of **Long-Stanton** in **Cambridgſhire**. Nor was it long after, that the before ſpecified Founder added more: for, in 36. E. 3. I finde that he [s] gave ix. marks and x. s. yearly Rent, iſſuing out of lands ſituate in **Lilburn** and **Creek** in **Northamptonſh.** and lxv. s. v. d. ob. q. rent out of lands in **Shuſtoke**, **Fillungley**, and **Nun-Eaton** in this County. And laſtly his ſon, *Will.* Lord *Aſtley* [t], in 12. R. 2. xl. s. yearly rent iſſuing out of the mannour of **Bentley**, to *John de Plompton* Vicar and then Sacriſt, and to his ſucceſſors for ever.

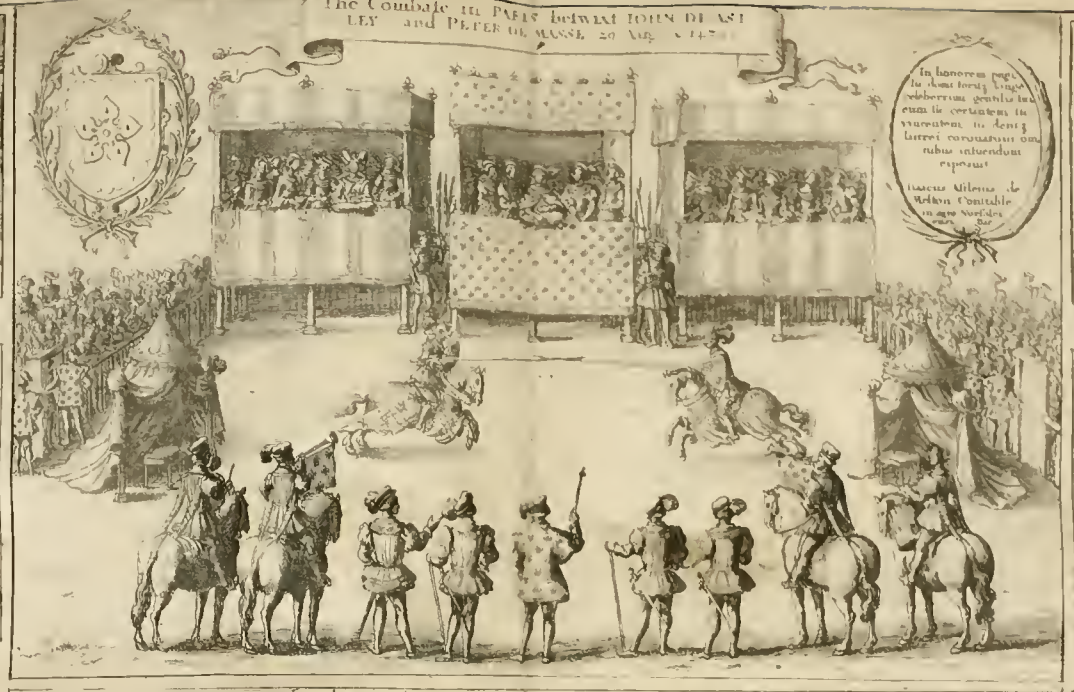
Having now done with the endowment, I have a word or two more to ſay of the Founder, relating to his publique employments; which is, that in 33. E. 3. he was the firſt in ranke authoriſed by commiſſion [u] in this County for arraying of men in the K. abſence, according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**. As alſo in 35. conſtituted [w] one of the Juſtices of peace in this ſhire. And that, by *Elizabeth* daughter [x] to *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, he had iſſue Sir *Will de Aſtley*, and Sir *Thomas*, both Knights, with *Giles* his third ſon, from whom the *Aſtley's* of **Wolvey** are deſcended (as I have already ſhewed). Of which Sir *Thomas*, in reſpect he had ſome publique employments, of note, in this County, I ſhall ſay ſomething, leaving his poſterity, by *Eliz.* daughter [y] of *Richard Harecourt*, ſon of Sir *Will. Harecourt* Kr. whoſe coſin and next heire ſhe was, ſeated at **Pathull** in **Staffordſhire**, where they ſtill continue.

In 2. R. 2. he was in Commiſſion [z] for taxing a Subſidy in this County. In [a] 8. for collecting a

[f] *Eſc.* 29. E. 1. n. 55.
[g] *Rot. F.* 29. E. 1. m. 16.
[h] *Pat.* 1. E. 2. p. 2. m. 21.
[i] *Clauſ.* 3. E. 2. m. 7.
[k] *Ex autogr. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[l] *Hiſt. MS. H. Knighton in bibl. Cotton. f.* 116. b.
[m] *Clauſ.* 19. E. 2. m. 9.
[n] *Hiſt. H. K. ut ſupra.*
[o] *Clauſ.* 19. E. 2. m. 9.
[p] *Norbb. f.* 29. b.
[q] *Pat.* 11. E. 3. p. 1. m. 35.
[r] *Pat.* 12. E. 3. p. 2. m. 16. *in dorſo.*
[s] *Pat.* 12. E. 3. p. 3. m. 10. *Eſc.* 12. E. 3. n. 43.
[t] *Norbb. vol.* 2. f. 54. a.
[u] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[x] *Ex ipſo autog. ibid.*
[y] *Eſc.* 14. E. 3. n. 40.
[l] *Pat.* 14. E. 3. p. 3. m. 42.
[m] *Eſc.* 15. E. 3. n. 24.
[n] *Pat.* 17. E. 3. p. 2. m. 30.
[o] *Norbb. vol.* 2. f. 61. b.
[p] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[q] *Ex ipſo autog. ibid.*
[r] *Pat.* 20. E. 3. p. 2. m. 26.
[s] *Pat.* 36. E. 3. p. 2. m. 13.
[t] *Pat.* 12. R. 2. p. 1. m. 32.
[u] *Pat.* 33. E. 3. m. 4. *in dorſo.*
[w] *Pat.* 35. E. 3. p. 2. m. 33. *in dorſo.*
[x] *Inſcrip. tumuli apud* Aſtley.
[y] *Eſc.* 45. E. 3. n. 28.
[z] *Rot. F.* 2. R. 2. m. 10.
[a] *Rot. F.* 8. R. 2. m. 19.

xv.

The Combate in PARIS betwixt JOHN DE ASTLEY and PETER DE MASSE 20 Aug. 1445





Here the King granteth him leeaue to performe the Combate.



The manner of his being conducted to the lists.



Here he taketh his oath in the presence of the Constable and Marshall that he hath noe charme herbe or anie enchantment about him.



Here he poyseth the Helmet of Massy w^th his Speare.

The Combate in SMITHFIELD betwixt the same IOHN DE ASTLEY and S^r PHILIP BOYLE, 30 Ian. An: 1442.





Here having got the victory he returneth thanks to God.



Here the King girds him w^th the Sword of Knighthood.



Here he presenteth Massyes Helmet to his Lady.



Here he is invested w^th the Robes and Order of the Garter.

xv. and x. having been one of the Kts. [b] for this shire in the Parliament, wherein they were granted. He was also the same yeare retein'd by Indenture [c] for one whole year to serve the K. in an expedition which he then personally made into **France**, with three Archers well armed and fitted for the war, receiving for himself xii. d. *per diem* besides the accustomed reward; viz. in proportion his part of c c c. marks for thirty men at Armes by the quarter; and for every of his Archers 6. d. *per diem*; of which he was to receive a quarters pay in hand; and to have the benefit of all such prisoners as himself or his Archers should take, except he or they did fortune to take the K. of **France** himself or any of his sons, or Captains generall; or any of those that acted in, or were contrivers of the murder of *Jo.* D. of *Burgoine*.

Of which family; viz. of **Patshull**, was the famous *John de Astley*; who, on the 29. of *Aug. Anno* 1438. (17. H. 6.) maintaining [d] a Duel on Horsback within the street called *St. Antoine* in **Paris**, against one *Peter de Masse* a French-man, in the presence of *Charles* the vii. K. of **France**, pierc't the said *Peter* through the head, and had (as by the Articles betwixt them was conditioned) the Helmet of the said *Peter*, being so vanquish't, to present unto his Lady. And on [e] the 30. of *Jan.* 20. H. 6. undertook another fight in **Smyth-field** within the City of **London**, in the presence of the same K. H. 6. with Sir *Philip Boyle*, an Arragonian Knight; who, having been in **France**, by the K. his masters command, to look out some such hardy person, against whom he might try his skill in feats of Armes; and missing there of his desires, repaired hither. After which combate ended (being gallantly perform'd on foot, with Battail-axes, spears, swords and daggers) he was knighted by the K. and had an annuity of c. marks given him during his life. Nay, so famous did he grow for his valour, that he was elected Knight of the Garter, bearing for his Armes the Coats of *Astley* and *Harcourt*, quarterly, with a *label of* 3. *points Ermine*, as by a very antient MS. book, [f] wherein the Ensignes of those Kts. of that honourable order are depicted, appeareth.

But I return to the before specified Sir *Will. de Astley* (eldest son to *Thomas*, founder of the said Coll. Church.) He was in Commiss. for the Peace, upon the severall renuings thereof, from [g] 17. R. 2. till 6. H. 5. And in [h] 3. H. 4. assigned to enquire concerning the disturbers of the Laws, and framers of Lyes. In [i] 4. H. 4. for arraying of men: In [k] 6. to treat with the people for a loan of money to the K. and left issue one only daughter, by whom the inheritance of this great House divolved to the *Grey*'s of **Ruthin**. But before I speak farther thereof I must add a word or two more of this family of the *Astley*'s, in reference to them as they were Barons; which is, that *Thomas*, who was slain in the battail of **Evesham**, is reputed by our Historians so to have been: for before 49. H. 3. have we no particular summons to Parliament to distinguish the Barons from other great men. But his son *Andrew* was summoned in 23, 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, and 34. E. 1. *Nicholas* in 30. E. 1. as also in 2, and 3. E. 2. And *Thomas* (who founded the Coll. Church) in 16. 22. and 23. E. 3. as appears by the Records [l] of those times. Howbeit *William* never had summons. Which instances, do shew, that what is now claim'd as due by custome, was not so esteem'd in those days.

To this *William* succeeded *Joan* his daughter and heir, first marryed [m] to *Thomas Raleigh* of **Farnborough** in this County. Which *Thomas*, by his Testament [n], bearing date here at **Astley** the Wednesday after the feast of St. *Luke* the Evang. 6. H. 4. bequeath'd his body to be buryed in the Quire of this Coll. Church, and ten pounds for performance of his *Obit*: and gave xx. marks also to find a Priest to sing Mass, for his Soul, the space of 3. years. He likewise bequeath'd a bowl of silver, with a cover to the Lord *Astley*, and to the Lady *Joan* his wife a diamond, with a silver bowl and cover. To every Yeoman servant of that house vi. s. viii. d. and to every groom iii. s. iiii. d. After whose death, which hapned at that time, as by the Probate of his will appeareth, she marryed to *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin**, whose posterity, by her, possest this place for divers generations, and were advanced to great honour (as I shall shew anon) for which respect it will not be amiss to take some notice of this *Reginald*, (their common ancestor) and whence he sprung.

He was son [o] of *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin**, son of *Roger* by *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *John* Lord *Hastings* of **Bergavenny**, and *Isabel* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs to *Will. Valence* Earl of **Penbroke**; by means whereof he became heir [p] to the last *John Hastings* E. of **Penbroke**, as I shall shew more fully when I come to **Fillongley**. Which *Rog.* was first summoned to Parliament in 28. E. 1. by the name of *Roger de Grey Chivalier*: but his son *Reginald* had in all his summons the addition of *de* **Ruthin**, the Castle of **Ruthin** being his seat, and granted [q] by K. *Edw.* 1. to *Reginald* (Lord *Grey* of **Wilton**) his grandfather.

Betwixt this *Reginald* (who had great possessions in **Wales**) and *Owen Glendowr* there grew some difference [r], about a Common lying betweeen the Lordship of **Ruthin**, and the Lordship of **Glendowz-dwy**, whereof *Owen* was owner, and took his sirname. Which *Owen*, during the reign of K. *R.* 2. was too hard for the Lord *Grey*, being then a servitour in Court to K. *Ric.* (with whom he was at the time of his taking by the D. of **Lanc.** in the Castle of **Flint**): But, after K. *Richard*'s depossall, the Lord *Grey*, as better friended than *Owen*, entred upon the Common. Whereupon, *Owen*, having many friends and followers in his Countrey (as those that be great with Princes commonly have) put himself in Armes against the Lord *Grey*, whom he meeting in the field, overcame [s], and took prisoner, spoiling his Lordship of **Ruthin**; so that many resorted to him from all parts of **Wales**, not knowing but that he was in as great favour then as in K. *Ric.* days: others also putting in his head, that now the time was come, that the Britons, by his means, might recover again the honour and liberties of their ancestors. The Lord *Grey* therefore thus made prisoner, was constrain'd to ransom [t] himself at ten thousand marks, the King consenting, that the Lord *Rosse* and *Willughby*, with other of his friends and allies should endeavour to raise the said Fine, in regard (as the Record expresses) the King knew him to be a loyal and valiant Kight.

After which, viz. in 9. H. 5. he was retein'd by Indenture [u] to serve the K. in his warrs beyond Sea for half a year, with six men at Armes, himself accounted one; and 18. Archers mounted, armed and arrayed according to their severall conditions, taking, *per diem*, for himself 2. s. and for each of his men at Armes 12. d. with the accustomed reward, and 6. d. a piece for his Archers: As also to have the benefit of all prisoners they should take, excepting Kings, Princes, or any of the Royall

K blood,

[b] *Clauſ.* 8. *R.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 27.

[c] *Ex autog. penès Cler. P.ll.*

[d] *Theatre d'Honneur per* M. de Wilſon. *cap.* 28.

[e] *Ibid. cap.* 29.

[f] *Penès H.* 5. George *q.aur. nuper* Norroy *K. Armorum.*

[g] *Pat de* 17. *d. ann. in dorſo.*

[h] *Pat.* 3. *H.* 5. *p.* 2. *m.* 5. *in dorſo.*

[i] *Pat.* 4. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 9. *in dorſo.*

[k] *Rot. F.* 6. 6. 4. *m.* 6.

[l] *Clauſ. de* 4. *d. ann. in dorſo.*

[m] *Eſc.* 27. 6.

[n] Arundel *vol.* 1. *f.* 219.

[o] *Eſc.* 13. R. 2. *n.* 51.

[p] *Eſc.* 13. R. 2. *n.* 51.

[q] *Cart.* 10. E. 1. *m.* 4.

[r] *Hiſt of Cambria by* D. Powell. *p.* 386.

[s] Th. Walſ. *hiſt. Angl. in An.* 1402.

[t] *Rot. Parl.* 4. H. 4. *n.* 13.

[u] *Ex autog. penès Cleric. Pell.*

blood, and especially *Charles* the Dauphin of **Vienn**ois, or any that murthered *John* Duke of **Burgoine**, or were consenting thereto. And in 3. H. 6. was again [w] reteined to serve the K. for half a year in his French warrs, under the command of *John* D. of **Bedford** (the Kings uncle, then Regent of **France**) with xx. men at Armes and 60. Archers, for the like wages.

Of his children, by the first wife, from whom the Earles of **Kent** are descended, it concernes me not, here, to speak: but by this *Joane* (the heir of *Astley*) he had issue Sir *Edward Grey* Knight, who wedded [*] *Eliz.* the daughter of *Henry Ferrers*, and grandchild and heire to *Will.* L. *Ferrers* of **Groby**, in whose right [x] he was L. *Grey* of **Groby**. Which *Edward*, having been in Commission [y] for the peace in this County 21, 22, and 23. H. 6. was in 28. H. 6. appointed [z], with others, to treat with the people for a loan of mony to the King; and dyed [a] in 36. H. 6. leaving Sir *John Grey* his Son and heir, aged 25. years, and *Edw. Grey* a second son, created [b] Lord *Lisle* by K. E. 4. in right of *Eliz.* his wife, daughter to *John Talbot* Visc. *L'isle* (sister and heir to *Thomas* son of the said *John*) and afterwards made [c] Visc. *L'isle* by King R. 3. (viz. 28. *Junii*. 1. R. 3.) Which *Edward* was, with others, in 4. H. 7. assigned a Commissioner [d] for choosing of Archers in this County for relief of the Dutchy of **Britanny**; and dyed in 7. H. 7. (1492.) as may appear by the Probat [e] of his Will, whereby he bequeathed his body to be buried in the new Chappell of our Lady, begun by himself to be built in the Colledge of **Astley**, where the body of *Eliz.* his late wife was interred: but he had another wife, called *Jane*, whom, by the said Will, he appointed to cause certain lands to be amortized, to endow and find a Priest perpetually to sing in the said Chappell for his Soul, and the Souls of his late wife *Eliz.* as also the said *Jane*, and all Christen Souls.

Of his descendants the Pedegre before inserted taketh notice; I shall therefore return to Sir *John Grey*, his elder brother, the heir of this Lordship. This Sir *John* married *Eliz.* the eldest daughter of *Ric. Widvill*, Earl *Rivers*. (as is sufficiently manifested by our Historians, in regard that K. *E.* 4. afterwards made her his wife [f], the said Sir *John* being slain in the battail of St. **Albans** 39. H. 6.) and had issue by her Sir *Thomas Grey* Knight, created [g] Marq. *Dorset* 18. Apr. 15. E. 4. who sate [h] in his habit at the upper end of the table that day amongst the Knights in S. *Edwards* Chamber: but for near relation and affection to the young King (murthered by *Ric.* D. of **Gloue.** the then Protector, his unnaturall uncle) was, 18. Oct. in 1. R. 3. attainted [i] of treason. Whereupon King *Ric.* by his Letters [k] pat. bearing date 2. Aug. 2. R. 3. granted this Lordship to the above mentioned *Edward* Visc. *L'isle*, and the heires male of his body: But in 1. H. 7. the Marq. being again restored [l], possest himself thereof; and, by his testament [m] bequeathing his body to be buryed here, in the Coll. Church, before the Image of the Blessed *Trinity* (in the midst of his closet, within the same Colledge, on the South side) dyed [n] 20. Sept. 17. H. 7.

By which Testament he willed, that his Executors should cause to be said for his soul, in every of the 4. Orders of *Friers* in **London**, an hundred Masses by the Fryers in each place, with as much hast as might be after his decease. And that c. marks should be disposed in Almes to poor people at his buriall. Likewise, that the Hospitall of **Lutterworth** in **Leicestersh.** of his patronage, to be appropriate to the said Colledge of **Astley**, if the Dean and his Brethren, or their successors could obtein such appropriation to be lawfully made within 3. years after his decease; to the intent that they should especially pray for the Souls of K. E. 4. and Q. *Eliz.* his consort, and all Christen Souls.

By the Lady *Cecily* his wife (daughter and heir to *Will.* Lord *Bonvile*, marryed afterwards to *Henry* E. of **Wiltsh.** who likewise bequeath'd [o] her body to be buried in the same Chappell, where the Marq. her husband was interred, appointing a tombe to be made over the place of their sepulture) he left issue *Thomas* [illegible]. *Dorset*; which *Thomas* impaled [p] 30. acres of wood and pasture, for to make that parke, here at **Astley**, now called the **Little-parke**: and enlarg'd [q] the great parke, here, with 90. acres of land, in 12. H. 7. taken out of the precincts of **Arley**; which, to this day, bears the name, of **Arley-laund**. And by his Testament [r], bearing date 2. *Junii* 22. H. 8. bequeath'd his body to be buryed in the Church of **Astley**, neer unto his father; appointing, that his mothers will should be observed for the maintenance of two Priests in the Chappell there; as also, that his Executors should, with all speed and diligence, after his Funeralls were performed, and debts payd, make and build a Chappell here at **Astley**, according to the will of his father, with a goodly tombe over his father and mother: which being done, to make another tombe in the midst of the Chancell, where he himself resolved to be buried. And after that should be finished, then to build an Almeshouse for xiii. poor men, there to inhabite, and to be for ever nominated by his Executors, during their lives, and afterwards by his heires; each of them to receive xii. d. a week for their maintenance, with a livery of black Cotton yeerly, price 4. s. which said payment he appointed should be made out of the Rents and profits of his mannours of **Bedworth** and **Paknton**, and all such lands and tenements as were in the occupation of the Lord *L'isle*, reputed or taken as parcell of the same Lordships, the surplusage to be bestowed in repayring the said Almeshouse and keeping his *Obit* yearly. And dyed the same year, as may seem by the probate of his said Testament, leaving issue *Henry*; who marrying the Lady *Frances*, eldest daughter to *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** and *Mary* the Q. of **France**, his wife, was, in her right (by reason her two brothers dyed without issue) created * D. of **Suff.** 11. Oct. 5. E. 6. In whose time it hapned that the Monasteries were dissolved; for effecting of which work, his father in law *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** was not a little active, as may appear by the large share he had of their possessions. And there want not circumstances to shew, that this *Henry*, then Marq. *Dorset* was stirring enough therein: for amongst other the lands belonging to those religious Houses, he had all that appertain'd to this Collegiate Church, granted [f] to him and the Lady *Frances* his wife and his heirs 7. Aug. 37. H. 8. which he enjoy'd not long: for leaving issue onely 3. daughters, (*Jane*, the eldest, wedded [t] to *Guilford Dudley* 4. son to *John* D. of **Northumb.** *Katherine*, the second, first [u] to *Henry* L. *Herbert*, eldest son to the E. of **Pembroke**, and next (for she was divorc't [w]) to *Ed. Seimour* E. of **Hertford**: The 3. viz. *Mary*, to *Martin Keys* Sergeant-porter to Q. *Eliz.*) upon the death of King *Edward* 6. he was allured, through the ambition of the said D. of **Northumb.** (whose aime

[w] *Ibid.*
[*] *Esc.* 23. H. 6.
[x] *Esc.* 27. H. 6.
[y] *Pat. de iisd. ann. in dorso.*
[z] *Pat.* 28. H. 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 17.
[a] *Esc.* 36. H. 6.
[b] *Cart. ab Anno* 15. *usq;* 22. E. 4.
[c] *Cart.* 1. R. 3. *m.* 3.
[d] *Pat.* 4 H. 7. *in dorso m.* 20.
[e] *Doget.* Q. 13.
[f] *Esc.* 1. R. 3. *Essex.*
[g] *Trin. R.* 15. E. 4. *Rot.* 12.
[h] *Stow's Annals.*
[i] *Esc.* 1. R. 3. virtute officii.
[k] *Pat.* 2. R. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 10.
[l] *Rot. Parl.* 1 H. 7. *m.* 32.
[m] *Blamyr. Qu.* 7.
[n] *Esc.* 17. H. 7.
[o] *Jankin. Qu.* 22.
[p] *Inq.* 9. H. 8. *super de pop.*
[q] *Inq. super depop.* 3. E. 6.
[r] *Thower Qu.* 10.
[*] *Trin. R.* 1 E. 6. *Rot.* 14.
[f] *Pat.* 37. H. 8. *p.* 13.
[t] Stow' [u] Ann.
[w] *Catal. Nobil. by* R. Brok
[y] *Stow's Ann.*

aime was no leſs than to have the whole ſway of the Kingdom) to countenance the proclaiming of his daughter, the Lady *Jane*, to be Queen, pretending the deſignation of K. *Edw.* by his will. Which attempt not thriving, **Northumberland**, with ſome others loſt their heads: Howbeit, the D. of **Suff.** though favoured, as not deemed ſo ſpeciall an inſtrument therein as the other, could not reſt quiet, it ſeemes: for finding that Q. *Mary* had a purpoſe to match with *Philip*, ſon to the Emperour *Charles* the 5. he came into this County and **Leiceſterſh.** and ſet out Proclamations to incenſe the people againſt it: whereupon the E. of **Huntington** was ſent[a] with a power into theſe parts to prevent all danger; which occaſioned him, ſeeing he was forſaken, to put himſelf under the truſt of one *Underwood* (as 'tis ſaid) a keeper of his Park here at **Aſtley**, who hid him ſome few days in a large hollow Tree there, ſtanding about two bow-ſhoot Southweſtwards from the Church: but, being promiſed a reward, betray'd him; ſo that it was not long ere he loſt his head on *Tower-hill*.

[a] Holinſh. Chron.

After which, the Lady *Frances*, his widow, marryed to one *Adrian Stokes* Eſq. who, holding this Lordſhip, as part of her dowrie, much defac't the Church before-ſpecified, as not onely by tradition of the Inhabitants, but a Preſentment[b] upon oath in 1. *Eliz.* may appear; which manifeſteth, that he cauſed the tall and coſtly ſpire made of timber, together with the battlements, all covered with lead, to be pull'd down, being a land-mark ſo eminent in this part of the wood-land, where the ways are not eaſy to hit, that it was called the **Lanthorn of Arden.** As alſo the two fair Iles, and a goodly building, called **S. Annes Chappell**, adjoyning, the roofs of which were likewiſe leaded. By reaſon of which ſacrilegious action, the ſteeple, ſtanding in the midſt, took wet, and decayed, ſo that, about the yeare 1600, it fell down to the ground, and with it a great part of the Church, *Ric. Chamberlain* Eſq. being then Lord of this mannour, by the grant of Q. *Mary* to *Edw. Chamberlain* his Father (of the family of *Chamberlain* of **Shirburn** in **Oxfordſh.**) who, with ſome contribution from the Country, did, about the year 1607, begin the building of the Tower again; but, in ſtead thereof, took totally away all the weſt part of the Church, with the North and South croſs Iles, making that which was the Quire the body of the Church, but pulled down the other beautifull Chappells on the North & South-ſide of the Quire, ſetting up that which ſtood on the North-ſide at the Eaſt end for a Chancell, wherein were the monuments of *Edw. Grey* Viſc. *L'iſle* and his 2. wives: And in that on the South ſide of *Thomas Grey* Marq. *Dorſet* and his Lady, with their ſtatues in Alabaſter excellently cut; and in the vault underneath the ſame their bodyes; that of the Marqueſs embalmed and wrapt in cerecloth many double in a coffin of lead; which, through the vain curioſity of ſome being opened, his corps was found as intire, and free from any ſeeming corruption, as if he had been but newly dead.

[b] Ib exemplari ejuſdem penès Archer. aut.

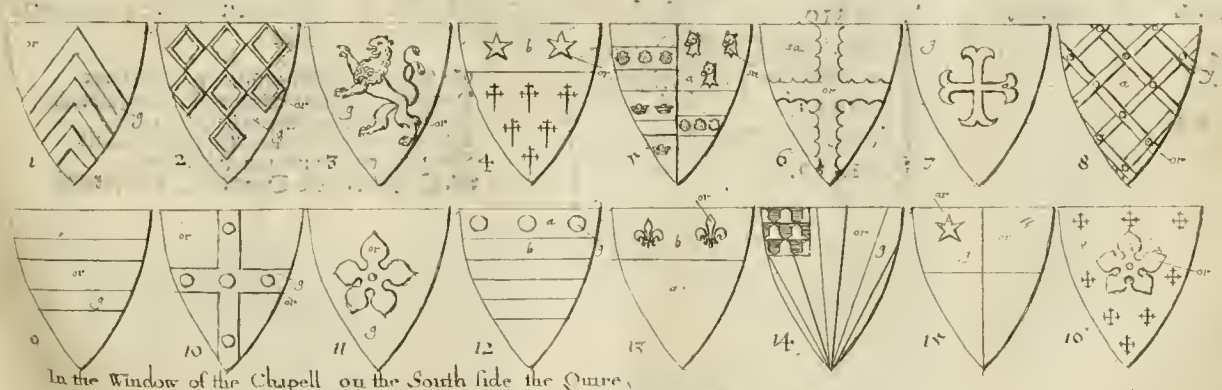
At the pulling down, and tranſlating of which Chappell, it was reſolved that the monuments ſhould be ſet up againe in the Church, the ſaid corps with the Coffin of lead being accordingly removed thither: howbeit, this good intention afterwards cooled, and the ſtatues of the Marqueſs and his Lady were caſt into the Belfrey, that of the woman having a Coronet on her head; and thoſe of the other thrown into an old out-houſe amongſt lime and rubbiſh; all which I my ſelf have ſeen.

But, as to the ſucceſſion of this Lordſhip, it is now come to *Richard Chamberleyn* Eſq. ſon and heire to *Rich. Chamberlein* Eſq. Regiſter of the Court of Wards, by conveiance from *Richard Chamberlein* aforeſaid (father of *Jane*, wife to the Regiſter of the Court of Wards) and *Edw. Chamberlein*, grandſon and right heire to the ſaid *Richard*. Which *Edward* lately dyed without iſſue.

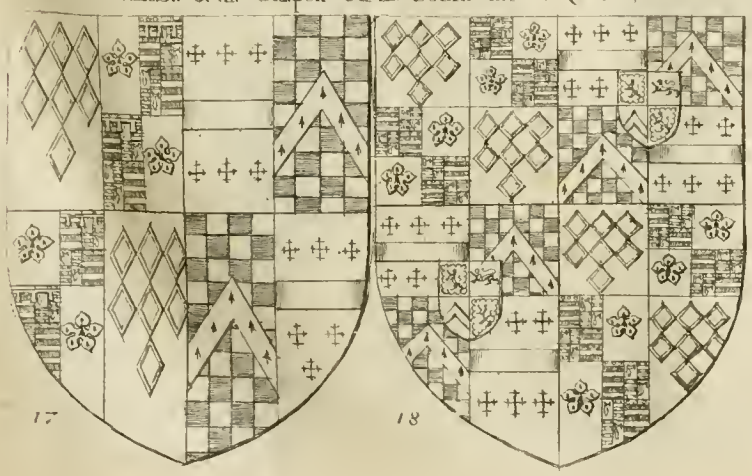
In An. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Rectory was valued at x. marks: but in 26. H. 8. the yearly revenues of the Collegiat Church were certified at xlvi.l.viii.d.

Aſtley

In the windows and roofe of the Church.



In the Window of the Chapell on the South ſide the Quire.



1 Clare E. of Glouc.
2 Ferrers of Groby
3 D. Albany E. of Arundell
4 Clinton E. of Huntington
5
6 Vfford
7 Beke
8 Truſſell
9 Harcourt
to
11
12 Gray of Ruthin
13 Clinton of Colſhill
14 Baſſet of Sapcote
15 Vere E. of Oxford
16 Vmfraville
17 Edward Gray
18 Vicount Liſle

	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.	*Editha quondam ux. dom. Tho. de Astley.*	*Steph. de Astley Clerk.* 1285.
Ibid.	*Andreas de Astley miles.*	*Petrus de Haverhulle* 1286.
Northb. f. 29. b.	*Tho. de Astley miles.*	*Rob. de Happesford Pbr.* 6. *Id. Apr.* 1366.
Ib. f. 30. a.		*Will. Creke Pbr.* 3. *Non. Oct.* 1336.
	Patroni Vicariæ.	
Ib. f. 40. b.		*Joh. de Corley Pbr.* 17. *Kal. Apr.* 1342.
Ib. f. 42. a.		*Ric. Large Pbr.* v. *Kal. Nov.* 1343.
Ib. f. 45. b.	*Decanus Eccles. Coll. B. Mariæ de Astley.*	*Thom. de Haytele Cap.* 3. *Id. Nov.* 1347.
Strett. f. 30. a.		*Joh. de Plumpton Pbr.* 18. *Apr.* 1383.
Arund. f. 143. a.		*Joh. Milner Cap.* 9. *Martii.* 1414.

	Patroni Decanatus.	Decani.
Northb. f. 40. b.		*Will. Ernald Pbr.* 6. *Non. Martii.* 1342.
Ib. f. 45. b.		*Galfr. de Sutton Cap.* 3. *Id. Oct.* 1347.
Ib. f. 46. a.		*Joh. Ives Cap.* 16. *Kal. Maii* 1348.
Ib. f. 51. b.		*Joh. de Gouteby Cap.* 13. *Kal. Nov.* 1349.
Ib. f. 57. a.	*Dom. Tho. de Astley miles.*	*Joh. de Burg. Pbr.* 5. *Id. Nov.* 1353.
Strett. f. 2. a.		*Hugo de Bottesfeild* 7. *Id. Febr.* 1358.
Ib. f. 30. a.		*Rob. Page Pbr.* 16. *Febr.* 1383.
Sk. f. 2. a.		*Rob. Gaynsburg.* 13. *Febr.* 1387.
Ib. f. 12. b.		*Edm. Wolf Pbr.* 8. *Martii.* 1396.
Burgh. f. 8. a.		*Joh. Huk Pbr.* 1. *Apr.* 1401.
Ib. f. 25. a.	*Dominus Will. de Astley miles.*	*Joh. White Cap.* 4. *Julii.* 1410.
Ib. f. 34. a.		*Edm. Wolfe Cap. Jan.* 1413.
Arund. f. 143. a.		*Joh. Maryot Cap.* 9. *Martii.* 1414.
Bull. f. 8. a.		*Nich. Wildbore ult. Martii.* 1419.

	Patroni Decanatus	Decani.	
D. Regin. Grey.		*Will. Hull Cap.* 21. *Apr.* 1428.	*Hew. f. 21. a.*
		Will. Grepenhale 14. *Aug.* 1432.	*Ib. f. 28. a.*
		Rog. Webster Pbr. ult. Dec. 1433.	*Ib. f. 32. b.*
D. Johanna Grey.		*Rog. Creek Pbr.* 5. *Nov.* 1445.	*Ib. f. 43. a.*
Edw. Grey miles, dom. Ferrers de Groby.		*Tho. Persebrigge Cap.* 1. *Junii.* 1454.	*Bowl. f. 20. b.*
D. Henr. Stafford miles, & D. Cecilia ux. ejus Marchionissa Dorset.		*Ric. Norton legum Dr.* 16. *Nov.* 1507.	*Bl. f. 5. a.*
		Jo. Brereton in decretis bacc. 28. *Oct.* 1509.	*Ib. f. 5. b.*
D. Tho. Grey March. Dorset.		*Will. Bulwike.* 23. *Maii.* 1520.	*Ib. f. 8. b.*
Margar. Marchion. Dors.		*Rob. Brokk Cler.* 6. *Aug.* 1538.	*Str. & P. f. 16. b.*

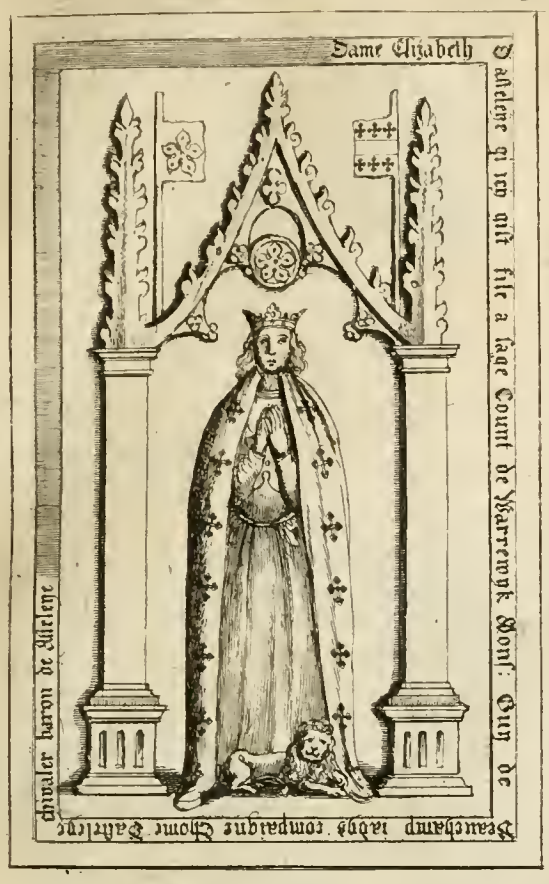
In the middst of this Church (before it was pull'd down, by reason of the steeple's ruine, as I have observed) was a fair raised monument for *Thomas Grey*, the first Marq. *Dorset* of his family, and his Lady, whereupon their statues were excellently cut: and under the same a vault, adorned with the pictures of Bishops, Cardinalls, and Monks, in which their bodyes lay; but by the fall of the steeple, before specified, it was totally broken and spoiled.

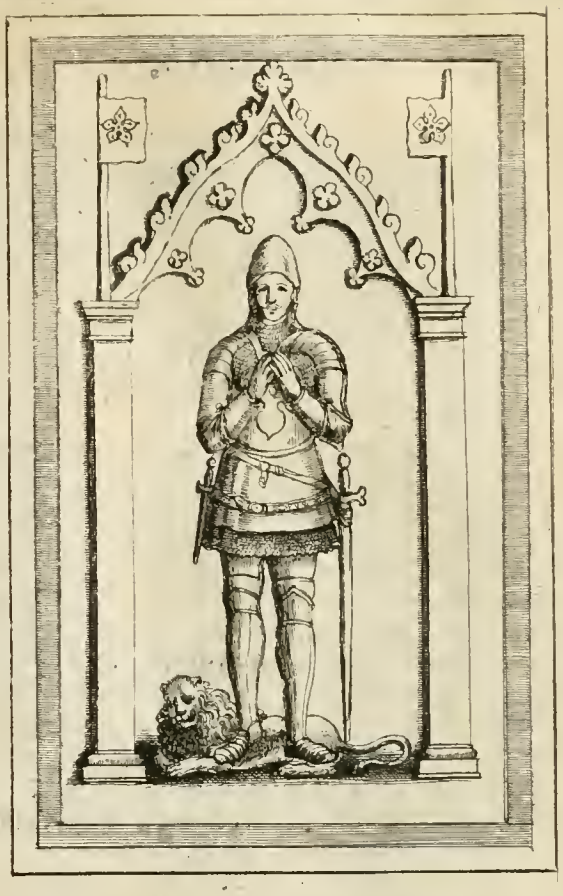
In the Chappell which stood on the Sout hside of the Quire, stood likewise two fair monuments; the one of *Thomas* the second Marq. *Dorset*, and his Lady, on the heads of whose statues were Coronets: and the other of *Edw. Grey* Visc. *L'isle* & his Lady; on the sides whereof were xvi. persons, and eight of them in religious habits. Both which monuments, at the removall of the same Chappell to the east end of the Quire, where it now serveth for a Chancell, were pull'd down, and utterly defaced.

In the same Quire, before the said alteration, were also some other monumentall stones of marble, with portraitures in brass upon them, besides those whereof I have already taken notice; upon one of which was this Epitaph.

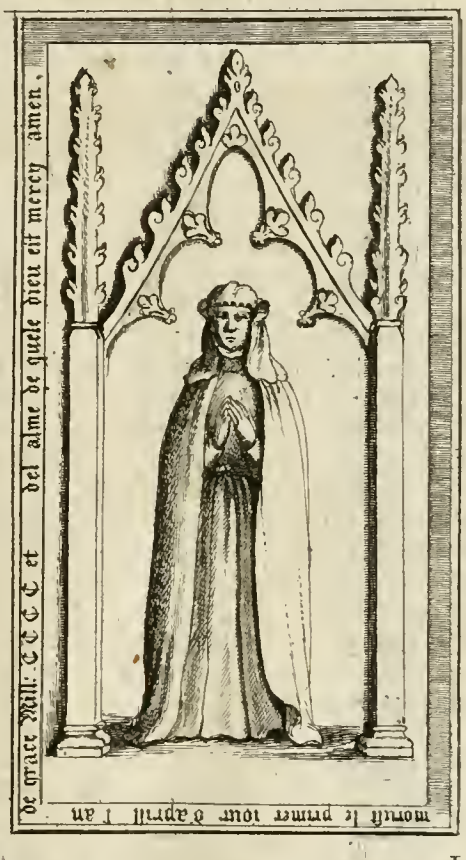
Ex Astley domo Miles fuit iste Willielmus
Heres magnanimus Thome Astley, vir almus.
Hic fundatoris fuit largus hospes honoris
Et dignus mores strenuus sequitur genitoris
Migravit cellis animarum luce solemni
M. C. quater c bis Domino regnante perenni.

In the bodye of the Church.







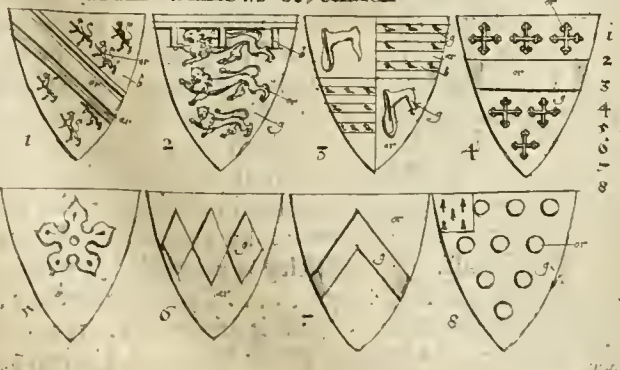




In all the quarries of the Windows.

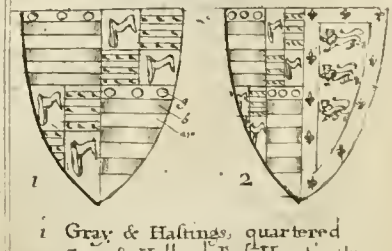


In the Windows of Church



1 Bohun E: of Heref:
2 Earle of Lancaster,
3 Hastings & Valence
4 Beauchampe
5 Astley
6 Montacute
7 Stafford
8 Zouch

In an olde Window of Astley House.



1 Gray & Hastings, quartered
2 Gray & Holland E of Huntington.

Bedworth.

FOllowing the ſtream of this ſmall Brook, called **Sow**, I come next to **Bedworth** (a place very well known in regard of the Coal-mines there.) As for the name thereof, I conceive it did originally proceed from ſome one that poſſeſt it in the Saxons time, whoſe name was *Bede*; for that the ſaid appellation was then in uſe, thoſe who are converſant in our Engliſh Hiſtories do well enough know; the later ſillable, **worth**, ſignifying a habitation.

In Domeſday-book it is written **Bevewor**, the ꝺ wanting a ſtroke through it ꝺ; which, with the Saxons, ſtood for th; and by that Survey is rated at 4 hydes, the woods extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in bredth, all being then valued at xl *s.* and whereof *Edwyn*, Earl of **Mercia**, was poſſeſt before the Norman invaſion; but afterwards by the E. of **Pellent**, moſt of whoſe lands in this County, his brother, the E. of **Warwick**, within a ſhort time had: from whom ſome one of the family of *Haſtings* obtained it (as it ſeems;) for I find, that they held it by Kts. ſervice of his deſcendants, together with **Wiley**, whereof I have already ſpoke.

I am of opinion, that the families of *Turvile* and *Craft* were enfeofft thereof by *Haſtings*; for it is evident, that they antiently poſſeſt it, mention being made of *William de Turevill* in 1 *Joh.* and in 20 H. 3. that *Simon de Turvill* and *Rog. de Craft* held one Kts. fee here. But towards the later end of H. 3. time, *Will. de Charnells* had to do here, though I am not able to ſay upon what title, unleſs it were by deſcent from *Beatrix*, his mother, whom I conjecture to have been the heir of *Craft*, (as in **Bilton** you may ſee.) Neither can I diſcern how or when *Turvill* abſolutely quitted his intereſt in this place; for in 20 E. 3. *Will. de Charnells* and *Oliver de Turvill* anſwered for half a Kts. fee here, which they held of the heirs of *Haſtings*. And yet I find, that in 28 E. 1. *Will. de Charnells* wrote himſelf *Dominus de* **Bedworth**; and in 9 E. 2. *Henry de Charnels* (his father) is ſolemly certified to be Lord thereof. Wanting therefore ſuch light as might guide me in the full diſcovery of the ſucceſſive Lords thereof, I have added ſo much of the deſcent of both theſe families, *viz. Turvill* and *Charnells*, as I have found by Record to have had relation thereunto.

c F. levat. 1 Joh.
d Teſta de Nevill.
e Pat. 55. H. 3. in dorſo.
f Rot. penès S. Clarke Bar.
g Langt. f. 6. a.
h Nom. vil.

Will. de Turvill, 20 H. 2. & 1 Joh.
:
Simon de Turvill, 20 H 3.
|
i
Will. de Turvill, 53 H. 3.
| k
Magiſter Philippus de Turvill, rector eccl. de Bedworth, 28 E. 1.

: l
Rob. de Turvile, 23 E. 1.
|
Oliverus de Turvile, 20 E. 3.

i Clauſ. 53. H. 3. m. 8.
k Langt. f. 6. a.
l Eſc. 23. E. 1. n. 109.

m
Will. de Charnels, - Beatrix, relicta, 34 H. 3.
:
o
Will. de Charnels, 55 H. 3.
| p
Nich. de Charnels, miles, Dom. de Bilton, 28 E. 1.

| q
Wil. de Charnels, Dom. de Bedworth, 28 E. 1. miles 31 E. 1.
|
Henr. de Charnels, D. de Bedworth, 9 E. 2.
| r
Will. de Charnels, de Bedw. miles, 23 E. 3.
| ſ
Ioh. Charnels, - Eliz. relicta, de Bedworth, 6 R. 2. 4 H. 4.

m Rot. F. 34. H. 3. m. 2.
n
o Pat. 55. H. 3. in dorſo.
p q Reg. Pr. S. Joh. Jeruſ. in bibl. Cotton. f. 137. b.
r Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
ſ Eſc. 6 R. 2. n. 170.

Of theſe, *John Charnels* was the laſt (for ought I have ſeen) that had it; but of that family ſo poſſeſt thereof, or of the *Turviles*, have I not ſeen any thing very memorable, other than the founding of a Chantry in this Church, at the Altar of our bleſſed Lady, by *Philip de Turvile*, the Parſon here preſented in 28 E. 1. as his Inſtitution manifeſteth. Which was performed in 6 E. 3. and endowed with a good proportion of land, ſome lying in **Eccleſhale**, but the greateſt part in **Bedworth**, the ordination thereof being made by *Rog. Northburgh* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** 5 *Id. Julii, an.* 1332. (the ſame ſixth year of E. 3.) whereby it alſo appears, that the ſaid *Philip* was then a Canon of **Lichf.**

t Pat. 6 E. 3. p. 1. m. 22.
u North. vol. 2. p. 65. b.
w

In 4 H. 4. there being a Fine levyed betwixt Sir *Will. de Aſtley* Kt. and others, Plantiffs; and *John Attehale*, and *Jone* his wife Deforc. of 24 meſſ. 5 carucats, and 9 yard land, 46 acres of meadow, 12 acres of paſture, 32 acres of wood, and 12 marks 1x *s.* rent, lying in **Bedworth**, **Aſtley**, **Cozley**, and many other places, with th'advouſon of the Church, thoſe lands, with the ſaid advouſon, were thereby veſted in the ſaid Sir *Will. de Aſtley* and his heirs; paying yearly to the ſaid *John* and *Joane*, onely during the life of *Eliz.* the widow of *John Charnels*, x *l.* ſterling, and after her deceaſe xx marks yearly to the ſame *John* and *Joane*, during their two lives, in caſe they ſurvived her. But in 10 H. 6. it was certified, that *John Clerke* of **Coventre** Gentleman, and the Lady *Margaret Aſtley*, widow to Sir *VVill. Aſtley* before mentioned, held this Mannour by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee. So that it ſeems, either the Mannour paſt by vertue of that Fine, or elſe was granted to the Lord *Aſtley* by ſome other Act: for it appears, that from that time the heirs of *Aſtley* were owners of it; and that *Regin.* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthyn** (who marryed the heir female of *Aſtley*) leas'd the Minnour-houſe and demeſns there for years, in 18 H. 6. As alſo, that *Thomas*, the ſecond Marq. *Dorſet*, deſcended from the ſaid *Reginald* (as the Pedegree in **Aſtley** ſheweth) by his Teſtament bequeath'd it to *Edward*, one of his younger ſons, for life; aſſigning out of it to the poor of his Hoſpital, which he appointed to be founded at **Aſtley**, their ſtipends and liveries; but the inheritance remained to his heir: and ſo, eſchaeting to the Crown, by attainder of *Henry* D. of **Buck.** (as in **Aſtley** is manifeſted) was in 2 *Eliz.* granted unto ..... *Gerard* and others, to hold *in Capite*. Howbeit afterwards, *viz.* in 44 *Eliz.* to *Clement Fiſher* Eſq; and his heirs, together

x Oſtab. Hill.
y Rot. in Scacc. penès Rem. R.
z Ex autog. penès Ric. Newdigate, ar.
a
b Thower, Qu. 10.
c Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 3.
d Pat. 44. Eliz. p. 25.

together with the mines of Coal, and advouſon of the Rectory. But touching the ſucceſſion of the other Mannours, lying within the precincts of this Pariſh, I can ſay little, and therefore ſhall paſs them by.

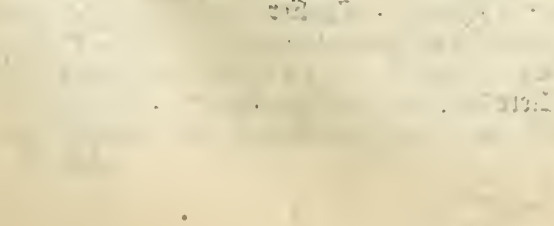
The Church (dedicated to S. .....) in the year 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued[f] at viii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at x *l.* iii *s.* x *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

[f] *Cod. MS in Scac.*

[g] *MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 38. b.*

	Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.
Langt. f. 6. a.	*Will. de Charnels, dom. de Bedworth.*	*Magr. Phil. de Turvill*, 1300.
Ib. f. 35. a.	*Henr. de Charnels.*	*Joh. Popard*, 4 *Non. Julii*, 1309.
Northb. f. 24. b.	*Will. Charnels.*	*Hug. de Stoke, Diac.* 4 *Non. Junii*, 1331.
Ib. f. 50. a.	*Will. Charnels, miles.*	*Joh. de Greneburgh, Pbr.* 6 *Kal. Sept.* 1349.
Strett. f. 15. b.	*Margareta Charnels, domina de Bedworth.*	*Henr. Hud, Pbr.* 7 *Id. Febr.* 1366.
Ib. f. 17. a.		*Will. de Aſhton, Pbr. Non. Maii*, 1368.
Ib. b.		*Ric. Waltham*, 3 *Id. Maii*, 1369.
Ib. f. 19. a.		*Joh. le Hay, Id. Junii*, 1370.
Sk. f. 13. a.	*Joh. Charnels, domicellus.*	*Joh. Lavender, Pbr.* 11 *Oct.* 1397.
Burgh. f. 8. a.		*Joh. Othehull, Pbr.* 7 *Sept.* 1400.
Heyw. f. 6. a.	*Dom. Margareta de Aſtley.*	*Tho. Belgrave, Pbr.* 8 *Oct.* 1431.
Ib. f. 37. a.	*D. Regin. Grey.*	*Will. Bele, Pbr.* 14 *Jan.* 1438.
Ib. f. 43. a.	*D. Johanna Grey.*	*Rog. Webſter*, 5 *Novemb.* 1445.
Bowl. f. 27. a.	*D. Eliz. domina Ferrers de Groby.*	*Rog. Creke, Pbr.* 1 *Julii*, 1458.
Bl. f. 8. b.	*D. Arth. Plantagenet, jure Eliz. ux. ſuæ Vicecomitiſſæ de L'iſle.*	*D. Sampſon Webbe, Cap.* 8 *Junii*, 1520.
Str. & P. f. 18. b.	*Henr. Marchio Dorſet.*	*D. Rob. Cowper, Cap.* 16. *Nov.* 1542.
Sampſ. f. 40. b.		*D. Edw. Bromley, Cap.* 11. *Sept.* 1543.
Bentham Lind. F.	*Will. Sanders, gen.*	*Ric. Palmer, Cler.* 20 *Apr.* 1569.
Sampſ. & B. f. 53. a.	*D. Regina.*	*Ric. Briſco, Cler.* 25 *Maii*, 1569.

Armes in the Church Windows.



1. Charnells. 2. Charnells. 3. Sanders empaling

Smercote magna.

THis hath been of long time a depopulated place, lying, for the moſt part, if not all, in **Bedworth** pariſh, and in the Conq. Survey[h] is joyn'd with **Soule** (now called **Soule-end** in **Aſtley** pariſh) the E. of **Pellent** then poſſeſſing them both, which are certified to contain one hyde, having woods of a mile in length, and half as much in bredth. In that Record[i] they are written **Smerecote** and **Soulege**, and valued at 5 *s.* having been the free-hold of one *Sexi* in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes. After which, till H. 3. time, have not I ſeen any more thereof; but then did *Roger de Craft* bring an Aſſize[k] againſt *Will. de Charnells* and others for common of paſture and certain lands lying here, and in **Bedworth**. And in 13 E. 1. *Will. le Boteler* of **Wetington** had a grant[l] of **Free-warren** in all his demeſn lands lying in **Eccleſhale**, **Folkeſhull**, and this place. Which ſaid Charter was exemplified[m] by Sir *Tho. Boteler* Kt. in 15 H. 7.

[h] Domeſday *lib.*

[i] *Ib.*

[k] *Pat. 55. H. 3. in dorſo.*

[l] *Cart. 13. E. 1. in dorſo, n. 8.*

[m] *Pat. 15. H. 7. p. 2.*

But the ſubſtance of both theſe **Smercotes** did, as it ſeems, belong to the Hoſpital of S. *John Bapt.* in **Coventre**, whereof I ſhall treat in its due place; and after the diſſolution thereof, was paſt[n], with divers other lands of that kind, to *John Hales* Gentleman, and his heirs, in 37 H. 8. from whom it divolved to *Charles Hales*, late of **Newland** Eſq; deſcended from a younger brother to the ſaid *John*.

[n] *Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 2.*

Following the ſtream of **Sow**, it leads me next into the precincts of **Coventre**, now a County of it ſelf, but originally part of this Hundred, whereof, taking my leave for awhile, I purpoſe to obſerve what memorable places are or have bin within that Cities liberties; all which by the guidance of this torrent, together with **Shirburne**, that paſſeth through the Eſterne part thereof, I ſhall, without much thwarting my reſolved method, induſtriouſly performe.

Hawksbury.

ON the Eaſt-ſide of this Brook lyeth **Hawkſbury** in the Pariſh of **Sow**; which antiently belonging to the Priory of **Coventre**, had the reputation[o] of a Mannour, the rent or ferm whereof, in 26 H. 8. was certified[p] to be C *s.* Upon the diſſolution of which Monaſtery, it was, in 34 H. 8. granted[q] out of the Crown, by the name of the Mannour, Meſſuage, and Ferm of **Hawksbury**, and **Hawksbury-grove**, to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of **Coventre**, and their ſucceſſours, who are ſtill owners thereof.

[o] *Reg. de Coventre, f. 58. a.*

[p] *MS penès S. Archer, eq. aur. f. 25. b.*

[q] *Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 5.*

Anſty.

IN the furtheſt nook of **Coventre** liberties, North-eaſtwards, ſtands **Anſty**; which before the Norman invaſion, being part of the poſſeſſions that *Godeva*, wife to Earl *Leofrike*, had, was after the Conqueſt, in the K. poſſeſſion, and let[r] out to ferm at the time of the general Survey unto one *Nicholas*;

[r] Domeſday *lib.*

Nicholas; but the number of hydes which it then particularly contained, cannot be known, in regard **Folkshill** and it are there joyned together, which were then certified to be ix hydes, and valued at xii *l.* In that Record[f] it is written **Anestie**, which differs nothing in effect from the present name: but the original thereof was **Heanstige**, (as I think) which, for easiness of pronunciation, is thus turn'd to **Anstie**: for being so, it is significant as to the situation, **hean** in the Saxon *high*, and **stige** a *path-way*.

That these lands which belong'd to the said Countess, came afterwards to the Earls of **Chester**, I shall in **Coventre** declare at large: but the first particular person that I find possest thereof (and by grant without doubt from one of those Earls) was *Roger*[t] *de Burchervill*, or *Buschervill*, in 30 H. 2. it being then held[u] by him for half a Kts. fee. This *Rog. de Buschervill* gave[w] some lands lying here, to the Monks of **Combe**: so also[x] did one *Henry de Buschervill*; by a daughter and heir of which family it divolved to *Ireys*, as the descent here inserted doth shew, *Thomas le Ireys* in 27 H. 3. being certified[y] to hold it by half a Kts. fee.

[f] *Ibid.*

[t] *Rot. P.* 30 H. 2.
[u] *Rot. P.* 30 H. 2.
[w] *Reg. de Cumba f.* 58. *b.*
[x] *Reg. de Cumba f.* 58. *b.*
[y] *Clauf.* 27. *H.* 3. *m.* 2.



[a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r] *Ex coll. H. Ferrers.*
[f] *Esc.* 16. *E.* 2. *n.* 22.
[t] *Clauf.* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 17.
[u] *Rot. penès Cam. Scacc. in baga de diversis Inq.*
[w] *Esc.* 8. *R.* 2. *n.* 13.
[x] *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 28.
[y] *Ex autog. penès* Ant. Brabzon *eq. aur.*
[z] *Clauf.* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 17.
[*] *Esc.* 17. *R.* 2. *n.* 17.
[m] *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 28.
[n] *Pat.* 22. *H.* 2. *p.* 2.
[o] *Clauf.* 22. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. & *p.* 2. *m.* 33.

Which half Kts. fee (*inter alia*) did belong to *Hugh de Albany* E. of **Arundel**, then newly deceased, as part of the inheritance belonging to *Mabel* his mother, one of the sisters and co-heirs o *Ranulph* E. of **Chester**, as in **Coventre** is hew'd.

This *Thomas le Ireys* was made[a] the K. Escheator in **Warwicksh.** 26 *Junii*, 37 H. 3. and had issue *Geffrey*; who, being a Knight[b], bore for his Arms[c] *Azure, upon a fesse arg.* 3 *escalops, with a bend gules.* To whom succeeded *Henry*, who, in[d] 17 E. 2. was rank'd in the number of those Knights and Esquires of this County that were then certified into the Chancery: but leaving no issue male, this Mannour, by *Maud*[e], one of his daughters and heirs, came to the family of *Culy*; and so, ere long, descended to *Eliz.* the wife of *John Stanhop*, as cosin[f] and heir to Sir *Rog. de Culy*. Which *Eliz.* released[g] all her right therein to *John Deincourt* of **Blankney**, husband of *Margerie*, sometime wife to Sir *Rog. Culy*, mentioned in the pedegree. But this title so obtain'd by Sir *John Deincourt*; did not long hold firm; forasmuch as the said *Eliz.* had joyn'd with the before specified *John Stanhop*, her husband, in levying a Fine of this and other Mannours in **Nottinghamsh.** and **Leicestersh.** *T. Pasch.* 3 *R.* 2. by which it was conveyed[h] to *Raph Adderley* and his heirs: so that, in 3 H. 4. *Raph*, son and heir to the said *Raph*, recovered[i] it by a Judgement in the Court of K. Bench: which Judgement being questioned as erroneous by *Rog. Deincourt*, son and heir to the said Sir *John*, in the Parl. of 5 H. 4. a Writ[k] of *Scire facias* was granted to enquire thereof.

The particulars of what was done therein, I have not found: but it seems the same *Roger* prevailed; for it appears, that in 8 H. 4. by his deed[l] of Release, dated *ult. Nov.* he quitted all his title therein to Sir *Ric. Stanhop* Kt. son to the before specified *John* and *Eliz.* which Sir *Ric.* dyed[m] seized thereof 14 H. 6. leaving *John* his Grandchild, his cosin, and next heir. To whose Grandchild, *viz.* Sir *Edw. Stanhop* Kt. K. H. 7. by his Letters Pat. dated 22 of his reign, released[n] all his right therein. Which Sir *Edw.* for the sum of 352 *l.* sold[o] the same to *George* E. of **Shrewsbury**, 23 *Dec.* 22 H. 7. but further than this can I not trace it.

The Chappel here, with all the Tythes, *&c.* thereunto belonging, was restored[p] to the Monks of **Coventre**, as their right, by *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester** in H. 1. time, it being then built[q] for the advantage of poor people, as **Wykin**, **Allesley**, and **Shilton** were: and being appropriated[r] thereto by *R. Molend*, B. of **Coventre**; *in anno* 1260. (44 H. 3.) had no Vicar endowed; but the Prior of **Cov.** found[s] a Curat removable at pleasure, unto whom he allowed[t] of the small tithes to the value of C *s. per annum.*

[a] *Clauf.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 7.
[b c] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[d e] *Ex coll. H. Ferrers.*
[f] *Esc.* 8. *R.* 2. *n.* 13.
[g] *Clauf.* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 17.
[h i] *Plac. coram Rege T. Pasch.* 3. *H.* 4. *Rot.* 51. *warr. Staff. &c.*
[k] *Rot. Parl.* 5. *H.* 4. *n.* 40.
[l] *Clauf.* 8. *H.* 4. *in dorso, m.* 31.
[p] *Regist. Pr. de Coventre f.* 76. *a.*
[q] *Ib. f.* 75. *b.*
[r] *Rot. Rog. Molend. m.* 4.
[s t] *MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 28. *a.*

Exhall.

I Now come to the other side of **Sow**, upon which I first meet with **Exhall**, whereof there is nothing at all recorded in the Conq. Survey, it being then involved with **Folkeshull**, as 'tis most probable; which, with **Ansty**, is certified to contain a greater number of hydes than otherwise ('tis like) they would of themselves have been rated at. The first mention I find of this place, is in that Charter[u] of *Ran.* E. of **Chester** (in K. *Stephen's* time) whereby he granted to the Monks of **Coventre** a certain portion of his waft, lying here, and in **Bereseley**, by estimation 80 acres, in exchange for one Cart of those two that E. *Ranulph* his

[u] *Cart.* 22. *E.* 3. *n.* 6. *per Inspex.*

his Grandfather allow'd to the ſaid Monks for fetching of fuel, *&c.* out of his woods belonging to **Coventre**. By which grant it appears, that this was of the poſſeſſions belonging to the Counteſs *Godeva* (of whom in **Coventre** I ſhall ſpeak) and came to the Earls of **Cheſter**, as the reſt of thoſe did.

Touching the name, there is no doubt but that it was originally occaſioned from ſome antient inhabitant there; *Acca* perhaps, for that was in old time an appellation much uſed. But who it was that the E. of **Cheſter** firſt enfeofft hereof, I could never directly find: howbeit by circumſtances I do conceive it to have been *Mauritius le Butiller*; for in 27 H. 3. the heir of the ſaid *Maurice* was certified [w] to hold half a Kts. fee in this place, belonging to the heirs of the ſaid Earl, and held [x] of them as of their Mannour of **Coventre**. Which family of theſe *Botillers* had their chief ſeat at **Werington** in **Lancaſh**. as the Charter [y] of **Free-warren**, 13 E. 1. granted to *Will. le Botiller* in all his demeſn lands there and here, manifeſteth; and continued poſſeſt of this Mannour untill 25 H. 8. that Sir *Tho. Butler*, of **Werington** aboveſaid Kt. paſt [z] it to *Julinus Nethermyll*, an Alderman of **Coventre**; whoſe great Grandchild, *John Nethermyll*, ſold it to Sir *John Garret*, Alderman [a] of **London**, in our memory.

The Church, being originally but a Chappel belonging [b] to the Conventual Church in **Coventre**, was *in an.* 1260. (44 H. 3.) appropriated [c] thereunto by *R. Molend*, B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** and had [d] afterward a Curat ſerving therein, but removable at the will of the Prior; who, in 26 H. 8. received in ſmall tithes to the value of C *s.* for his ſtipend.

Newland.

THis, being in the pariſh of **Exhall**, but antiently an out-wood [e] belonging to **Coventre**, pertained to the Prior and Covent of that place; and had its name originally from the new incloſure, as the appropriation [f] of it to the ſaid Monaſtery in 44 H. 3. manifeſteth. After which, in time, it came to be reputed a [g] Mannour; and, containing [h] 270 acres, *viz.* in woods, paſture, and waſt, at 25 foot to the perch, was, in 6 E. 3. imparkt [i], and continued to the Monks of **Coventre** till the diſſolution of that Religious Houſe: but afterwards, *viz.* in 26 H. 8. the Houſe being then in the poſſeſſion of *Mich. Cameſwell*, was granted [k] out of the Crown to *Iohn Wade* and *Tho. Gregory*. Which *Mich.* in 4 & 5 *Ph. & M.* purchaſed [l] the reſt, by the name of the Mannour of **Newland**, *alias* **Newland-park**: and in 1 *Eliz.* paſt [m] it to *Steph. Hales* (ſon of *Tho. Hales*, ſometime an Alderman of **Canterbury**, but of the antient family of *Hales* of **Hales-place** in **Kent**, as their deſcent ſheweth.) Which *Stephen* dyed [n] ſeized thereof 27 *Martii*, 16 *Eliz.* leaving *Charles* his ſon and heir then of full age, for his eminent knowledge in the Laws, afterwards made one of the K. Councel at **York**: from whom is deſcended *Stephen Hales* (his great Grandchild) the preſent owner thereof, *an.* 1640.

Folkeſhull.

FOllowing the ſtream of **Sow**, I come next to **Folkeſhull**; which in the Conq. Survey [o] is joyn'd with **Anſtle** (as I have already ſhew'd) and certified to be part of the lands that the Counteſs *Godeva* held; in which Record [p] it is written **Focheſwelle**: but the next mention I find thereof is in that Charter [q] of *Ranulph* E. of **Cheſter** (in K. *Steph.* time) where he acknowledges (*inter alia*) the Chappel of **Folkeſhull** to belong to the Monks of **Coventre**, in right of their Conventual Church, whereof it was originally a member, and thereupon reſtored to them. After which, have not I met with any thing of it worth obſervation till H. 3. time, that *Rog. Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife, in that notable grant [r] by them made, of the whole Mannour of **Coventre** to the before ſpecified Monks, amongſt the ſervices of ſundry perſons excepted out of the ſaid gift, do in particular reſerve the homage and ſervice of *Vitalis de Folkeſhull*, *Will. le Botiller*, and *James de Audelegh* in **Folkeſhull**. Which *Cecilie* was one of the ſiſters and co-heirs to *Hugh de Albany* E. of **Arundel**, ſon of *Mabel* one of the ſiſters and heirs of *Ranulph Blondevill* E. of **Cheſter**, as in **Coventre** ſhall be manifeſted. But the particular extent of what each of thoſe perſons held here of the ſaid *Roger* and *Cecilie*, can I not exactly point out: howbeit, in that part which *Will. le Botiler* held, he had **Free-warren** [s] granted to him and his heirs in 13 E. 1.

Neither do I know how the family of *Boys* came to have an intereſt here; but that they had, may ſeem by the entail [t] which *Will. de Boys* made of it, with divers other Mannours, upon *Will. la Zouch* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes, in 21 E. 1. which *Maud* was heir general to the ſaid *W. de Boys*, as in **Weſton** I have ſhew'd. And yet I find, that *Milicent de Montalt* (one of the daughters and co-heirs to *George de Cantilupe*, and wife of *Eudo la Zouch*) dyed [u] ſeized of this Hamlet (for ſo the Inquiſ. calls it) in 27 E. 1. leaving *Will.* her ſon and heir, then 22 years of age; which, by that Record, was then certified to be held of *Rob. de Montalt* by the ſervice of x *s.* 1 *d. per ann.* So that by both theſe authorities it appears, that *Zouch* had it; and I think there is no doubt to be made, but that his title grew by the ſame *Maud*: for, beſides the above recited entail, the Charter [w] of **Free-warren** here granted in 7 E. 2. to the ſaid *Will.* is alſo joyntly to her, and that together with the other Mannours of her inheritance.

But it ſeems the Monks of **Coventre** had a large ſhare in this Village, notwithſtanding the intereſt appertaining to *Zouch*; for in 9 E. 2. the Prior of **Coventre** was certified [x] to be Lord thereof. I ſhall not need to cite authorities to prove, that the inheritance of what *Zouch* had here continued long to his poſterity, in regard that the ſame, which I have voucht in **Weſton**, do ſhew no leſs; yet when it paſt from that family, have I not ſeen, nor to whom: but the next [y] poſſeſſor of this Mannour that I meet with, was *Will. Stansfeild*, who had it [z] in 18 E. 4. and ſo likewiſe the greateſt part of H. 7. reign: and after him [a] *Rob. Stoke* Eſq; (ſon and heir of *Tho. Stoke*) in 14 H. 8. from whom it deſcended to [b] *Will. Stoke, temp. E. 6.* But the next and laſt mention that I find of it, is, that *Will.*

o 5 Domeſ. p 2 day *lib.*

q *Cart.* 22. *E.* 3. *n.* 6. *per Inſpex.*

r *Ib.*

s *Cart.* 13. *E.* 1. *n.* 8. *in dorſo.*

t *F. levat. xv. Mich.* 21 E. 1.

u *Eſc.* 27. *E.* 1. *n.* 50.

w *Cart.* 7. *E.* 2. *n.* 27.

x *Nom. vill.*

y *Ex autog. penes* Ric. Hopkins, *ar.*

z

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Willoughby Esq; dyed [b] seized thereof 30 *Eliz.* leaving *Gilbert* his son and heir 27 years of age: from whom it came, about the beginning of King *James* his reign, to one *Tho. Cotton de Com. Midd.* Esq; and from him by mean conveyance to *Ric. Hopkins* Esq; the present owner thereof.

[b] *Esc.* 30, *Eliz.*

As for that which the Monks of **Coventre** had here, it was after the dissolution of that Monastery granted out of the Crown by parcels, and at several times to sundry persons, whereof 'tis not worth while to make recital.

The Chappel appropriate [c] to the Pr. of **Coventre** by *R. Molend* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** in 44 H. 3. had [d] antiently a Curat removable at the will of the Prior, unto whom belong'd for his Salary, the small tithes and oblations, with the tithe of fagots and hay, and all dead mortuaries, it being then reputed for a member of St. *Mich.* Church in **Coventre**. But in 26 H. 8. the Stipendary serving therein, had [e] onely so much of the small tithes as were rated at C *s. per annum*.

[c] *Rot. R. Molend, m.* 4.

[d] *Reg. Pr. de Cov. f.* 22. *a.*

[e] *MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 28. *a.*

Henley.

THis is in the parish of **Folkshull**, and had its name, at first, from the rising ground near which it stood, **hean** in our old English signifying high: but of what extent it was anciently, can I say but little; for now there is no more left of it than the Mill; which, being still called **Henley-mill**, preserveth the memorial of its name, otherwise there would be no badge thereof.

The first mention I find of it, is in 34 E. 3. where Sir *Rob. Gresley* Kt. and *Elen* his wife, granted [f] it by the name of the Mannour of **Henley** *iuxta* **Coventre**, which then extended into **Folkshull**, **Weston**, and **Sow**, unto Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, Kt. and Dame *Ida* his wife, and to the heirs of the said Sir *Baldw.* which Sir *B.* had other Mannours and lands of good value near at hand; and therefore, perhaps, this falling out to be depopulated, was afterwards involv'd with some of them; for I find not when or how it ever past by particular name out of the line of *Frevill*. But the Monks of **Coventre** had [g] something here; of which, being of no great moment, I shall omit further to speak.

[f] *Ex autog. penès* Car. Smyth, *eq. aur.*

[g] *Ex Reg. Pr. de Cov. f.* 23. *b.* 24. *a.* & 118. *a.* *usq;* 120.

Tackley.

ON the North-east side of this brook is **Tackley**, a place long since depopulated; so that there is not at this time any memory thereof by the vulgar, other than certain grounds called **Fackley** in the parish of **Folkshull**. But the first and chief mention that I find thereof, is in that grant [h] made by *Rog. de Montalt* & *Cecily* his wife, to the Monks of **Coventre**, of the whole Mannour of **Cob.** in H. 3. time; in which, amongst certain exceptions there made, he reserves to himself and his heirs the homage and services of *John le Pover* and *Alex. Deyvil*, in **Tackele**. Now, as to the extent of these services, they were, it seems, for a whole Kts. fee; for no less doth the Inq. taken 3 E. 1. after the death of *Rob. de Montalt* testifie; and that *Urian de S. Pere* then held the one half thereof, and *Will. D'Umvill* the other: but after that time I have not seen a word more in Record of this place.

[h] *Ib. f.* 77. *a*

Wykin.

A Little below lyes **Wykin**, antiently written **Wike**, and **Wickey**, signifying in our old English, *the reach or bent of a river*, and therefore very applicable to this place: but in the Conq. Survey there is no mention of it; whence I conclude, that it was then involv'd with **Coventre**, or **Folkshull**: for it is evident enough, that the E. of **Chester** enjoy'd it with the rest of those lands that belong'd to the Countess *Godeva*, E. *Ranulph* (the first) restoring [i] to the Monks of **Cob.** the Chappel here, as their right, being a member of their Conventual Church.

[i] *Ib. f.* 76. *a.*

Whether *Walter Briton*, who lived in H. 2. time, was enfeofft hereof by one of those Earls, I am not sure: but I find, that *Alice* his widow, for the health of the soul of the said *Walter*, as also of her father and mother, and of her own soul, gave [k] to the Monks of **Combe** the Mill of this Village, standing towards **Sow**, with a mess. lying near the same; which grant was confirm'd by *James le Bret*, her son. Yet was it not long that the Monks retain'd this Mill; for *Steph. de Segrave* (then Lord of **Caludon**) had a grant [l] thereof from them to himself and his heirs, in consideration of a pound weight of white Incense to be yearly paid to the Monastery of **Combe**, at Easter. But the first whom I certainly find to be possest of this Mannour, was *Walter de Langley*; unto which *Walter* with *Alice* his wife, K. H. 3. in 41 of his reign, granted a Charter [m] of **Free-warren** here: the homage and service of which *W.* for his lands here in **Wykin**, did *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife reserve [n] to them and their heirs. when they past away the Mannour of **Coventre** to the Monks: which service was the 8 part of a Kts. fee, as by sundry Records [o] appeareth.

[k] *Regist. de Cumba, f.* 50. *a.*

[l] *Ib. b.*

[m] *Cart.* 41. E. 3. *m.* 9.

[n] *Cart.* 22. E. 3. *n.* 6. *per Inspex.*

[o] *Rot. F.* 18. *H.* 3. *m.* 11 *Testa de Nevill.*

This *Walter*, in 7 *E.* 1. held [p] 1. carucat of land and a Water-mill here, in demesn, and then also had 18. servants holding 5 yard land and 2 acres at will, performing divers servile labours for the same; and likewise Assize of Bread and Beer in this place. At that time had [q] also *Nich. de Segrave* 1 car. of land and a Water-mill in demesn, here, with 2 crofts, which certain Freeholders held. But the Mannour continued in the family of *Langley*, as long as the Male line lasted; *viz.* till *E.* 3. time (as I shall demonstrate when I come to **Pinley**, their principall seat) and then, *viz.* in 40 *E.* 3. Sir *John Trillow* (the younger) Kt. and *Joan* his wife, Daughter [r] and heir of *Geffrey de Langley*, granted [s] it to Sir *Baldw. Frevill* Kt. and his Heirs: to whom also, for better confirmation of his title, Sir *Peter Careswell* Kt. Son and Heir to Sir *Will. Careswell*, by his deed [t] bearing date the Munday next after the Nativ. of our Lord, 45 *E.* 3. releas't all his right in the same; which, it seems was an estate for life, and possibility of the inheritance: For I find, that in 4 *E.* 3. *Will. Careswel* and *Mary* his wife, Mother to the last *G. de Langley*, procured *Tho. de Langley* a Priest (who was Heir Male of the family) to levy a Fine [u] of this and other Mannours, whereby they were setled on the said *Will.* and *Mary* for their lives, the remainder to *Geffrey* the Son of *Geffrey*

[p] *Inq. per* H. Nottingham, *&c. f.* 45. *a.*

[q] *Ib. b.*

[r] *Pat.* 47. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.

[s] *F. levat. Oct. Mich.* 40 *E.* 3.

[t] *Claus. f.* 46. E. 3. *in dorso, m.* 28.

[u] *F. de diverse. com. levat. xv. P.* 4. *E.* 3.

Geffrey de Langley and the Heirs of his Body; and for want of such issue to the right Heirs of the said *W. de Careswell*: And that upon the death of *Baldwyn*, Son and Heir to the before specified Sir *B.* his 3. Sisters became [w] his Heirs (as in **Tamworth** I shall shew) whereupon this Manour divolved to [x] *Margaret*, the second of those coheirs, first marryed to Sir *Hugh Willoughby* Kt. and afterwards to Sir *Ric. Bingham* one of the Justices of the Common Pleas: which *Marg.* dyed seised [y] thereof 8. *Jan.* 8 *H.* 7. leaving her Grand-child Sir *Henry Willoughby* Kt. Son of *Rob.* Son of her the said *Marg.* and Sir *Hugh*, her Cosen and next Heir then 30. years of age; From whom descended Sir *Francis Willoughby* late of **Middleton** Kt. who, by his deed [z] bearing date 24. *Maii* 38. *Eliz.* sold it to *Ric. Green*, Father of *Richard* the present owner thereof *an.* 1640.

The Chappell, here, was built [a] and dedicated in *H.* 1. time, at the instance of *Ran.* E. of **Chester**; *Rog. de Clinton* then B. of **Cov.** consenting thereto for the advantage of poor people in times of Hospitality, the Buriall of the Inhabitants being reserved to the Mother Church of **Coventre**, unto which all the Tithes belonging were appropriate [b] by *R. Molend* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** *an.* 1260. (44 *H.* 3.) the Monks of that House appointing a Priest to celebrate Divine Service three Days in the week, besides the chief Festivalls, for which he antiently received all living Mortuaryes, Alterage, Tythes of Wool and Lamb, with other small Tythes for his Salary; and held the 4. part of a yard land in **Wykin**, belonging to the said Chappell, at the will of the Prior; which small Tythes in 26 *H.* 8. were rated at C. s. *per an.*

[w] *Esc.* 8. *H.* 5. *n.* 79.
[x] *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Ferrers *ar.*
[y] *Esc.* 8. *H.* 7.
[z] *Ex autog. penès* R. Green *Gen.*
[a] *Regist. Pr. de Cov. f.* 75. *b.*
[b] *Rot. R. Molend, m.* 4.

Caludon.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conq. Survey; nor in any other Record of a long time after, that I could ever yet see; nevertheless the name is much more antient, being made up of a Brittish and Saxon word (as I guess) the first part *viz.* **Callod** signifying *Moss*, and the later **Dune** or **Don**, an *ascending ground*, in respect that the surface of the hill, near which it is seated, is of a mossy condition.

That it was originally a Member of **Coventre** and involved therewith, as also possest by the E. of **Chester**, need not to be doubted; forasmuch as 'tis apparent, [c] that *Ranulph*, the last, gave it to *Stephen de Segrave* and his Heirs, to hold by the service of a sore-Sparhauk, yearly: And that *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, when they past [d] all their right in **Coventre** to the Monks, made particular exception of the homage and service of *Gilb. de Segrave* and his Heirs for what he held of them here. In the family of which *Segrave* it continued whilst the Male line lasted; and afterwards came to *Moubray* by Marriage of the Heir Female; and by the like means to *Berkley*. But because these great persons (for the most of them were Barons of this Realm, and the rest of a superior rank) had not here their principall residence, I shall balk the story of them, further then what immediatly concerns this place.

[c] *Ab exempl. vet. MS. penès* H. Ferrers *ar.*
[d] *F. levat. 3. Septim. M.* 34. *H.* 3.

Of the before specified *Gilb. de Segrave* I find, that he bore [e] for his Armes *three garbs with a label of five points*; perhaps in respect of the relation he had to the E. of **Chester** in the tenure of this Lordship. And that *Nich.* (his Son) as Lord of this place, in 7 *E.* 1. was certified [f] to hold here 2. car. of land, a Park containing 20. Acres, a Pool called **Franchehay** and 2. Water-mills; having onely one Freeholder called *John de la Hay*, who held 3. Acres of land for 3. s. Rent, Homage and Suit of Court. After which, *viz.* in 27 *E.* 1. he obtain'd a Charter [g] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here. To whom succeded *John de Segrave* his Son and Heir; who in 33 *E.* 1. had License [h] to fortify his House, here, with a Moat, and to wall and embattle it with Lime and Stone; and so strengthned to hold it to himself and his Heirs. After which time, 'tis very like, that he and his descendants, whilst the Male line lasted, made it sometimes their seat: for it is evident, [i] that in 13 *E.* 3. *John* his Grand-child had summons, amongst the rest of our **Warwicksh.** Kts. to be in readiness, sufficiently furnisht with Horse and Armes, on the Feast day of St. *Laurence* to attend the K. into **France**. Which last mentioned *John* leaving issue *Eliz.* his Daughter and Heir, wedded to *John de Moubray* of **Axholme** in **Lincolnsh.** (a great Baron) this Lordship, *inter alia*, divolv'd to that Family.

[e] *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Raleigh *eq. aur.*
[f] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 45. *a.*
[g] *Cart.* 20 *E.* 1. *n.* 17.
[h] *Pat.* 33. *E.* 1. *p.* 1. *m.* 18.
[i] *Rot. Franc.* 19. *E.* 3. *m.* 3.

Hence it was, that *Tho. Moubray* D. of **Norff.** (son to the said *John* and *Eliz.*) being accused [k] by the D. of **Hereford** for certain words spoken in dishonour of the K. (*R.* 2.) having challenged the said D. to a Duell, appointed at **Coventre** upon **Gosford-green**, where lists accordingly were set up, went [l] upon the day assigned, on a Horse barded with Crimson Velvet, embroydered with Lions of Silver and Mulbery-trees: the issue of which business is sufficiently known to all that are but indifferently acquainted with our English History. But after three descents more, was this Lordship by Female issue, transferred, as it seems, to *John Howard* D. of **Norff.** Son and Heir to Sir *Rob. Howard* Kt. by *Margaret* one of the daughters to the before specified *Tho. Moubray*: For by certain Depositions [m] it appeareth, that K. *H.* 7. immediatly after **Bosworth**-field, where the said *John*, fighting on K. *R.* 3. part was slain, gave it unto Sir *Gilb. Talbot* Kt. his near servant, who came in person to take possession thereof: But it was not long that *Howard* had it; for by a Fine levied [n] in 10 *H.* 7. did *Maurice Berkley*, Son to Sir *James Berkley* Kt. and *Isabel* the other Daughter to the before specified *Tho. Moubray* D. of **Norff.** entayl it upon his Heirs Male: for corrobration of whose estate therein, it was afterwards, by partition [o] betwixt *Howard* and him allotted (*inter alia*) to his share: whence it descended to *George* Lord *Berkley*; who by his deed of Bargain and sale, dated 14. *Junii* 7. *Car.* sold it to *Tho. Morgan* of **Weston-subt. Wetheley** Esq.

[k] Th. Walsi. *p.* 392. *n.* 30.
[l] Holinsh. *Cron. p.* 494. *col.* 2.
[m] *Penès* Ioh. Hales *ar.*
[n] *Craft. Mart.* 10. *H.* 7.
[o] *Rot. Parl.* 19. *H.* 7.

The Chappell here, now ruinous, was antiently a Presentative, as the Institutions of the following Incumbents do manifest.

Patroni	Incumbentes.
	Petrus de Incbarwe Pbr. 6. *Cal. Feb.* 1334.
	Will. de Walys Pbr. 4. *Non. Apr.* 1346.
D. Joh. de Segrave miles.	*Ric. de Overton Cap.* 8. *Cal. Sept.* 1349.
	Joh. fil. Rob. de Segrave 13. *Kal. Dec.* 1351.
	Rog. de Belgrave 1359.

Northbb. f. 28. a.
Ib. f. 44. a.
Ib. f. 50. a.
Ib. f. 54. b.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

Below **Caludon**, there is not any other place of note situat on the Banks of **Sow**, within the liberties of **Coventre**; so that now I must ascend to the head of **Shirburn**; [p] which beginning above **Allesley**, being increast with severall torrents, passeth through **Coventre**; and on the verge of that Cities Liberties hath its confluence with **Sow**. The first villages, bordering upon this little Brook, are **Allesley** and **Coundon**; both which, heretofore, were Members of **Coventre**, yet neither of them now are within those bounds (though the later be in the Parish) but do still continue part of **Knightlow-Hund.** as all that Cities liberties heretofore was.

p Saxonicè significat a clear brook.

Allesley.

OF this there is no particular mention in the Conq. Survey, it being there involved with **Coventre**, whereof it was then a Member; and of the Parish, as appears by that Licence, [q] which *R. Clinton* B. of **Cov.** temp. *H.* 1. granted for building of the Chappell here, at the request of *Ran.* E. of **Chester**, in the behalf of poor people, (as was also then allow'd to the inhabitants of **Anstey** and others whereof I have already spoke) with reservation of Sepulture to the Mother Church. As for the name, I suppose it proceeded from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time; which probably might be *Alsi*; for that was an appellation then in use.

q Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 75. b.

When it came first to the family of *Hastings*, or how, I cannot positively say; yet confident I am, that it was before the Marriage of *Henry de Hastings* with *Ada* Daughter to *David* E. of **Hunt.** by *Maud* the eldest Sister, and one of the Coheirs to *Ran.* the last E. of **Chester** of that name; because I find it not assigned to the said *Maud* amongst the lands and fees, in partition allotted to her: But the first mention thereof that I have met with in Record, is after the death of the said *H. de Hastings*, in 34 *E.* 3. it being then [r] in the K. hands by reason of the minority of his Heir, and held of the Crown; as in right of the Earldom of **Chester**; which the K. in 23. of his reign had taken into his own hands, giving satisfaction for the same to the Sisters and Heirs of *Ranulph*, the last E. of that name. In which 34. year I find, [s] that one *Raph de Jerdele* a Hereinite, had an annuity of three Quarters of Wheat, allow'd him by the K. out of this Mannour (whereof he had the custody for the reason above expreſt:) which yearly allowance the said Heremit had used to receive out of the Mannour of **Jerdele** in **Northamptonsh.**) belonging to the same *Henry*.

r Claus. 34. H. 3. m. 2.
s Ib. m. 5.

The next year following did the said *H.* enlarge his Park, here, having obtained 24. Acres of **Westwood**-wast from *Osbert* then Abbot of **Stoneley** to that purpose. And from him it descended to *John*, his Grand-child (as the Pedegree in **Fillongley** manifesteth) who in 7 *E.* 1. was certified " to hold it of *Rog. de Somery* (Husband of *Nichola* one of the Sisters and Coheirs of *Hugh de Albany* E. of **Arundell**, son of *Will. de Albany*, and *Mabel* his Wife one of the Sisters and Coheirs to *Ran.* E. of **Chester** before specified) by the service of one Kt. Fee; which *John* had then 26. servants here, holding xx. yard land and a half, at will, paying certain Rents, and performing severall services in time of Harvest: As also 22. Cottagers holding so many Cottages, at will likewise, paying certain small Rents, and performing the like services; with xi. Freeholders occupying 6. yard land and a half and 17. acres, for severall Rents, and suit to his three weeks Court: And moreover 40. acres of out-wood, with an antient Park containing 30. acres; whereof 12. were parcell of the Mannour of **Stoneley**, but by what authority incloſed within that Park not then known: And lastly **Freewarren** and Weyfs within his liberties here, as also **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, for a p[illegible]frey, yearly, payable to the King. All which liberties, with certain other Priviledges did he claim [w] within this Mannour by Prescription in 13 *E.* 1. alledging that himself and his ancestors had enjoy'd them time out of mind.

u Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 20. b. &c.
w Rot. de Quo War.

From whom descended *John de Hastings* E. of **Penbroke** (his great Grand-child, as the Pedegree in **Fillongley** sheweth) which Earl entayling [x] his lands, as there appeareth (and his issue Male extinguisht) this Mannour (*inter alia*) came, by force thereof to Sir *Will. Beauchamp* Kt. second Son to *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**; which *Will.* being afterwards summoned to Parl. as Lord **Bergavenny**, had issue *Richard*, whose Daughter and Heir *Eliz.* brought this Lordship unto the family of *Nevill* (as in **Fillongley** is also more fully shew'd:) In which line it continued till Sir *Henry Nevill*, late Lord **Bergavenny** sold it, in our time to Sir *Henry Compton* Kt. of the Bath, now *scil. an.* 1640. owner thereof.

x *Pat. 51 E. 3. m. 29. Claus. 49 E. 3. In dorso.*

Upon the brow of an hill, in the Park here at **Allesley**, do appear some ruins of building, which as the Inhabitants say, were of a Castle; but in Record I cannot find, that it was ever so termed.

That the Church was originally but a Chappell belonging to the Priory of **Coventre**, and the occasion of its building I have already declared. In 33 *H.* 3. there were [y] certain persons delegated by the B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** who, with the consent of the Monks of **Coventre**, and the then incumbent, presented by the Lord *Hastings*, did ordain that the said Incumbent and his successors should have of the profits belonging thereto, all oblations, obventions, tythes, and other emoluments; reserving 6. s. 8. d. yearly to the said Church of **Coventre** in lieu of all burialls: and excepting also the tythes of **Allesley**-Park, and all personall tythes, which were used amongst the oblations to be offered upon Sundaies, in regard that the Lord *Hastings* (being Patron of the Church) had released to the Church of **Coventre** all his right of common in **Coventre** and **Coundulme**, and the Hamlets adjacent; which Ordination bears date on the day of St. *Tiburce* and *Valerian an.* M. CCXLIX. (33. *H.* 3.) [z]

y Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 24. a.
z MS. in Scacc.

In *an.* 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Church (Dedic. to *All Saints*) was valued [a] at xii. marks; but in [b] 26. H. 8. at 17. l. 18. s. 8. d. over and above 8. s. yearly

a MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 39. a.

t Ex Regist. de Stonle f. 123.

8. s. yearly allowed for *procurations* and *Synodals*.

	Patroni	Incumbentes.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.	*Edm. Com. Cornub. ratione minoris æt. & custodiæ hæredis &c. Henr. de Hastings.*	*Gaufr. de Stokelle Cler.* 1283.
Northb. f. 20. a.	*Tho. le Blound miles.*	*Sim. de Gaynesburgh accol.* 13. *Cal. Jan.* 1326.
Ib. f. 31. b.	*Will. de Clinton Co. Hunt.*	*Joh. Lynie Pbr.* 7. *Id. Maii* 1337.
If. f. 38. a.		*Tho. de Blythe accol.* 8. *Id. Feb.* 1341.
Ib. f. 61. b.	*D. Juliana de Hastings Comitissa Hunt.*	*Henr. Hunte Cler.* 3. *Id. Martii* 1357.
Stret. f. 21. b.	*Com. Penbrok.*	*Rob, Ferror. Pbr.* 4. *Kal. Aug.* 1373.
Ib. f. 22. b.	*D. Rex ratione Dominii de Alleslev, post mortem Com. P. in manu sua exist.*	*Ioh. Bekyn Pbr.* 4. *Id. Ian.* 1375.
Ib. f. 23. a.		*Will. Reynald Pbr.* 7. *Kal. Dec.* 1376.
Heyw. f. 9. b.	*D. Johanna de Beauchamp, domina de Bergavenny.*	*Will. Neuport Cler. ult. Martii* 1422.
Ib. f. 18. a.		*Tho. Rishum Cap.* 19. *Apr.* 1426.
Ib. f. 37. a.	*Edw. Nevill dominus de Bergav.*	*Ioh. Strangwish Cler.* 2. *Oct.* 1438.
Bof. 10. a.		*Will. Loveles Cap.* 29. *Aug.* 1450.
Sampf. & B. f. 8. b.	*Rob. Dixson gen. ratione conc. H. Nevil. mil. D. de Bergav.*	*Tho. Steele Cler.* 20. *Oct.* 1554.
Mund. inter.	*Edm. Brode, hac vice, per conc. H. domini de Bergav.*	*Phil, Brode in art. Bac.* 17. *Iunii* 1569.
Sampf. & B. f. 44. a.	*Margar. Sanders vidua hac vice; per conc. ejusdem H. D. de Bergav.*	*Sam. Sanders Cler.* 4. *Oct.* 1570.

Coundon.

THis was originally a Member of **Coventre** (as I have said) and involved [b] therewith in that grant of E. *Leofric.* made to the Monks, upon the foundation of the Monastery 1 *Edw.* Conf. though it be not particularly named in his Charter. By the Conq. Survey [c] it appears, that the proportion belonging to the Monks in **Condone** (for so it is there written) extended to three virgats of land: as also that the words were three furlongs & 30. perches in length, and 3. furlongs in breadth; all being valued at xx. s. And in the same Survey it is also recorded, that *Will. fil. Corbucionis* (of whom I am to speak in **Studley**) had one virgat of land, here, at the same time; with woods conteining half a mile in length and four furlongs in breadth; all which were then valued at 4. s. but there it is written **Condelme**: so that, in regard the name at that time is so variously recorded; and altered, out of doubt, by corrupt pronunciation from what it first was, I shal not trouble my self to guess at the Etymology thereof.

[b] Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 80. b.

[c] Domesday lib.

In 41 H. 3. the said Monks of **Coventre** had (*inter alia*) **Free-warren** [d] granted to them in all their demesn lands here. And, in 44 H. 3. the tythes of this place, amongst other of their Mannours were appropriated [e] to them, as belonging to *Trinity* Parish (one of the Churches in that City.) In 53. H. 3. I find, [f] that *John Beneth* (of **Alleslev**) held the xx. part of a Kts. Fee, here of *Henry de Hasting*; (Lord of **Alleslev**) which I suppose to be the same that is certified by the Conq. Survey to have been in the hands of *Will. fil. Corbucionis* before specified: the extent whereof was, in [g] 7 *E.* 1. signified to be but half a yard land and two acres, then in the hands of three Freeholders: So that the Monks of **Coventre** being owners of all the rest, had a yard land thereof in demesn, and nine Freeholders, who held half a Carucat and 12. acres, paying severall Rents, doing suit of Court twice a year, and performing certain servile work in Harvest. In this village had the said Monks also a **Court-Leet**, gallows, with Assise of Bread and Beer by the grant [h] of K. H. 3. As also [i] weyfs, estreys, Felons-goods, and for Heriots the principall vessell; the names [k] of what they so held in demesn being a certain grove, named **Fowlesmore**, and a parcell of ground called **Prior's-field**. The greatest part of which lands, together with the tythes, were, after the dissolution of the Monasteries, granted [l] unto *Ric. Andrews*; Gent. and *Leonard Chamberlein* Esq. but how they have past since, is not much materiall for me to enquire.

[d] Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.

[e] Rot. R. Molend m. 4.

[f] Clauf. 53. H. 3. m. 8.

[g] Inq. per H. Not. &c. f. 38. b.

[h] Ib.

[i] [k] Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 3. b.

[l] Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 4.

Coventre.

FOllowing the stream of **Shirburn** it leads me next into **Coventre**, still a City of eminent note, yet much short in glory and Riches to what heretofore it hath been, as I shall shew anon: but for the originall of its name I can give no positive reason; and therefore, whither the first part thereof, *viz.* **Coven** was occasioned by some Covent of Religious persons, antiently founded here, as some think; for there was a Monastery of Nuns long before the Priory, as I shall shortly manifest; or whither from this little brook, of which others conceive the true name to be **Cune**, I will not stand to argue. Sure I am, that the last Sillable thereof; *viz.* **Tre** is British, and signifieth the same that *villa* in Latine doth: from whence I conclude, that the first plantation here, hath been of very great antiquity, though when, or by whom made I cannot expect to discover, having so little light of story to guide me through those elder times. And as certain is it, that a great part thereof, and probably the most antient, stood on the bank without **Bishop-gate**, North-westward of the City; for no less do the foundations of much building there discovered, and a place yet called S. **Nicholas-Church-yard**, testify.

But touching that Monastery of Nuns, all that I find [m] is no more but this; *viz.* that in the year of Christ 1016. *Canutus* K. of **Denmark**, and that infamous traytor *Edricus* invading **Mercia** with an Army, burnt and wasted divers towns in **Warwickh.** at which time the said House of Nuns, whereof St. *Osburg* a Holy Virgin had been sometime Abbess, was destroyed. What this *Osburg*

[m] Chron. M. S. Ioh. Rous in bibl. Cotton p. 120.

was

was (I mean for her parentage) or when she lived I have not seen: for *John Capgrave*, a learned man, and diligent searcher after our English Saints, makes no mention of her: I shall therefore descend to K. *Edw.* the Conf. time; about the beginning whereof I find, [n] that the Noble *Leofrick* Earl of **Mercia** founded a goodly Monastery for Monks in the place, where the other stood; which Monastery was the chief occasion of all the succeeding wealth and honour that accrued to **Coventre**, as I shall sufficiently demonstrate, when I come to treat in particular thereof; for of its beginning, growth, riches, greatness, honour, and dissolution I purpose to speak at large; and therefore referring my discourse concerning the same, and all other the Religious Houses, Churches, *&c.* here, to their proper place, I will take notice of what I find otherwise memorable touching this City. And because this great Earl and his Countess were the most eminent Benefactors that ever it had, I shall here make a brief Narrative of them, so far as least as they had any relation to this place.

n *Ib. p.* 121

The first of his Progenitors, concerning whom I have any historicall authority, was *Leofrik* Earl of **Chester** [o] in the time of *Ethelbald* K. of **Mercia**, about 900. years agoe; whose descendants to this our *Leofrik*, the Pedegree, which in this discourse I have inserted, doth succinctly point out. As to the time of his advancement unto the Earldom of **Mercia** (which contains the most of the Counties in this Midland part of the Realm) I can say nothing. In the days of K. *Ethelred* he was stiled [p] *Leofricus Comes*, at large; which might be of **Chester**, onely by descent from his ancestors. By K. *Canutus* he was made [q] Capt. Generall of his forces: *an.* 1018. and grew afterwards in high favour [r] with the said K. In the time of *Hardi Canutus* he was called *Merciorum Comes*: and though that in the beginning of *Edw.* the Conf. days he is stiled [s] onely *Comes Herefordiensium*; yet do I conceive that he had that title attributed to him in such sort as *Edwyn*, his Grand-child, had of *Comes Warwici* (as I shall hereafter shew) those Counties being included within his Mercian territories.

o *Ingulph f.* 507. *a n.* 30. R. Hov. *f.* 255 *a.*

p *Ingul. f.* 507. *n.* 30. *&* 40.

q Rog. Hov. *f.* 25. *b. n.* 20.

r *Ib. f.* 251. *b. n.* 50.

s W. Malm *f.* 44. *b. n.* 40.

That his power was very great in the times wherein he lived, appears by these instances: [u] First, that after the death of *Cnut*, and great debate who should succeed him in the kingdom, he, with the Barons on the North of **Thames**, advanced *Harold* sirnamed *Harefoot*, Son to the said *Cnut*, unto the Crown. And next, that *Hardi Canutus* being dead, he was one of the chief that raised [w] K. *Edw.* called the Confessor, at that time in **Normandy**) to the regall throne, and afterwards with intire affection defended [x] him from the malice of Earl *Godwyn*.

u *Hist. MS.* H. Knighton *in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 8. *a.*

w *Ib. f.* 10. *a.*

x W. Malm *f.* 44. *b. n.* 30.

This *Leofrik* wedded [y] *Godeva*, a most beautifull and devout Lady, Sister [z] to one *Thorold* Shiriff of **Lincolnsh.** in those days, and founder [a] of **Spalding**-Abby: As also of the stock [b] and lineage of *Thorold* Shiriff of that County in the time of *Kenulph* K. of **Mercia**. Which Countess *Godeva*, bearing an extraordinary affection to this place, often and earnestly besought [c] her Husband, that for the love of God and the blessed Virgin, he would free it from that grievous servitude whereunto it was subject: but he, rebuking her for importuning him in a matter so inconsistent with his profit, commanded that she should thenceforth forbear to move therein; yet she, out of her womanish pertinacy continued to solicit him, insomuch that he told her, if she would ride on Horseback naked from the one end of the town to the other, in the sight of all the people, he would grant her request. Whereunto she returned, *But will you give me leave so to do?* And he replying, *yes*; the noble Lady, upon an appointed day got on Horse-back naked, with her hair loose, so that it covered all her Body but the Legs, and thus performing the journey return'd with joy to her Husband: who thereupon granted to the Inhabitants a Charter of freedom; which immunity I rather conceive to have been a kind of manumission from some such servile tenure, whereby they then held what they had under this great Earl, than onely a freedom from all manner of Toll, except Horses, as *Knighton* [d] affirms: In memory whereof the picture of him and his said Lady were set up in a South window of **Trinity-Church** in this City, about K. *R.* 2. time, and his right hand holding a Charter with these words written thereon.

y *Ingul. f.* 507. *b.*

z *Ib. f.* 519. *a. n.* 30.

a *Ib. f.* 510. *b. n.* 10.

b *Hist. MS.* Joh. Tinemuth. *in bibl. Bodl. lib.* 18. *Cap.* 99.

c *Vide M. Westm. in an.* 1057.

d *f.* 13. *a.*

I Lurche for the love of thee
Doe make Coventre Tol-free.

But besides his foundation and endowment of the Monastery, here, at **Coventre** before specified, of his proper patrimony, was he a great Benefactor [e] to divers other Religious-houses; *viz.* **Leominster** in **Herefordsh.** **Wenlock** in **Shropsh.** S. *Werburgs*, and St. *John's* in **Chester**; **Worcester** and **Evesham**, both in **Worcestersh**; to all which he likewise gave divers rich ornaments. To the Abby of **Burton** *super* **Trent** in **Staffordsh.** he also granted [f] a large part of **Auttrey** in this County: and departing [g] this life in a good old age, at his house in **Bromley**, 2 *Cal. Sept.* 1057. (13 *Edw.* Conf.) was honourably interred [h] in the Monastery here at **Coventre**, before mentioned, unto which he bequeathed [i] it, with a great quantity of Gold and Silver. By some Authors he is called *Comes Leicestriæ*; but 'tis plain, by what I have already cited, that it should be *Cestriæ*.

e *Hist. MS. I. Tinem. ut supra Regist. de Evesh. in bibl.* Cotton *f.* 26. *a.* R. Hov. *f.* 254. *b. n.* 50. *&* 255. *a.*

f *Reg. de Burton penes* Will. D. Paget.

g R. Hov. *f.* 254. *b. n.* 50.

h W. Malm. *f.* 44. *b. n.* 40.

And now before I proceed, I have a word more to say of the noble Countess *Godeva*; which is, that besides her devout advancement of that pious work of his, in founding this magnificent Monastery (for my Author [k] says it was *instigante uxore sua Godeva*) *omnem thesaurum* (saith another [l]) *eidem Ecclesiæ contulit*, &c. She gave her whole treasure thereto, and sent for skilfull Goldsmiths; who, with all the Gold and Silver she had, made Crosses, Images of Saints, and other curious ornaments which she devoutly disposed thereto. Neither did her zeal to Gods service and honour rest here; for, over and above all this, she built [m] the monastery of **Stow** near **Lincoln**, dedicating it to the blessed Virgin; and endow'd [n] it with the Lordships of **Newark**, **Flatburgh**, and **Martinewelle**, giving possession of them by a fair Jewell, and rich Bracelets curiously wrought, as her Charter imports; whereunto were witnesses K. *Edw.* the Conf. himself, *Aldred* Archb. of **York**, *Wlfwi* B. of **Worcester**, E. *Leofrik*, her Husband, with divers more great Earls and others.

i W. Malm. *f.* 44. *b. n.* 40.

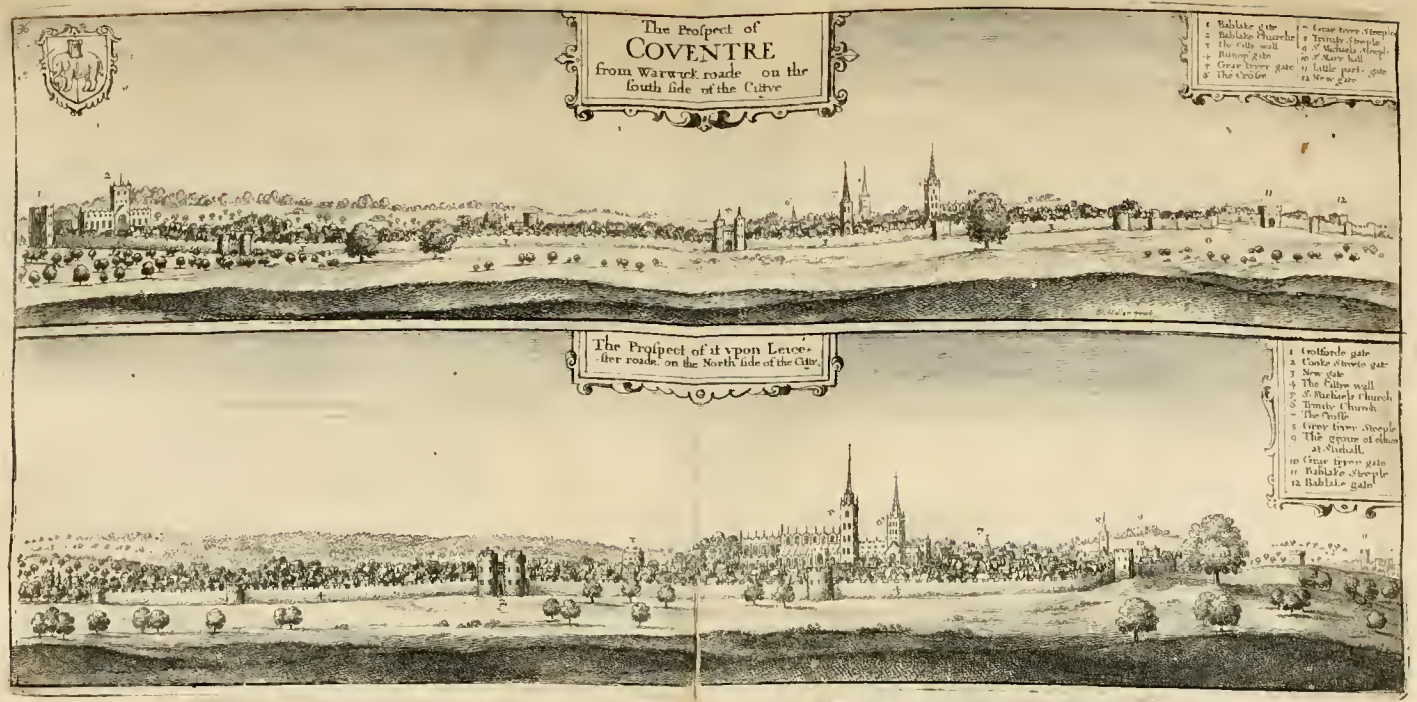
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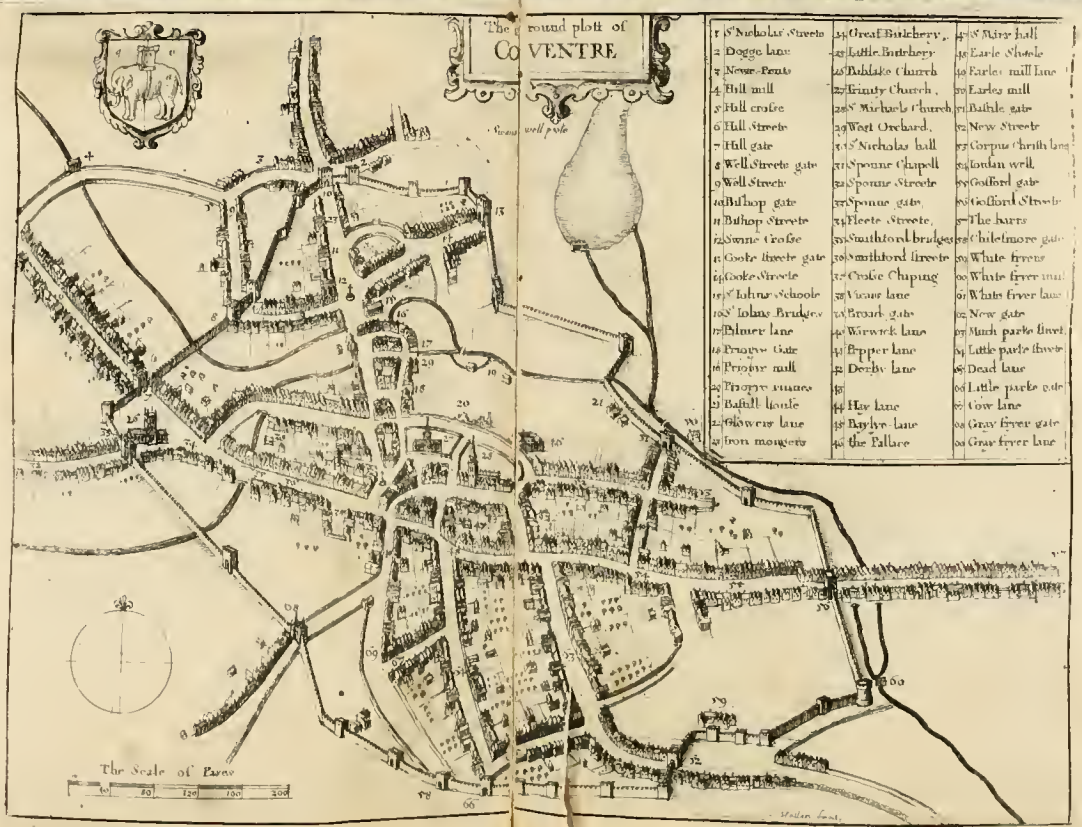
l *Ord. vit. p.* 511. *a.*

m *Regist. Abb. de Eynsham penes. D. & Cap. Eccl. Cath. christi Oxon. f.* 10. *a.*

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But I am not certain of the time when she dyed; neither do the particular of all the lands, which the Earl her Husband and she had, any where appear, inasmuch as there are but part of them pointed at in **Domesday-Book**. Those in this County, which that Record mentions to have been held by

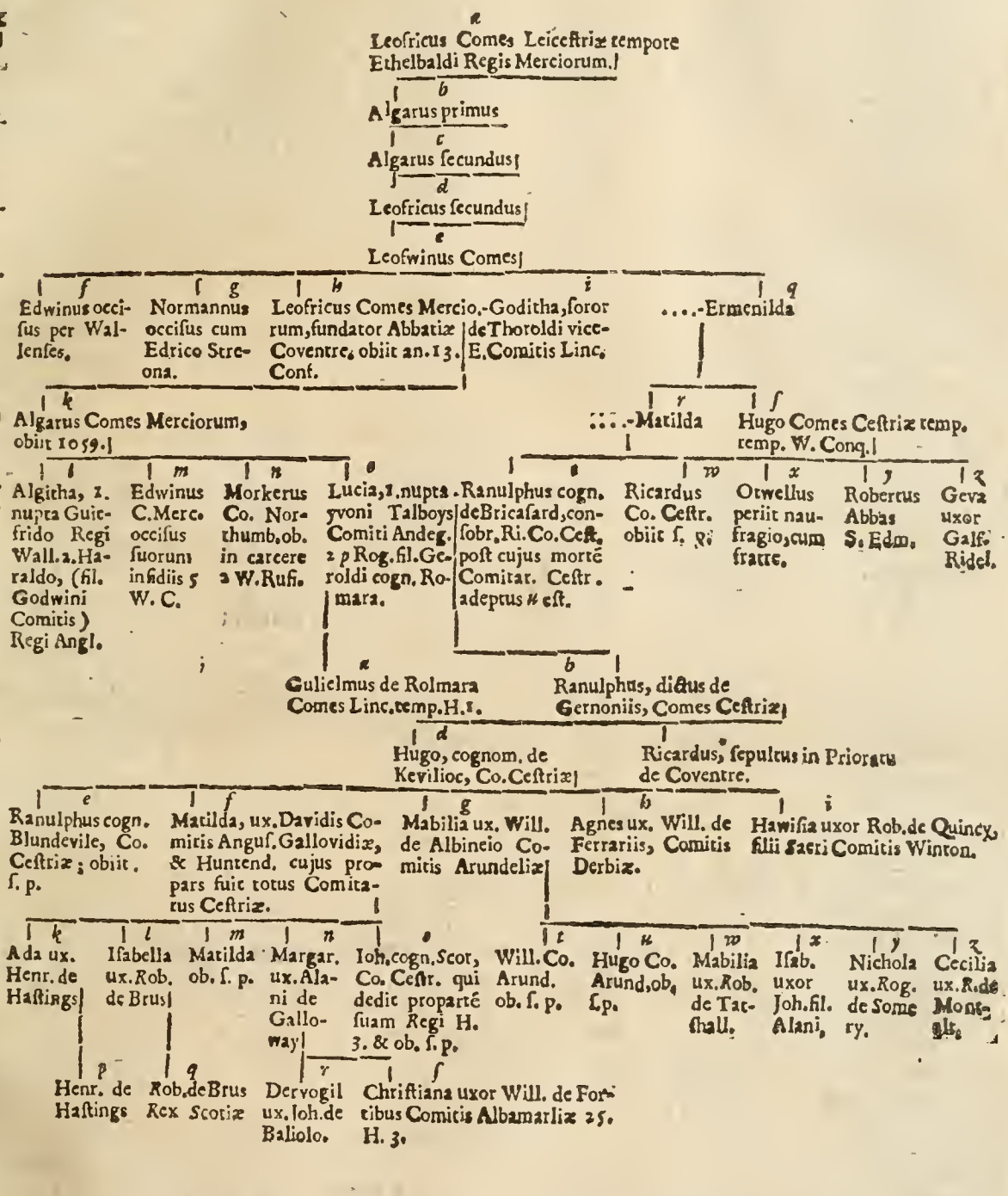

The Prospect of
COVENTRE
from Warwick roade on the
south side of the Citye
1 Bablake gate
2 Bablake Churche
3 The Citty wall
4 Bishop Gate
5 Great Iryer gate
6 The Croſſe
7 Great Iryer Steeple
8 Trinity Steeple
9 S. Michaels Steeple
10 S. Mary hall
11 Little parke gate
12 New gate
The Prospect of it vpon Leice-
ster roade, on the North side of the Citty.
1 Gosford gate
2 Cooke Streete gate
3 New gate
4 The Citye wall
5 S. Michaels Church
6 Trinity Church
7 The Croſſe
8 Grey Iryer Steeple
9 The groue of elmes
at Nichall
10 Great Iryer gate
11 Bablake Steeple
12 Bablake gate


The ground plott of
COVENTRE
1 S. Nicholas Streete
2 Dogge lane
3 Newe Rents
4 Hill mill
5 Hill croſſe
6 Hill Streete
7 Hill gate
8 Well Streete gate
9 Well Streete
10 Bishop gate
11 Bishop Streete
12 Swine Croſſe
13 Cooke Streete gate
14 Cooke Streete
15 S. Johns schoole
16 S. Johns Bridge
17 Palmer lane
18 Proprie Gate
19 Proprie mill
20 Proprie rennes
21 Baſtill Houſe
22 Glouers lane
23 Iron mongers
24 Great Butchery
25 Little Butchery
26 Bablake Church
27 Trinity Church
28 S. Michaels Church
29 West Orchard
30 S. Nicholas hall
31 Spoune Chapell
32 Spoune Streete
33 Spoune gate
34 Fleete Streete
35 Smithford bridge
36 Smithford Streete
37 Croſſe Chuping
38 Vicars lane
39 Broad gate
40 Warwick lane
41 Pepper lane
42 Derby lane
43
44 Hay lane
45 Bayly lye lane
46 the Pallace
47 S. Mary hall
48 Earle Streete
49 Earles mill lane
50 Earles mill
51 Bablake gate
52 New Streete
53 Corpus Christi lane
54 London well
55 Gosford gate
56 Gosford Streete
57 The barrs
58 Chilelmore gate
59 White friers
60 White friers lane
61 Whits friers lane
62 New gate
63 Much parke Street
64 Little parke Street
65 Dead lane
66 Little parke gate
67 Cow Lane
68 Gray friers gate
69 Gray friers lane
The Scale of Paces
60 80 120 160 200

by her in *Edw.* the Conf. time, were **Coventre**, **Alſpath**, **Atherſton**, **Hartſhill** and **Anſley**, **Kineſbury**, **Anſty** and **Folkſhull**, **Sallozd** and **Wickmerſh**. all which, except the two laſt, were fermed of the Conq. by one *Nicholas*, at the time of his generall [o]Survey. And of theſe, **Coventre** was certified [p] to contain 5. hides, there being then a Mill, and Woods extending to two miles in length with aſmuch in breadth, all valued at xi. l.

[o] Domeſday *lib.*

[p] *Ib.*



[a b c d e f g] Ex vet. MS. ad calcem Flor. Wigorn.

[h k m n o p] Ex vet. MS. ad calcem Hiſt. aurea Joh. Tinemuth. MS. in bibl. Bodl. Cap. 7.

[q r ſ t x] Plac. coram R. apud weſtm. T. Hil. 14. R. 2. Rot. 20. warr.

[u w x y z] Pat. 28. H. 3. m. 12.

[a] *Regiſt. Pr. de Coventre f. 76. a.*

[i] Ingul. p. 507. b.

[l] Ord. vit. p. 511. b.

[u] Ord. vit. p. 313. C. & 871. A.

[x] Ib. p. 870 A.

[y] Ib. p. 783. C. D.

[z] Ex Cartul. dominorum Baſſet penès Will. Vic. Staff. f. 67. a.

[a] Plac. de banco 10. H. 3. Rot. 1 in dorſo Linc.

[b] Plac. coram Rege ut ſupra.

[f] Ingul. f. 511. a.

[u] MS. ad calcem Hiſt. MS. Flor. Wigorn. penès Archiep. Armach.

[i] Ingul. p. 507. b.

[l] Ord. vit. p. 511. b.

[q] H. Hunt. f. 210 a. n. 20.

[r] R. Hov. f. 255. a. n. 10.

[w] Ord. vit. p. 820. B. 821 A. 876. C.

[y] Rot. P. 5. Steph. Linc.

To the before ſpecified *Leofrik* ſucceeded his ſon *Algar*; but leaving his ſtory to another work, as not ſo proper for this place, all that I ſhall further ſay of him is, that he was not onely E. [q] of **Cheſter**, after his fathers death, but likewiſe of [r] **Mercia**; and that, departing [ſ] this life in *an.* 1059. he had ſepulture in [t] the Monaſtery here at **Coventre**. Nor of his iſſue will it be pertinent for me to ſay more, than that *Lucia* [u] (at the length ſole heir to her father and grand-father) had to her third husband *Ranulph*, the third E. of **Cheſter** of that name; who by *Maud* his mother being alſo nearly allyed to the famous E. *Leofrik*, and this Marriage (as the deſcent ſheweth) had title fair enough to the lands and honour of her grand-father, father, and brothers had not the Conq. ſword diſpoſed thereof otherwiſe. But, it ſeems, that though the ſame *Ranulph* was the next heir in blood likewiſe to *Hugh* (commonly called *Lupus*) E. of **Cheſter**, after the deceaſe of Earl *Richard* without iſſue, yet did he not obtain the poſſeſſion of that Earldom (whereof this City was afterwards reputed part) but by purchaſe [w] from King *H.* 1. *viz.* giving [x] up all the inheritance of her the ſaid *Lucia*; and not onely ſo, but a round ſumme of money, which was not all payd of a good while after: for I find that, in 5. *Steph. Ranulph* Earl of **Cheſter**, his ſon, was certified to be indebted to the King a thouſand pounds *de debito patris ſui, pro terra Hugonis Comitis*, as the Record [y] expreſſeth.

Having thus ſtated the ſucceſſion of this Earldom from the noble *Leofrik*, I ſhall paſs by the ſtory of thoſe Earls, and onely take notice of what relates to them as touching this place, where

where they had an eminent seat, bearing the name of a Castle in those elder times. Wherein I find [z], that *Ranulph* the first, before specified, caused the Chappells of **Allesley**, **Anstey**, **Shulton**, & **Wykin** (all hamlets then within the precincts of **Coventre**) to be built, and that *Ranulph* his son, (commonly called *Gernons*,) who was a man of great action in that turbulent time of King *Stephens* reign, taking part with *Maud* the Empress and her son *Henry* Duke of **Normandy** (afterwards K. by the name of H. 2.) to whom he was by affinity near allyed (having wedded [a] *Maud* daughter of *Rob. Consul.* E. of **Glouc.** one of the base sons to K. H. 1. brother by the fathers side to the said Empress) being repuls't [b] at **Lincoln**, hasted to his Castle here at **Coventre**; of which finding the K. forces possest, he presently rays'd a strong Fort to besiege them; whereof the K. being advertised, he made all the speed he could to relieve it: but in that attempt many of his men were slain, and himself wounded; yet after [c] a while having gotten more strength, and adventuring again, he routed the Earl, who escap't not without divers wounds.

[z] *Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 75. b.*

[a] *W. Gemet. p. 313. C.*

[b] *R. Hov. f. 250. b. Gesta R. Steph. p. 972. A.*

[c] *Ib. B.*

Some great injury had this Earl done, it seems, to *Walter Durdent* B. of **Chester**, for which he dyed excommunicate: for it appears [d], that E. *Hugh*, his son, with *Maud* his Countess gave the village of **Stivichale**, adjoyning to **Coventre**, with a mill next to the Park, and some other grounds thereabouts to the said B. and his successors, for his absolution and the health of his soul in recompence of that damage. Which *Hugh*, being one of those that rose [e] in rebellion against K. H. 2. in 18. of his reign, on the part of young *Henry*, so animated his tenants here at **Coventre**, that they took up Armes on his behalf; for which they were put to fine [f] in 21. H. 2. But, that he was a munificent friend to the Monks of this place, what I have said in my Story of the Priory will manifest. It seems, that the **Coventre**-men, for their disloyall actions before pointed at, had their libertyes seised on by the K. which were not fully restored to them till after the death of the said *Hugh*: for I find, that in 28. H. 2. they gave [g] xx. marks for the K. confirmation of them.

[d] *Ex vet. membr. in bagâ de divers. Inq. penès Camer. Scacc.*

[e] *Chron. MS. in bibl. Bodl. [K. 84.] f. 27. a.*

[f] *Rot. P. 21. H. 2.*

[g] *Rot. P. 28. H. 2.*

To which Earl succeeded *Ranulph*, the last of that name; whose respects were so much to this place, that he confirm'd [h] to his Burgesses here (for so in his Charter he stiles them) that they should well and quietly hold all their possessions in free Burgage, as they did in his fathers time, or any of his ancestors. Granting likewise to them all such freedomes as the Burgesses of **Lincoln** enjoy'd; and prohibiting all his Constables and officers from impleading them at the court of his Castle; but that they should have a **Portmote**, (*id est* a Town-court) of their own, in which they might freely hold plea of all things to him the said Earl or themselves belonging: and choose some one man among themselves well skill'd in the laws and customes, who in his stead should be Judge over them, and dealing impartially might do him equall right. And if any one should happen to fall into the said Earls mercy, that he should be amerc't by his Bayliff and Burgesses of the Court. And whatsoever Merchants they should bring thither for the advantage of the town, that they might reside peaceably there without being injur'd or unjustly impleaded. And if any forrein Merchant should deal unfittingly, he to make satisfaction for it in the **Portmote**, in the presence of the Judge. To which Charter were witnesses *Roger* Constable of **Chester**, *Rob. de Mohaut*, Steward, *Raph de Meisnilwarin* and divers others.

[h] *Ex ipso autog. penès Majorem & Com. Civit. Cov.*

Hereunto also did K. H. 2. add his Confirmation [i]; in which are these particulars by way of enlargement; viz. that if any of them should happen to make a forfeit to the Earl, he should be acquit thereof for xii. d. And if by the testimony of his neighbours he were not able to pay so much, they to qualify the sum to the measure of his ability: As also that the said Burgesses should not be lyable to lend unto the said Earl, or those that belong to him any Rent, or annuall payment, but upon condition that their Cattell might be in safety. And lastly whosoever should come to inhabit there, that from the day of his beginning to build for two years following, to be free from all payments whatsoever.

[i] *Ib. & Cart. 5 H. m. 11. p. inspex. & Pat. 2. H. 6. 2. m. 21.*

And in 2. H. 3. did this Earl procure a Charter [k] from the K. for an yearly **Fayre** here, to begin on the feast-day of the holy *Trinity*, and to continue for 8. days.

[k] *Claus. 2 H. 3. m. 1.*

But dying without issue, he left his 4. sisters or their children his heirs (as the Pedegree sheweth) whereof *Mabel*, the 2. marryed to *Will. de Albany* E. of **Arundell**; who being dead before the E. her brother, and so likewise *Will.* E. of **Arundell** her eldest son; *Hugh de Albany* her second son (then Earl) came to share in that great inheritance; unto whom this town of **Coventre** was in partition [l] assigned for his capitall Seat. And of Kts. fees, in this County, these [m]; viz. *Henry de Hastings* 2. *Will. de Hardreshull* 1. In **Kingsbury** 1. in **Ecclesehale** half one, In **Anstey** as much; In **Allespath** the 4. part, In **Wykin** the 8. part; and in **Pillerton** the 4. part: but the names of those that then held them I forbear here to mention, having specified them in the particular places.

[l] *Rot. F. H. 3. m. 1.*

[m] *Rot. 18. H. 3. m. 11.*

Which *Hugh* lived not above x. years after: for on the Nones of May 1243. (27. H. 3) he departed this life, *Cum jam vix metas adolescentiæ pertransisset* saith *M. Paris* [n], and was buryed [o] in the Priory of **Wymundham** in **Norff.** of his ancestors foundation; leaving [p] a great inheritance to his 4. sisters, or their descendants: of which *Mabel* [q] the eldest, marryed to *Rob. de Tatshall*, *Isabell* [r] to *John Fitz-Alan*, *Nichola* [s] to *Rog. Somery*, and *Cecily* [t] to *Rog. Montalt*: so that in the next year following, viz. 28. H. 3. partition [u] being made of the possessions so descended to them, the same *Cecily* had the Castle and mannour of **Rising** in **Norff.** with our **Coventre**, and many other great Lordships for her part.

[n] *p. 6.*

[o] *l. 2.*

[p] *&c.*

[q] *Pl. cor.*

[r] *R.*

[s] *Pa.*

[t] *6. E. Rot. 88. Nc.*

Which *Rog. de Montalt* was one of the Earl of **Chester's** Barons and Seneschall [w] of **Chester**; and in 30. H. 3. had a Charter [x] of **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesn lands, dat. 26. *Martii*. But in 33. H. 3. I find, that *Geff. de Langley* (of whom I shall speak in **Pinley**) had a great suite with him for diverting the stream of the River in **Coventre** out of its antient course. In 34. H. 3. intending a voyage to the Holy-Land, and wanting money for his support therein, he was furnish't [z] with a very large summe by the Monks of **Coventre**. In consideration whereof he, with the before specified *Cecily* his wife, of whose inheritance this fair Lordship was, joyn'd together in the sale [a] of it; as also of the advouson of S. *Mich.* Church, and all the Chappells thereto belonging unto the said Monks in fee-ferme. In which sale were excepted

[u] *Pat. 2. H. 3. m.*

[w] *Com. T. Hill. E. 1. Rot. Norff.*

[x] *Cart. H. 3. m.*

[y] *M. rif. 773.*

[z] *31.*

[a] *Cart 22. E. n 6. Inst.*

cepted to them and their heirs, their mannour-house at **Cheyleſmore**, with the Park incloſed, and the Religious-house of *Friers-Minors* ſituate neer the ſaid Park; with free liberty alſo to the ſaid *Roger* and his heirs, whenſoever they ſhould come in perſon to **Coventre** for hunting and hauking within the precincts of the ſaid mannour.

And likewiſe excepting the homage and ſervices of *Gilbert de Segrave* in **Caloudon**, *Will. de Olney* in **Aſthull**, *Vitalis de Folkeſhull* in **Folkeſhull**, *Walter D'eyvill* in **Whitley**, **Stoke**, and **Coventre**, *Rob. de Stoke* in **Stoke**, *Miles Gerbold* in **Whitley**, and *Hugh de Loges* in **Sow**, and their heirs; with all Releifs, Eſchaets, and other duties in reſpect of thoſe lands. And alſo excepting the homage and ſervices of *Hugh Deſpencer* in **Lughborough**, *Raph Bracebrigge* in **Lynnesbury**, *Will. le Buteler* in **Eccleſhall**, and **Folkeſhull**, and their heirs, *Rob. Tuſhet* in **Bereſley**, and of *Wido fil. Roberti: James de Audeley* in **Folkeſhull**, and **Eccleſhale**, *Walter de Langley* in **Wykin**, *Tho. le Irreys* in **Anſty**, *Tho. de Nevill* and *Walter de Coventre* in **Stoke**; *Gilb. de Preſton*, *John le Pover*, and *Alexander D'eyvill* in **Tackley**, and their heirs; with all Reliefs, Eſchaets, &c. to the ſame lands belonging: And all military ſervices, Reliefs &c. whereſoever, within the Realm of **England** belonging to the ſaid mannour of **Coventre**.

And excepting to all his Freeholders ſuch liberty as they had heretofore uſed to enjoy, either in the woods or mannour of **Coventre**, ſo that they ſhould not be diſturbed by the ſaid Prior and Covent, or their ſucceſſors. Excepting likewiſe the Hoſpitall of **Sponne** for Lepers: as alſo, that the ſaid *Rog.* and *Cecily* and their heirs, whenſoever they ſhould come and reſide there, might have ſufficient wood for fewell, and to make into Charcoale for their own uſe, without waſt; and for pales to repair the incloſed Park, as often as need ſhould require, by the overſight and delivery of the Foreſters belonging to the ſaid Prior and Covent. And that the Friers of *St. John's* Hoſpitall, in **Coventre**, ſhould have in the woods before mentioned one cart load every week by overſight of the ſaid Foreſters. Other reſervations there are, but theſe which I have mentioned are the moſt memorable.

In conſideration of all which the ſaid Prior and Covent were to pay yearly unto the ſame *Rog.* and *Cecily* and their heires at the mannour-houſe of **Cheyleſmore** before mentioned c.li. ſterling; viz. on the *Octaves* of St. *Andrew*, the *Octaves* of S. *Mary* in March, the *Octaves* of S. *John* B. and the *Octaves* of *S. Michael*; and x. marks annually for the Nuns of **Poleſworth**, at Eaſter and Michaelmaſs by even portions, under the penalty of x. li. and a clauſe for diſtreſs.

And beſides a Fine [b] levyed in the ſame 34. year of H. 3. by the ſaid *Roger* and *Cecily* for warranty of the premiſſes, ſo granted, did the ſaid *Cecily* in her widowhood, by her deed [c] of Releaſe quit all her intereſt in the ſaid mannour, according to the tenor of the before ſpecified grant: As alſo in the Hoſpitall and Chappell of **Sponne** (ſometime perteining to the Abby of **Baſingwerk** in **Flintſh.** as her ſaid Releaſe imports.)

The next thing, which falls out in order of time to be taken notice of, in relation to this place, is, that here [d] it was, that thoſe perſons elected for the determination upon what terms ſuch as were diſherited for their activeneſs in that notable Rebellion againſt K. *H.* 3. ſhould redeem their lands, met, and reſolv'd thereupon. Which Decree of theirs, is notwithſtanding called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, in regard it was then publiſh't in the K. Camp at that famous ſix months ſiege of the Caſtle (as in **Kenilworth** I have already intimated.)

After this; viz. in 3. E. 1. upon the extent [e] of this mannour after the death of *Rob. de Montalt* [f] ſon to the before mentioned *Roger*, the mannour-houſe called **Cheyleſmore**, with the Park and Mill in the Park, were valued at 5. marks *per annum*; the Rent of Aſſiſe belonging thereto 39 li. 09. s. 07. d. and the perquiſits of Court 6. s.-8. d. And in 13. E. 1. had the Burgeſſes and Inhabitants here, the K. Letters Pat. [g] bearing date 3. *Aug.* giving them authority to take Toll of all vendible commodities, that ſhould be brought hither for the ſpace of 3. years, from Michaelmaſs next enſuing, towards their charge of paving the town; viz. for every Horſ-load of Corn a half-peny; for Every Horſe, Mare, Oxe, or Cow, a half-peny: And likewiſe upon every thing els, which for brevities ſake I omit. But it ſeems, that xx. years afterwards this work of paving was not fully done; for in 23. of the ſame K. reign they had another [h] Pat. to take Toll upon the like Commodities, and granted *Ballivis & probis hominibus de* **Coventre**, whereas the other was *Burgenſibus & probis hominibus*; which ſhews that the originall of their Bayliffs, was betwixt the 13. and 33. E. 1. though the very time, when they were conſtituted, be not recorded.

After which, viz. in 9. E. 2. the Prior of **Coventre** and *Rob. de Montalt* were certified [i] to be Lords of this place, with its members: which *Rob.* (being brother and heir to *Roger*, ſon to the laſt mentioned *Robert*) with *Emme* his wife, in 1. E. 3. levyed a Fine [k] of all their intereſt here, by the name of the mannour of **Cheyleſmore** with the appurtenances; 96. li. 6. s.-8. d. yearly Rent, and the ſervices of the Prior of **Coventre**; thereby entayling the ſame upon the heirs male of his body, and for want of ſuch iſſue on *Iſabell* Q. of **England** (Mother to K. E. 3.) during her life; and after her deceaſe on *John* of **Eltham**, brother to the ſaid King, and the heirs of his body, and for lack of ſuch iſſue on the ſaid K. *Edward* and his heirs for ever. For ſetling whereof as aboveſaid, he had the Kings licenſe [l] dated at **Peterborough** 8. *April.*

Hitherto have I taken notice of the moſt remarkable paſſages touching **Coventre** in generall: but now that I am come to the veſting of **Cheyleſmore** in the royall line, it will be moſt proper (I conceive) to obſerve what els is notable in relation thereto, in order of time; reſerving what I have further to ſay of **Coventre** in generall to be afterwards ſpoke by it ſelf. First then, that the ſituation of this mannour is upon the Southern ſide of the town, the Map, to thoſe that know not the place will demonſtrate: but as to the antiquity of its name can I ſay little, having not met with any mention thereof till 34. H. 3. that *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife do, in their grant of **Coventre** to the Monks, except it by the name of their manſion, or mannour-houſe of **Cheyleſmore**: yet, that the ſeat, which the E. of **Cheſter** had in that very place, was much elder, is not to be doubted; in regard 'tis apparent, that their Caſtle (concerning the ſiege whereof in K. *Steph.* time by E. *Ran.* the

[e] *Eſc. 3. E. 1.*

[f] *Ex autog. ad Abb. de Baſingw. quondam ſpect.*

[g] *Pat. 13. E. 1. m. 8.*

[h] *Pat. 33. E. 1. p. 2. m. 23.*

[i] *Rot. de Nom. vill. in Scacc. penes Rem. R.*

[k] *F. de div. Com. levat. 3. ſept. P. 1. E. 3. Record. oft. T. 2. E. 3.*

[l] *Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 2. m. 26. Clauſ. 3. E. 3. m. 2.*

M ſecond,

second, I have already spoke) stood there. For in that ample Charter [m] made by *Hugh Keviliok* E. of **Chester** to the Monks of **Coventre**, in H. 2. time, in pointing out the boundaryes, dividing the Earls part and the Prors asunder; he traces the same from S. *Mich.*-Church-yard, and so, *juxta latam portam mei Castelli*, are his words. Now, that this Gate he means was not far off **Cheylesmore**, the place where it stood doth sufficiently testify; being at the end of that passage now called **Grey-friers-lane**, entring into the great **High-street**, and retayning the said name of **Broad-gate** to this day. From which testimony may also be observed, that the circuit of the outer ward to that Castle was of a large extent, considering that it did reach so far North towards the town.

[m] *Cart.* 22. E. 3. n. 6. *per Inspex.*

Having said thus much as to its situation, and antiquity, I shall proceed with the succession thereof; wherein I observe, that K. E. 3. having in the Parl. begun at **Westm.** on the munday next after the feast of S. *Matthew* the Apostle in xi. year of his reign, advanced *Edward* his eldest Son (commonly called the *Black Prince*) unto the Dukedom of **Cornwall**, did (*inter alia*) for his better support of that honour, by his Charter [n] bearing date 1. Oct. the same year, settle upon him the reversion of this mannour, after the decease of Q. *Isabel* before specified, (*John* of *Eltham* E. of **Cornwall**, tenant in remainder, being then dead without issue) to hold to him the said D. and to the eldest sons of him and his heirs Kings of **England**, Dukes of that place successively, and not to be severed from the said Dukedom; upon the death, or not existency of such Dukes, to revert unto the Crown together therewith. Whereunto the said Q. *Isabel*, by her Letters [o] Pat. dated 10. *Dec.* in the same year, did signify her assent; and in regard of her estate therein, made attourment.

[n] c. 1. E. 3. n. 7.

[o] *Clauf.* 11. E. 3. p. 2. *in dorso m.* 4.

After which, were there divers great priviledges granted to this place; viz. in [p] 18. E. 3. that the tenants to the said Q. should, during her life, be free from *pavage*, *passage*, *paage*, *lestage*, *stallage*, *tallage*, *carriage*, *pesage*, *pikage*, and *terage*, throughout all the Kings dominions: and that she should, within the precincts thereof have Return of writts, as also felons goods, Fines for trespasses and for licences of concord; amerciaments, redemptions, issues forfeited, year, day and wast, with divers other. And the next year following did the same K. further grant [q] to the before specified Q. during her life, and to the said Prince, in reversion, and his heirs, a **Court-Leet** within this mannour, with power to hold pleas of all such things as usually were determined before the Justices of Assise for the County of **Warwick**: and likewise to have Return of writts, goods of felons and fugitives, within the precincts thereof; with a gaol for the safe custody of felons or other transgressors.

[p] *Cart.* 18. E. 3. n. 19.

[q] *Cart.* 19. E. 3. n. 13.

And in 21. E. 3. had one *Will. le Galeys* license [r] to found a *Chantry* here, consisting of three Priests; whereof one to be the Warden; and to build a Chappell there in honour of the Blessed Virgin, with a convenient mansion for them: as also to amortize thereunto five mes. lying in **Coventre**. Which Priests were to celebrate divine service daily for the good estate of the said K. E. 3. Q. *Isabell*, his mother, *Edw.* Prince of **Wales**, and of the said *Will. le Galeys* during their lives; and for the health of their Souls afterwards; as also for the Souls of *Edward* late King of **England** (the K. father) and of *John* late E. of **Cornwall** (his brother) and all the faithfull deceased. After which, viz. in 50. E. 3. I find, that the said Prince gave [s] 23. mes: 6. cottages, and 2. gardens lying here in **Coventre**, which were parcell of this his mannour of **Cheylesmore**, unto the Abby of **Vale-Royall** in **Cheshire** of *Cisterc.* Monks, founded [t] by the K. his father in 11. of his reign. And the same year did he dy [u] seized of this mannour, leaving *Ric.* his son and heir 9. years of age and a half (afterwards King by the name of R. 2.) in whose days the Park here was not without Deer, it seems; for in 8. of his reign, granting [w] to one *Tho. de Quinton* the keepership of its pasturage for 6. years, paying c. s. *per annum* to his Exchequer, he reserv'd sufficient grasse for them.

[r] *Pat.* 21. E. 3. p. 3. m. 22.

[s] *Pat.* 3 E. 3. p. 1. n 6.

[t] Th. Wlf. p. 12. 10.

[u] *Esc.* 10. E. 3. n 10.

[w] *Rot F.* 8. R. 2 m. 23.

In which 8. year, the walls on the South part of this City being not built, the Mayor, Bayliffs, and commonalty thereof humbly besought the K. to give them leave that they might go forward with that work (concerning which I shall speak more fully anon) who thereupon granted license [x] to them so to do; on condition that they should include within their walls his said mannour place, standing within the Park of **Cheylesmore**, as the Record expresseth: which Park was a woody-ground in those times: for, in 11. R. 3. the K. assigned [y] *Ric. Clerk*, then keeper thereof, to cause as much underwood there to be cut down as would make 3000. fagots, and with the money arising by the sale of them to repair the pales. And in 9. H. 5. *Rob. Castell* the K. Steward of this mannour, was appointed [z] to cause 12. oaks within it, to be fallen for repair of the House; as also more underwood to the value of 40. l. for defray of such charges as he should be at therein. After this, viz. in 16. H. 8. I find, that the K. made a lease [a] for 21. years of this his mannour, with the herbage of the park and conyes there, to *Geffrey Whalley* Prior of **Wilvescroft** in **Leicestershire** for 21. years, for the rent of 13. li. 09. s. 05. d. ob.

[x] *Pat. R.* 2. p. 2. 15.

[y] *Pat.* 11. R. 2. p. m. 20.

[z] *Pat. H.* 5. p. 2. n 3.

[a] *Pat.* 6. H. 8. p. 1.

And in 3. E. 6. did that K. by his Letters [b] pat. bearing date 19. *Julii*, grant it with the said Park unto *John* E. of **Warwick** and his heirs, as being part of the possessions annexed to the Dutchy of **Cornwall** (by Charter, and not in Parliament) to hold *in Capite*. Which *John*, on the 12. of *Aug.* following, made a lease [c] of the premisses unto the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of this City for the terme of 99. years, to the uses and intents following; viz. that they and their successors, for the relief of the poor of the said City, should yearly take to pasture in the said Park, the number of 80. kyne or heyfers, and 20. geldings of such poor Inhabitants of the said City and Suburbs, as should not have elsewhere nigh thereto sufficient pasture; paying yearly for every Cow or heyfer 1. d. and for every gelding 2. d. But after his attainder, which hapned in 1. *Mariæ* (as in **Warwick** I have shewed) the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty, by the mediation of *Rob.* E. of **Lete.** (son to the said *John*) obteyn'd a grant [f] thereof from Q. *Eliz.* to hold to them and their successors for ever in fee ferme (the Rent reserved being ix. li. *per annum*) whereupon they covenanted [g] with the said Earl to observe and perform the trusts before specified, for the behalf of the poor Inhabitants, as by an Indenture dated 4. Apr. 10. *Eliz.* appeareth.

[b] *Pat.* 3 E. 6. p. 7.

[c] *Ex I. scrip. hujus anni in aula S. Mariæ Co*

[f] *Pat.* 1 *Eliz.* p. 7

[g] *Ex In scrip. supradict.*

HAving now finished my discourse of **Cheylesmore**, I return to **Coventre** it self; of which the last observable matter that I took notice

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was touching the paving thereof in 33.E.1. To the end therefore that it may appear by what degrees it ascended to that beauty and strength in the walls and other buildings of note: as also to those priviledges which it now enjoyeth, I shall in order of time proceed to declare.

In 2. E. 3. the Monks of **Coventre**, with the Inhabitants thereof obteyn'd a Pat.[b] for taking Toll of all vendible commodityes that should be brought thither to sell for six years, towards their charges of inclosing[i] the same. And at the request of *John* of *Eltham* E. of **Cornwall** (who had an estate in reversion in the mannour of **Cheylesmore**, as I have there declared) for two years more after the end of those six: upon condition that the said Earl should not be charged towards building of the gates. Which Pat. bears date at **Leicester** 6. Jan. the same year: The particular proportions of Toll little differing from those, which were assessed upon every thing for pavage, as is before intimated. After this, in the 6. year of the said K. the Inhabitants of this town had license[k] to erect a Common **Conduit**, of xx. foot long and x. foot broad in any of the streets thereof that they should think fittest for their conveniency and benefit. And, within 2. years following, for their better encouragement in prosecuting their affairs, obteyn'd a grant[l] to them, their heirs and successors of freedom from Toll, *pavage*, *pontage*, and *murage* for all their merchandize throughout the K. dominions: in consideration whereof he received a fine[m] of ten marks from them. But it had not then the reputation of a City, or a Borough; and the Record[n] gives this reason, *eo quod in Quintis-decimis Regi Concessis non contribuit ultra summam c. marcarum.*

[b] Pat. 2. E. 3. p. 1. m. 3.
[i] With a rampire of earth, as I think.
[k] Pat. 6. E. 3. p. 3. m. 8.
[l] Cart. 8. E. 3. n. 46.
[m] Rot. F. 8. E. 3. m. 7. in cedula.
[n] Rot. F. 14. E. 3. m. 3.

In this K. reign it was, that **Coventre** grew up to a very flourishing condition, as by what I have said, and shall further shew, appeareth: for in 18. E. 3. at the[o] instance of Q. *Isabel* (who had an estate in **Cheylesmore** for life) as also in consideration that the reversion thereof was vested in *Edw.* then Prince of **Wales**, D. of **Cornwall**, and E. of **Chester**, the K. by his Letters Pat.[p] bearing date 20. Jan. did make it a Corporation, consisting of a Mayor and Bayliffs, which the Inhabitants should have power to choose and make out of themselves yearly: who, taking their oath according to the accustomed manner in the like cases, might from thenceforth do all things appertaining to those offices. And that they, their heirs and successors for ever, should thenceforth also have power to hold plea, as well of trespasses, contracts, and agreements, as of all other things hapning within the town. And for the better tranquility of the said Inhabitants, and of all merchants repayring thither, the K. then granted, that from thence-forth there should be a *Common Seal*, by his Royall direction, consisting of two pieces, according to custome, for Recognizances of debts there, according to the form of the Statutes-merchant made and published: the greater part whereof to remain in the custody of the Major for the time being, and the lesser in the hands of a certain Clerk to be there deputed by the said K. his heirs and successors according to the tenure of the said Statutes. And that the said Major and Clerk from thenceforth should receive Recognizances of debts according to the tenor of those Statutes: as also to give in charge, and commit them to due execution. And lastly, that there should be a *Prison* made in that part of the Town belonging to the said Q. for the chastizing of malefactors there taken; wherof the Mayor and Bayliffs for the time being to have alwaies the custody and charge.

Cart. 18. E. 3. n. 3.
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The xii persons that purchased[q] these liberties for **Coventre**, being *Nicholas Michell*, *Henry Dodenhale*, *Walter Whitweb*, *Roger Hunt*, *Will. Trymelei*, *Geffrey Freberne*, *John Rushall*, *Rob. Thymbler*, *Ric. Kerseley*, *Will. Walsale*, *Maurice Norfolk*, and *Will. Wellyngbright*. Whereupon, about two years after, they elected[r] a Mayor, *viz.* *John Ward*; and after him continued the like yearly choyce, as by the Catalogue of them, which I have at the end of my discourse touching this City inserted, may appear. And in the year 1355. 29 E. 3. did they begin to build the walls (by vertue of the K. license in 2 E. 3. before mentioned) *Richard Stoke*, at that time Mayor, laying[s] the first stone at the gate, called **New-gate**, where they began the work: but whether they did vigorously proceed therein, I cannot say, rather supposing that they were restrained: For afterwards, when *Edw.* the black Prince came to enjoy that interest here, which was setled upon him by the entail before mentioned; having granted the same to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty thereof, to hold in Fee-ferm (for so doth that Pat.[t] dated at **Westm.** 20 *Nov.* 37 E. 3. import) he gave them license to enclose this *City* (by that name it is there called) *with a wall of lime and stone embattailed*, to hold to them, their heirs and successours, of him the before specified Prince and his heirs for ever. Whereupon, the next ensuing year, these good men of **Coventre**, considering with themselves the great charge that would be required in thus fortifying the Town, obtained license[u] (3 *Nov.*) from the K. to tax all the Tradesmen and Inhabitants thereof, according to their estates and faculties; and to collect all such sums of money as should be levyed for that purpose. For effecting whereof accordingly, the Mayor and Bayliffs then being, with *Thomas de Nassyngton*, *Will. Wolfe*, and *Will. Corby*, were appointed Assessors: out of which tax were excepted[w] the lands and goods of all Ecclesiastick persons.

[q] Ex vet. Catal. Majorum Cov. penès Joh. Hales, ar.
[r] An. 1347. 21 E. 3.
[s] Ex præfato Catalogo.
[t] Pat. 37. E. 3. p. 2. m. 20.
[u] Pat. 38. E. 3. p. 2. m. 32.
[w] Claus. 39 E. 3. m. 12.

And to the end, that the great charge, which they were to undergo in making these walls, might be the better born amongst them, the K. being very desirous to further the work, granted a Commission[x] (dated 3 *Julii*, 40 of his reign) unto the Mayor and Bayliffs then being, together with *Will. Catesby*, *Nich. Michell*, *Will. Botoner*, *Ric. de Stoke*, *Henry de Dovedale*, and *John del Tofte*, giving them power to levy and receive these customs following, *viz.* of every tun of wine 2 *s.* of every quarter of malt 4 *d.* of every Ox 4 *d.* of every Hog and Calf a peny, and every Sheep a farthing, sold in this Town for the space of 5 years then next ensuing, towards the alleviating their charge. But this assessment much pinching the Victuallers, about 4 years after they made a grievous complaint to the K. alledging, that they were almost undone by it. Whereupon, by his Pat.[y] dated 14 *Febr.* 44 of his reign, he revoked the former Commission; commanding nevertheless, that the Merchants and other rich men should be taxed with the meaner sort, according to their several abilities towards the support of that cost in building those walls.

[x] Pat. 40. E. 3. p. 1. m. 9.
[y] Pat. 44. E. 3. p. 1. m. 29.

That **Coventre** then flourish'd very much, may

be discerned by so great and costly a work as this of the Walls, Gates, and Towers still remaining, and second to none in **England**, appears to be: as also by that incomparable structure of St. *Michael's* steeple, begun [z] in *ann.* 1373. 47 E. 3. *Henry Clerke* being Mayor, and finished [a] *in ann.* 1395. 18 R. 2. the year of *Richard Lichfeild's* Mayoralty. Neither did it want any advantage that by the K. favour could well be had: for, to the end that they might securely enjoy all those liberties and priviledges granted by K. H. 2. H. 3. *Edw.* 2. and E. 3. which are together contained in the Charters [b] of 15 and 20 [c] of E. 3. K. *Ric.* 2. in 1 of his reign, made them an ample confirmation [d]: and not onely so, but in the same year did constitute [e] *John Percy*, *Adam Botoner*, *Henry de Keel*, *Simon de Lichfeld*, *John de Herdwyke*, and *John Toftes*, Justices for conservation of the peace within the Town of **Coventre**, with power to hear and determine matters of felony and trespass. And moreover, was out of his Princely goodness so indulgent to them, that by his Pat. [f] dated 4 *Maii*, 8 of his reign, he ratified the Charter of license made by K. *Edw.* his Grandfather in 37 E. 3. for building and embattailing the walls: and thereby granted them liberty to dig as much stone in his Park of **Cheyleſmore**, as should suffice for so much of them as includes the Mannour-house of **Cheyleſmore**, with the making of one Gate near the said park adjoyning to the House of **Friers-minors** (which is now called the **Gray-frier-gate**. And likewise, that towards the support of that charge, the Mayor and Bayliffs should for the space of 5 years then next ensuing, have his Ferm of sealing woollen cloaths here, to the value of xxiiii *l.* sterling.

And in 11 of his reign, vouchsafed such freedome [g] to the Mayors, after that time to be elected there, that they should not go before the Barons of his Exchequer for to take their oathes: neither [h] that the Mayor, nor any of the Commonalty should from thenceforth be put to collect Tenths, Fifteens, or other taxes out of the compass of the Town. And in 15 of his reign bestow'd [i] upon them as much stone out of his Quarries in the park at **Cheyleſmore**, as served to build the great Gate in **Spon-street** near his Chappel of **Babelake**. And lastly, towards the end of his reign, by the assent and mature deliberation with his Councel, (as the words of his Charter [k] import) did he grant and confirm to the said Mayor, Bayliffs, *&c.* and their successours, that they might make improvement and commodity of all the Gates, Towers, Walls and Bridges about the Town; and of whatsoever purprestures, as well in lands as waters, made or to be made: as also of all the wast ground within the following limits. *viz.* from **Jabets-Ash** to the Mill called **Nassyngtons-milne**; and from thence to the corner of the stone wall of **Cheyleſmore**-park: and from thence by the wall and pale of the park to **Baronesswell**; and thence to the house of *John atte Yate*; and so, leaving the Mannour and Park of **Cheyleſmore**, with the Church of the **Friers-minors**. on the left hand, from thence to the corner of **Crabtree-feild**; and so under **Crabtree-feild** by a certain high way unto **Spon-Church**; thence to **Dudmanes-well**; and thence to the Church and Churchyard of St. *Nich.* thence to **Botteſcroſſe**; thence to **Yarnall-quarelle**; thence to **Gosford-green**, and **Jabets-Ash** before mentioned. All which was so given to them towards the repair of their walls, and payment of the Fee-ferm, and other charges incident unto them.

By which Patent the Mayor, Recorder, and 4 of the most substantial Inhabitants, had power to enquire of, hear, and determine all causes and complaints that might concern the office of Justices of peace touching Labourers and Artificers; so that the Justices within the County of **Warwick** should not intermeddle in this Town nor the Suburbs thereof in any of those cases. And that they the said Mayor, Bayliffs, *&c.* should have the benefit of all fines, issues and profits accruing by their said Justiceship, as fully as any of their predeceſſours ever had; with all other customs and priviledges granted to them by the same K. progenitors.

The next observable passage relating to this City, is, that in 21 R. 2. the lists were here * appointed and set, for deciding that difference by combat, which was betwixt *Henry* D. of **Hereford**, and *John* D. of **Norf.** the K. himself being then present. The coming of which Dukes accordingly, *viz.* the D. of **Hereford** from **Bagintoncastle**, and **Norfolk** from **Caludon**, I have in those places already toucht.

But in K. H. 4. time, I find nothing memorable, excepting that the K. held a Parliament [l] here in *ann.* 1404. 6 of his reign; the place [m] of that Convention being a great Chamber in the Priory. Wherunto, by special precept to the Shiriffs in their several Counties, no Lawyer, nor any person skilled in the Laws, was to come: which Parliament was ever since called *Parliamentum indoctorum*: and well it might be so; for [n] these, taking into consideration the K. supply with money for defence of the Realm, in respect of the then imminent danger from the Scots, Welsh, *&c.* concluded to do it by devesting the Church of its temporal possessions. Whereupon there grew a hot contest betwixt the Clergy and Laity; the Kts. for the Shires alledging, that they had often served the K. in person against his Enemies, spent their estates, and exposed themselves to manifold perils, whil'st the Clergy sate idle at home, and stood him in no stead. To whom the Archb. of **Cant.** answered, that the Clergy had assisted as much as they, by giving Tenths as often as they gave Fifteens; and that their Tenants, for the number of fees they held, did personally serve in the wars as well as theirs: And that, besides all this, they were not wanting, day nor night, by Masses and Prayers to implore Gods blessing for the K. and all that served him. But the Speaker of the Commons (Sir *John Cheyne* by name) with a stern countenance said, that he valued not the prayers of the Church. Whereupon the Archb. replyed, that it might easily be seen what would become of the Kingdome, when devout addresses to God, wherewith his Divine Majestie was pleased, were set so light by. Much ado there was; but to conclude, the worthy Archb. (*viz. Tho. Arundell*) standing stoutly for the good of the Church, preserv'd it at that time from the storm impending.

Coventre being thus grown to such a height of splendour by those strong and high walls, with so many beautifull Gates, stately Turrets, and other eminent Buildings, as also by the priviledges and liberties granted thereto from so many Kings; and now of late honoured with the K. presence in his Parl. there held (as I have said) raised no little joy.

[z] *Expreſſate Catal. Majorum.*
[a]
[b] *Cart.* 15. E. 3. *n.* 15.
[c] *Cart.* 20. E. 3. *n.* 16.
[d] *Cart.* 1. & 2. R. 2. *n.* 14.
[e] *Clauſ.* 1. R. 2. *in dorſo*, *m.* 35.
[f] *Pat.* 8. R. 2. *p.* 2. *in.* 15.
[g] *Pat.* 11. R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 33.
[h] *Ib. m.* 29.
[i] *Pat.* 15. R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 4.
[k] *Cart.* 21, 22, 23, R. 2. *n.* 4.
* Gosford-green.
[l] Th. Wa. *p.* 412. *n.*
[m] *Rot. Pa.* 6 H. 4.
[n] Th. W. *ut ſupra*

joy in the hearts of its wealthy Merchants, as may appear by what I am about to say; who shew'd themselves no niggards of their riches there acquired, further to promote the glory thereof: For
o Pat.6. H. 5. p. 2. m. 22. in 6 H. 5. I find[o], that *John Leder*, and *John Esterton*, both of **Coventre**, gave no less than 20 mess. *John Preston* one mess. and 20 *s.* rent: and the said *John Leder*, *Ric. Southam*, *Laurence Cook*, and *Will. Dilcock*, 25 mess. 27 acres of land, and 13 *s.* rent, all lying within the precincts of **Coventre**, to the Mayor and Commonalty thereof, and their successours, towards the support of such charges as they were like to undergo for
p Pat.2.H. 6. p.1. m. 35. the publick affairs of this place. And in[p] 2 H. 6. *Will. Babington*, and *Will. Botoner*, taking into consideration the charge in repair of those Walls, and other necessary disbursments for the general advantage of this Corporation, bestow'd another messuage on the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their successours, for the uses aboveſaid. At
q Pat.2.H. 6. p.2. m. 21. which time the said K. confirm'd[q] unto them the Charter of K. *Edw.* 3. for the Mayor and Bayliffs, with other their liberties and jurisdictions.

But above all the favours vouchsafed by former Kings, that of the same K. H. 6. in 30 of his reign, must have precedence: which K. *ob specialem & internam affectionem, quam erga Civitatem sive Villam nostram de* **Coventre**; *ac Majorem, Ballivos, & Communitatem ejusdem Civitatis, sive Villæ, gerimus, &c.* (for those are the
r Cart. ab an. 27. nsq; 39 H. 6. n. 29. words of his Charter[r]) granted, that the said City with the Villages and Hamlets of **Radford, Bereley, Folkeshull, Eccleshale, Aneſty, Calwedon, Wykene, Henley, la Wode-end, Stoke, Byggyng, Whitteley, Pynley, Asthull, Hozewell, Harnhale**, and **Whaberley**; as also part of **Sow**, and that part of **Stybbichale** lying within the liberties of **Coventre**; all which were within the precincts of the County of **Warwick**, should, from the feast of St. *Nicholas* (*viz.* 6 *Dec.*) next ensuing the date of his said Charter, be an entire County of it self, incorporate both in deed and name, distinct and altogether separate from the said County of **Warr.** for ever, and no parcel of the same County; but from thenceforth called the County of the City of **Coventre** for ever. And that the Mayor and Bayliffs of the said City should thenceforth also for ever be elected at the same time and place, and according to the same manner and form as they had used to be in the reign of K. *Edw.* 3. of famous memory, by vertue of his Letters Pat. or in the time of any of the K. progenitors. And that the Bayliffs of the said City, from the morrow after the feast-day of S. *Nic.* then next ensuing, should be *Shiriffs* of the County of the said City for ever: and yet nevertheless, that they should still execute the office of Bayliffs according to the form and effect of the franchises and liberties granted by any of his said progenitors, and before that time used. And that they which were to be Shiriffs of the said City, as aforesaid, should in all future times after they had that office, take their oaths before the Mayor for the time being, and no other, and in the Guild-hall of the said City, and not elsewhere, according to due form, for the just and faithfull execution of that office within the County of the said City. And that the Mayor for the time being, by his Letters Pat. under the Seal of his Office, should forthwith certifie into the K. Court of Chancery the names of such Shiriffs so sworn as aforesaid: which Shiriffs once every month, upon the Tuesday, should hold a Court for ever; executing all such power and jurisdiction within their liberties as other Shiriffs within their Bayliwicks use to do; all Writs and Precepts, for the future, to be directed to them that had used to be directed to the Shiriffs of **Warwickſh.** and executed by them in case the said City and Hamlets had not been so made a County of it self. Which Shiriffs should annually make their accounts in the Exchequer before the Lord Treasurer and Barons, or before the Barons, touching the issues of their said office, or by their Atturneys.

And moreover, that the *Coroner* of the said City, and his successors, should thenceforth be Coroners of the County of the said City for ever; and execute that office in as ample manner as any other Coroner within any County of the Realm had used to do. And that the said Coroners for the time being, should be also Clerks for taking Recognizances of debts there, according to the form of the Statute for Merchants made and provided, the lesser part of the Seal for taking such Recognizances to be alwaies in their custody.

And further, by the same Charter did the said K. grant, that the Mayor and his successours within the said City and Hamlets, should exercise the office of *Clerke of the Market* there; and levy and receive all issues and profits arising thereby, to the use of them the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of the said City for ever: As also the office of *Steward and Marshall of the K. Houshold.* And lastly, that they the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty, with all the Inhabitants of this City, should be free from *Toll, passage, pontage, murage*, and *pavage*, for all their goods and merchandize throughout the whole Realm of **England** and **Ireland**, and enjoy whatsoever priviledges and franchises they or any of their predecessours had used to do. Which ample Charter bears date at **Westm.** 26 *Nov.* 30 of his reign, and was confirm'd[s] by K. *Edw.* 4.

s Pat. 2. E. 4. p. 3. m. 22. Having thus shew'd by what degrees **Coventre** arrived to this height of greatness and freedome, I will proceed with what I have further found relating thereto, in general: whereof the first which is remarkable, was that Parl. [t] in 38 H. 6. wherein *Ric.* D. of **York**, *Ric.* E. of **Salisbury**, *Ric.* E. of **Warwick**, with *Edw.* E. of **March** (afterwards K. by the name of E. 4.) and many others, were attainted; the Lords House being [u] then in the Chapter-house of the Priory: which Parliament by some of our Hist. is called * *Parliamentum diabolicum*, the Acts made in it being nulled by the succeeding Parl. Next, that in 7 E. 4. the K. and Qu. kept their Christmas here: and in 9 E. 4. that *Ric. Widvile* E. *Rivers*, with *John* his son, were beheaded [w] upon **Bosford-green**, on the East part of this City. But how the same K. *Edw.* was afterwards foyled by the Lancastrians, and forc'd to fly beyond Sea, and of his landing in **Holderneſſe**, *ann.* 1470. 10 E. 4. I refer to the relation of our Historians, and shall prosecute the mentioning of what else concerns this place; which is, that the K. being also landed and advanced to **York**, *Ric.* E. of **Warwick** (then turn'd to the other side) came [x] hither from **London** upon Midlent Sunday, and brought with him store of Ordnance, and other warlike provisions, staying here till after Palm-sunday, within which time K. *Edw.* came [y] to **Leiceſter**, and thence to **Combe-**

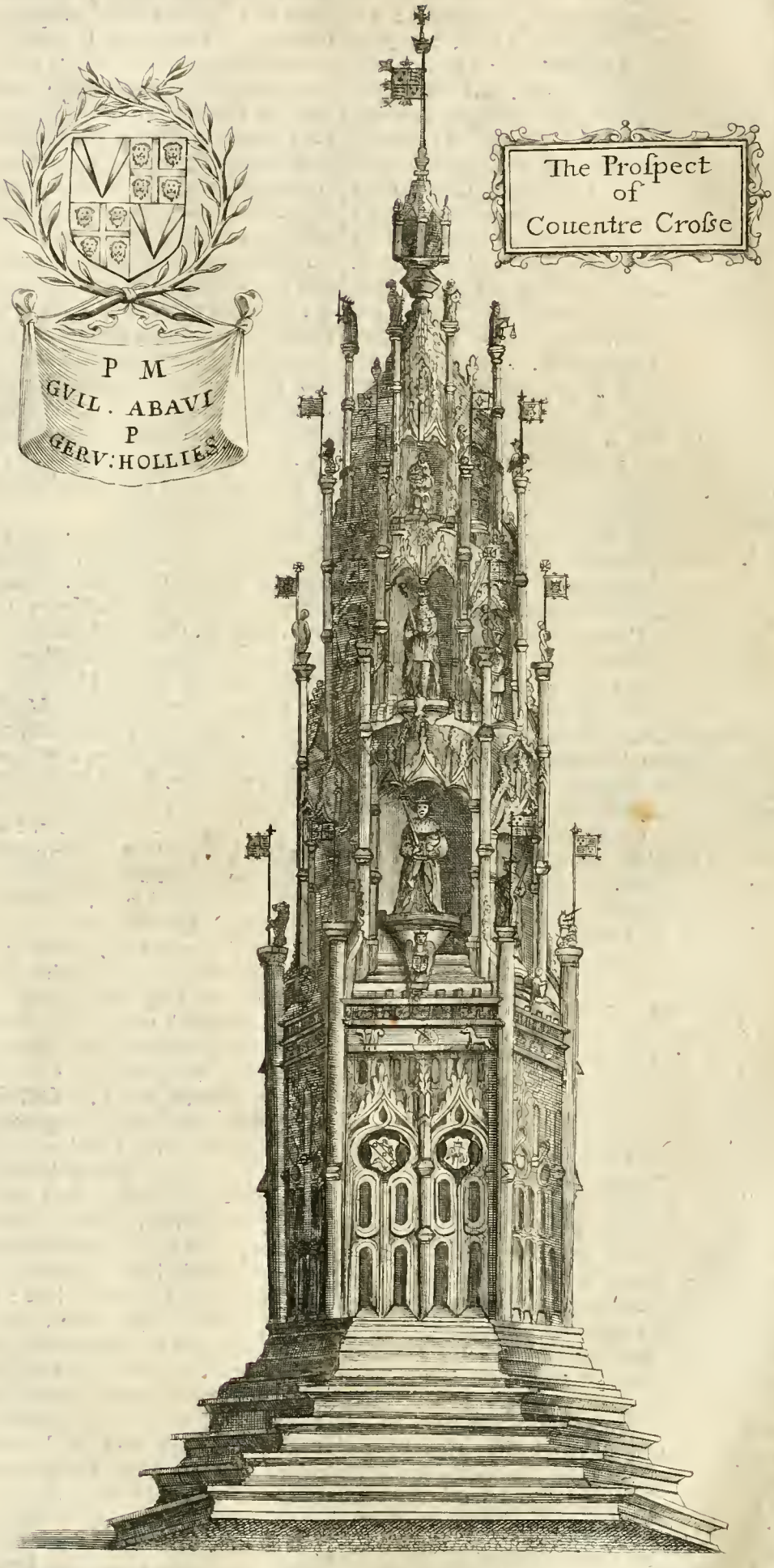
t Ex catal. Majorum præcitato.

u Rot. Parl. 38 H. 6. n. 10.

* Holinsh. Cron. p. 651.

w Ex præfato Catal. Majorum.

x y z a Ibid.


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The Prospect
of
Couentre Crosse

Abby, and on the morrow to [a] Coventre towns end: but finding that the E. of Warwick kept this City against him, he passed by, and lodging at Warwick that night, marcht thence to London. After which it was not long ere he met with his enemies near Barnet, and vanquisht them, where the stout E. of Warwick lost his life: So that K. Edw. by this Victory, and that near Tewksbury shortly after, having utterly subdued all his opposers, came [b] to Coventre; and remembring the disloyalty of these Citizens in adhering to the E. of Warwick against him, took [c] the Sword from the Mayor (whose name at that time was *John Bett*) seizing [d] their liberties and franchises; whereupon they gave [e] 500 marks fine for the re-enjoyment of them, and render of the Sword. Touching which Sword, the first mention that I find, is in 7 R. 2. *viz.* that it was then carryed [f] after the Mayor (whose name was *Jarvn Deister*) but in 11 R. 2. before [g] the Mayor, *scil. John Tofte*; and so (for ought I have seen to the contrary) hath been ever since. About 4 years after which reconciliation so made with K. E. 4. I find, that he came with his Q. to Coventre, and kept [h] S. *George*'s feast there (*ann.* 1474. 14 E. 4.) the Prince having come before him, and received [i] a present of C *l.* and a Cup from the Citizens, at which time he was one of the Godfathers [k] to the Mayors child.

The next thing of note is, that [l] K. H. 7. after that signal Victory at Bosworth-field, where R. 3. was slain, came hither with his Army, and lodg'd at the Mayors house (by name *Robert Onley*) whom he Knighted; at which time the City presented him with C *l.* and a Cup.

The Cross.

I Now come to speak of that stately *Cross* here, being one of the chief things wherein this City most glories; which for workmanship and beauty is inferiour to none in England: the building whereof was begun in *ann.* 1541. 33 H. 8. and finished in *ann.* 1544. 36 H. 8. as by an old MS *Chronol.* [m] of the Mayors appeareth: but the name of its Founder is now utterly lost, for ought that these Citizens can tell of it. To the end therefore, that they may not still continue ignorant of so eminent a Benefactor, I shall here, by the help of that judicious Antiquary (my worthy Friend) *Gervase Hollies* of Grimesby *in Com.* Linc. Esq; revive his memory. It was Sir *Will. Hollies* Kt. sometime Lord Mayor of London, and son to *Thomas Hollies* of Stoke near this City (as I have evidently found amongst the Registers in Gild-hall; and not son to *Will. Holleys* of London Baker, as *Stow* hath erroneously affirmed [n].) Who bearing a special affection to this City, in regard he was born so near, gave order for the structure thereof, as the words of his Testament [o] (bearing date 25 *Dec.* 33 H. 8.) which I have here inserted, do import. —— *And furthermore, I give and bequeath unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* Coventre, *and to the Commons of the same, CCl. sterling, to the intent and purpose hereafter ensuing, that is to say, to make a new* Cross *within the said City: whereof delivered in hand to Mr.* Warren, *Draper of the said City, the 24 day of* August *last, xx l. in ready money: And also more paid to Mr.* Over *by the hands of* Salt *my Baylie of* Porall, 70 *l. in ready money; and so resteth unpaid Cx l. sterling, which I will and desire my Executors see to be delivered and paid unto the said Mayor and Aldermen of* Coventre *aforesaid, to the use and intent aforesaid, within one year after my decease, &c.*

This Sir *William* was father of Sir *Will. Hollyes* of Houghton in the County of Nott. Kt. the wonder of his Country for a great and setled hospitality; and of so honest and honourable a nature, that he is yet mentioned in those parts by the name of *good Sir William*. Which last named Sir *Will.* was great Grandfather to that learned Gent. before exprest, as also to the present E. of Clare, *an.* 1638. And having thus taken notice of his munificence in erecting so noble a Monument, I hope the mention of (*Eliz.*) his Ladies Charity, though the poor of London were the object thereof, will not be thought impertinent, considering that it is not elsewhere taken notice of. Which was, that by her Testament [p] six Almshouses for six poor men or women should be built out of her goods and chattels; and lands to the yearly value of x *l.* be bought; out of which, weekly, every one of the Almsmen should receive 7 *d.* the remainder to buy coals to make them fires; which was accordingly performed in St. *Helens* parish by *Andrew Jud* Alderman of London, and *Thomas Scopham* (her brother) her Executors: Howbeit hitherto hath it not been publickly known that she was the Foundress, forasmuch as *Stow* [q] and others [r] do attribute the work wholly to the same Sir *Andrew Jud*, passing by this pious Lady without any memorial for the same.

In that place where this *Cross* is now situate, there stood [s] antiently another; which having been set up in *ann.* 1423. 2 H. 6. was taken down in *ann.* 1510. (2 H. 8.) but for what reason, I find not.

The next most memorable thing, in order of time, relating to this place, is that purchase by the City, made in 34 H. 8. from the Crown, of much Monastery-land lying in and near thereto, *viz.* the great Orchard containing 8 acres, and the little Orchard 2 acres: One Rode lying within the precincts of the Priory; a Pool called New-pool, containing 1 acre; a Mess. called the Pote-house, with divers lands thereto belonging; a Wood called St. Cleres-grove, with a Water-mill, and divers particular parcels of land lying in Radford. Certain mess. and lands in Bigging, *alias* Stoke-Bigging, with a large field called Harnal-field. Divers other grounds called the Stripe, Swanscroft, Parsons-meadow, Marble-field, Windmill-fields, and Crowmote. The mess. and ferm of Hawksbery, and Hawksbery-grove, with a certain Mannour-house there, moated about; as also a number of particular grounds lying in Sow, Folkeshull, and Wykin; together with the House of Friers-minors (commonly called the Gray-friers) with its whole site and circuit. All which, and much more, that for brevity I omit to particularize, were for the sum of 1378 *l.* 10 *s.* granted to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty, and their successors, by the K. Letters Pat. [t] dated 19 *Julii*, 34 of his reign, to be held *in Capite* by the xx part of a Kts. fee, and paying 7 *l.* 13 *s.* 2 *d.* yearly to the said K. his heirs and successors.

After which time, *viz.* in 6 E. 6. that the lands and possessions of the *Gilds* and *Chantryes* came

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to de disperst, they made the like purchase from the Crown: for, in consideration of the sum of 1315 *l.* 1 *s.* 8 *d.* they had a grant [u] of whatsoever belong'd to *Corpus-Christi*, and the *Trinity Gilds*: As also to those *Chanteryes*, called **Mereton's**, **Fozde's**, and **Pyskozd's-Chanteryes** (*alias*, **Fozde's-Almes-houses**) and **Copston's-***Chantry*: together with divers lands lying in **Weston**, **Kingsbury**, **Alspath**, **Mereden**, and **Galleeby**, in the Counties of **Warw.** and **Leic.** pertaining to them. And likewise of **Shepey's**, **Haye's**, **Preston's**, **Allesley's**, **Percye's**, **Loginton's**, and **Celict's-***Chantryes*; with lands in **Gosford-street**, *&c.* pertaining to the Chappel of St. *George*: and divers rents belonging to the Priests of St. *Michaels*-Church; with lands in **Starton** given for the maintenance of *Obits*.

[u] Pat. 6. E. 6. p. 6.

But it was neither the lustre of their beautifull *Cross*, nor all those large and easy acquisitions, that did any whit balance the loss this City sustained by the ruine of that great and famous Monastery, and other the Religious-houses, *&c.* which had so lately preceded: for to so low an ebbe did their trading soon after grow, for want of such concourse of people that numerously resorted thither before that fatal dissolution, that many thousands of the Inhabitants, to [w] seek better livelyhoods, were constrain'd to forsake the City: insomuch, as in 3 E. 6. it was represented [x] unto the D. of **Somerset**, then Protector, by *John Hales*, a person of great note in those daies, and whose memory is still famous here; that there were not at that time above 3000 Inhabitants, whereas within memory there had been 15000.

[w] Ex cod. MS penès Ioh. Hales, ar.
[x]

To recompence which decay of trade, in 6 E. 6. they obtained a Charter [y] for another **Faire** to be kept here annually, beginning 21 *Oct.* and to continue two daies after. But, after this time, till 19 *Jacobi*, I find nothing else memorable that relates to this City in general, other than what I have already mentioned in my discourse of **Cheylesmore**. Which King then granted them a most ample confirmation [z] of all their former Charters, Liberties, Priviledges, Lands, and Rents. As also, [a] that the House where they usually assemble for their City-affairs should be called the **Councell-house** of the said City: and that those, who then were, or after that time were to be elected thereunto, should be called **the Councell of the City**. And moreover, that the Mayor, Recorder, Bayliffs, and other Officers, should yearly be elected on their **Leet**-day, to be held within a month after Michaelmas by xxxi persons nominated of those, who have formerly born the principal offices in the City. And likewise, that there should be ten Aldermen in the ten wards, as formerly had used to be: And that the Mayor, Recorder, and those ten Aldermen should be Justices of peace within the same City and County thereof. As also, that the said xxxi persons should have power to tax themselves and all other the Inhabitants within the walls of the said City, to the charge of repairing the said walls; so as alwaies it discharge not those who of right or custome are liable thereto.

[y] Pat. 6. E. 6. p. 7.

[z] [a] Pat. 19 & 2 Jac.

By which Pat. had they likewise a grant of two new **Faires**; one to be held upon the first of *April*, and the other upon the 16 of *August*, with such Tolls as are taken in **Smythfield**, within the suburbs of **London**. And that they should take Recognizances for the peace, and good behaviour, and for appearance at the Sessions within the said City. And further, that they should have a second Councel consisting of 25 persons, called the **Common-Councell** of the said City, to prepare the affairs thereof for the Mayor and greater Councel: And to have the government of such Orphans of Citizens of that City, and of their estates, as shall be commended by their own parents to the tutelage of the Mayor and Aldermen thereof; in which case the Corporation, to secure the Orphans portions to whomsoever that trusts them, and pay six pounds *per Centum* for their maintenance. And lastly, that the said Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty might have liberty to purchase lands in *Mortmayn* to the value of 300 *l. per annum*, to the general behoof of this City; provided, that such lands be not held *in Capite*, nor Kts. service. VVhich Pat. bears date 18 *Julii*, 19 *Jac.*

Having now done with what concerns the City in general, I will here subjoyn a Catalogue [b] of the Mayors thereof.

[b] Ex Catal. Majorum penès præfat. Ioh. Hales.

An. 1347. (21 E. 3.)

John Ward.
Will. Horn.
Jordan [c] *Shepey* (he built **Jozdan-well**)
Will. Luff.
Nich. Michell.
Ric. Freberne.
John Hayton.
Walt. Whitweb.
Henry Dodenhale.

X.

An. 1355. 29 E. 3.

Ric. Stoke.
Nich. Michel.
Henry Clerke.
Will. Botoner.
Will. Yarmouth.
Ric. Stoke.
Nich. Percy.
Will. Botoner.
Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.

XX.

Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.
Henry Dodenhale.
Nich. Michell.
John Tofte.
John Papenham.
James Benyngton.
John Percy.
Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.

XXX.

Adam Botoner.
Will. Wolfe.
John Papenham.

An. 1377. 1 R. 2.

John Papenham.
Janyn Swynnyshed.
Ric. Luff.
Henry Kele.
John Knight.
Ric. Dodenhale.
Janyn Deyster.

[c] Pat. 22. E. 3. p. 1. in dorso, m. 31.

XL.

Adam Botoner.
Ric. Clarke.
Henry Kele.
John Tofte.
Henry Kele.
Henry Kele.
John Scarborought.
John Liberde.
John Northwode.
John Crosse.

L.

Ric. Lichefeld.
John Onley.
Ric. Clarke.
John Preston.
Geffrey Hampton.
Will. Whitchurch.

An. 1399. 1 H. 4.

Nich. Dodeley.
Rob. Schepley.
Joh. Foundur.
John Smythier.

LX.

John Allusley.
Will. Attulborough.
John Botoner.
John Wedon.
Will. Bedforde.
Will. Belgrave.
John Goote.
John Horneby.

An. 1412. 1 H. 5.

Will. Dilcocke.
Ric. Southam.

LXX.

Laurence Cooke.
Rob. Schepley.
Will. Belgrave.
John Onley.
Adam Huyton.
John Goste.
John Leder.

Ann. 1422. 1 H. 6.

John Esturton.
Henry Peyto.
Tho. Wylgrise.

LXXX.

John Braytoft.
Ric. Joye.
Giles Alseley.
John Brischowe.
Laur. Cooke.
Tho. Paynell.
Will. Dilcock.
Will. Biseld.
Ric. Scharpe.
John Michell.

XC.

John Everton.
John Kinton.
Will. Swanne.
Will. Carver.
John Esex.
John Warant.
John Braytofte.
Tho. Wylgrise.
Ric. Braytofte.
Ric. Braytofte.

C.

John Lusterley.
Tho. Wirley.
John Walgrave.
Edm. Brogreve.
Ric. Scharpe.
Ric. Boys.
Will. Braytofte.
John Freman.
Ric. a Wood.
Ric. Clerke.

CX.

Ric. Braytofte.
Rob. Bradmedowe.
Gye Whiston.
Will. Kempe.
John Wylgrise.

Ann. 1460. 1 E. 4.

Edm. Brogreve.
Will. Peere.
Tho. Bradmedowe.
John Draper.
John Pynchbecke.

CXX.

John Gauge.
Ric. a Wood.
Will. Dawes.
Will. Sawnders.
Will. Stafforde.
John Bette.
John Thrompton.
Rob. Atturton.
Ric. Braytoft.
Rob. Onley.

CXXX.

Tho. Dowse.
John Symons.
Rob. Burnell.
Will. Marchall.
Will. Shoore.
Ric. Colyns.
Henry Marler.

Ann. 1483. 1 R. 3.

Will. Horsley.
Henry Kebull.

CXL.

Ann. 1485. 1 H. 7.

Robert Onley.
Ric. Cooke.
Tho. Bayly.
Tho. Baggot.
Rob. Colmon.
Ric. Leye.
John Wyzgston.
Will. Rowley.
Tho. Chyrchman.

CL.

Rob. a Greene.
John Paddelond.
John Dove.
Will. Fourde.
Tho. Bonde.
Will. Hapeting.
John Haddon.
Will. Pysford.
Ric. Jackson.
Ric. Coke.

CLX.

Tho. Paddelond.
John Dyddesbery.
Tho. Wardelowe.
Rob. a Greene.
Ric. Smyth.
Ric. Marlowe.
John Sawndurs.

Ann. 1509. 1 H. 8.

John Strong.
Ric. Harsell.
John Hardwyn.

CLXX.

Tho. Growe.
John Clarke.
John Hownsere.
Harre .....
Nich. Borwe.
Tho. Warryn.
John Bonde.
Will. Whicam.
Tho. Whitt.
Yelins Nethermill.

CLXXX.

Tho. Bunwell.
Nich. Hemyng.
Harre Walle.
Ric. Herryng.
Tho. Dod.
Tho. Astellyn.
Will. Dawson (who dyed in the same year, and *Roger Whellys* kept out his Mayoralty.
Ric. Risse.
Will. Smethe.
Hewe Lawtyn.
Rog. Palmer.

CXC.

Rob. Kyrvine.
John Gett.
Christofer VVade.
VVill. Cottynee
Sym. Parkar.
Tho. Gardener.
Cottberd Joyner.
Christopher VVarryn.
John Sanders.
Harre VVoffyr.

CC.

John Tallans.

Ann. 1546. 1 E. 6.

John Hartford.
Iames Rogers.
Tho. Kewet.
VVill. Saunders.
Ric. Niclyn.
Edm. Damport.
Ric. Hurt.

Ann. 1553. 1 M.

VVill. Hyndman.
VVill. Norton.

CCX.

Tho. Ryley.
Rob. Colman.
Tho. VVheatley.

Ann. 1558. 1 Eliz.

Iohn Nethermell.
Tho. Dudley.
Tho. Kyrven.
Ric. Smyth.
Hugh Harvy.
Iohn Tallans.
Tho. Ryley.

CCXX.

VVill. Hopkyns.
Edm. Brownell.
VVill. Smalwode.
Henry Kyrven.
Iohn Hartford, deprived of his office for killing a man, and in his stead
Iohn Sanders.
Ric. Hawten.
Tho. Nycholls.
Ric. Barker.
Tho. VVight.
Rause Boonde.

CCXXX.

Sym. Cotton.
Tho. Niclyn.
Rause Ioyner.
Rob. Letherbarrowe.
Edw. Barrowse.
Tho. Saunders.
Iohn Myles.
VVill. VVylkes.
Gilb. Dyglen.
Henry Bryers.

CCXL.

VVill. Eburne.
Tho. Hill.
Iohn Richards.
Henry Shewell.
Ric. Smyth.
Humfry Smalwood.
Math. Richardson.
Iohn Ryley.
VVill. Howcotte.
VVill. VValden.

CCL.

Rob. Bedforde.
Tho. Gravener.
Iohn VVhitehead, who dyed before his year expired, and in his stead
Henry Bryers.
Iohn Rogerson.
Roger Clarke.
Ric. Smyth.
Thomas Barker.
Ric. Butler.
Christoph. Davenport.

CCLX.
An. 1603. 1 Jac.

Ric. Page.
Will. Wheat.
Math. Collins.
Henry Sewall.
Humfr. Wightwick.
Will. Hancock.
Sampſ. Hopkins.
Henry Smyth.
Chriſtoph. Warren.
John Herring.
Henry Davenport.

CCLXX.

John Barker.
Will. Snell.
Sam. Miles.
Will. Sewall.
Humfr. Smalwood.
Henry Harwell.
Iſaak Walden.
John Pixley.
Tho. Potter.
John Thomas.

CCLXXX.

Franc. Robinſon.

Ann. 1625. 1 Car.
Will. Burbage.
Raph Walden.
Ric. Clerke.
Henry Million.
John Clarke.
Tho. Warde.
Will. Jeſſon.
Henry Kervin.
Sim. Norton.

CCXC.

John Barker.
Edw. Owen.
Tho. Baſnet.
Godfrey Legg.
Tho. Forreſt.
John Rogerſon.

Ann. 1640.

Sampſon Hopkins.

Coming now to ſpeak of that great, and ſometime famous Monaſtery, called the **Priory of Coventre**, (of whoſe Founder I have already made mention) which for the antiquity of its foundation, and ample revenues, excelled all other in this County; I ſhall be bold, before I proceed in the particular ſtory thereof, to digreſs a little, and take a ſhort view of the original and increaſe of a Monaſtick life: as alſo of the *Benedictine* Order, whereof this Monaſtery was.

That the word *Monachus*, which is derived [a] from the Greek word Μόνος, ſignifieth ſuch a one as doth *ſolitariam vitam degere*, I need not ſtand to demonſtrate: but who it was that may be ſaid to have been abſolutely the firſt that begun this courſe of life, I find no direct certainty. Divers [b] aſcribe it to the Prophet *Samuell*; others to *Helias* and *Helyſeus*, that liv'd in poor Cottages and deſert places near the River **Jordan**; and long after them S. *John* the *Baptiſt*: To whom may be added ſome of the Apoſtles, as alſo St. *Mark* the Evang. and by their example certain others, *viz. Paul* the Hermite, S. *Anthony*, S. *Hilarion*, S. *Baſil*, and S. *Hierome*: but of theſe *Paul* the Hermite was of greateſt note for his retired living: who, to [c] avoyd that cruell perſecution which raged under *Decius*, betook himſelf to the vaſt ſolitary wilderneſs, where he lived 93 years unknown to any. But in the times of theſe men they had [d] no certain Rule: for every one being free, regulated himſelf as he ſaw beſt for his ſpiritual advantage, exerciſing devout prayers, frequent faſtings, hard ſtudies, with mean and ſlender diet, which they acquired by the labour of their hands, thereby giving great examples of pious living to all poſterity. So that S. *Anthony* is the firſt unto whom ſome do chiefly refer the original of this Monaſtick profeſſion, in regard he firſt ſo wonderfully raiſed up the deſires of all to lead this kind of life; and inſtituted a Rule for Monks, as S. *Baſill* did afterwards in **Greece**, and S. *Hilarion* in **Syria**. Which *Anthony* lived in the deſert of **Thebes** (a part of **Egypt**) and there built a Monaſtery; where, with *Sarmatus*, *Amatus*, and *Macharius*, his diſciples, wholly exerciſing himſelf in devout prayers, he fed upon nothing but bread and water; being ſo famous for his holineſs, that *Helena* the mother of *Conſtantine*, commended her ſelf and her ſon by Letters to him, and dyed in the wilderneſs in the year of Chriſt CCCLX. aged 105 years.

But about 166 years after the death of *Anthony*, one [e] *Benedictus Nurſinus*, born in **Umbria**, a region of **Italy**, having long lived in much ſolitude, at length came to **Sublacum**, an eminent town of the Latins, diſtant from **Rome** near xl miles: And to avoyd company, in regard many for his ſanctity reſorted to him, ſhortly betook himſelf to **Caſſinum**, a very antient place in that Countrey; and there ſetling himſelf, gathered together the diſperſt and ſingly wandring Monks into one Monaſtery, inſtituting certain forms and rules for their obſervance: Howbeit, the firſt that gave laws and rules to Monks was *Baſill*, Biſhop of **Ceſarea** in **Cappadocea**; who about the year of Chriſt CCCLXIII. being very famous for his learning and piety, obliged ſuch that ſhould enter into Orders to vow poverty, chaſtity, and obedience to their Superiour: But *Benedict* aſſign'd to his Monks a ſpecial kind of habit, and appointed them a certain form for praying, ſlender diet, and a new rule of abſtinence: And that, except in caſe of ſickneſs, they ſhould wholly forbear fleſh. Which ſort of Monks increaſed exceedingly; yet, differing in ſome particulars from their firſt rule, did in time ſubdivide themſelves into ſeveral companies, according to their particular fancies: whence grew the *Cluniacenſes*, *Camalduenſes*, *Vallis-Umbrenſes*, *Montolivetenſes*, *Grandimontenſes*, *Ciſtercienſes*, *Silveſtrenſes*, *Celeſtines*, and *Heremitanes* of S. *Hierome*. Which Monks of S. *Benet*'s rule, as their tradition is, do wear a black coat looſe and divided down to their heels, with a cowl or hood for their head, that falling over their ſhoulders is ſhorter than others uſe: and under all have a woollen white coat; as alſo a hair ſhirt, with boots to the knees; their heads being ſhaved with a razor below the midſt, by reaſon whereof the top of the head ſo ſhaved is called *Corona*.

And now that I am thus come to ſpeak of their ſhaving, it will not be amiſs to ſhew upon what occaſion this cuſtome was taken up by the Monks. *Dum beatus Petrus Antiochiæ prædicaret* (ſaith my Author [f]) whil'ſt S. *Peter* preacht at **Antioch**, the Gentiles, by way of contumely towards the name of Chriſtians, ſhaved the very top of his head, which afterwards was held a great honour to the religious, and thoſe of the Clergy. But further of ſuch ſhaving ſee *P. Stellartius de coronis & tonſuris*, *lib.* 3. *cap.* 1. And here might I adde ſomewhat touching the uſage to the Monks of this order in the time of their ſickneſs, eſpecially towards the point of death; as alſo of waſhing the body being dead, with the ceremonies of burial, were it proper for this place: but I will conclude with inſerting the form of their admiſſion into the Monaſtery. *Ego & frater A. promitto ſtabilitatem meam, & converſionem morum meorum, & obedientiam ſecundùm regulam S. Benedicti Abbatis, coram Deo & omnibus Sanctis ejus, in præſentia domini Abbatis N. ad monaſteriam S. Mariæ Coventriæ:* And ſhall refer my Reader to *Clem. Reinerus* his *Apoſt. Bened. in Anglia*, for further ſatisfaction in the particulars of their rule.

Touching

[a] *Nomenel. Hadr. Junii.*

[b] *Ex MS pervetuſto in bibl. Douvef. Polyd. Virgil. de invent. rerum, lib. 7. cap. 1.*

[c] *Ex catalogo Sanctorum, authore Petro de Natalibus, lib. 2. cap. 60.*

[d] *Polyd. Virg. ut ſupra.*

[e] *Ib. cap. 2.*

[f] *Joh. Tinemuthen MS in bibl. Bodl. lib. 22.*

[g] *MS in bibl. Bodl. authore Sim. de Warwick, Abb. S. Mariæ Ebor. f. 1. a.*



Ordinis Benedictini Monachus.

Touching the beginning of a Monaſtick life here in **England**, if we look after the particular perſons, who in times of perſecution fled to woods, caves, and deſerts for preſervation, it will be hard to point out the firſt that ſo retired themſelves: but if we conſider their firſt being gathered into any Covent, then certainly thoſe of **Glaſtonbury** in **Somerſetſh.** and **Bangor** in **Cheſh.** will have the preheminence; in the later whereof, as [b] *Beda* teſtifieth, there were ſo great a number, that being divided into 7 parts, each having a ſeveral Ruler, every part was no leſs in number than 300, all which lived by the labour of their hands: Howbeit, theſe cannot be ſaid (for ought I know) to have lived under any other Rule than the *Eſſeans* in **Paleſtine**, of whom *Polydore*[i] ſpeaketh. And therefore to come unto thoſe times that the Order of *Benedictine monks* was firſt tranſplanted into **England**, we are not to look higher than *Auſtin* the Monk; who, about the year of Chriſt 595.

[b] *Hiſt. eccl. lib. 2. cap. 2.*

[i] *De inuent. rerum, lib. 7. cap. 2.*

(as saith mine Author[k]) was sent into **England** by Pope *Gregory*; whereupon Episcopal Sees were established in sundry places, and Monasteries built for Monks observing the rule of S. *Benedict*; so that shortly after there were none in **England** but of that order, which first began to be exercised in the Abby of **Glastonbury**; whereas before that time they lived after the manner of the Egyptian Covents (saith he:) And which was so famous in antient time, especially through **England**, that before the Norman Conquest there was scarce a Monastery of any other, as I have specially observed.

[k] *Hist. MS Glaston. eccl. in bibl. Bodl. p. 193. &c.*

Having thus pointed at the original of a Monastick life, and of this distinct Rule, I shall now go on with the story of this particular Monastery. That Earl *Leofrike* was its Founder, I have formerly intimated. And now touching this great and famous work, I will begin with the observation made thereof by our most antient and authentick Historians——*Quod monasterium*, saith *R. Hoveden*[l], speaking of this, *inter cætera bona opera quæ in sua vita gessit ipse* (meaning Earl *Leofrik*) *& uxor illius Dei cultrix, & S. Mariæ semper Virginis amatrix devota, nobilis Comitissa* Godiva, *de suo patrimonio à fundamentis construxerunt, & id terris sufficienter locupletaverunt, ornamentis variis ita ditaverunt, ut in nullo Monasterio totius Angliæ tanta copia auri, argenti, gemmarum, lapidumque pretiosorum inveniretur, quanta tunc temporis habebatur in illo.* Nay *Will. Malmesb.* addeth[m] further, that it was enrich'd and beautified with so much gold and silver, that the walls seemed too narrow to contain it; insomuch that *Rob. de Limesie*, B. of this Dioceſs in the time of K. *W. Rufus*, scrap'd from one beam that supported the Shrines, 500 marks of silver. And touching its dedication and number of Monks, take this from an approved writer[n]; *Anno domini MXLIII. constructum fuit monasterium Coventrense à memorandæ recordationis duce* Leurico, *& uxore ejus* Godiva; *dedicatumque eodem anno ab Archiepisc. Dorobernensi* Edzio, *quarto Non. Octob. post Pascha, Abbate* Lefwino *cum XXIIII monachis in eodem instituto.*

[l] *f. 254. b. n. 50.*

[m] *W. Malm. f. 165. a.*

[n] *Chron. MS Galfr. Pr. de Cov.*

Here[o] the noble Founders, before recited, were both buryed; yet not in the Church, as afterwards was frequent, but in the two porches. Of which excellent Lady it is recorded, that she bestowed all that vast treasure, she had been storing up during her whole life, upon this place: and even at the point of her death gave a rich chain of pretious stones, directing it to be put about the neck of the blessed Virgins image; so that those that came of devotion thither should say as many prayers as there were several gems therein.

[o] *W. Malm. f. 165. a. n. 20.*

And for the endowment[p] thereof, did the said E. *Leofrik*, by the advice and license of K. *Edw.* the Conf. and Pope *Alexander*, at the dedication of the Church to the honour of God, and his blessed Mother; as also of S. *Peter* the Apostle, and the holy Virgin S. *Osburg*, and *All Saints*, give, besides the one half of this town, in which the said Monastery was situate, xxiiii Lordships for maintenance of the Abbot and Monks there serving God, with food and raiment, *viz.* **Honynton, Newnham, Chochunt, Ichenton** (*Episc.*) **Dluston, Sutham, Greneburgh, Birthingbury, Perston upon Avon, Herdwyk, Wasperton, Chesterton, Sotham, Ruyton**, and the one half of **Sow**, all in this County: **Perston** in **Glocesterſh. Salwarp** in **Worcesterſh. Eton** upon **Dee** in **Cheſh. Kyloesby** and **Wynwik** in **Northamptonſh. Burbach, Barwell, Scraptoft** and **Pakinton** in **Leiceſterſh.** with the liberties of *Sac, Soc, Tol*, and *Theme*: Whereunto were witnesses the King himself, *Edzi* Archb. of **Cant.** *Aldred* B. of **Worcester**, *Wolsy* B. of **Lich.** *Manni* Abbot of **Evesham**, *Godwin* Abbot of **Winchcomb**, *Alfric* Abbot of **Perhore**. Of Earls, *Godwyn, Harold, Siward*, and *Ordgar* of **Devenſh.** with *Alfward* of **Bynſarton**, *Wawen* of **Wotton**, and many other eminent persons. Which Charter[q] was first confirmed by the said K. *Edw.* who added these further priviledges thereto, *viz.* that the lands so given, as before is expreſt, should be free from taxes for setting forth souldiers; as also for building of Bridges or Castles, and all payments to the King, Bishop, or any other person. Next by Pope *Alexander*, who at that time by his Apostolick authority added, that it should not be subject to any Diocesan Bishop, nor judiciary power, of what order or dignity soever: and that the Monks here serving God should have liberty to elect their Abbot out of themselves, or any other congregation where they pleased. Whose Bull bears date in the year from our Saviours incarn. MXLIII. (1 *Edw.* Conf.) and afterwards by[r] *Will.* the Conq. and other succeeding Kings.

[p] *Ex Reg. Priorat. de Cov. in Scac. penès Remem. Regis, f. 75. a.*

[q] *Ib. b.*

[r] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.*

By which great immunities and priviledges 'tis easy to be seen in what glory this Monastery then stood: Nor can we doubt but that the people had it in very high esteem; considering that it was as well the chief of all the Religious Houses in these parts, as the onely one of Monks in this County; and also honoured with an extraordinary Relick[s], *viz.* the Arm of the famous S. *Augustine*, Bishop of **Hippo**, plac'd in a silver Shrine, whereupon were graven these letters, *Hoc brachium S. Augustini Egelnodus Archiep. rediens à Roma ad Papiam emit C. talentis argenti & talento auri.* But the particular lands that were by the Conq. Survey recorded to belong thereto in this County, and certified[t] under the title of *Terra Ecclesiæ de Coventreu*, are not directly the same that be contain'd in the foundation Charter, though more in number; the names whereof I will here onely recite; for, as I come to the several places, I shall speak at large of them. **Fflunger, Granneberge, Surland, Dirbingerie, Bilbeie Condone, Cobintone, Sutcham, Sowa, Alchetone, Icetone, Edburberie, Herdewiche, Hunitone, Tedeleshunt, Cestretone, Walmertone, Newham**, and **Radelwei**: Howbeit in some of these they had not the whole Lordship.

[s] *W. Malm. f. 165. a. n. 20.*

[t] *Domesd. lib.*

Having thus manifested how amply it was endowed with lands and priviledges, the next thing that I am to observe, is, how the government thereof came into the Bishops hands, which hapned in the time of K. *Will. Rufus*, in this sort.

Shortly[u] after the Norman Conquest, there was one *Peter* consecrated B. of this Dioceſs (then including **Chester** as well as **Coventre** and **Lichfield**) in whose time *Lamfrank* Archb. of **Cant.** held a Synod at **London**, wherein it was decreed, that Episcopal seats should not be in petty towns: by vertue whereof this was removed from **Lichfield** to **Chester**. To which *Peter* (who dyed and was buryed at **Chester**) succeeded *Rob. de Limesy* (of whom I have formerly made mention) which *R.* upon the death of *Lewynus* Abbot of **Coventre**, obtain'd from the K. the custody of this Monastery; and, by the authority of a Bull[w] from Pope *Paschal* the first, removed his seat from **Chester** hither. Hereupon[x] the B. setling at **Coventre**, and having the government of this Monastery (as I have said) the name of Abbot became thenceforth utterly

[u] *Ex Rot. pervetusto penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

[w] *Ib.*

[x] *Ib.*

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suppreſt and extinct, in regard that the Epiſcopal dignity therein overtopt it: So that the ſucceeding Priors (for ſo were they called which had the rule) were but as ſubſtitutes to the Biſhops in whom the Abbacy virtually was. But this B. was [y] neither a friend to the Monaſtery nor to the Monks, as it ſeems: for, beſides his ſcraping ſo much ſilver from one beam, as I have already intimated, he ſuffered the buildings to decay for want of repairs, pill'd the Church of many rich ornaments; and as for the Monks, he kept them to poor and miſerable commons, not regarding their regular living, nor any thing that might advance learning among them; to the end, that being thus brought low, and in ignorance, their thoughts ſhould not ſoar ſo high as to conſider the redreſs of theſe his ſo great injuries.

[y] *W. Malm. f. 165. a, n. 10.*

Of the other Biſhops which ſucceſſively reſided here at **Coventre** (this being their Cathedral as well as **Lichfeld**) I ſhall onely recite the names, their ſtories being already written by *Godwyn*, viz. *Rob. de Peche*, *Rog. de Clinton*, *Walter Durdent*, *Ric. Peche*, and *Gerard de Puella*; all which, in their ſeveral times ſucceſſively, did ſtile themſelves *Coventriæ epiſcopi* onely; and had a fair palace at the Northeaſt corner of S. *Michael*'s Churchyard, being very near to the Monaſtery. But the firſt who bore the name, and had the office of Prior here, was one *Lawrence*, of whom I find frequent mention in K. *Steph.* and H. 2. reigns; whoſe ſucceſſors I ſhall inſert elſwhere; and therefore will now proceed with the relation of ſuch memorable paſſages as concern this Monaſtery, and of the further enlargement or diminution of its poſſeſſions, according as they hapned in order of time.

[z] *Regiſt. de Kenilw.*

In which progreſs the firſt thing I find [a] obſervable, is, that in 7 *Steph.* the times being then turbulent, *Rob. Marmion* (whoſe ſeat was the Caſtle of **Tamworth**) being a man potent in Arms, and a great adverſary to the E. of **Chester**, poſſeſt himſelf thereof, turn'd out the Monks, and fortified the Church with the buildings belonging therunto, making deep trenches in the fields adjacent; which he ſo covered, that they could not be ſeen, to the end that they might be an impediment to an enemy whenſoever any approach ſhould be made: but it ſo hapned, that as he ſallyed out with ſome forces upon the E. of **Chester**'s drawing near; and not remembring whereabouts thoſe places had been digg'd, he fell with his Horſe into one of them himſelf; and by that means, being ſurprized by a common ſouldier, had his head preſently cut off: whoſe deſtruction in that kind is by our Hiſtorians obſerved to have been as a juſt judgement of God for propharing this ſacred place.

[a] *Anonym. Abingd. in bibl. Bodl. vol. 1. f. 30. a.*

After this, *viz.* in 15 *Steph.* I find, that the Monks of **Coventre** granted [b] unto thoſe of **Daventre** in **Northamptonſh.** the Church of **Abby**, with 3 yard land thereto belonging; and the Church of **Hadon**, with two yard land, excepting the tithes and ſuch other benefits which were due to the Church of **Winwyk** (whereof it ſeems theſe were originally members) In conſideration whereof, the Monks of **Daventre** were to pay yearly to this Monaſtery 1 pound of Incenſe before the feaſt of the *Nat.* of our Lord. Which grant was made in the time of Prior *Laurence*, and begot much love and mutual affection from theſe Religious Houſes to each other: for ſhortly after was there an agreement [c] made betwixt them, that if any Monk of **Coventre** ſhould be, by the conſent of his Prior and Covent ſent to **Daventre**, out of their great affection to that Houſe, he ought to be freely received, and reſide there in that regular way, as if he were one of the ſame Covent, untill he ſhould be recalled by the Pr. of **Cov.** and in caſe he did depart this life during ſuch his abode there, all ſolemnities to be perform'd for him as for a Monk of **Dav.** And the like were they of **Cov.** to perform to thoſe of **Dav.** touching ſuch as ſhould be ſent thither from **Dav.** And that if any of either Covent did happen to dy elſwhere, one Prieſt of each Monaſtery, his death being known, ſhould celebrate 3 Maſſes for him, his ſervice with *Placebo* and *Dirige* to be alſo perform'd in the Covent, with the corrody belonging to a Monk for that day, and his name regiſtred in the Martyrologe. And when any of the Priors of either Monaſtery ſhould dy, a *Trentall* to be ſung in the other Covent over & above the ſervices before recited. And moreover every year a *Maſs of the Holy Ghoſt* to be celebrated, as well for the living in each Monaſtery, as for the dead. And laſtly, that in all things, both ſpiritual and temporal, where each might aſſiſt other, they ſhould effectually afford their aid.

[b] *Regiſt. de Daventre, f. 110. b.*

[c] *Ib f. 111. a.*

About this time was it, that *Ranulph*, ſirnamed *Gernons*, E. of **Chester**, bearing a great reſpect to theſe Monks, gave [d] them liberty to have 2 carts going to and fro twice every day, except Feſtivals, into his woods about **Coventre**, to fetch thence whatſoever they might need in order to the repair of their buildings, fuel for their fire, or trowſe for their hedges. And being fully aſſured that the Chappel of S. *Mich.* here in **Cov.** and all the reſt within the town and without, with the tithes, oblations, and rights to them belonging, ſituate within his fee, did juſtly belong to them, he made them his Charter [e] of Recognition, and confirm'd them to this Monaſtery for the health of his ſoul, as alſo for the ſouls of his father, mother, and all his progenitors. After which, *viz.* in 12 H. 2. upon return of the Certificats touching Kts. fees, the Prior of this Houſe ſignified [f], that he had 7. and a third part, with two fifths and a tenth, *de veteri feoffamento*; and as much in demeſn as countervail'd ten Kts. fees.

[d] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.*

[e] *Regiſt. Pr. de Cov. f. 76. b.*

[f] *Lib. rub. in Scac. f. 104 a.*

And in 29 H. 2. was there an exchange [g] of land made betwixt theſe Monks and *Hugh Keviliok*, the ſucceeding Earl; for licenſe whereof they gave xx marks to the King. About which time the ſaid E. granted to them a free and ample Charter [h], as well of protection as confirmation of their poſſeſſions; forbidding all his tenants from hindring their Market, or medling ought therein without the good liking of the Monks. And to the end that poſterity ſhould not be ignorant which were the metes and bounds betwixt both their fees, that is to ſay, of the Priors part and Earls part, he by the ſame Charter fully deſcribes them, including the lands of the ſaid Monaſtery within theſe following limits, *viz.* beginning at S. *Mich.* Churchyard, and from thence directly going to the **Broad-gate** of his own Caſtle, leaving the houſes of *Will. de Repyndon*, and *Will.* the ſon of *Ric. Forthwy* (tenants to the Monaſtery) on the North part, and the E. fee on the South: And ſo paſſing down to the river of **Sympthesford**, and from thence aſcending the brook to the Mill of *Ger. le Vinter* of **Hull** and **Radeford** even unto **Cumdealm** (*modo* **Coundon**) and ſo coaſting aſide betwixt the grounds of *Rob. Scot* of **Aſtlewardſiche** near **Blakemore**, being the lands of R. *Beaufiz* and *Anketill Locard* on the one part, and the E. wood called **Haſelwood** on the other part; and thence by the brook of **Endemere** to the high-way leading from the midſt of **Yarnall** near to **Stoke**, as far as the **gibbet**, and thence deſcending by **Biſſeleſe** to the brook called **Goſeford**; and ſo along that brook and the ditch, hard to the land of *Will. Hakun*, and thence to the walls of the ſaid Monaſtery.

[g] *Rot. P. 29 H. 2.*

[h] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.*

To which *Hugh* succeeded *Ranulph*, firnamed *Blundevill*, in the said Earldom of **Chester**, and seignory here; who ratified [i] to these Monks the recognition and confirmation made by E. *Ran.* his grandfather of the Chappell of the S. *Mich.* and all the rest; *viz.* **Anstey**, **Shilton**, **Wykin**, **Bilney**, **Whitley**, **Pinley**, **Stoke**, **Stichall**, **Ecclehall**, **Folkeshull**, **Bareley**, **Whaberley**, **Sponne**, and **Bisseleie** within his fee, in all which he solemnly invested them on the feast-day of S. *Abdon* and *Sennes* in the month of July 3. R. 1. by his gold Ring, which with his said Charter [k] he offred upon the Altar. To which Chappell of S. *Mich.* he likewise conferred [l] the Tithe of all his lands and possessions, here in **Coventre**; and that under the penalty of a curse upon his officers, servants and heirs, in case they should not make due payment of them accordingly. And besides this did he give to [m] the said Monks in exchange for one cart of those two, which E. *Ran.* his grandfather, by his Charter granted them to have going too and fro in his woods for necessary *Housebote*, *Firebote*, and *Heybote*, (as I have formerly signified) 280. acres of land, being part of his wood and wast in **Ecclehale** and **Bereley**, according to 25. foot the perch, (the metes & bounds whereof are in this his Charter perfectly set forth). Which wast he gave them liberty to inclose, reduce into tillage, or otherwise to use for their best commodity.

[i] *Ibid.*

[k] [l] [m] *Ibid.*

But I now come to that sad misfortune which befell these Monks about this time; the story [n] whereof is briefly thus. *Hugh Novant*, a Norman by birth, having been been brought up to learning in the university of **Oxford**, and consecrated Bishop of this Dioces towards the later end of *H.* 2. raign; at [o] the same time that he had the Bishoprick confer'd upon him by the K. had he also a grant [p] of the Priory in such sort as *Rog. de Clinton* his predecessor enjoy'd it; *viz.* in demesn with the Barony, wherein he received homage of the Freeholders, and found the Monks all necessaries according to his own pleasure: but [q] during the life of the said King *Henry* did he not possess what was so granted to him. Whereupon he came to K. *Ric.* 1. (his son and successor) and purchas't [r] a confirmation of his fathers grant: And [s] besides all this obteyn'd a render of the House by *Moyses*, the then Prior at **Reding**, in the presence of *Baldwin* Archbishop of **Cant.** the Bishops of **London** and **Rochester**, and many other persons of note. After which the said B. holding [t] a Synod in the Church of this Monastery, wherein some things were agitated tending much to the prejudice of the Monks, as it should seem, though the particulars are not recorded, he so much incens't the Monks that they rush't in upon him, and with a Cross of that Church broke his head: whereupon complaint [u] being presently made to *Will.* B. of **Ely**, Chancelour of **England**, and at that time not onely the Popes Legate, but Governor of the Realm in the absence of K. *Rich.* then on his journey to the Holy-Land, that the Monks had shed his blood even before the Altar; he forthwith decreed [w] that they should be expelled, and secular Canons plac't in their room: which judgment the proud B. soon put in execution; and by strong hand turning them out, did, to justify himself therein, forthwith dispatch Letters to **Rome**, whereunto he had got the hands of other Bishops, signifying, that the Monks of **Coventre** had deserted [x] their Rule, and were contaminated with secular polutions; thereupon petitioning his Holyness that he might have the free disposall of that Monastery. Unto which Letters the Pope gave no present answer, expecting to have heard what the Monks could say for themselves: but they, being much impoverish't by the Bishop's oppressions (for he was then a potent man, having the custody [y] of the Countyes of **Warr**: and **Leich.** committed to his charge for severall years of King *Rich.* reign) were not able to send to **Rome** in their own defence; so that the B. had his desires fulfill'd, the poor Monks being scattered up and down to seek their fortune in the world. In which banish't condition they continued during the whole life of that B. who lying upon his deathbed at **Bec.** in **Normandy**, in the last year of K. *Ric.* reign, became so sensible of his great iniquities; and in particular of the injuries done to these Monks, that he deplored [z] the same with abundant sighs and teares; earnestly desiring that prayers and intercessions should be made unto God for him. And not then knowing how to make other satisfaction than to end his dayes in their habite, with great mourning besought [a] the Abbot of **Bec**, that for the love of God, and shame of the Devill, he would vouchsafe to grant him the habite of a Monk, to the end that he might have them to be his patrons in the world to come, whom he had so persecuted in this. Which being accordingly fulfill'd, he disposed [b] all his gold and silver, jewels and plate to Houses of Religion, and unto the poor; and by way of satisfaction for his manifold transgressions condemn'd [c] himself to the pains of Purgatory *usq; in diem Judicii cruciandus*, and so dyed.

[n] *Godw. de præsul.*

[o] [p] [q] [r] [s] [t] [u] *Plac. apud westm. xv. Mich. 6. R. 1.*

[w] *Anon. Evesh. MS. in bibl. Bodl. f. 31. a.*

[x] *Ib. b.*

[y] *Rot. P. an. 2. 4. & 5. R. 1.*

[z] [a] [b] *Ma. Par. p. 1. n. &c.*

[c] *Chr. H. Knighton in bl. Cotton. 50. b.*

At which time there was resident [d] in the Court of **Rome** one *Thomas* a Monk of **Coventre**; who being expell'd with the rest, was studious to obtain a restitution of this Monastery to its former condition; and therefore waited all oportunities, though through want he was often forc't to beg his bread: and when news was brought of the Bishops death, being then in good hopes to be heard, he exhibited his petition to Pope *Innocent* the third (then newly created and sitting with his Cardinalls in the consistory); which so soon as his Holiness had read, in an angry mood he bad [e] the Monk withdraw, telling him, that other Petitions to the same purpose had been exhibited to *Clement* and *Celestine*, his predecessors, but rejected, and therefore his expectations were vain. Unto which the Monk with bitter tears replyed, *Holy Father! my Petition is just and altogether honest, and therefore my expectation is not vain; for I expect your death, as I have done your predecessors; for there shall one succeed you who will hear my Petition to purpose.* But the Pope, taking notice of these expressions from the poor Monk, and much wondring at them, said to the Cardinals, *Hear you not what this Divell hath spoken? scil. I expect your death as I have done your predecessors*; immediatly turn'd to him and said, *Brother, by S. Peter, thou shalt not here expect my death, for thy Petition is granted*; and forthwith before he went to dinner directed his Letters [f] mandatory to *Hubert* Archbishop of **Canterb.** that upon sight of them he should presently go to the Church of **Coventre**, and thence put forth the Clerks, and reinvest the Monks: which the said Archb. did accordingly xv. Kal. Feb. 1198. (*ult. R.* 1.) And because *Moyses* the Prior was dead in the time of their banishment, he constituted in his stead one *Joybert* a Norman; who for his eminent

[d] M. Par. p. 192. 40. & 5.

[e] *Ib. p.* 1[illegible]

[f] *Ib. n.* 1[illegible]

nent wisdom in worldly affaires, had the government also of **Daventre**, **Wenlock**, and **Bermundsey** committed to him. Which *Joybert* was no sooner entred upon his charge, but he speedily, with the consent of the Monks elected [g] *Geffrey Muschamp* Archdeacon of **Cliveland** to be B. as being a man from whom they expected nothing but fair regard.

The Monks therefore thus reestablish't took into consideration the conveniences of their House and all other securities that might tend to their advantage, as appears by what I shall instance: for *in* 5. *Joh.* they procured an alteration [h] of the **Market**, but how the Record expresses not; in consideration whereof they gave a Fine of 5. marks to the King. And the next ensuing year did they obtain the K. speciall Letters [i] of protection for themselves, their tenants, and all their possessions: as also such a priviledge, that they should not be impleaded for any of their lands except before the K. himself, or his chief Justice, for which they gave [k] 2. palfreys. The like Charter [l] of protection had they in 11. E. 3. and, besides another, [m] of sundry priviledges; viz. *Sok*, *Sak*, *Tol*, *Them*, *Infangenthef*, *Hamsocne*, *forstal*, *blodwithe*, *fithwithe*, *wardwite*, and *Mundbriche*: And that they and all their tenants, except those which held by Knights service more than half a Kts. fee, should be quit of Murder, Robbery, suit to the County or Hundred-Courts, Ayd to the Shiriff, view of Frank-plege, and repair of the K. Castles or pooles. In consideration of which favours they payd to the K. a Fine [n] of 60. marks; towards the raysing whereof they had Aid [o] of their **Coventre**-burgers. In the same year had they a grant [p] of an yearly **Faire** to last for 8. days, beginning on the day of S. *Leodigarius* the martyr, which falls out *Oct.* 2. And in 16. H. 3. did *Geffrey*, the then Prior, purchase [q] of *Gerard de Allespath* half a hide of land in **Old-Fillongley** to the use of this Monastery.

Touching such extraordinary charges whereunto they were subject in this K. time, I find, that in 13. H. 3. they gave a Fine [r] to be exempt from sending souldiers in person for the expedition then beyond Sea; and to have power for levying Scutage of their tenants for ten Kts. fees, which they held of the King *in Capite*; viz. 3. marks *pro quolibet scuto* towards that service. As also in 18. H. 3. a [s] Fine of 25. marks, that they might not send souldiers to the Kings Army in **Wales**. In [t] 20. H. 3. they answered xx. marks for 8. Kts. fees *de veteri feoffamento*, upon collection of the Aid for marrying of *Isabell* the Kings sister to the Rom. Emp. In [u] 26. xv. marks, by way of Aid, upon the K. transfretation into **Gascoyn**. In 29. [w] 10. li. for x. Kts. fees, upon the Aid for marriage of the Kings eldest daughter. Towards their better support of which burthens they had the K. Letters [x] of recommendation to all their tenants, for the receiving Aid from them; which bear date in *Octob.* 33. of his reign.

But, it seems, that these taxes fell thus heavy upon them, before they had in any reasonable measure recovered themselves out of the low condition wherein they had been cast by the oppression of *Hugh Novant* the B. before-mentioned: for I find [y], that in the time of Prior *Roger* (who died about the 32. of this Kings reign,) there being a great league of friendship betwixt the Monks of this Monastery, and the Canons of **Derley**, in **Derbysh**. these of **Coventre** represented their miserable condition unto those of **Derley**, not only with very lamentable expressions, but with tears; protesting, that their wants were so great, that the whole Covent was like to be dispersed, except they had present succour; and therefore humbly besought the Canons of **Derley**, that they would vouchsafe to receive some of them into their Monastery, there to have subsistence for a while, *quousq; oriens ex alto, miseratio altissimi, nostro fœlicius illuxerit occidenti*, are their words. Of which great good will, that had been for a long time before, betwixt these two Religious houses, I find this testimony [z], that by way of mutuall curtesies, the Monks of **Coventre** used to send unto them of **Derley** Needles and Sope; and they of **Derley** to these Saddles and riding-furniture.

But after this they received, as well from the King as others, divers great favours and benefits for the advantage of their Monastery: For in 34. H. 3. it was [a], that they obteyn'd in fee-ferme from *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife all their intereſt in the mannour of **Coventre**, with the advouson of the Church of S. *Mich.* and the Chappells thereunto belonging; excepting their capitall seat called **Cheyleſmore**, and the Park, with the House of **Friers-Minors**; and the homage and services of their freeholders, whose names I have particularly expreſt already in my discourse of the said *Roger*. And in 41. H. 3. had they the Kings Charter [b] of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands of **Coventre**, **Cundulme**, **Sow**, **Wylenhale**, **Frankton**, **Perston**, and **Herdwyke**, **Sutham**, **Diethon**, **Offechurch**, **Walperton**, **Honyton** and **Packwood**, with divers other places in this County and **Leicesterchire**. As also in 44. H. 3. an appropriation [c] of S. *Michaels* Church before mentioned, with all the Chappells thereunto belonging; *viz.* **Ansty**, **Shulton**, **Wykin**, **Stoke**, **Wilney**, **Sow**, **Stichall**, **Folkshall** and **Sponne**; and of *Trinity*-Church with it's Chappells: the Chappell of S. *John*, with the Hospitall; the Churches of **Copley** and **Allespath**, the Church of **Herdwyke**, and it's Chappells, with Archidiaconall jurisdiction there: The Church of **Packwood**, with Archid. jurisdiction also; And likewise the whole Tythes arising in their demesn-lands, whersoever. In 46. H. 3. the like appropriation [d] for **Offechurch**. And in 51. H. 3. a confirmation [e] of their foundation Charter by E. *Leofrik*, with the Bull of Pope *Alexander* the first: As also a further grant of freedom from doing suite to the County or Hundred-Courts, and to the Shiriffs-Turn. And that they should have a Coroner within the town of **Coventre** that might answer before the Justices Itinerant, for whatsoever concern'd that office: and moreover a *Merchants-Gild*, with all priviledges thereto belonging; and that they, their tenants, nor their goods should be distreyned for any debt not properly their own, or for which they were suretyes.

And after this, ere long, suffering great losses by reason of such excursions as young *Montfort* and his fellow Rebells in **Kenilworth**-Castle, or the Kings Army, during the six months siege thereof, did make; had they the Kings Letters-Pat. [f] recommending their wants to all their tenants, and desiring them that they would so contribute to their relief, as that they might expect recompence at God's hand, and thanks from him. And in 5. E. 1. license [g] to inclose certain wast-grounds neer **Coventre**, which (*inter alia*) were granted to them in fee.

[g] *Ib. p. 193. n. 10.*
[h] *Rot. P. 5. John.*
[i] *Cart. 6. Joh. m. 4. n. 41.*
[k] *Rot. F. 6. Joh. m. 4.*
[l] *Cart. 11. H. 3. m. 28.*
[m] *Ibid. m. 18.*
[n] *Rot. P. 11. H. 3.*
[o] *Claus. 11. H. 3. m. 13.*
[p] *Ibid. m. 19.*
[q] *F. levat. Mich. Joh. R. 16. H. 3.*
[r] *Claus. 13. H. 3. m. 3.*
[s] *Rot. P. 18. H. 3.*
[t] *Testa. de Nevill.*
[u] *Rot. P. 9. H. 3.*
[w] *Pat. 33. H. 3. m. 3.*
[x] *MS. penes Roper.*
[y] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Insp. F. levat. 3. sept. Mich. 34. H. 3.*
[z] *Ibid.*
[a] *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.*
[b] *Reg. R. Molend. m. 4.*
[c] *Ib. m. 11.*
[d] *Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 8.*
[e] *Pat. 51. H. 3. m. 28.*
[f] *Pat. 1. E. 1. m. 20.*

fee-ferme by *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife. So that the ſtate wherein this Monaſtery ſtood, about thoſe times, was thus repreſented by a ſpeciall Inquiſition [b] taken ſhortly after; *viz.* that, conſiſting of black-Monks, it had therein a Cathedrall Church: and that the Prior and his Covent, together with the Chapter of **Litchfield**, did elect the Biſhop, theſe having the firſt voice: That the Prior, here, was alſo Lord of this town, a moytie whereof, with the whole Barony, he held of the K. *in Capite*, by the ſervice of 2. Kts. fees in the Army: And had a weekly **Mercate** on the Fryday; and a **Faire** every year, enduring 8. days, with a Coroner, and **Free-warren** in all his demeſn-lands: which moytie he held as freely as Earl *Leofrik* did the ſame of K. *Edward* the Conf. And that he the ſaid Prior with his tenants, being priviledg'd of murther [i], had Gallows, Pillory, Tumbrell, Aſſiſe of bread and beere; as alſo fealty of his Burgers, and appearances at his Court twice in the year: for all which the Charters of K. H. 3. and divers other his progenitors were then exhibited.

And Moreover, that he held the other moytie, called the Earls part; with the outwood wherein the Inhabitants claymed Common of paſture for all manner of Cattell, and other commoning in the woods belonging to the Abby of **Stoneley**, of the heirs of *Roger de Montalt*, by the ſervice of ex. marks *per annum*, according as in the Fine levyed betwixt the ſaid *Roger* and *Cecily* his wife; and the ſaid Prior and Covent is more at large conteined: which heirs held it of the K. as of the fee of **Cheſter**. In which half the ſaid Prior had once in the year a **Faire** laſting ſix days, about the feaſt of the holy *Trinity*; with Gallows, Pillory, Tumbrell, Aſſiſe of bread and beere; and fealty of all the Burgers; as alſo two appearances yearly at his Court. By which Inquiſit. likewiſe appeareth, that the whole town was then exempt from *Toll*, excepting for Horſes, whereof the Burgers were onely freed; but that the ſaid Burgers had *Toll* of Horſes for their own tenants there inhabiting: and that the ſame Prior had three Mills here, with the ponds thereto belonging; and two pools in demeſn. All which immunities and priviledges were in 13. E. 1. pleaded [k] by the Monks; who then likewiſe manifeſted, that they had time out of mind enjoyed two great Courts every year in this place; and weyfs: and that the Priors Bayliff uſed ever to go along with the K. Bayliff to execute all ſuch precepts as concern'd the Crown: As alſo, that the town of **Coventre** anſwered for xii. having **Free-warren** *Infangthef*, Aſſiſe of bread and beer, **Mercate**, and **Faire**, with all things belonging thereto; Pillory, Tumbrell, and a Coroner of their own: And that they were quit of Murther, Robbery, Suite to the County or Hundred-Courts, Ayd to the Shiriff, &c.

Touching the **Mercate** they had here, it was kept in that part of the town called the Priors-half, as it ſeems; where ſtill it continues, that being the place peculiar thereunto: for in E. 2. time, upon a ſuite [l] commenced by the Prior againſt one *Will. Grumpe* and others, for ſelling divers wares in **Erle-ſtreet** every week upon the Friday in their houſes and ſhops; who pleaded [m], that they did ſo by vertue of the Charter antiently granted to them from the Earl of **Cheſter**; in which was contein'd, that they ſhould enjoy as ample liberties as the Burgeſſes of **Lincoln**; and added, that the ſaid Earl in his time had a **Faire** in that ſtreet, and ſo likewiſe his heires, till ſuch time as the before-mentioned *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife demiſed that ſtreet to the predeceſſors of the ſaid Prior; judgment [n] was given for the Prior with lx. li. damages; and command that they ſhould not ſell their commodities any where upon the Friday, but in the Priors part. But in E. 3. time, after the poſſeſſion of **Cheyleſmore** came to the hands of Q. *Iſabell*, there grew ſome diſpute touching the extent of the Priors part; ſo that, by an Indenture [o] tripartite, bearing date 29. E. 3. made betwixt the ſaid Q. with the Mayor and Commonalty on the one part, and the Prior and Covent on the other, the diviſion betwixt their ſaid parts was by metes and bounds there deſcribed, in manner following; *viz.* beginning at the ſtones or pillars near the Croſs of S. *John Bapt.* Hoſpitall, including Northwards all **Biſhop-ſtreet**; and ſo all along towards the Common-Quarry, neer the garden of *Ric. Buckmore*: and thence ſtreight on, taking in all S. **Nicholas ſtreet**, even to the high-way leading unto **Radford**: and ſo through the midſt of **Radford** to **Broad oak** towards the Eaſt; and thence to **Whittemore**, environing that mannour; and ſo to **Blakemore**, and **Tuenetford**: and thence turning aide by a little brook running from **Endemere** towards **Coventre** into **Swanneſwell**-pool: and from that pool by a hedge and ditch of the Priory, neer to the gate called **Derugate** to **Erleſmyne**; and thence on the back-ſide of **Erle-orchard**, including the Biſhops-palace, and ſo to the wall of the Priory well-yard, and along by the gate of the Monaſtery to the corner of *Trinity*-Church-yard, where the Butchers uſe to be: and from that corner directly along by the weſt-gate of the Priory, and the gueſt-ſtable-wall to the running river; and ſo thwarting the brook, excluding S. *John*'s-Hoſpitall and the Bake-houſe belonging thereto unto the Croſs or pillars before mentioned. So that whatſoever is included within thoſe bounds was the Priors part, and all the reſt the Earles part.

Divers other Covenants are contain'd in the ſaid tripartite Indenture, whereof the Friday-market for cattell and timber, is one of the principall, which was agreed to be kept in **Biſhop ſtreet**, and **Cook-ſtreet**, as it had wont to be; but that the ſaid Prior and his ſucceſſors ſhould take no *Toll*, except for Horſes onely; And that the ſale of all other vendible commodities whatſoever, in this town, ſhould be by the ordering of the Mayor and Commonalty, and their ſucceſſors for ever.

As for the ſeverall meſſuages and lands purchaſed by the Monks of ſundry freeholders within the precincts of **Coventre**; as alſo in their other Lordſhips, in E. 2. time and afterwards, I ſhall decline the particular mention of them, in regard, that there is not any thing very notable to be obſerved, either of the perſons from whom they were acquired, or of the lands themſelves.

The next thing that, in order of time, I meet with, which may be reckoned worthy of note in relation to this Monaſtery, is, that the Clergy, and people of the Archdeaconry of **Coventre** did in *Anno* 1410. (12. H. 4.) make an humble repreſentation [p] to *John Keterich* B. of this Dioces, that the memory of the holy Virgin S. *Osburg* (unto whom this monaſtery was ſpecially dedicated) grew famous for many miracles in thoſe days; for as much as divers weak and infirm people, which came to her tombe

[b] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. 7. E. 1. in Scacc. penès Rememb. R.*

[i] *Id eſt* from being fined for murther committed within his liberty.

[k] *Rot. de Quo warr. penès Cancer. Scacc.*

[l] *Plac. de T. Hill. temp. E. 2. Rot. 15.*

[m] *Ibid.*

[n] *Ibid.*

[o] *Ex vet. cod. MS. penès Tho. D. Leigh de Stonely.*

[p] *Burgh. f. 209.*

tombe, situate in the Priory-Church, and there and elsewhere imploring her prayers and merits, had been restored to bodily health and soundness: And therefore did petition the same Bishop, that her Birth-day might be solemnized, and the said virgin reverenced in Hymnes and Psalmes, with other devout suffrages. Whereupon the B. caused a Synod
q Burgh. f. 209. a. q of the Clergy of this Archdeaconry to be convened in the said Church the 13. of *Octob.* in the same year; wherein it was determined, that her said Birth-day should be solemnized and kept, as a double Festivall throughout the whole Archdeaconry every year for ever, and in as compleat a manner as the Feast of their Churche's dedication.

But I now come to that fatall Survey in 26. H. 8. the forerunner of its dissolution; wherein I shall not descend to particulars, but only represent what
r MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 26. a. the yearly revenew thereof was then certified r to be; *viz.* 731. li. 19. s. 05. d. Out of which the Fee-ferme rent to the Crown, reserved by *Rog. de Montalt* (as I have shewed) with all other Pen-
s Ib. f. 28. a. sions and annuall s payments amounting to 249. li. 05. s. 09. d. being deducted, the clear remainder was 499. li. 07. s. 04. d. *per annum*. Amongst
t Ib. f. 27. b. which deductions I find t that 14. li. 13. s. ii. d. *per annum*: was reckoned for bread, beer, and two messes of meat daily, *viz.* as much as would suffice for two Monks, and allowed to the poor of S. *John*'s Hospitall (within this City) upon the first foundation thereof. And 06. li. 13. s. 04. d. in money, bread, wine, and other victuall distributed to poor people on *Maunday-thursday*, yearly, at the washing of their feet. And also 12. li. 11. s. 04. d. for the yearly maintenance of poor Schollars in the said Monastery. And 26. s. 08. d. for to keep the Anniversary of E. *Leofrik* the founder, and of the Countess *Godeva* his wife. At the time of which Survey *Henry* Marq. **Dorset** was high Steward, and had 04. li. *per annum* Pension; and *Will. Gevyns* Receiver-generall, who had 10. li. *per annum* annuity.

But behold the instability of these terrestriall things; what the pious Founder, and all other its worthy benefactors had, with great zeal to Gods glory, so cheerfully given and bestowed on the structure, endowment, and adorning of this sometime famous Monastery; and that with such heavy imprecations and curses upon any that should take away or diminish ought thereof, as the Charters before cited do manifest: Against which violators of the Church its patrimony, the representative body of this Realm had also, so often, *in terrorem*, pronounc't solemn curses in open Parliament, as whosoever shall cast his eye upon our Statutes and publique Hist. may discern; was subverted, torn away, and scattered in 30. of King H. 8. raign, after it had stood neer 500. years, the glory of all these parts: at which time the very Church it self, though a most beautifull Cathedrall, and the mother-Church of this City, scap't not the rude hands of the destroyers; but was pull'd in pieces and reduc't to rubbish: For the countenance of which sad Act, the then Prior and Covent, seeing the fate of some others that refus'd, was no less than to be hang'd up at their gates, were brought to make surrender of the same into the hands of Commissioners for the Kings use, as appears by their publique In-
u In curia Augm. strument u under Seal, bearing date 15. *Jan.* in the year above said, with all the names of those that subscribed thereunto, which I have here subjoyned, with their severall yearly *Pensions* w that were granted to them during life.

w Ex cod. MS. Ibid.

Thomas Camswell Prior,	*Rob. Wyldy.*
Ric. Bernaculus sub-Pr.	*Tho. Chamburs.*
Winsfridus Cellarar.	*Nich. Bromyche.*
Will. Waters.	*Will. Foster.*
Joh. Reston.	*Joh. Howlee.*
Joh. Evans.	*Will. Bouchere.*

Thomæ Camswell, Priori ibid.	133. li. 06. s. -08.
Ric. Barnacle Monacho ibid.	13. ---06. ---08.
Tho. Wynter Monacho ibid.	06. ---13. ---04.
Rob. Wylde Monacho ibid.	16. ---06. ---08.
Tho. Leke Monacho ibid.	06. ---00. ---00
Humfr. Colar Monacho ibid.	05. --06. ---08.
Joh. Ecculsal Monacho ibid.	05. ---06. ---08.
Joh. Evans Monacho ibid.	05. ---06. ---08.
Tho. Chamburs Monacho ibid.	06. ---13. ---04.
Nich. Brenyth Monacho ibid.	05. ---06. ---08.
Will Foster Monacho ibid.	05. ---06. ---08.

Priores de Coventre.

Lefwinus Anno. 1043.
Laurentius, obiit 4. *Cal. Feb. Anno.* 1179. (25. *H.* 2.)
Moyses, obiit 17. *Cal. Aug. Anno* 1198. (10. *R.* 1.)
Joibertus, obiit 18. *Cal. Julii* 1216. (18. *Joh.*)
Galfridus, electus 16. *Cal. Aug.* 1216.
} *Chron. MS. Galfr. Pr. de Coventre.*

Rogerus, 32. *H.* 3.
Willielmus, 33. *H.* 3.
Henr. Irreys. 13. *Cal. Maii.* 1342.
Will. de Dunstaple. 7. *Cal. Sept.* 1349.
Will. de Grenburgh 10. *Cal. Aug.* 1361.
Jac. de Horton . . . Oct. 1391.
Rog. Cotton. 7. *Aug.* 1396.
Ric. Crosby 10. *Maii* 1399.
Ric. Nottingham 11. *Maii* 1437.
Tho. Derram obiit 14. *Apr.* 21. *E.* 4.
Ric. Shaw. 14. *H.* 7.
Will. Polesworth. penult. Febr. 1500.
Tho. Wiford 26. *H.* 8.
Tho. Camswell 30. *H.* 8.

F. levat. xv. Joh. B. 32. *H.* 3: *Cart.* 33. *H.* 3. *m.* 4. *Northb. f.* 39. *a. Ib. f.* 49. *a. Strett. f.* 8. *b. Sk. f.* 7. *a. Ib. f.* 11. *a. Burgh. f.* 6. *a. Heyw. f.* 35. *b. Esc.* 21. *E.* 4. *Inq. super depop.* 3. *E.* 6. *Bowl. f.* 205. *b. Reg. Primit. & dec. Ex autogr. in Cur. Augm.*

Which Priors had place in Parliament amongst the Barons of this Realm, as appears by all the writts of Summons in every Kings raign.

The succession of the particular Mannours, which belong'd to this Religious house, I have pointed at, as they lye in my way: All therefore that I now have further to do in relation unto it, is to observe what became of the site thereof; wherein I find, that K. H. 8. by his Pat. x dated 28. *Julii*, 37. of his raign, granted it to *John Combes* gent. and *Rich. Stansfield*, and their heirs, with divers mes. gardens, mills, &c. thereto belonging; to hold in Free Burgage. From whom it came afterwards to *John Hales*, as it seemes: for I find, that in 15. *Eliz.* he dyed y seised thereof, leaving *John* his nephew; (*viz.* son to his brother *Christopher*) his heir: but none of that family do now enjoy it.

x Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 3.
y Esc. 15. Eliz.

Chantryes in, and adjoyning to the Priory.

Leiceſter's Chantry.

THis *Chantry* was founded in 2. E. 3. as appears by the Covenants [z] for Ordination thereof made betwixt *Henry* the then Prior, and *Rob. de Leiceſter* and *Will. de Leiceſter*, Canons of **Lichfield**; whereby the ſaid Prior doth undertake for himſelf and his ſucceſſors to find two ſecular Prieſts to ſing Maſs daily in that Cathedrall at the Altar of the holy *Trinity*, the *bleſſed Virgin*, K. *Edward* the Confeſſor, *Edmund* Archb. of **Canterbury**, and *All-Saints*, ſtanding in the body of the ſaid Church; for the good eſtate of the ſame Church, and for the ſoul of the before ſpecified Prior; as alſo for the ſouls of *Henry* and *Letice*, father and mother of the ſaid Prior; *Robert* and *Will. de Leiceſter* above mentioned, *Geffrey* and *Elene* their father and mother; and of their brethren and ſiſters. And likewiſe for the ſouls of Sir *Will. de Bereford*, Frere *Hugh de Rothwell*, *Walt. de Langton*, and *Roger Northburg* then Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**. But of this *Chantry*, all that I find more is, that upon the Survey [a] taken in 26. H. 8. it was certified, that *Thomas Jackſon* and *William Pawden* were then the Prieſts belonging thereto, each of which had a ſtipend of 4. li. *per annum* payd by the Prior, and were removable at his pleaſure.

[z] *Northb. f. 27. a.*

[a] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 28. a.*

Copſtons Chantry.

THis *Chantry*, adjoining [b] to the wall of the Priory, was founded [c] by *Will. Copſton* in 19. E. 1. the revenue [d] of it, in 26. H. 8. being xi. li. viii. s. ii. d. *per annum*, over and above repriſes; and *Anthony Molineux* Dr. of Divinity then Warden thereof. It ſeems, that, upon the diſſolution of the Monaſtery in 30. H. 8. it was tranſlated into S *Michaell*'s Church; for [e] there I find it in 37. H. 8. and of the clear yearly value of xi. li. vii. s. ii. d. ob. above all repriſes.

The next particular whereof I come to ſpeak, is the two large and beautifull Churches, dedicated the one to S. *Michaell*, the other to the holy *Trinity*; both which heretofore ſtood within the ſame Cimetery with the Priory Church.

[b] *Ib. f. 31 b.*

[c] *Pat. 19. E. 1. m. 14.*

[d] *MS. penès eund. S. A. f. 31. b.*

[e] *Ex alio MS. penès eund. f. 6. a.*

S. Michaell's Church.

OF this, the firſt mention that I find [f], is in K. *Stephen's* time; for then did *Ranulph* E. of **Cheſter** render it to the Monks of **Coventre**, by the name of the Chappell of S. *Michaell*, being ſatisfied by the teſtimony of divers perſons, as well Clergy as Laytie, that it was their right. Which act of his E. *Hugh* his ſon and ſucceſſor confirmed [g]. Hereunto alſo did E. *Ranulph*, the laſt of that name, give [h] the tythe of his lands and rents in **Coventre** for the health of his ſoul, and of his anceſtors ſouls; commanding all his Officers upon pain of a grievous curſe to make due payment of them accordingly. What colour of right the Biſhop had in the advouſon thereof I find not: but it ſeemes that a claime he made thereto; ſo that in 32. H. 3. the Prior and he came to an agreement [i]: whereupon the ſaid Prior, to purchaſe the Bps intereſt, parted with the perpetuall patronage of the Churches of **Rugton** and **Bobenhull**, then ſetling them upon the Cathedrall of **Lichfield**, whereof ſince that time they have been Prebends. By which Accord [k] it was concluded, that after the deceaſes of each of thoſe Prieſts, then Incumbents of the particular Chappells belonging thereto, the Monks ſhould provide ſecular Prieſts, and other fit Miniſters to ſerve in the ſaid Chappells, and to allow them competent maintenance. And, that to the vicaridge of S. *Michall* ſhould, by the Biſhops Officiall and the Archdeacon, and two other diſcreet men on the Priors part choſen and ſworn, be aſſigned, out of the fruits of the ſaid Church, the value of xxiv. marks *per annum*.

[f] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſp.*

[g] *Ibid.*

[h] *Ibid.*

[i] *F. levat xv. Joh. 32. H. 3.*

[k] *Ex aut. penès D. Cap. Lic*

And moreover, that the Prior and Covent ſhould pay, out of the fruits thereof to the Archdeacon of **Coventre**, for his *Procurations*, four marks. And becauſe that the Cathedrall of **Lichfield**, had of antient time uſed to have xxx. marks yearly out of the profits of this Church, it was by the ſame Agreement further concluded, that the ſame ſumme ſhould be payd yearly thereto for the time to come, at the Feaſts of S. *Michaell* and Eaſter, by even portions, out of the Rectory of **Southam**, (the patronage whereof belong'd to the ſaid Monks). Which Accord bears date at **Warwick** 3. *Kal. Julii Anno* 1248. (32. H. 3.) But in 44. H. 3. this Church was appropriated [l] to the Monks; and in *Anno* 1291. 19. E. 1. with its Chappells, valued [m] at 50. marks; and the vicaridge at 8. marks and a half.

The tall and beautifull ſteeple; which, for its excellent workmanſhip and height, is inferior to none in **England**, was [n] more than xxii. years in building; being begun in *Anno* 1373. 47. E. 3. and finiſhed *Anno* 1395. 18. R. 2. But I find [o], that in 12. H. 6. there was a new work begun upon this Church, yet what in particular I cannot directly ſay: howbeit, by the faſhion of the building, do I conceive, that the whole body of the Church, or the greateſt part thereof, was then built in that form we now behold it.

In 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge, before expreſt, was [p] rated at 65. li. 10. s. 06. *per annum*, out of which being then annually payd 02. li. 15. s. 04. d. to the Archdeacon of **Coventre** for *Procurations* and *Synodals*: to the Prior of **Coventre** for an yearly Penſion c. s. and to the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield** 33. s. 04. d. the clear value amounted to 56. li. 00. s. 10. d.

[l] *Rot. R. Molend. penès Regi Cov. & Lich. epiſ. m. 4.*

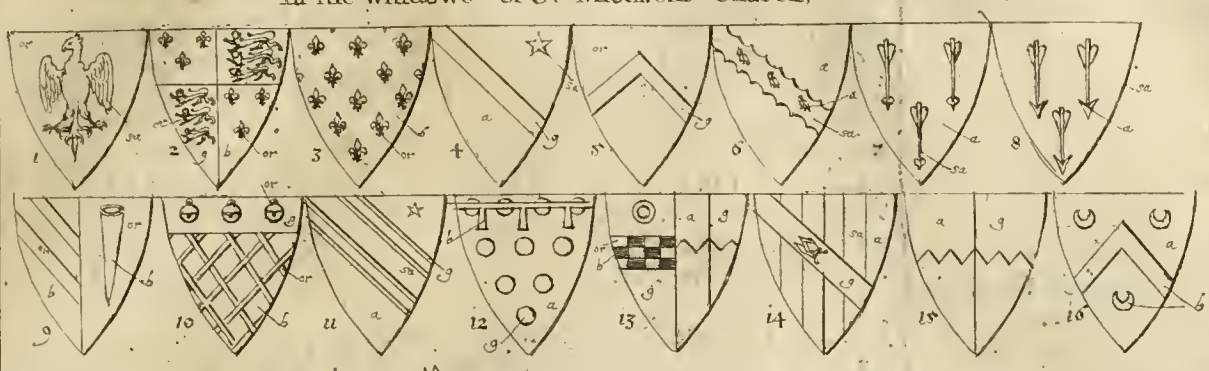
[m] *MS. Scacc.*

[n] *Ex tal. Jorum Cov. penès Hale ar.*

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In the Windows of S.t Michaells Church,

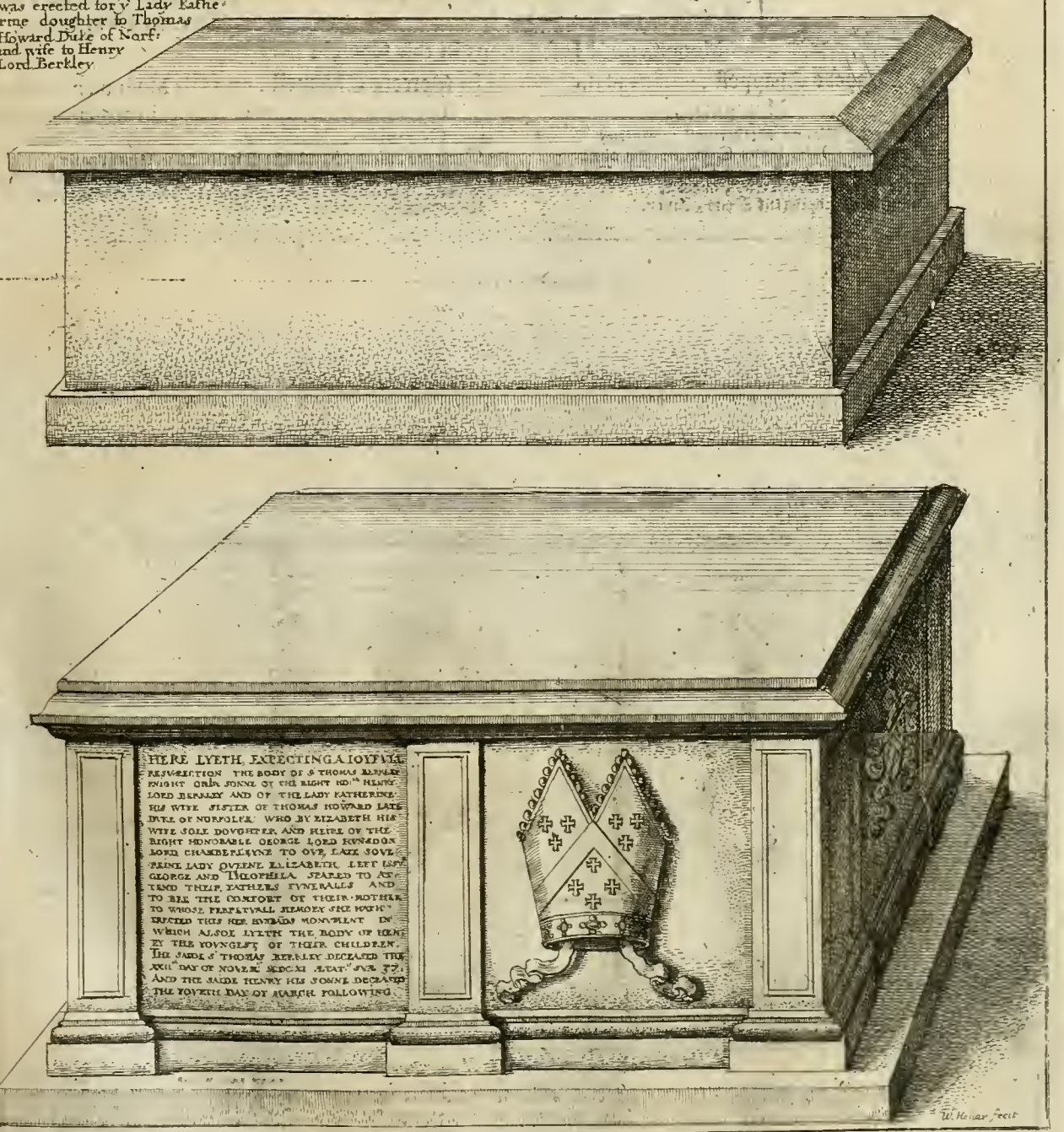




1 Earle Leofrike
2 France & England quartery
3 France.
4 Treanton
5 Stafford
6 Savile
7 Risdon
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10 Penford
11 Allpath
12 Babington
13 Whittington impaling Fitzwa.
14 Burghill
15 Fitzwarin
16
17 The Prince of Wales
18 Ric: Beauchamp E of Warw:
19 Fitz-Alan E: of Arundell,
20 Will: Beauchamp Lo: Bergau: impaling Fitz-Alan.

This monument of gray-marble wherron there is noe inscription was erected for y Lady Katherine doughter to Thomas Howard Duke of Norf: and wife to Henry Lord Berkley

In the North Ile, called Drapers Chapell,



Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Langt. f. 5. a.	*Magr. Will. de Billeſlege 6. Non. Martii 1296.*		*Will. Glym. 22. Jan. 1436.* *Ib. f. 35.*
North. f. 18. b.	*Joh. de Kent Diac. 7. Id. Junii 1323.*		*Tho. Worſhop, alias Cheſterfield, in decr. bacc. 19. Jun. 1441.* *Ib. f. 40.*
Strett. f. 9. a.	*Will. del Peek Pbr. 15. Cal. Sept. 1361.*	*Prior. & Conv. de Coventre.*	*Tho. Egmond, art. medicinaq; Dr. 23. Oct. 1457.* *Bowl. f. b.*
Ib. f. 11. b.	*Rgb. de Wentbrigg. Pbr. 14. Cal. Dec. 1362.*		*Margr. Joh. Veyſy leg. Dr. 26. Apr. 1507.* *Bl. f. 5.*
Sk. f. 2. a.	*Thom. de Stanley Pbr. 1388.*		*D. Georg. 6. Maii. 1520.* *Ib. f. 8.*
Ib. f. 3. a.	*Joh. de Lodelawe Pbr. 1388.*	*D. Rex, ratione advoc. ejuſd. per Geo. Com. Hunt. & Fr. Haſtings, fil. & har. dicti Cam. (per Pr. & Conv. de Cov. iiſdem dat.) ſibi conceſs.*	*Arth. Dudley Cler. Capellanus D. Regis, 6. Febr. 1537.* *Str. & f. 15. a.*
Ib. f. 10. a.	*Thom. Stanley Pbr. 7. Oct. 1395.*		
Burgh. f. 11. a.	*Thom. de Tutterbury Cap. 6. Febr. 1402.*		
Ib. f. 11. b.	*Joh. Wakering Cap. 9. Martii 1402.*		*Jo. Ramridg Cler. 7. Febr. 1538.* *Ib. f. 16.*
Ib. f. 23. a.	*Will. Glym. 29. Julii 1409.*	*Pr. & Conv. de Coventre.*	*Hugo Symon, ſacræ Theol. bacc. 17. Martii 1552.* *Sampſ. f. b.*
Bull. f. 7. b.	*Rob. Thresk. Cap. 10. Jan. 1418.*	*Edw. 6. Rex Angl.*	*Will. Ireland Cleric. 22. Sept. 1577.* *Sampſ. B. f. 47. Bundell.*
Ib. f. 8. b.	*Ric. Leiet leg. D. 19. Nov. 1419.*	*Eliz. Regina.*	*Will. Hinton Cler. S. Theo. Bacc. 26. Mar. 1583.*
Heyw. f. 26. b.	*Joh. Heyworth, in decret Baccalar. 10. Dec. 1431.*	*Jacobus Rex.*	*Sam. Buggs cler. S. Theol. bacc. 4. Nov. 1623.* *Morton. bund. cert.*

Monumentall Inſcriptions in this Church.

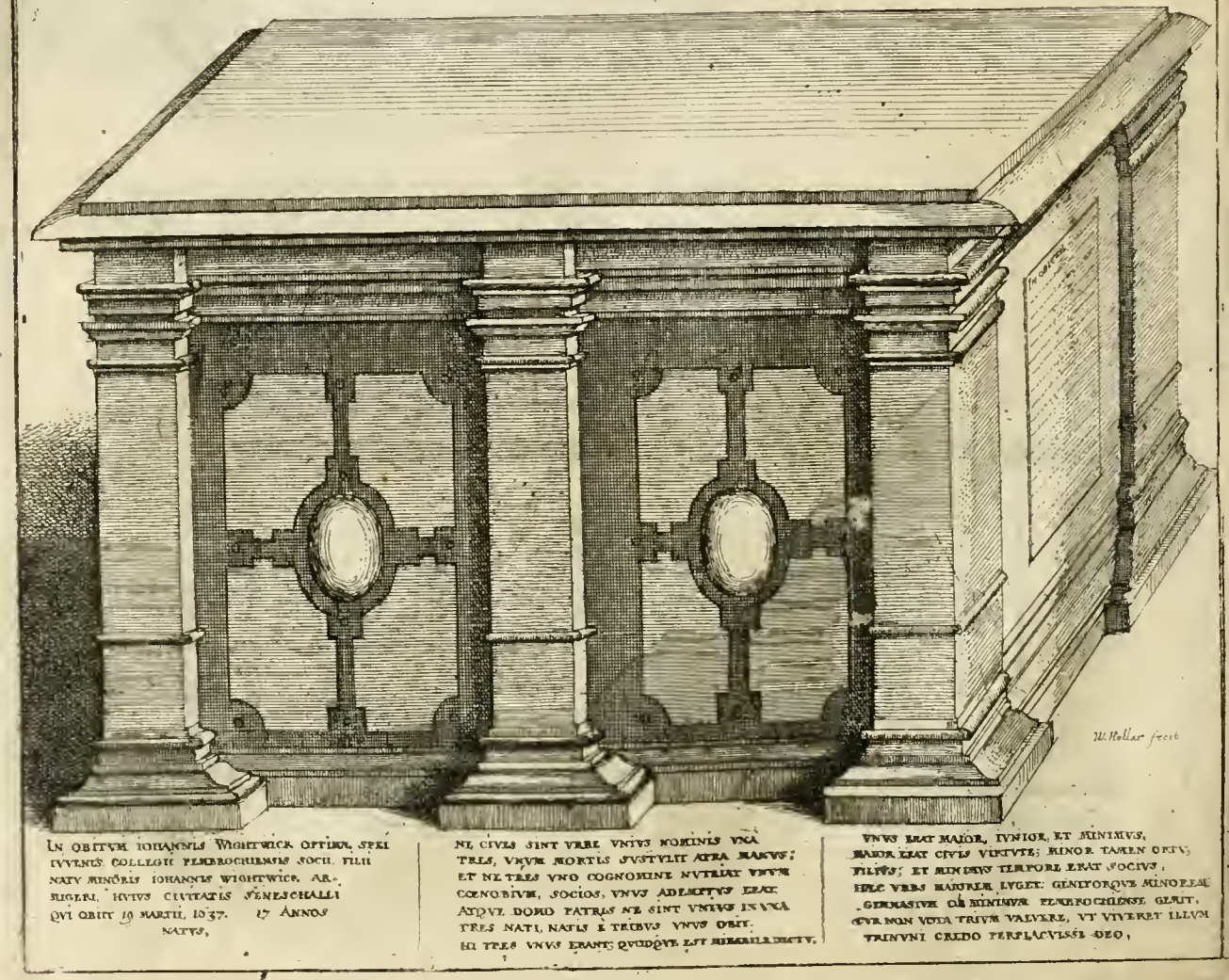
In **Drapers Chappell**, upon a plain raiſed Monument.

Hic iacet Iullianus Netherwyll proſtratus Quondam Maior huius Ciuitatis, qui obiit xxi. die menſis Aprilis anno Domini M. D. xxxix. & Johana uxor eius, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

In **Mercers Chappell**, on a fair Monument whereupon are the ſtatues of a man in armour and his two wives.

Orate pro anima Elizabethe Swillington, nuper uxoris Radulphi Swillington attornati generalis Domini regis Henrici Octavi, Recordatoris Ciuitatis Coventrie, uxoris Thome Eſſex armigeri: Que quidem Elizabetha obiit....

In the North Ile.



IN OBITVM IOHANNIS WIGHTWICK OPTIMI, SPEI IVVENIS, COLLEGII PEMBROCHIENSIS SOCII, FILII NATV MINORIS IOHANNIS WIGHTWICK, ARMIGERI, HVIVS CIVITATIS SENESCHALLI QVI OBIIT 10 MARTII, 1637. ET ANNOS NATVS,

NE CIVES SINT VRBI VNIVS NOMINIS VNA TRES, VRVM MORTIS IVSTVLIT AERA MANVS: ET NE TRES VNO COGNOMINE NVTRIAT VNVS COENOBIVM, SOCIOS, VNVS ADIMITVS ERAT. ATQVE DOMO PATRIS NE SINT VNIVS IN VNA TRES NATI, NATIS E TRIBVS VNVS OBIT. HI TRES VNVS ERANT; QVODQVE LVT HEREDES DICTV.

VNVS ERAT MAIOR, IVNIOR, ET MINIMVS, MAIOR ERAT CIVIS VIRTVTE; MINOR TAMEN OPTIMVS FILIVS; ET MINIMVS TEMPORE ERAT SOCIVS; HINC VERA MAIORES LVGET: GENITORQVE MINOREM, GIMNASIVM OLIM MINIMVS PEMBROCHIENSE GERIT. QVEM NON VOTA TRIVM VALVERE, VT VIVERET ILLVM TRINVNI CREDO PERPLACVISSE DEO.

In this Church of St. Mich. were divers Chantries, founded by severall persons, and endowed with Lands or some yearly Revenue, for the maintenance of one or more Priests, daily to Sing Mass for the souls of the Donors, or such whom they did appoint.

Merynton's Chantry.

THis was founded [q] by *Hugh de Merynton* in 17 *E.* 2. and consisted of two priests, to Sing Mass daily for the health of his soul, and of *Agnes* his wife: as also for the souls of his ancestors and all the faithfull deceased; being endow'd with 8. l. yearly Rent, for that purpose: yet in [r] 26 H. 8. the clear yearly value thereof amounted to no more than an C. s. but upon the Survey [s] taken in 37 H. 8. it was found to be worth 7. l. 09. s.-04. d. *per an.* over and above all reprises.

[q] Pat. 17. E. 2. p. 1. m. 6.

[r] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 30. b.

[s] Ex alio MS. penès eund.

Shepey's Chantry.

THis was founded [t] by *Laurence Shepey* of **Coventre** in 4 *E.* 3. & endowed with one mess, and two Shops, for the maintenance of a Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of St. *Laurence* within the same Church; for the soul of the said *Laurence*; and of the souls of his father and mother; *Maud* his wife; *Adam Stanydelf* and *Alice* his wife, with all the faithfull deceased. Whereunto, in 11 R. 2. *John Shepey*, Dean of **Lincoln**, added [u] the gift of one more mess. for the maintenance of two Priests to Sing Mass at the said Altar, for the soul of *Laurence*, the Founder (his grand-father) *Jordan Shepey*, his father: as also for the good estate of him the said Dean, whilst he lived; and afterwards for the health of his soul, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased. In 37 H. 8. the value thereof, certified [w] at 59. s.-07. d. *per an.* was allowed by the last Prior of **Coventre** to the Curat of **Sow**, in augmentation of his Salary; in regard that the small Tythes of **Sow**, that were all he had for his maintenance, were then worth but six pounds *per an.*

After this, *viz.* in 45 *E.* 3. *Iohn de Burgh*, Priest, *Will. Liberd*, *Iohn de Pountfreit*, *Ranulph Palmer*, and *Thomas Yelvertoft*, gave [x] two mess. with the appurtenances here in **Coventre**, for the maintenance of a Priest to Sing Mass daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, within this Church, for the souls of *Henry Dilcock*, and *Margery* his wife, *Robert de Watton* and *Maud* his wife; and of *Will. de Shepey* and *Alice* his wife.

[t] Pat. 4. E. 3. p. 1. m. 40.

[u] Pat. 6. R. 2. p. 2. m. 2. Esc. 11 R. 2. n. 99.

[w] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 7. a.

[x] Pat. 45. E. 3. p. 1. m. 32.

Haye's Chantry.

THis was founded [y] in 12. R. 2. by *Henry del Hay* of **Coventre**, Girdler; and endow'd with three mess, lying here in **Coventre**, for the maintenance of one Priest to Sing Mass daily at the Altar of *All-Saints*, within this Church; for the good estate of the said K. *R.* 2. and of Q. *Anne* his consort: as also of him the said *Henry*, during their naturall lives, and afterwards for the health of their souls. The Revenue whereof in 37 H. 8. being certified [z] at 21. s.-07. d. *per an.* over and above reprises, was by the last Prior of **Coventre** given to the Vicar of **Folkeshull** in augmentation of his living, whereof the value then extended to no more then 03. l.-18. s. *per an.*

[y] Pat. 12. R. 2. p. 1. m. 16.

[z] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 7. a.

Preston's Chantry.

THis was founded [a] by *John Preston* of **Coventre** in 13 H. 4. for two Priests to Sing Mass daily at the Altars of the holy *Trinity*, and the blessed Virgin, within this Church, for the good estate of him the said *John*, during this mortall life; and afterwards for the health of his soul; as also for the Souls of his Parents and Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased; and endow'd with six Mess: and one Shop, with a Chamber over it, situat here in **Coventre**. All which in 26 H. 8. were valued [b] at 05. l. 09. s. *per an.* over and above reprises: but in [c] 37 H. 8. at no more then 04. l. 06. s. 11. d. *per an.*

[a] Pat. 13. H. 4. p. 2. m. 26.

[b] MS. penès præfat. S. A. f. 30. a

[c] Ex alio MS. penès eund. f. 4. a.

Crosses Chantry.

IN 13 H. 4. *John Scarburgh*, *Philip Baron*, *Laurence Coke*, and *Thomas Henryes* gave [d] 5. Mess and 04. l. 06. s. 06. d. Rent. *per an.* lying here in **Coventre**, to the Mayor and Commonalty of this City, and their successors for ever, to find a certain Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of St. *Katherine* within the said Church, for the good estate of the same K. *Henry*, during this life; and for his soul after his departure hence: as also for the soul of *John Crosse* late Merchant of **Coventre**, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased: But when this Chantry was dissolved or altered, I find not.

[d] Pat. 13. H. 4. p. 2. m. 39.

Pyseford's Chantry.

THis was founded [e] by one *Will. Pyseford*, and endowed with lands, for to find one Priest, to Sing Mass daily within this Church; and to maintain six poor men and their wives, such as had been honest House-holders, and were fallen to decay, within the City; *viz.* 07. d. *ob.* a week to every Couple, to pray for the souls of the said *William* and his Parents for ever: Howbeit, the certain time of its foundation I have not seen; but the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, being, by the Survey [f] taken in 37 H. 8. valued at 26. l. 09. s. *per an.* the Priest had out of it 6. l. yearly for his salary; the residue being for the maintenance of the before specified poor people, and discharge of other payments concerning the said lands and Chantry.

[e] MS. penès præfat. S. A. f. 4. b.

[f] Ibi

The Taylor's and Sherman's Chantry.

OF this Chantryes foundation I find nothing: but in the Survey [g] of 26 H. 8. it was certified

[g] MS. penès eundem S. A. f. 30. b.

tified to be of the clear yearly value of 02. l. 16. s. 6. d. ob. *per an.* over and above all reprises.

Tate's Chantry.

HEreof, all that I have met with, is onely, that there was an yearly ſtipend[h] of Cvi. s. viii. d. payd to a Chantry-Prieſt, ſinging Maſs daily in this Church of St. *Mich.* by the Company of Dyers in the City of **London**.

[h] *Ex alio M S. penes eund. f.* 8. *a.*

Marler's Chantry.

IT doth not very clearly appear, that this Chantry was in St. *Mich.* Church: but in regard that there be circumſtances, which make it probable, I have fixt it ſo. It was founded [i] by one *Ric. Marler*, as his laſt Will doth manifeſt; by which he aſſigned certain Rents to be yearly received by the Wardens of this City, for the time being, to find a Prieſt to Sing daily Maſs in a Chappell, built over the Grave of him the ſaid *Richard*, for the health of his ſoul and all Chriſten-ſouls; and to keep divine Service in the Quire; whoſe ſtipend was nine marks *per an.* But the foundation of it, is of no antiquity; for there were no more than two Chantry-Prieſts ſucceſſively belonging thereto; *viz. Henry Marler*, and *Ric. Branker*; which *Ric.* was living in 37 H. 8.

[i] *Ib. f.* 6. *a.*

Trinity Church.

OF this, the firſt mention I find, is of it's appropriation [k] to the Priory in 44 H. 3. In *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [l] at xx. marks and the Vicaridge at two marks: But in [m] 26 H. 8. the ſaid Vicaridge was rated at 33. l. 1. s. 6. d. *ob. per an.* out of which iſſued [n] a *Penſion* of C: s. to the Prior; xvi. s. in *Procurations* and *Synodals*; and to the Church-wardens, for a Quit-Rent, yearly, for the Vicaridge-houſe xx. s. ſo that the clear yearly value, deducting the repriſes, amounted to xxvi. l. v. s. vi. d.

[k] *Rot. R. Molend. m.* 4.
[l] *M S. in Scacc.*
[m] *M S. penes præſat. S. A. f.* 30. *b.*
[n] *Ib.* 31. *b.*

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes.	
	Henr. de Harenhale 10. *Cal. Apr.* 1298.	*Langt. f.* 5. *b*
	Joh. de Holland. 2. *Non. Sept.* 1334.	*Northb. f.* 28. *a.*
	Joh. Grenеburgh Cler. 4. *Id. Jan.* 1346.	*Ib. f.* 45. *a.*
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Egid. Fillilod Cap. Non. Sept.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 50. *b.*
	Will. Swet Pbr. 8. *Maii* 1380.	*Stret. f.* 27. *b*
	Joh. de Amcotes Pbr. 12. *Martii* 1381.	*Ib. f.* 29. *a.*
	Will. Gamell Pbr. 16. *Oct.* 1383.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
Ric. Umfrey domicellus	*Nich. Crosby Cap.* 15. *Jan.* 1421,	*Heyw. f.* 7. *b.*
	Joh. Meneley Pbr. 20. *Dec.* 1443.	*Ib. f.* 42. *a.*
Pr. & Conv. de Coventre.	*Tho. Orton in decr. bacc. an.* 1508.	*Bl. f.* 5. *a.*
	Nich. Darington S. Theol. bacc. 23. *Jan.* 1527.	*Ib. f.* 13. *b.*
Dom. Rex.	*Will. Benet Cler.* 5. *Nov.* 1546	*Sampſ. f.* 41. *b.*
Domina Regina	*Geo. Brooche in art. Mag.* 8. *Aug.* 1554.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 1. *b.*
	Geo. Cheſton 6. *Apr.* 1568.	*Ib. f.* 43. *a.*
	Anth. Fletcher Cler. 4. *Maii* 1576.	*Ib. f.* 46. *b.*
	Humf. Fenne Cler. 21. *Febr.* 1577.	*Ib. f.* 47. *b.*
	Ric. Eaton Cler. 12. *Jan.* 1590	*Overton bund. E.*
Jacobus Rex.	*Tho. Cooper S. Theol. bacc.* 8. *Maii* 1604.	*Overton bund. F.*
	Sam. Gibſon Cler. 2. *Jan.* 1610.	*Neale bund. C.*
	Joh. Stareſmore in art. Mag. 15. *Maii* 1618.	*Overall bund. A.*
	Sam. Buggs S. Theol. bacc. 20. *Junii* 1626.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Monumental Inſcriptions in this Church.

On the South Wall of the Quire.

EPITAPHIUM

DOCTORIS HOLLANDI A SEIPSO CONFECTUM qui obiit 9. die Februarii 1636. Et 85. ætatis ſuæ,

NEmo habet hic, nemon' hoſpes ſalveto, Philemon
Holland hâc recubat ritè repoſtus humo:
Si quæras ratio quænam ſit nominis, hæc eſt,
Totus terra fui, terraque totus ero:
At redivivus morte tuâ ſervabor Jĕſu,
Una fides votis hæc eſt via ſola ſalutis,
Hâc ſpe fretus ego, culpâ, pœnâque ſolatus,
Jamque renatus, & inde novo conſpectus amictu,
Cætu in Sanctorum poſt redimitus ero.
Claudicat inceſſu ſenior mea Muſa, vides ne?
Claudatur capulo mecum ſimul ipſa: valeto.
Valedictio
Ad liberos & nepotes ſuperſtites.
Dantque omnes unâ dudum de ſtirpe creati
Henrice ah! ſeptem de fratribus une ſuperſtes;
O ephanici fratris Gulielmi nuper adempti
Et mihi (bis puero) nutricis, Anna, Maria
Cumque tuis Angelis Elizabeta; valete.
Gulielmus filius ſexto-genitus, Chirurgus Conventrenſis hic etiam jacet ſepultus 1632. *ætatis ſuæ* 40. *Henricus filius & hæres civis Londinenſis P.* 54. *ætatis ſuæ* 1647.

On the ſame South Wall.

Carmen in obitum chariſſimi Johannis Whithed, quondam prætoris hujus civitatis digniſſimi.

ROma Numã jactat decorat Lacedemona priſcã
Iuſſa Therapneus jura Lycurgus agens
Non minor eſt nobis, præciſo ſtamine vitæ
Qui jacet hic clauſus lumine caſſus humo
Virtutis curſu conſtans athleta Jehovæ
O quam longè aberat ſubdola Græca fides
Mortuus ante diem, proh ſævo funere raptus
Tempore Prætura mortuus ante diem
Tempore Prætura tribus & plus partibus anni
Officio functus ſcandet in aſtra poli.

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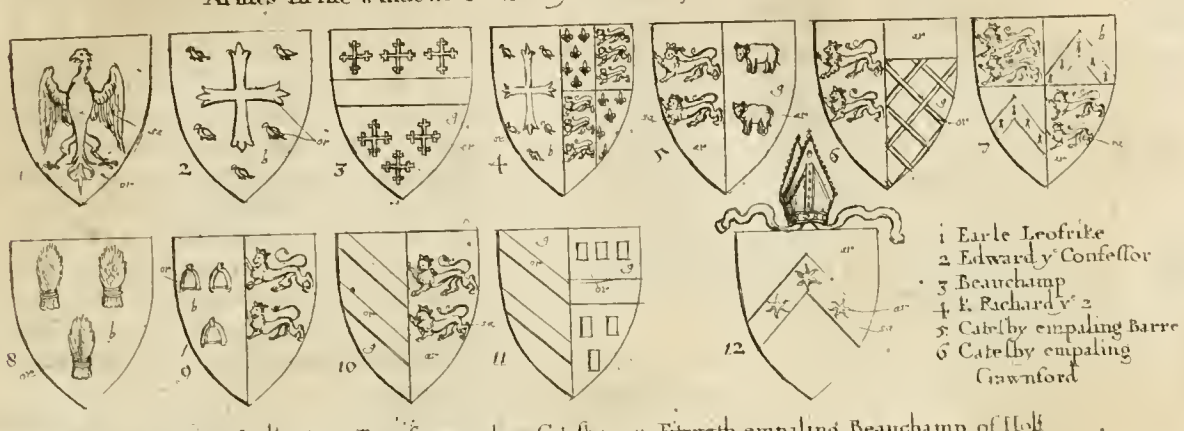
On a grave-ſtone, near the ſame Wall.

HÆc Anna Claris. Nuper Coniux Doctoris Hollandi, filia fuit Gulielmi Bot alias Peyton, quondam de Perry-hall in Com. Staff. armig.

Hic Recubat dilecta Philemonis uxor Holandi,
Anna, pudicitiæ non ulli laude ſecunda,
Quadraginta octoque annos quæ nupta marito,
Septem illi pueros enixa eſt, treſque puellas,
Lactavitque omnes, genitrix eadem eſt pia nutrix;
Septuaginta duos vitæ numeraverat annos;
Lætatis, crebros morbi cum paſſa labores,
Omnibus, & defuncta mali, in pace quievit
Quodque unum potui, ſupremi pignus amoris
Filius hoc dedit Henricus ad carmina marmor.
Sancta vixit,
Sancta obiit
In feſto omnium Sanctorum:
In cœlum Sanctorum tranſmigravit 1627.
In reſurrectione Sanctorum
reſurget.

Coventre

Armes in the Windows of Trinity Church,



Percye's Chantry.

THis, being the antienteſt Chantry of any that were founded in *Trinity*-Church, was endow'd [o] in 23 E. 3. by *Nich. Percy*, *John de Fylingley*, and *Henry Mollyng*, with ſix meſs. one ſhop, ſix acres of land and 40. s. rent, lying in **Coventre**, for the maintenance of one Prieſt to Sing Maſs dayly at the Altar of *All-Saints*, for the good eſtate of the ſaid *Nich.* and *Beatrice* his wife; and of *John Percy*, Prieſt, whilſt they ſhould live in this world; and for their ſouls after their departure hence: as alſo for the ſouls of *Iohn Percy*, and *Peter Percy*; and of the father and mother of the ſaid *Nicholas*, with all the faithfull deceaſed. But afterwards was there another Prieſt added [p] thereto; towards whoſe maintenance in 9 H. 4. *Will. Botoner*, *Iohn Egeſton* the elder, and *Iohn Drye* of **Coventre** Prieſt gave one meſs. and 24. acres of land lying in this City. The value of all which, was in 26 H. 8. certified [q] to be 10. l. 10. s. *per an.* over and above repriſes: but upon the Survey [r] taken in 37 H. 8. 11. l.-19. s.-08. d.

[o] Pat. 23. E 3. p. 1. m. 1.

[p] Pat. 9. H. 4. p. 1. m. 19.

[q] MS. penès præſat. S. A. f. 31. b.

[r] Ex alio MS. penès eund. f. 5. b.

The Chantry of the Holy Croſs.

THis was founded [s] in 30 E. 3. by *Will. de Davyntre*, *Henry Molling*, *Rob. le Spenſer*, *Gilb. de Peek*, *Ric. de Fillyngley*, *Iohn Luk*, *Ric. de Godeſvowes*, *Ric. de Northampton*, *Geffrey de Peek*, *Iohn le Baxtere*, *Henry de VVhitemore*, *Adam de Kereſleye*, and *Ric. Teynton* of **Coventre**, for two Prieſts to Sing Maſs dayly at the Altar of the *Holy Croſs*, in this Church, for the good eſtate of K. *Edw.* the 3. and of *Iſabell* Q. of **Engl.** his mother; Q. *Philipa* his conſort, and of all their children. As alſo for the good eſtate of the ſaid *Will. Henry*, and the reſt aforementioned: And likewiſe of all the Brethren and Siſters of the Fraternity of the *Holy Croſs* of **Coventre**, whilſt they lived, and for their ſouls after their deceaſe: And for the ſouls of all the ſaid K. progenitors; and of the anceſtors of the ſaid *Will. de Davyntre*, &c. For the maintenance of which two Prieſts, they gave 7. meſs. 14. ſhops, and ſix acres of land, lying in this City.

[s] Pat. 30. E. 3. p. 1. m. 6.

Lodyngton's Chantry.

THis was founded [t] in 16 R. 2. by *VVill. Haynton*, and *Iohn Bromcote*, Prieſts; for one Prieſt to Sing Maſs in this Church, for the good eſtate of *Alice* the Widow of *Roger de Lodyngton*; and for her ſoul after her departure out of this world: And for the ſoul of the ſaid *Roger de Lodington*, his father and mother, and of all the faithfull deceaſed. The clear Revenue whereof in 37 H. 8. being certified [u] at 02. l.-00-03. d. *per an.* was allowed to the Vicar of **Erhall**, in augmentation of his living; the ſmall tythes belonging thereto, extending to no more than 03. l.-06. s.-08. d. *per an.*

[t] Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 1. m. 4.

[u] MS. penes præfat. S. A. f. 6. b.

Corpus-Chriſti Chantry.

ALL that I find of this *Chantry*, is, that the Prior of **Coventre** preſented [w] three Prieſts unto it ſucceſſively in E. 3. time: but when it was founded, by whom, or how diſſolved I cannot ſay.

[w] North f. 40. a & 48. a. Et Stret. f. 11. a.

Alleſley's

Allesley's Chantry.

THis was founded [x] by one *Will. de Allesley*, in E. 1. time; for one Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of S. *Thomas* the Martyr, in a Chappell near adjoyning to the Church-porch: the clear yearly value of all the Rents belonging thereto, over and above reprises, being, in [y] 26 H. 8. certified at 04.l.-17.s. but in [z] 37 H. 8. at 04.l. 08.s.-06.d.

[x] *MS. penes præfat. S. A. f. 5. b.*

[y] *Ex alio MS. penes eund. f. 31. a.*

[z] *Ex præfato MS. f. 5. b.*

Cellets-Chantry.

THis was founded [a] by one *Will. Cellet* in E. 3. time; for one Priest to Sing Mass dayly for the soul of the said *Will.* and his parents: But I find no more than one onely Priest presented [b] to it by the Prior of **Coventre**; *scil.* 4. *Cal. Oct.* 1356. And, that in 37 H. 8. the clear yearly value thereof being certified [c] at 03.l.-04.d.-*ob. per an.* was allow'd by the last Prior of **Coventre** to the Vicar of **Stoke**, in augmentation of his living, then worth but 40. s. *per an.*

The dissolution of all which Chantryes was by Act of Parl. in 1 E. 6. as the Printed Statutes do manifest.

In the next place I come to speak of the other Religious-houses within this City; as also of the particular **Gilds** or Fraternities dispersed in the severall parts thereof. All which I shall take in order, according to their antiquities.

[a] *Ib. f. 7. b.*

[b] *North bb. f. 60. a.*

[c] *Ex præfato MS. f. 7. b.*

St. Johns Hospitall.

THis was first founded [d] by *Laurence*, Prior of **Coventre** and his Covent about the beginning of H. 2. time, at the request [e] of *Edmund* then Archdeacon of **Coventre**, *ad susceptionem pauperum & infirmorum*, as the words of the grant import; which *Edm.* procured [f] a confirmation thereof from *Ric.* Archb. of **Cant.** (*T. Becket's* successor) and was at charge of the buildings. In *an.* 1221. (5 H. 3.) Pope *Honorius* the 3. by his Bull [g] dated at **Lateran** 15. *Cal. Junii*, granted unto the Friers of this Hospitall a speciall protection as to their persons and possessions; and by name for their land at **Smercote** (in **Bedworth**-Parish) which, as 'tis like, was given them at the foundation of their House.

The first of their other Benefactors, whereof our publick Records do take notice, were *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife; who, in 33 H. 3. upon their grant of the Mannour of **Coventre** to the Monks in Fee-ferme (whereof I have formerly spoke) reserved [h] a Cart-load of wood every week out of the woods belonging to **Coventre**, to be delivered by the Foresters of the Pr. and Covent, for the time being, unto the Friers of this Hospitall. After which they obtain'd of K. H. 3. Letters [i] of protection, bearing date 24. *Julii*, 45 H. 3. extending the same likewise to such their Messengers as they should imploy and send abroad to receive Almes for their behoof: who in that Pat. recommended their condition to be so far tendred by all they should so repair unto, as they might expect to be rewarded from God and have thanks of him. As also severall Bulls [k] from *P. Urban* the 4. and 5. of immunities from all secular exactions. And by other Benefactors had, as follfolloweth; *viz.* 4. mess. 2. acres and a half of wood, and 20. s. rent, lying in **Coventre** and **Bedworth**, given [l] by *Bernard de Arley* 1 E. 3. Twenty acres of land 1. rood of medow and 30. s. rent, in **Stonley**, **Harnale**, and **Coventre**, by [m] *Nich. Crumpe* of **Coventre** 2 E. 3. Three mess. 6. acres of land, and half an acre of medow, lying in **Coventre** and **Cozley**, by [n] *Ric. Southam* Priest. And 5. more mess. lying in **Coventre**, by *Henry Page* of **Wellesborough** 15 E. 3. Four mess, and 11.s. rent in **Coventre**, by [o] *John de Filungley* Priest, 21 E. 3. One mess. in **Coventre** by [p] *John de Melton* Priest, *John Smyth* Holyer, and *Tho. Marchall* 6 R. 2. Four mess. 5. shops and 12. d. rent in **Coventre** by [q] *Hugh de Geydon*, Vicar of **Merton**, and *Will. Suwett* Parson of **Southam** 9 R. 2. Four mess. 40. acres of land and 20.s. rent in **Coventre**, with two acres of wood in **Bedworth**. As also five mess, twelve Corages and eight shops, in **Coventre** likewise, given [r] by the said *Will. Suwett*, and *Hugh Geydon*, in 16 R. 2. And besides all this an allowance in bread, beer, and two messes of meat, as much as was sufficient for two Monks, every day, given [s] by the Monks of **Coventre** to them at the foundation of this Hospitall.

Other lands and rents they had, as is evident by the Survey, taken in 26 H. 8. but when, or by whom bestowed I have not seen; the value of all being then certified, to extend unto 99.l.-13. s.-06.d. *per an.* Out of which I will onely instance such of their reprises as are most observable; *viz.* [t] 33.s.-04.d. yearly to the Mayor and Chamberleyns of this City, towards the repair of the walls: 26.s. *per an.* in bread and beer given to poor people at the Gate of the Hospitall, by the Ordinance and foundation thereof: 60. s. yearly in renewing of 20. Beds, for entertainment of poor and weak people; as also of strangers: 16.l. *per an.* for the stipend of three Priests serving there, *viz.* 05.l. 06.s.-08. a piece. All which, with the other deductions not mentioned, amounting to 32.l.-10.s. 04.d. *per an.* leave the clear yearly value, as it was at that time certified, 67.l.-03.s.-02.d.

But this Hospitall (with most else of the same kind) being dissolved in the Parl. of 37 H. 8. was, by the said K. Letters Pat. [w] dated 23 *Julii* the same year, with all the lands and possessions thereunto belonging, granted unto *John Hales* Gent. and his heirs; which *John*, being an active man in those days, and Clerk of the Hamper (an Office then of no small benefit) and having accumulated a great estate in Monastery and Chantry lands, resolved to erect a lasting monument to his memory (for he had neither child nor wife) and thereupon, designing the foundation of a Free-School here, and that the King should have the honour thereof, (for which respect he had no little favour in his purchases, as I have credibly heard) obtaind license [x] for the amortizing of lands thereto, of CC. marks *per an.* value, converting the buildings to that use; on the front whereof is this following Inscription.

SCHOLA REGIS HENRICI OCTAVI A JOHANNE HALES

Armigero fundata, in qua bonis literis imbuantur pueri, usque ad consummationem seculi in Christi gloriam, & Ecclesiæ ædificationem.

Howbeit

[d] [e] [f] *Ex vet. exemp. penes J. Hales ar.*

[g] *Ex ipso autog. penes eund. I. H.*

[h] *Ex Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 77. b.*

[i] *Ex autog. penes præfat. I. Hales*

[k] *Ex ipsis autog. penes eund. I. H.*

[l] *Pat. 1 E. 3. p. 3.*

[m] *Esc. 2 E. 3. n. 125.*

[n] *Pat. 15. E. 3. m. 16.*

[o] *Pat. 21. E. 3. p. 3. m. 8.*

[p] *Esc. 6. R. 2. n. 134.*

[q] *Esc. 9. R. 2. n. 121.*

[r] *Esc. 16. R. 2. p. 2. n. 96.*

[s] *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 2. b.*

[t] *Ib. f. 31. b.*

[u] *Ib. f. 32.*

[w] *Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 2.*

[x] *Ib.*

Howbeit, till the 15 of Q. *Eliz.* reign, (which was the year wherein he dyed) this School, so by him begun to be founded, was not certainly endowed: but then did his Executors; *viz.* *Thomas Docura* of **Offeley** in *com.* **Hertf.** Esq. and *Barthol-mew Hales* of **Snytterfeld** in this County of **War.** Gent. in accomplishment of the trust reposed in them by the said *John*, by their deed [y] dated 5 *Martii*, convey and assure unto the Mayor, Bayliffs and commonalty of this City, the site of the said Hospitall and lands thereto appertaining, with divers mes. Gardens, *&c.* lying also in **Coventre**, and belonging to the late dissolved Priories of **Coventre** and **Kenilworth**; together with certain Mills, called the **White frier-mill**, **Bastile mill**, and **Hill-mill**; to the intent, that, out of the profits of the premisses, the sum of xx.l. yearly should be payd to an able Schoolmaster for to teach Grammar in the said School; and x. *l.* to an Usher, (the Schoolmaster having for his habitation the mansion-House wherein the late Master of the said Hospitall did dwell, and the Usher another House, within the site of the said Hospitall.) Lii.s. *per an.* to a Musique-master, for to teach at three convenient times in every week so many of the Schollars of the same School, to sing, as should be willing to learn: And to a Bayliff to gather up the said Rents, and see the Houses kept in reparations xxvi.s. viii. d. yearly; the residue to be imployed in repayring of the same Houses, and the overplus to augment the living of the said School-master and Usher.

[y] *Ex autog. penès Majorem & Com. Civit. Cov.*

The Gray-Friers.

THe place where this *quondam* Religious house stood, is very well known to all that have observed any thing of **Coventre**; in regard the spire-steeple, which was part thereof, is yet standing, giving occasion unto strangers that pass through the town, to think that there is still a Church in that place. But before I descend to speak in particular of this Friery, it will be proper, (I conceive) to say something of their Order, in generall; and next of their propagation in this Kingdom.

First therefore, as to their originall, we shall find, that St. *Francis* (a person famous for his strict and holy life) was the man from whom this Order sprung; whose birth-place (being of a noble extraction) is said [z] to have been at **Assise** in **Umbria** (a Province of **Italy**.) And that, [a] in the very time of his youth, betaking himself to divine studies, no whit regarding the transitory pleasures of this present world, he afterwards neglected his patrimony, which was not small, wore a coul and hair-shirt, went barefoot, and macerated himself with frequent watches and fastings. As also, to the intent that he might make choice of voluntary poverty, he resolved to enjoy nothing as his own, no not so much as food for his body, otherwise than what he received in Almes from good people. And moreover, if he had any thing left, after a slender refreshment, he ever bestow'd it on the poor, reserving nothing for the morrow. That, in the night time he always slept in his cloaths, lying down upon a Matt, having no pillow for his head but a stone: And thus, going barefoot with an Evangelique preparation, did embrace an Apostolique life, preaching upon Sundays and Festivalls in Parish-Churches; which did so much the more work upon the hearts of his auditory, by how much he was a stranger to all carnall desires. The Statutes of which Order, to this day observed, together with some other strict Rules, he presented to Pope *Innocent* the third: which, together with the circumstances of his reception, and their confirmation, I shall for brevity pass by; and the rather for that they are at large set forth by my Author, [b] and confirm'd by the said Pope, in the year of Christ 1207. (*9. Ioh.*)

[z] *M. Paris. p. 339. n. 50.*

[a] *Ib. p. 340.*

[b] *Ib. usque p. 343.*

To this relation I shall briefly adde what a later [c] author hath of him; *viz.* that when he first betook himself to this regular life, he wore shoos and a Lethern Girdle; but revolving in his mind, that our blessed Saviour gave command to his Apostles, that they should not have two coats, nor any purse, he put on a single coat of plain wool, girt himself with a cord, and went barefoot. And at the length, that he might live an Anchorite, betook himself to the *Apenine*-mountains, and in **Averne** (at the foot of them) continued in great solitude; where devoting himself wholy to divine contemplations, he branded his body with the marks of our Lords Passion, and called those *Minors* which he chose, from the first, to be his companions in that Rule, as a manifest token of his humility; to the end that they, being mindfull of that slender appellation, should be free from all pride, which is oft times the companion of sanctity.

[c] *Polyd. Virg. de invent. rerum Lib. 7. cap. 4.*

His Rule being confirmed by *Honorius* the third; and two years after; *viz.* *an.* 1229. *Gregory* the ix. canonizing him for a Saint, no humane institution increased so much as this, in a short time, did: for they were soon spread over the whole Christian world; *Terram repleverunt* saith [d] *Math. Westm.* In towns and Cities they dwelt by tens and seavens in a Covent; and possessing nothing, but meerly living by the Gospell, in food and rayment they manifested their voluntary poverty; and going bare-foot, girt with a knotty cord, gave the greatest example of humility imaginable.

[d] *P. 525. n. 10. Vide M. Paris. p. 222.*

Touching their first comming into **England**, I find [e] it was in *an.* 1224. & *H. 3. viz.* two years before the death of S. *Francis*: but how well the Monks lik't of it let us hear one [f] of them speak, *An.* 1224. *Oh dolor! O plus quam dolor! O pestis truculenta! Fratres Minores venerunt in Angliam.* For which grievous complaint I need not look further, as to the reason, than *Math. Westm.* who modestly gives this character [g] of them. They were diligent instruments for the Pope in all his affairs (saith he) sometimes as Messengers or Legats; sometimes in gathering up Taxes, alwaies sedulous for his advantage: neither were they slack in Preaching, signing with the Cross, and assisting the sick in making of their Testaments; which imployment did not a little hinder the Monks, both in point of profit and power.

[e] *Lel. col. vol. 2. p. 296. Anon. Eveſh. in bibl. Bodl. MS. [K. 84] f. 49. a.*

[f] *Chron. de Peterburgh in bibl. Cotton.*

[g] *In an. 1250.*

I come now to speak of their fixing here, in **Coventre**. That they had not any Charter of foundation for this House: nor indeed any formall grant in writing of the place whereon it stood, is no wonder; considering that, being not endow'd with lands, they wholly liv'd on the charity of others (as we see those beyond Sea do



Minorita.

at this day, going constantly by couples with wallets on their shoulders to receive Almes.) And as for their habitation here, with the Church; 'tis certain that the structure of both was wholy made at the cost of good people; so great a respect did the world in those days bear towards them, by reason of their devout and austere lives. For it appears, that in *an.* 1234. 19 H. 3. *Raph Fitz-Nicholas*, then Shiriff of **Warwicksh.** in his accompt [b] makes mention of shingles allow'd by the K. for covering their Oratory here, and delivered out of the woods at **Kenilworth** for that purpose; which, being but xi. years after their first comming into **England**, doth argue clearly, that then was the time they first setled in **Coventre**; the ground whereon this House was built, being allow'd [i] unto them by *Randulph* the last of that name Earl of **Chester**, out of his Mannour of **Cheylesmore**, as is evident. And therefore upon the grant of **Coventre**, made in Fee-ferme to the Monks by *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife, 34 H. 3. it, together with the Mannour-house and Park of **Cheylesmore** were reserved [k] to the said *Roger* and *Cecily* and their heirs.

[b] Rot. P. 19. H. 3.

[i] Inq. per H. Not. &c. 8 E. 1. in Scacc.

[k] F. levat. 3. sept. Mich. 34 H. 3.

It seems that these Friers had afterwards also many good Benefactors: for so fair a Church as that hath been, by view of the steeple yet standing, could not be built without very great cost. But that the same structure was made in E. 3. time, I am induced to believe; partly from the form of its fabrick; and partly becaus I find, that *Edw.* Prince of *Wales* (commonly called the *Black-Prince*) by his Charter [l] bearing date 14. *Dec.* 32 E. 3. gave leave to these Friers (of whom, as the same grant expresses he was Patron) for to take so much stone out of his Quarry in the Park of **Cheylesmore**, as they should have occasion to use about their buildings and walls. And likewise liberty to have a Postern, from their mansion into his Park, to carry out any of their Covent that should be diseased, so that they were not to go further then the said Quarry: The Key of which Dore to be alwaies kept by the Warden of the same Friers, or his substitute; and no other to pass that way but such as were sick.

[l] Pat. 2. R. 2. p. 1. m. 18. per Insp.

And as I am of opinion that then was the time of its building; so do I imagine, that some of the *Hastings* were good Benefactors thereto, in regard that divers of them lay buried in a Chappell of the same Church, called *Hasting's* Chappell, and some in the very habite of *Friers-Minors*, so great an esteem had they of this Order. Wherefore, to fortify my conjecture, I have here added a very notable memoriall touching those honourable persons of that family, who lye here interred.

[m] MS. in bibl. Dugdal. p. 144.

[m] *En la Chapelle de lez Freres-Menours de Coventre, appelle Hastinges-Chapelle est une fenestre en la Northe parte oue vne scucheon des Armes de Hastinges, la second partie de d'or & de cinople, ove vne Lyon de gules rampant. La tierce d'azure ove troys garbs de Cumyn d'or enceinter de gules en milieu d'icelle. En vne fenestre en le Est est lez Armes de Hastinges, de Cantelow, & de Valence. En l'autre fenestre en le Est est lez Armes de Hastings & d'azure a. 6. lionceux d'argent, & de la Spensere.*

Item en vne autre fenestre, en base, est lez Armes de Hastinges & de Huntingfeld, cestasavoir d'or ove vne fesse de gules & trois torteux d'argent. En le second est Hastings, & argent deux barrs de gules ove vne label de Valence. En le tierce est lez Armes de Hastings. En le quart est de gules ove vne Egle d'argent, du quel son bill est d'or.

Et la sont enterres deux chivaliers, cestasavoir Monsr. Henry de Hastings, & Johan la file de Monsr. Guiliam de Cantelow, & soer a S. Thomas de Hereford l'evesque. Et proschein lui gist la dit Johan, ove lez Armes de Hastings & Cantelow. L'autre chivalier est oue l'Armes de Hastings ensceint ovesque lez Armes de Valence, son nome estoit Johan de Hastings. Et proschein lui gist dame Isabel de Valence ovesque lez Armes de Hastings. Et joust la dit Isabel, gist dame Johan de Huntingfeld, file a Monsr. John de Hastings & Isabel de Valence en vne gowne powdre dez Armes de Hastings, & d'or fesse de gules; & en son mantel par dessus celle est, est d'argent a deux fesses de gules, & sur sez manches dez Armes de Valence. Et est vne pillew desoubs son test, sur quel sont lez Armes de Hastings & Huntingfeld, quatrefoitz; cestasavoir d'or a vne manche de gules, & d'or a vne fesse de gules & 3. torteux d'argent.

En le table estoit escrit, Dominus Henricus de Hastings cum Domina Johanna consorte sua, filia Domini Willielmi de Cantilupe, & soror sancti Thomæ Herefordensis; & dominus Johannes de Hastings filius eorundem, cum domina Isabella consorte sua, filia domini Willielmi de Valence Comitis Pembrochiæ & Wexford, sepultus in habitu fratrum Minorum. Johannes obiit 9. Martii 1312. et Isabella 3. Oct. 1305. Ad cujus dextram jacet domina Johanna de Huntingfeld filia prædictorum Johannis et Isabellæ.

Robertus de Shotesbroke armiger strenuissimus, et ejusdem domini Henrici quondam vexillator, et postea Seneschallus.

Et ibi jacent Johannes, Edmundus, et Henricus filii domini Willielmi de Hastings, filii D. Johannis de Hastings. Et Joh. Huntingfeld, filius Will. de Huntingfeld et D. Johanna consortis sua.

That this Order of Friers was very much esteem'd and reverenced by all sorts of people, is evident enough. For whosoever shall take notice of such bequests, as by the Testaments of most men and women were made in antient time, may find, that as they seldome neglected to give more or less to one or other Religious house of this Rule; so, if they were persons of quality, they did frequently make choice of their sepulture in them, as I shall have occasion to shew in some part of this work. Neither was it the least pollicy of these Friers to obtain from great persons such a disposall of their bodies, considering how they were imployed and trusted in making their Testaments (as I have already shewed:) For where ever they sped in that kind, they were sure to have a good Legacy from the Testator, and not without hope, by so fair an example, to obtain no less advantage from his posterity: So that *Tho. de Walsingham*, speaking of the buriall of Q. *Elianore's* heart in the Church of the *Friers-Minors* at **London**, did not without cause complain of them in these words [n]

[n] T. Walsh. hist. Angl. p. 20, n. 10.

——*Qui* (meaning the said Friers) *sicuti et cuncti fratres reliquorum Ordinum, aliquid de corporibus quorumcunque potentium morientium*

sibimet vendicabant, more canum cadaveribus assistentium, ubi quisque suam particulam avidè consumendam expectat? you see he writes somewhat passionatly of the poor Friers: but consider that he was himself a Monk, and the reason may easily be discerned.

Before the suppression of the Monasteries, this City was very famous for the *Pageants* that were play'd therein, upon [o] *Corpus-Christi*-day; which occasioning very great confluence of people thither from far and near, was of no small benefit thereto; which *Pageants* being acted with mighty state and reverence by the Friers of this House, had Theaters for the severall Scenes, very large and high, placed upon wheels, and drawn to all the eminent parts of the City, for the better advantage of Spectators: And contain'd the story of the New-Testament, composed into old English Rithme, as appeareth by an antient *M S.* [p] intituled *Ludus Corporis Christi*, or *Ludus Coventriæ*.

I have been told by some old people, who in their younger years were eye-witnesses of these *Pageants* so acted, that the yearly confluence of people to see that shew was extraordinary great, and yeilded no small advantage to this City.

The next thing whereof I am to take notice, in relation to this Friery, is K. H. 8. Survey, [q] in 26. of his reign: At which time it did appear, that they had no lands or tenements; nor other possessions spirituall or temporall, but onely a liberty in the Countrey to receive the Charity of good people. This being so, I expect that some may demand why it was not dissolved in 27 H. 8. when the lesser Houses went to wrack. Whereunto I answer, that the Act [r] for that purpose, extendeth onely unto *Monks*, *Channons*, and *Nuns*: but if it be askt, why these were then so sheltred from the first storm; the reason, I think, is apparent; *viz.* there was nothing to be got by their ruin, forasmuch as they had no endowment of lands, *&c.* though God was as much dishonoured by the lewd lives of the Friers for want of good government (as the preamble of that Act imports, in case it say true) as by any other whose Houses were certified to be of less value then C C. *l. per an.* which favour we see gave these poor Friers liberty to breath here a while longer in expectation of their ruin; *viz.* till 30 H. 8. that all the great Houses were dissolved; they being then forc'd to subscribe an Instrument, [s] whereunto their Common-Seal is affixt; and in which the error of that Regular course they had practised, is confest; whereby they surrendred this House into the said K. hands, as the Copy thereof (being not ordinary, and therefore here inserted) doth manifest.

For as moche as wee the Warden and Freers of the House of Saynt *Frances* in Coventre, commonly callyd the *Grey-Freers* in Coventre, in the County of Warwick, doo profoundly consider, that the perfection of Christian livinge dothe nott consist in dume Ceremonies werynge of a grey coot, disgeasinge our selfe after straunge fassions, do kynge, noddynge, and beckyng, in gurdyng our selves wythe a gurdle fulle of knotts and other like Papisticall Ceremonies, wherein we hade ben moosle principally practised and usyd in tymes passe: but the very tru waye to plese God, and to live a tru Christian mon wythe out all ypocrisie, and fayned dissemulation is sincerely declared unto us by our Mr. Christe his Evangelists and Apostoles; being myndyd hereafter to followe the same, conformynge our self unto the will and plesure of our Supreme hedde under Godd in erthe, the Kynges Maiestie; and not to folowe henseforth the superstitius traditions of ony forrinecall potentate or peere: wythe mutuall assent and consent doo submitt our selves unto the merry of owre seide Soverayng Lord. And wythe like mutuall assent and consent do surrendre and yelde up into the hondes of the same, all our seide House of Saynt *Frances* in the Cite of Coventre commonly callyd the *Grey-Freers* in Coventre, wythe alle the londs tenements, gardens, medows, waters, pondiards, fedings, pastures, comens, Rents, reversions; and alle other our interest ryghtes or titles appertaining unto the same. Mooste humbly beseechinge his mooste noble Grace to dispose of us, and of the same, as beste shall stonde wythe his mooste gracious pleasure. And further frely to graunte unto every on of us his license under wretyng and Seealle to chaunge our habitts into secular fashion; and to receve suche maner of livinges as other secular Prests commonly be preferred unto. And we all faithfully shall pray unto Almighty God long to preserve his mooste noble Grace wythe increse of moche felicite and honor. And in witnes of alle and singuler the premisses, wee the seide Warden and Covent of the *Grey-Freeres* in Coventre, to thes presences have putte our Covent Seealle the fivithe day of October in the thertythe yere of the raynge of our mooste Soveraynge Lord King *Henry* the eyghte.

Per me Johannem Stafford Gardian.
Per me Thomam Maller.
Per me Thomam Sanderson.
Per me Johannem Abell.
Per me Johannem Woode.
Per me Rogerum Lilly.
Per me Thomam Aukock.
Per me Matheum Walker.
Per me Robartum Walker.
Per me Thomam Bangfit.
Per me Willielmum Gosnelle.

Which said House or site, was in 34 H. 8. granted [t] by the K. (*inter alia*) to the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of this City and their successors for ever. [t] *Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 5.*

NEar unto the ruins of this Friery, is there an Hospitall (now called the **Gray-Friers-Hospitall**, in respect of its situation) touching the Foundation whereof, and its successive Benefactors

[o] This is one of their antient Faires

[p] *In bibl. Cotton. [sub effigie Vesp. D. 9.]*

[q] *M S. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 33. a.*

[r] *Rot. Parl. 27 H. 8. p. 1. m. 18.*

[s] *Autog. in mr. Augm.*

nefactors, I shall not need to say any thing more, then what the Inscription upon the walls there, do declare.

May the 4. *an.* 1529. *Mr.* William Fourd *of this City, Merchant of the Staple, founded this Almehouse, for five men and one woman; and gave to each of them five pence a week for their maintenance. Afterwards Mr.* William Pisford, *his Executor, gave other lands, and appointed six men and their wives to be placed therein, and each couple to have seaven-pence half peny a week. But Mr.* William Wigston, *having power from both of them, to alter, adde, or diminish their wills; for the better ordering of the said House, did ordain, that there should be but five men, and their wives, and a Nurse; and each couple to have seven pence half peny a week, and the Nurse the same.*

In the seventh year of King James, *the lands given to this Hospitall, were questioned as concealed from the Crown; and were again purchased by the City; who have ever since maintained the charitable uses, with a great addition out of the Chamber of the City.*

In the year 1621. *the City added another man and woman at their own charge; so that there is now six couple, besides the Nurse; each couple being allow'd two shillings weekly, and the Nurse one shilling a week, although there be not any advance of the Rent to the City. Mr.* Simon Norton, *Alderman of this City, gave towards the maintenance of one man and woman in this Hospitall, for which the City doth allow two shillings a week also, as the rest have; so that there is now seaven couple, and a Nurse in this Hospitall.*

The white Friers.

ON the South-east part of this City stood the *Friers-Carmelites*, commonly called the **White-Friers**, another sort of Mendicants. The first institution of which Order, as divers Authors [u] affirm, having been *Elias* the Prophet, at **Mount-Carmell** in **Syria**; where, living a retired life in the service of God, he gave example unto many devout Anachorites to repair thither for solitude: but these being dispersed over the whole mountain, in private Cells, were at length by *Almeric* Bishop of **Antioch**, reduced into one Covent; at which time they elected out of themselves a Superior, and first began the foundation of a Monastery, where the Chappell of the Blessed Virgin stood; viz. near the fountain of *Helias*. Howbeit, the observance [w] of this life began not till the days of Pope *Alexander* the third, about the year 1170. Nor till the time of *Innocent* 3. near 40. years after, had they any direct Order, that *Albert* B. of **Hierusalem** prescribed unto them (thus living in the wilderness) a form out of St. *Basills* Rule, and a parti-coloured mantle of white and red, such a one as *Helyas* the Prophet antiently used; which afterwards *Honorius* [x] iii. altered; conceiving it not to be so proper; and in sted of the party-colour, appointed that it should be all white, calling the Covent of these Freres *the family of the Blessed Virgin*; in regard the white colour, being least spotted, doth best accord with Virginity.

But the first [y] mention that I find of their propagating in this Realm, is in *an.* 1250. 34 H. 3. at which time Sir *John de Vescy* of **Alnwike** in **Northumberland** (a great Baron in those days) returning from the **Holy-land**, brought [z] into **England** this Order of Friers, and built [a] for them a Monastery at **Holme**, in **Northumberland**) then a desert place, and not unlike to **Mount-Carmell** before mentioned. Yet here, in **Coventre** they setled not till [b] *an.* 1342. 16 E. 3. that Sir *John Poultney* Kt. (4. times Lord Mayor of **London**) erected [c] this House for them; whose Armes cut in stone are still extant over the Gates thereof.

With lands they had no endowment; but, as the *Grey-Friers*, before spoken of, lived on the charity of good people; which was not slender; so high an opinion had the strictness of their Rule and austerity of their lives obtained; there being few persons of quality, residing within many miles, that by their Testaments gave not liberally to them, as by that of the Lord *Basset* of **Drayton** in 7 R. 2. appeareth, [d] whereby they had no less then a Legacy of CCC. *l.*

Further mention, after which time, I find not, till 1 H. 5. that the K. granted [e] licence to *Will. Botener* of **Withibroke** to give unto them a piece of ground lying here in **Coventre**, containing 141. foot in length and 45. in breadth, for the enlargement of their habitation; in consideration whereof they were to celebrate the Anniversary of *John Percy* and *Alice* his wife deceased. But shortly after the foundation of this Religious house, was there one *William*, a Frere thereof, who became very famous for his learning, and was commonly called *Guilhelmus Coventre*; of whom *Balæus* in his sixth Century *pag.* 461. maketh large mention, and of the works that he wrote; whereunto I refer my Reader.

In 22 H. 7. did Sir *Thom. Poultney* of **Pitterton** Kt. (lineall heir to the before specified Sir *John*) by his Testament, [f] bearing date 3. *Apr.* bequeath his body to be buried in the Chancell here; appointing, that at his Funerall 24. torches, each having his Armes upon them, should be born by xxiiii. poor men, every one having a Gown with the *Libberds-head* behind and before.

Upon the Survey [g] taken in 26 H. 8. it was found, that there were certain Burgages in **Coventre**, belonging to these Friers, which yeilded 03. *l.*-06. *s.*-08. *d. per an.* rent. And that the oblations in the Chappel of our Lady, did, one year with another, amount to 05. *l.*-18. *s. per an.*

[u] *Polyd. Virg: de invent. rerum Lib.* 7. *cap.* 3. *Vide Sethi Calvisii Chron. in an.* 1160.

[w] *Chron. Genbr. in an.* 1172.

[x] *Ib. in an.* 1285.

[y] *M. Westm. in an.* 1250

[z] *Cambd. Brit.*

[a] *Cambd. Brit.*

[b] *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers *ar.*

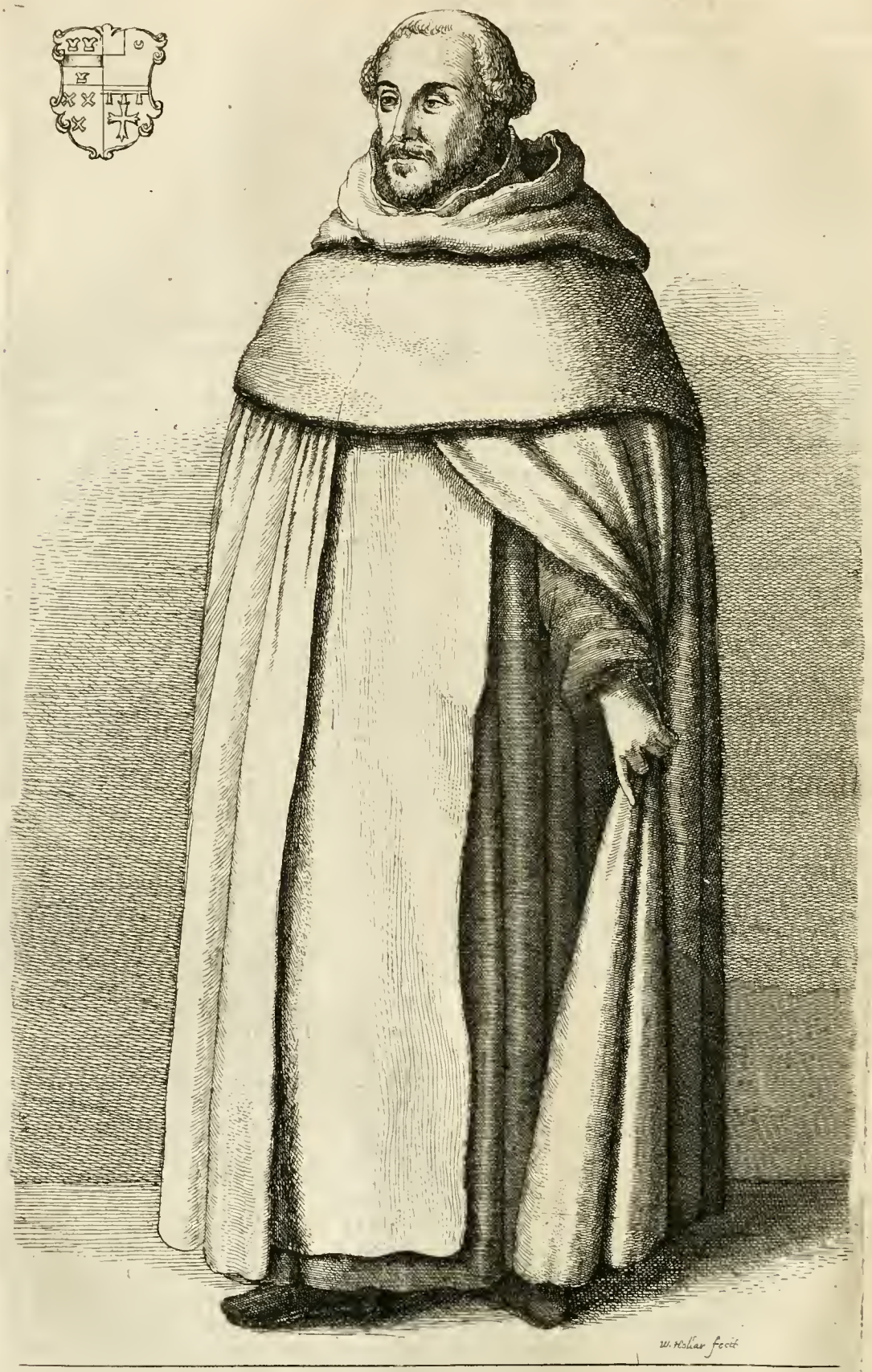
[c] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 190.

[d] *Ex an-tog. penès* Will. vice com. Staff.

[e] *Pat.* 1 H. 5. *p.* 3. *m.* 44.

[f] *Adeane* Q. 24.

[g] *MS. penès S.* Archer *eq. aur. f.* 33. *a.*



W. Hollar fecit

Carmelita,

In the Tower of the City wall, without Newgate.

In toto 09.*l*.-04.*s*.-08. *d*. Out of which Burgages there being yearly payd xx. *s*. unto *Mereton*'s-*Chantry* in the Church of St.-*Michaell*; and to the heirs of *Rob*. *Norwood* 2. *s*. *per an*. as a Rent for the land upon which their Church was built; with money for Murage annually; and other payments, amounting in all to xxxi. *s*. the clear value of all that belong'd to them extended to 07.*l*.-13.*s*.-08.*d* per

per annum. But the dissolution of them hapned not till 30.H.8.that all the poor Mendicants followed the example of greater Monasteries in making surrender of their Houses. At which time, by their [b] Instrument bearing date 1 *Oct.* 30.H.8.they gave up this to the King; whereunto these names were subscribed.

[b] *Autogr. in Cur. Augm.*

Hugo Burnby.	*Joh. Hurst.*
Thom. Fyscher.	*Ric. Cowper.*
Ric. Wodcoke.	*Will. Madder.*
Thom. Vicars.	*Joh. Newbold.*
Will. Walkar.	*Joh. Elyson.*
Will. Harryson.	*Ric. Cowper.*
Joh. Pasty.	*Will. Kynge.*

No Pension being allow'd to any of them.

After which this House, with all that belong'd thereunto, excepting the rent of xx. s. *per annum*, due to *Mereton's Chantry*, before mentioned, was (*inter alia*) by the Kings Letters pat. [i] dated 27. *Aug.* 36. H.8. granted to Sir *Raph Sadler* Knight, and his heirs, to hold in Burgage; which Sir *Raph* sold it to *John Hales* (of whom I have spoke in S. *John's* Hospitall;) who made it his habitation, as it seems: For by his last Will [k] and Testament dated 17. *Dec.* 15. *Eliz.* appointing it to be sold, he there calls it by the name of **Hales-place**, *alias White-Friers* in **Coventre**. This was that *John* whom the learned *Leland* called [l] *Hales* with the club-foot; which lameness and deformity was occasioned (as I have heard) by a wound with a dagger, that casually, in running fell forth of the sheath into the dirt; so that as he stept forward the sole of his foot did hit upon the point thereof. He dyed 5. *Cal.* Jan. *Anno* 1572. (15. *Eliz.*) and was buried in the Church of S. *Peters the Poor* in Broad-street **London**, as his Epitaph in *Stow's* Survey [m], which I have here inserted, imports.

[i] *Pat. 36. H.8. p.14.*

[k] *Esc. 15. Eliz.*

[l] *Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 30.*

[m] *p. 337.*

Dominus Johannes Hales, *à pueritiâ literis deditus, excellenti ingenio, docilitate, memoriâ, studio, & industria singulari: adjunctâ linguarum, disciplinarum juris, Antiquitatis, rerum divinarum atq; humanarum magna & multiplici doctrina instructissimus. Evasit innocentiâ, integritate, gravitate, constantiâ, fide, pietate, religione: gravissimæ etiam ægrotationis, & rerum difficilium diuturnâ perpessione; & in patientia ornatissimus fuit. Vitæ honestissimè sanctissiméq; actæ diem supremum 5. Cal. Jan. 1572. clausit animæ & corporis. Reliquiæ hoc loco sitæ sunt.*

But notwithstanding the before-specified appointment, it was not accordingly sold: for *John Hales* Esq. descended from *Christopher* his eldest brother, now enjoys it as his heir. At the death of the before specified *John*, the Church was compleatly standing, as appears by that Inquis. but it continued not long after: for about.... *Eliz.* Mr. *Edward Boughton*, obteyning the materials, built his house at **Caulston** therewith.

The Gilds.

THE next thing that I am to take notice of, is the severall **Gilds** or Fraternities founded in this City, wherewith I will now go on in their order; observing by the way, that **Gild** proceedeth from the Saxon word ȝelo and ȝilo, which signifyeth money; because that such, as were either for charity, religion or merchandize sake associated, did cast their moneys, goods, yea, and sometimes lands together, for the publique support of their own common charge. These had their annuall Feasts and neighbourlike meetings: which custome as Sir *H. Spelman* observes, was very antiently used by the *Franks*, *Longobards*, and other Nations; and is still continued by the *Germans*, who call the frequent yearly banquets of the country people, made at their common charge, **Gilden**. As to the direct time when these had first a beginning in **England**, there is nothing of certainty to be found, for as much as they were in use long before any formall Licenses were granted unto them for such meetings, or for conferring lands or Rent towards the support of their publique expences in what sort soever, as by what I have obsery'd in **Stratford** *super* **Avon** will appear.

Spelm. Iosf.

The first and most antient of these **Gilds**, here in **Coventre**, was founded in 14. E. 3. at which time the King granted license [o] to the **Coventre**-men, that they should have a *Merchants-Gild*, and a Fraternity of Brethren and Sisters of the same, in this town; with a Master or Warden thereof to be chosen out of the same Fraternity: and that they might make *Chantryes*, bestow Almes, do other works of piety, and constitute Ordinances touching the same, with all apperteining thereto. And in 17.E. 3. by another Pat. [q] dated 25. *Maii*, did give leave unto *John Holland* Priest, *John Lemman*, *Thomas Porter*, *Ric. de Stoke*, *Peter de Stoke*, and *Will. Welnesburgh*, that they should enter into a Fraternity, and make a **Gild**, consisting of themselves, and such others who were content to joyn with them, to the honour of *S. John Baptist*. As also to purchase certain lands tenements and Rents, to the value of xx. l. *per annum*, lying within the liberties of **Coventre**, for the founding of a *Chantry* of six Priests to sing Mass every day in the Churches of the holy *Trinity*, and *S. Michael* in **Coventre** aforesaid, for the soules of the Kings Progenitors; and for the good estate of the King; Q. *Isabell* his mother, Q. *Philippa* his consort, and their children: As also of *Walter de Chesthunt*, and *Will. de Belgrave* during their lives here on earth; and for their soules after their departure hence; and for the good estate of the said *John*, *John*, *Thomas*, *Rich. Peter*, and *Will.* and the rest of the said **Gild**, with their benefactors; And likewise for their souls, and for the Soul of *John* of *Eltham* late E. of **Cornwall**, and of all the faithfull deceased.

[o] *Pat. 14. E.3.p.2.m. 21:*

[p] *Vide Cowell's Interp. vocab.* **Gild.**

[q] *Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 1. m. 17.*

Which **Gild**, being so founded as aforesaid; within two years after the same K. *Edward*, at the request of Q. *Isabell* his mother, granted license [r] unto her, to give and assigne thereunto, a parcell of land with the appurtenances situat in **Coventre**, and called by the name of **Babbelake**, containing cxvii. foot in length, and xl. foot in breadth, to build thereupon a certain Chappell, to the honour of our blessed Saviour and S. *John Baptist*, for two Priests, to sing Mass daily for the good estate of the said K. *Edward*, Q. *Isabell* his mother, Q. *Philippa* his consort, *Edward* Prince of **Wales**, and of the Brethren and benefactors of the same **Gild**, whil'st they lived in this world; and for their soules after their departure hence: As also for the souls of *John* of *Eltham* E. of **Cornwall**, and the souls of the said Brethren and benefactors, with all the faithfull deceased. Which Chappell was [f] finish't within the compass of 5. years, as it seems by the Dedication thereof 6. *Non. Maii An.* 1350. 24.E. 3.

[r] *Pat. 1. 6 E. 3. p. 1. m. 6. Rot. F. 19. E. 3. m. 2.*

[f] *Northb. f. 53. b.*

The

The Trinity Gild.

IN 38. E. 3. *Henry de Kele*, and *Tho. Orme* of **Coventre** founded [t] another **Gild** to the honour of the holy *Trinity*, having licenſe to purchaſe lands, within the liberties of **Coventre**, of x. marks yearly value, for the maintenance of two Prieſts to ſing Maſs daily in *Trinity* Church, for the good eſtate of the K. Q. *Philippa* his conſort, and their children: and after their departure out of this world, for the health of their ſouls; as alſo for the ſouls of all the Brethren and Siſters of the ſame, and their benefactors for ever. Which **Gild**, being in 16. R. 2. united [u] to that of *S. John Baptiſt* before mentioned, was, upon that conjunction, and afterwards to bear the name of the **Gild** of the holy *Trinity*, our *Lady*, and *S. John Bapt.* the Fraternity thereof having then licenſe [w] to purchaſe lands for the maintenance of ix. Prieſts to ſing Maſs dayly in the ſaid Chappell of **Babbelake**, for the good eſtate of the K. and Q. as alſo of his Uncles, *viz.* the Dukes of **Aquitane**, and **Lanc. Yorke**, and **Glouc.** with their children: So that preſently it began to be endowed with lands, *Richard Clarke*, *Richard Dodenhale*, *Simon de Langham* of **Coventre**, *John Stiward*, *Roland Danet*, and *Henry atte Hey* Mercer, giving [x] 2. meſs, and 24 s. rent in **Coventre**; And *John Percy*, with divers others, 140. 1. Mill, 92. acres of land, 1. acre of meadow, 1. acre of wood, 20 l.-17 s.-01 d.-ob. rent, and the rent of 2. Hens yearly thereunto; the Brethren whereof *in anno* 1399. (1 H. 4.) had licenſe [y] from the Biſhop for celebrating divine ſervice in the ſaid Chappell, ſo that the mother-Church might not receive prejudice thereby.

More addition of lands alſo do I find hereunto; *viz.* in [z] 10. H. 4. of 1. meſs. in **Coventre**, given by *Will. Broke*, parſon of **Loobzok**, *John Broke*, his brother, and *John Barbour* of **Bithops Ichington**. And [a] in 6. H. 5. of 4. meſs. one toſte, one garden, and xi. acres of land, with the appurtenances, by *John Preſton*, and *Will. Whitchurch*, merchants of **Coventre**; and [b] of lands to the value of 50 l. *per annum* by *Henry Smyth* eſquire, and others in 23. H. 7.

t Pat. 38. E. 3. p. 1. m. 16.

u Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 1. m. 19.

w Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 1. m. 19.

x Eſc. 16. R. 2.

y Burgh. f. 126. b.

z Pat. 10. H. 4. p. 1. m. 8.

a Pat. 6. H. 5. p. 1. m. 23.

b Pat. 23. H. 7. p. 2.

S. Katherines Gild.

ANother **Gild**, do I find, that *Tho. de Ichynton*, *Nich. Pake*, *Will. de Tuttebury*, *Will. de Overton*, Clark, *Peter Percy*, *Kic. de Durkere*, *Sim. Wareyn*, *John Vincent* and *John de Pakynton* gave a fine [c] to the K. for licenſe to found in 17. E. 3. to the honour of S. *Katherin:* but this, as it ſeemes, was united [d] to thoſe of the holy *Trinity*, our *Lady*, and S. *John Bapt.* whereunto belonged a fair and ſtately ſtructure for their Feaſts and meetings, called S. **Mary-Hall**, ſituat oppoſit to S. *Michael*-Church on the South part; and built about the beginning of H. 6. time, as may appear by the form of its fabrick, and other [e] teſtimonyes: the windows whereof are adorn'd with ſundry beautifull portraitures and Arms; that towards the North, of ſeverall K. in their ſurcotes, whoſe names placed under them, are as followeth; *Rex Will. Conqueſtor. Rex Rich. Conqueſtor. Rex egregius Henricus quintus. Rex magnanimus Henricus quartus. Conſtantinus Anglicus, Imperator Chriſtianiſſimus. Rex Arthurus, Conqueſtor inclitus. Rex illuſtris* **Henricus** *tertius. Rex ..... Henricus ſextus.*

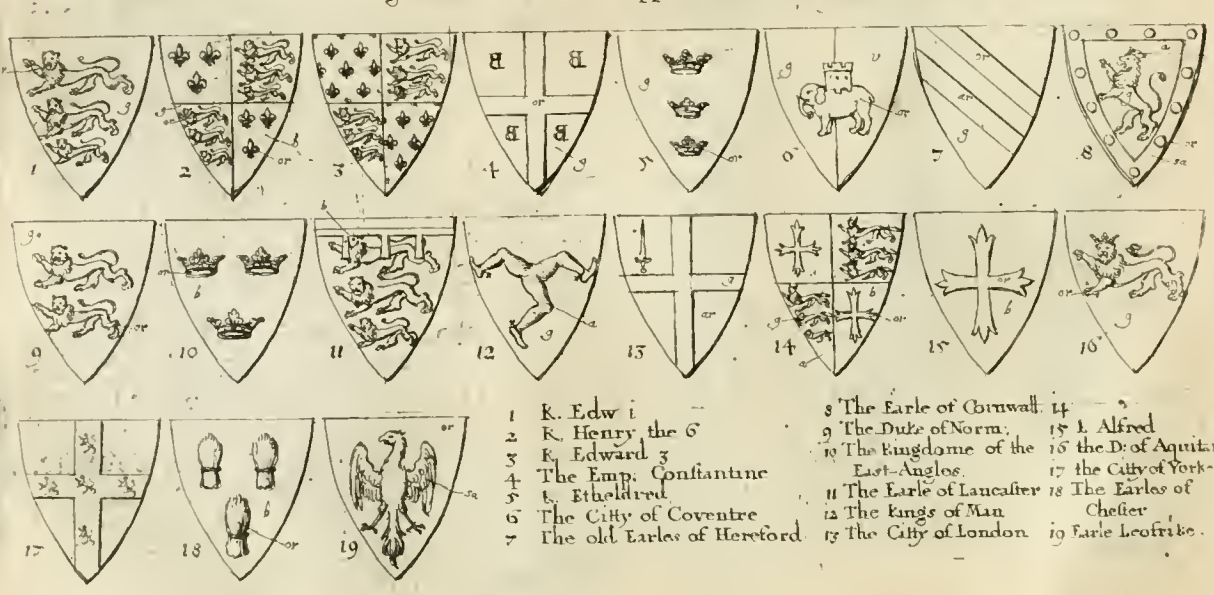
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c Rot. F. 17. E. 3. m. 6. In cedula.

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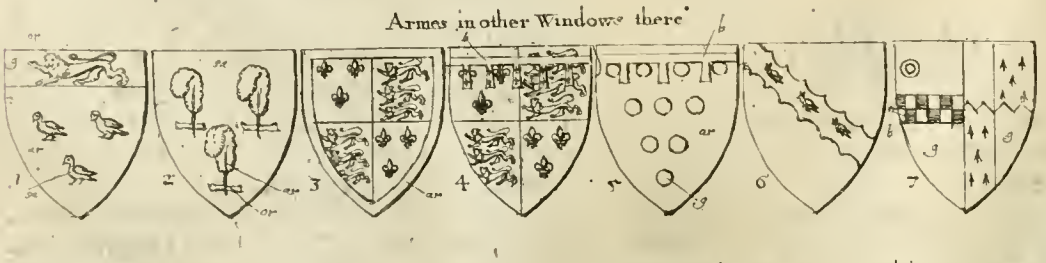
e Inſignia in feneſtris

Coventre
Armes in the great window at the Vpper end of S. Mary hall



1 K. Edw i
2 K. Henry the 6
3 K. Edward 3
4 The Emp. Conſtantine
5 K. Etheldred
6 The Citty of Coventre
7 The old Earles of Hereford
8 The Earle of Cornwall
9 The Duke of Norm.
10 The Kingdome of the East-Anglos.
11 The Earle of Lancaſter
12 The Kings of Man
13 The Citty of London
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15 K. Alfred
16 the D: of Aquitane
17 the Citty of York
18 The Earles of Cheſter
19 Earle Leofrike.

Armes in other Windowes there

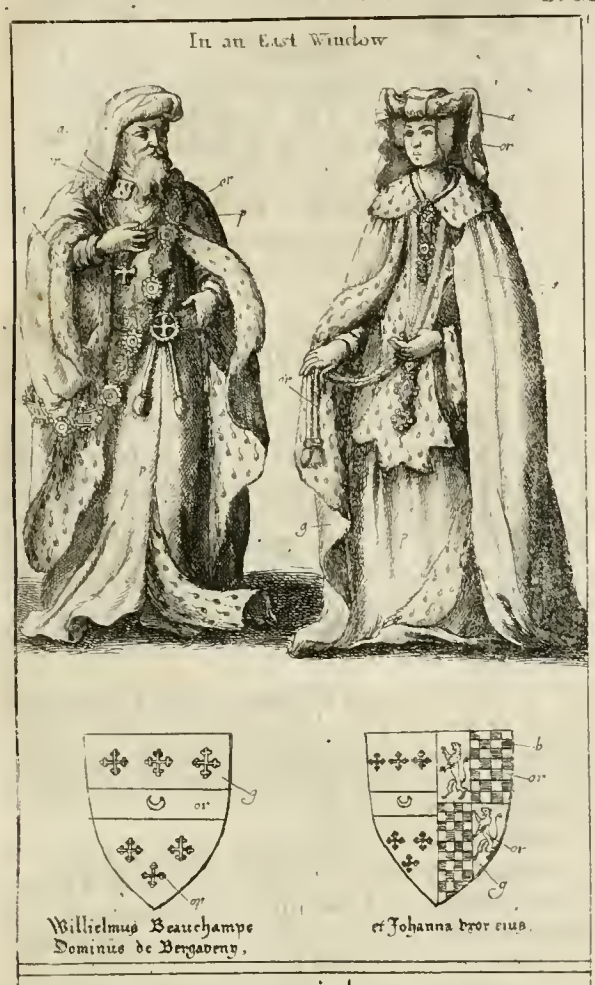


1 The Citty of Canterbury
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3 Humphry Duke of Gloceſter
4 Iohn Duke of Bedford
5 S. Willm Babington
6 Savile.
7 Whittington empaling Fitzwarin.

And in those towards the East and West, of divers eminent persons that were admitted of this Fraternity: amongst whom I have made choise of these here placed, to shew the magnificence and state, antiently, of our English nobility; which, through the favour of that learned, and truly noble gentleman *Charles Nevill* Esquire, now Vice-Provost of *Kings-Coll.* in **Cambridge** (whose lineall Ancestors * most of them be) are out of his speciall honour to their memory, and singular affection to Antiquities, thus, in the formalitie of their habits, lively represented.

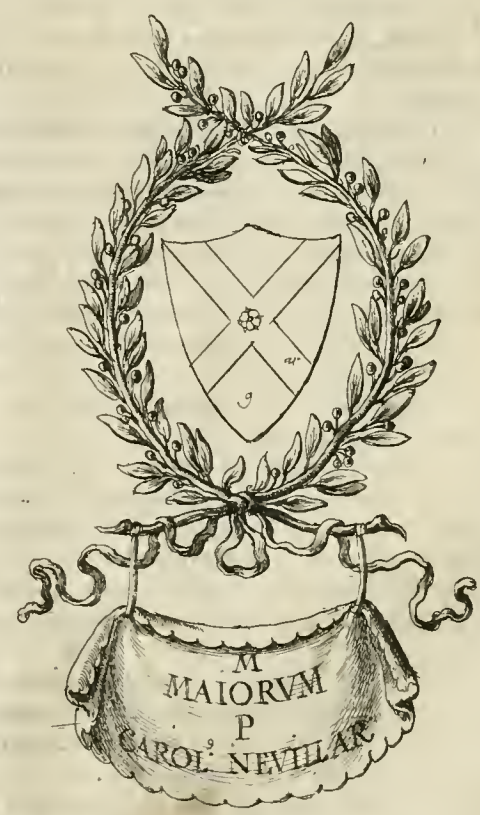
* *As a branch of* **Bergaben** *descended from the one; and through the heires of* Gresham, Thwaits, Savile, Paston, *and* Beaufort *D. of* Somerset, *from the other.*

St Mary-hall









The Ordinances or Statutes of which **Gild**, for as much as they are very memorable; manifesting the decent Goverment, Ceremony, Devotion, Charity, and Amity of those times I have here inserted.

[Ex vet. Cod. MS. penès Majorem & Com. Civit. Cov.

A S la reverence, honour, & en le nom de trois personnes en Dieu, le Piere, Fils, & le seint Espirit, la puissant Trinite, & de sa douce miere la Virgine Marie, *seynt Johan Baptistre, seint Katerine, & touts les seints de ceel, certeines bones gentes & Burgeises de la ville de* **Coventre**, *en salvacione de lour almes, ount ordeignes une Gilde pur eux, & pur aultres quex voillent entrier en la dite Gilde, & certeynes poyntes profitables, desouth escriptes en mayntenance de la dite Gilde.*

1. *La primier point est que les Friers & Soers de la dite Gilde troveront & averont tresses Chapeleyns sages covenables & de honeste & chaste vie; & soient yci eslus par les soveraynes de la cele Fraternite pur lier, prier & chauntier pur toutz les frers & soers de la dite Gilde, & pur touts le bienfaitours a ycele. Et que chescun iour soit la office en lour chapel pur icele ordeigne; ceste asavoir,* Matynes, Messes, Vespres, *&* Complin *chaunte per Note; & apres* complin *un Antym per Note de la virgine* Marie, *oue cync serges de cere ardaunts devaunt la ymage de la dit Virgine: de queles Chapeleynes chanterount chascun iour certeynes* Messes; *ceste asavoir* Messes *de iour par Note; une Messe de la Seint* Trinite, *une de* nostre Dame, *une Messe de S.* John Baptistre, *une Messe de S.* Katerine, *& une Messe de* Requiem, *ensemblement ove aultres Messes come partient a eux a faires.*

2. *La second point este, que si ascun prosd'home de la dite fraternite qeu soun poair ad este bien voillaunt al estat de ycele, par fieu, euwe, roborie, ou par ascune aultre aveynture de secle, que ne soit myde sa foly demesme, chiece en poverte; le sovereyne de la compaignye, & ses compaignons luy apresteront une porcion d'argent de la dite fraternite pur marchaunder & profiter, sur la surete qu'il peut fair sauns riens prende de gain. Et si ascun tiel soit enfebly per malady ou veau lesse que mesmes ne peut travailler, yl serra troue a la costage de la dite Gilde covenablement solounc de que soun este demaunde.*

3. *La tierce point este, que nul home ne feme q'est apertment alose de felonye, homycide, lecherye, hasardour, de sorcerye, ou heresye; ne pur comun contekur, ne de nule vice abominable, que nul tiele soit resceu en la dite Fraternite. Et si par avigne que soit, que nul de eux apres le temps q'il soit entre en la dit Fraternite, chaunge sa vie en ascunes des vices susdites, il serra garny par la Mestre & ses compaignons de cesser & retourner a sa bone vie, & s'il ne veut cessier de sa malveyse vie, il serra ouste hors de la dite fraternite a tous iours.*

4. *Le quart point est, que en chescun an soint faits quatres sollemnites, ceste asavoir le feste de la seynt* Trinite, *la* Assumption nostre Dame, *seint* John Baptistre *& S.* Kateryn *pur les freres & soers queux sount en ville, & de ces queux voillent venir de pais, solempnement a la reverence avantdit.*

5. *Le quint poynt este, que en chescun an soit fait quatres Anniversaryes, pur touts les almes des Friers & Soers de la dit compaigne a Dieu comendes, & pur touts les biens sessours de ycele.*

6. *Le sysme pointe este, que chescun Friere d'eux en tous places quant lieu & temps demande, parlera & procura a la dite fraternite l'amyte & la bounte q'il peut bonement faire, par quey l'estate de cele compaigne le meultes peut acreistre, & estre mainteine, & chescun d'eux avera autre parfitement de coer & naturelment ferra pur aultre par reason del allianns de cele Fraternite; Et que nule home de cele Fraternite ne soyt si feel de soy bander de malefaire, contekier ne nule poynt de contek, ne d'aultre male mayntenance par vesone de mayntenance de la dite compaygne sur la peyne de voyder le compaigne pur touts iours.*

7. *Le septiesme point este, que touts les Chappelleyns queux chauntount pur la dite Fraternite, soient charges par lour serement, qua a quele temps que ascun Frere ou Soer de la dite fraternite, si bien hors de ville en quele place git ou dedeins, devie, que chescun des dits Chapeleins chaunteront pur l'alme de celuy a Dieu commende par noum de son Baptisme par un an apres si mort continuelment.*

8. *Le vtisme poynt este, que a quel temps que ascun Freres ou Soers de la dite Gilde deins ou hors de ville, ou outre le mare, & le Mestre de la Gilde eut sois garny al ferra assembler touts les Chapeleyns de la Gylde, Clerks & autres bones gentes de la dito Fraternite queux ferrount* Dirige *per Note solempnement; & la iour prochein suant Messe per Note a la Chapel de S.* John **Babbelake**, *& offerount illeoques en mesme la manoir q'est affaire pur celuy que devie en ville. Et que le Bedeman alera par tote la ville a prier pur l'alme a les coustages de la dite Gilde.*

9. *Item ordeigne este, que si ascun Frere ou Soer devie en poverte; & n'ad my de ses biens propre, dount estre ensevely que devire, soiet il ensevely honorablement come il appiert a une Frere & Soer as les costages de la Gylde.*

Hæc est ordinatio & regula facta & constituta per assensum totius Fraternitatis Gyldæ S. Trinitatis, S. Mariæ, S. Johannis, *&* S. Katherinæ, *pro Capellanis ejusdem Gildæ faciendis; ac pro sanitate corporis ac animæ valdè utilis.*

Inprimis, quod omnes presbyteri, & singuli ad Ordinationes pro eisdem faciendi, corporaliter prestabunt Sacramentum quatinus in eis est jur. edit. & edend.

Item ordinatum est, quod Custos chori Capellæ de **Babbelake**, *& omnes Presbyteri ejusdem, omnes & singuli benè & honestè se gerant, & tonsurati, vestes deferent statui suo congruentes. Ipsi quoq; presbyteri, omnes & singuli, Missas & alia Divina obsequia cotidie in capella prædicta, impedimento cessante, legitimè celebrabunt. Et in singulis Missis rogabunt specialiter pro Fratribus & Sororibus Gildæ prædictæ, vivis & defunctis, & pro omnibus benefactoribus ejusdem: Quolibetq; die* Matutina, alta Missa, Vespere, *&* Completorium *in choro dictæ Capellæ, cum Nota, debent decantari.*

Et post Matutinas, & horas cantandi, ut prædicitur, Missa de beata Virgine *quolibet die debet celebrari ad Altare ejusdem Virginis cotidie, cum Nota, de uno sacerdote ad eandem deputato per ordinationem custodis chori, nisi fuerint impediti per obitum alicujus Fratris aut Sororis; in & festis ejusdem Virginis & per octabas ejusdem cum acciderint. Ad quam quidem Missam celebrandam, ut præmittitur, Clericus qui pro tempore fuerit Capellæ prædictæ pulsabit campanam pro eadem Missa ordinata, per spacium ultimæ horæ in choro cantata, & eodem tempore fiat.*

Et in quolibet die fiat Missa matutinalis de S. Trinitate.

Trinitate. *Et in qualibet die fiat* Missa de Jo. Baptista ; *una* Missa de S. Katerina , *& una* Missa *de* Requiem, *pro defunctis ; simul cum omnibus aliis Missis , & aliis divinis officiis secundùm ordinationem suam inde faciendum. Et in qualibet die Dominica aspersio aquæ benedictæ cum Nota decantabitur.*

Item ordinatum est , quod omnes presbyteri ibidem existant, nisi aliquis eorum legitimè fuerit impeditus, & per Custodem licentiatus. Et quod nullus presbyter se absentet ab aliqua Missa , Matutinis horis , Vesperis , Completorio , *cum Nota decantata ; nec ab aliqua alia divina operatione in Capella prædicta facienda , nisi legitimè fuerit impeditus , & per Custodem Capellæ prædictæ licentiatus.*

Item ordinatum est, quod nullus Presbyter ibidem moram trahens , utetur communè taberna , neq; se absentet extra hospitium suum noctanter , nisi fuerit per rationabilem causam , sciente Custode prædicto.

Item ordinatum est , quod in qualibet die , post Completorium , *fiant quinq; cerei ardentes coram imagine Virginis* Mariæ *in Capella prædicta , dum una Antiphona , viz.* Salve Regina , *per Notam prædictam decantabitur. Et quod omnes Presbyteri ibidem existant , nisi aliquis eorum fuerit impeditus , vel per Custodem licentiatus. Et in qualibet die Paraſceve , postquam Corpus Christi in Sepulchro positum fuerit , unum cereum ardentem coram sepulchro perficiatur , & dum sacrum Corpus Domini ibidem permaneat.*

Item ordinatum est, quod quandocunq; aliquis frater, vel aliqua soror Gildæ prædictæ ab hac luce migraverit, quod Custos qui pro tempore fuerit Capellæ prædictæ , & cæteri Presbyteri Gildæ qui in alio loco celebrabunt ; & quilibet eorum per se scribet, vel facient aut faciet scribere nomen baptismi defuncti super tabulas supra Altaria inde ordinata. Et quod omnes & singuli Presbyteri Gildæ Prædictæ, pro anima illius defuncti celebrent , & habeant in sua memoria per unum annum integrum post obitum suum. Et quod quilibet Sacerdos Gildæ prædictæ, postquam Confiteor *&* Misereatur *dicantur, revertat ad populum, dicens.* Orate specialiter pro statu omnium fratrum & sororum Gildæ S. Trinitatis, S. Mariæ, S. Johannis , & S. Katerinæ Coventriæ , & pro animabus defunctorum illius , & omnium aliorum , & pro omibus eidem Gildæ benefactoribus Pater noster cum salutatione de virgine Maria.

Pro quibus verò Ordinationibus & constitutionibus superiùs nominatis, benè & fideliter observandis tenendis & continuandis , prædicti Magistri Gildæ prædictæ persolvent annuatim cuilibet Capellano, ad Capellam prædictam morantem, pro salario suo dum benè & honestè se gerat octo marcas sex sol. & octo denar.

Item habebunt duos campos viz. illum campum quondam **Lalleford** , *&* **Holwelsfield**, *in recompensationem laborum suorum.*

Et insuper ordinatum est, quod hostiæ Capellæ beatæ Mariæ de Monte , *in cimiterio* S. Michaelis *fient apertæ quolibet die festo, ab* hora Matutina *usq; ad finem* altæ *Missæ in Ecclesia* S. Michaelis, *Et in diebus festalibus , à tempore* Matutinarum *usq; ad finem* Missæ *B.* Mariæ *in Ecclesia prædicta. Et quando aliquis Presbyter ibidem celebrârit , fiat campana pulsata qualibet die ad quamcunq; celebrationem* Missarum *cujuscunq; Presbyteri cum acciderit. Et quod ad horas* Vesperarum, *hostia sint aperta durante hora* Vesperarum *in Ecclesia parochiali.*

The Oath.

Ye shall be good and true, and each of you shall be good and true to the Maker of the Gild **of the holy** Trinitie, our Lady, S. John, and S. Katherine **of** Coventre, **and to all the Brethren and Sisters of the same** Gild ; **And all the good Rules and Ordinances by the said Maker and his Brethren afore this time made, and hereafter to be made, and your days of payment truly for to keep to your power, so God you help and all Saints.**

Petition.

Maister we beseech you at the reverence of the holy Trinity , **that you will vouchsafe to receive us to be Brethren of this place with you.**

Nay so great a reputation had this Fraternity far and neer, that K. H. 4. and K. H. 6. with divers of the principall Nobility, Bishops, and other eminent persons thought it no dishonour to be admitted thereof , as by this ensuing Catalogue , where many more are registred, may be seen.

Hæc sunt nomina fratrum & sororum Gildæ S. Trinit. S. Mariæ , S. Johan. Bapt. & S. Katherinæ Coventriæ , *viva & mortua subscripta.*

Henricus quartus Rex Angl. Henr. Princeps VVallia. Henr. Bewfort Epicp. Wint. Henr. sextus Rex Angl. & Franc. Henr. Frowyk de London & Alicia mater ejus. Henr. Comes VVarwici, & Cecilia ux. ejus. D. Joh. Botourt miles, & Jocosa ux. ejus. D. Joh. Rex Castelli & Legionis. D. Lanc. & D. Constancia regina Castelli & Leg. Ducissa Lanc. recepti fuerunt in Fraternitatem Gildæ die Sab. prox. ante festum S. Lucæ Evang. anno regni Regis R. 2. post Conq. Angliæ , secundo. D. Joh. de Arundell & D. Alianora consors sua recepti fuerunt in Gildam 4. die mensis Nov. Anno D. 1379. Joh. Beauchamp. & Johanna ux. ejus. Joh. Drax Serjaunt de Armis. D. Joh. Holland Dux de Exon. & D. Isabella Ducissa. Joh. Holland miles & D. Eliz. ux. ejus. Joh. filius & frater Regum , Dux Bedfordiæ , Comes de Richemund & de Kendale & Constabularius Angliæ. Isabella Comitissa VVarwici. Katerina Ducissa Lanc. D. Ric. Comes Arundell, & ux. ejus.

Die Merc. prox. post festum annunc. S. Mariæ
Anno M. CCCLXXVI.

D. Rog. de Clarindon miles , filius excell. Domini nostri Principis VVallia. D. Rob. Stretton Episc. Lich. D. Regin. Grey dominus de Ruthyn & de VVayesford. Tho. Beauchamp miles Co. VVarwici. VVill. Beauchamp miles , & ux. Tho. Arundell Archiep. Cant. Henr. de Ardern. miles , D. Joh. Clinton miles et ux. ejus. D. Tho. Lancastriæ, filius illustr. Regis H. 4. locum-tenens Hiberniæ. VVill. de Burgh. Justic. Domini Regis, & Margar. ux. ejus. D. Will. la Zouch miles & Eliz. ux. ejus. D. Umfridus filius illustr. Regis H. 4. Dux Glouc. D. Humfr. Comes Staffordiæ. with a multitude more from all parts.

And it is observed, that the annuall Master of this **Gild** was he that had been Mayor the year before; who, during his continuance in that office, sate next to the Mayor in all publique meetings. The Oath of which Master I have likewise here inserted.

I shall be good and true to the Brethren and Sistern of the Trinity-Gild, S. Mary, S. John, and S. Katherine of Coventre; and all lawfull points and Ordinances of this place, afore this time ordeyned truly to kepe to my power; and in especiall all the ordinances that been or shall be the generall days ordayned, truly kepe and observe. Also I shall truly receive, and true accompt yeild, as well of my receipts, as of all other things that longen to the Master of this Gild; and the arrerage of my accompt, if any be, truly pay or I depart from my accompt; and all other things truly doe that longen to the office of the said Master; So help me God and all Saints. Also I shall once before Candelmas next coming, with 6. or 4. Brethren of this Yeild, oversee all the tenements of the same Yeld.

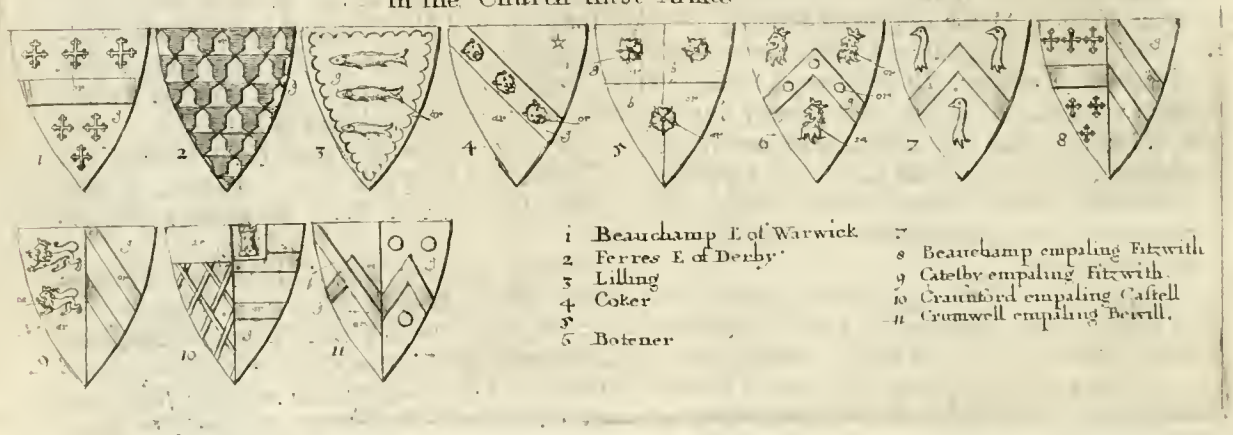
Upon the Survey [g] taken in 26 H. 8. it appears, that Mr *Rob. Glasmond*, being then Warden of this Colledge of Babbelake (for by that name it was then called) had viii *l. per ann.* stipend; and that there were 7 Priests more, which had iiii *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d. per ann.* a peice for their Salary. But in [h] 37 H. 8. upon the Survey then taken, I find, that the revenue of all the lands belonging to the said Gild amounted to Cxi *l.* xiii *s.* 8 *d.* out of which *(inter alia)* was then paid 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per ann.* to a certain Priest called the Warden of the Chappel of Babbelake: And to eight other Priests celebrating divine service there, 37 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per ann.* To the Master of a Grammar-School there 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per ann.* To two Clerks singing there 8 *l. per ann.* To two Boys also singing there 2 *l. per ann.* To divers poor men which had formerly been Brethren of the said Gild 10 *l.* in money according to the antient use. To *Tho. Gregory* Clerk-Controuler of the same Gild 6 *l. per ann.* And every Priest having likewise a Chamber within the precinct of the same Babbelake, worth 4 *s. per ann.* a peice.

[g] *MS penès S. Archer, eq. aur. f. 31. b.*

[h] *Ex alio MS penès eund. f. 2.*

Bablake

In the Church these Armes



Bond's Almes-houses.

HEre was moreover within this place of Babbelake an Almes-house [i] founded by one *Thomas Bond* (a rich Merchant of Coventre) wherein, at the time of the said Survey, were ten poor men and one woman kept, to pray for the souls of the said *Tho. Bond*, his grandfather, father, and all Christian souls: All which were at that time maintained at the charge of *Tho. Bond*, grandchild to the said *Thomas*, by whose last Will the said Almes-house was to have been built, and such poor maintained, with a Priest; and to that end certain lands put in Feoffees hands, of 49 *l.* 11 *s.* 7 *d. per ann.* value: Out of which was paid to those poor people every Saturday 6 *s.* 8 *d.* which amounted to 17 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per ann.* To the Priest celebrating divine service, 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per ann.* and 20 *s.* for a gown. *In toto* 14 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*

[i] *Ib. f. 3. b. (k Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 190.)*

For 38 yards of black cloth, to make gowns for the said poor men *per ann.* 3 *l.* 16 *s.* 0 *d.* In Alms given to the poor yearly, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* For 20 load of wood yearly for the said poor people 1 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d. per ann.* For the Bayliffs fee, 2 *l. per ann. In toto* xliii *l.* viii *s.* xi *d. ob.*

But this being dissolved by Act. of Parl. (as all other Chantryes, Gilds, and the like Fraternities were) in 1 E. 6. (I mean what belong'd to the Gild) was by the K. Letters Pat. [l] dated 12 *Dec.* 2 E. 6. granted unto the Bayliffs and Commonalty of this City, and their successors, to hold in Burgage by the service of 1 *d. per ann.*

[l] *Pat. 2. E. 6. p. 6.*

Touching which Almes-house, I shall further adde, in memorial of the said *Tho. Bond*, and other its Benefactors, the Inscription upon the walls thereof.

This Hospitall was founded A. D. 1506. by Mr Tho. Bond, Draper, sometime Mayor and Alderman of this City, for ten men and one woman: who gave certein lands for maynteuance thereof, which his son John Bond continued during his life. But Tho. the son of John, claimed those lands as his own; whereupon the City sued him in Chancery, and had a Decree against him, which cost them a great sum of money for certein lands valued then at 20 l. per ann. In the seventh year of K. James, the said lands were questioned as concealed from the Crown: which lands and tenements the City were enforc't againe to purchase of the K. to their very great cost and expences. Notwithstanding, the City have continued the charitable uses as formerly: and as the lands have been improved, so hath the maintenance of the old men been bettered, and each mans place is now worth eleven pounds by the year.

Mr Sam. Norton, Draper, Mayor and Alderman of this City, An. D. 1641. gave 300 marks for and towards the maynteuance of one man, and one boy, in this Hospitall of Babbelake, and one man and woman in Gray-Friers-Hospitall: which man and boy are accordingly placed in this House; and the City at their own charge makes their maynteuance equall with the rest of the Hospitall-men and boys.

In

In the year 1560. this Hospitall for Boys was first erected in the place where now it is, being a House of the Cittyes; and was for some years maintenued by the Citty, and the charity of well disposed people, of Cittizens and Strangers, till Mr Wheatly in An. 1566. setled some lands towards the maintenance thereof: and other Benefactors since have given, in all, with his gift, about 96 l. per ann. Which being not sufficient to maynteine xxi Boyes, and a Nurse; and place them out Apprentices, the Citty doth make up the rest, being above 40 l. a year, one year with another.

Corpus-Christi-Gild. } In Mill-lane.

THis Gild was founded [m] in 22 E. 3. by *Rob. Chaundos, John de Wynwik*, Clerk, *John de Wyndsore, John de Weston, Tho. Chaloner, Will. Preſt, Henry de Busseby, Nich. le Hunt, John Preſt, Will. de Teynton, Gilb. de Pulteney, John Russell* sen. *Ric. le Gonere, John de Busheley, Rog. de Tuwe, Nich. Floutere, Ric. Coupere, Peter Percy*, and *Nich. Pake*, in honour of the body and blood of our blessed Saviour, for one Priest to sing Mass daily for the good estate of the same King *E.* and of the said *Rob. John, &c.* above specified, during their lives in this world, and for their souls afterwards, as also of all the faithfull deceased. Unto which, *John Scardeburgh* of Coventre, *John Wedon*, and divers others, granted [n] 29 mess. and a half, 8 acres of land, and 18 *d.* yearly rent, all lying in Coventre, in 15 R. 2. The lands and tenements belonging whereunto, were, by the Survey [o] taken in 37 H 8. certified to be yearly worth 36 *l.* 10 *s.* 8 *d.* Out of which was annually paid [p] to 4 Priests performing divine service in the Churches of the holy *Trinity* and S. *Mich. viz.* to each of them 4 *l.* a peice. *In toto* 16 *l.* To poor people, such as had formerly been of this Fraternity, C *s. per ann.* And in *obits* yearly, C *s.*

Of this Gild was Prince *Edw.* a Brother, being so admitted [q] 18 E. 4. as he was also of *Trinity*-Gild before mentioned.

[m] Pat. 22. E. 3. p. 2. m. 37.
[n] Esc. 15. R. 2. p. 1. n. 134.
[o] MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 7. b.
[p] Ib. f. 8. a.
[q] Ex Catal. Majorum Cov. penès R. Butler, gen.

Sheremen and Taylors Gild. } adjoyning to Gosford-gate in S. *George* his Chappel, as is said.

THere was yet one Gild more, *viz.* of the *Sheremen* and *Taylors*, founded [r] (it seems) in R. 2. time, to the honour of *Christs Nativity*. Which K. gave them license to purchase lands in this City, of 8 marks *per ann.* value, to find a Priest to sing Mass every day, for the souls of the Founders thereof, and all the faithfull deceased. Whereunto K. H. 6. in 17 of his reign, added his license for their purchasing of more lands to the value of x marks *per ann.* and that they should choose 4 men of their Fraternity, yearly, at the Feast of the *Nativity* of our Lord, to be Masters or Governours of the same; and to have a Common Seal; as also power to plead in any of the Kings Courts as a body corporate.

From which Gilds or Fraternities there is no doubt but divers Companies in the Cities and Corporations through England took their first patterns for obtaining such priviledges and immunities as at this day they enjoy.

And now that these Citizens had thus associated themselves into the several Fraternities before mentioned, they began to have an opinion, that if any more such Gilds were allowed in this place, they might receive some inconvenience thereby: And therefore, in 1 H. 5. procured a declaratory [s] Patent from the K. that thenceforth there should not be any new Gild erected. But the young people, *viz.* Journeymen of several trades, observing what merry-meetings and feasts their Masters had, by being of those Fraternities, and that they themselves wanted the like pleasure; did of their own accord assemble together in several places of the City, and especially in S. *George*'s Chappel near Gosford-gate; which occasioned the Mayor and his Brethren, in 3 H. 6. to complain thereof to the King; alledging, that the said Journeymen, in these their unlawfull meetings, called themselves S. *George* his Gild, to the intent that they might maintain and abet one another in quarrels; and for their better conjunction had made choyce of a Master, with Clerks and Officers, to the great contempt of the K. authority, prejudice of the other Gilds (*viz.* the holy *Trin.* and *Corp. Christi*) and disturbance of the City. Whereupon the K. directed his Writ [t] to the Mayor and Justices, with the Bayliffs of this City, commanding them by Proclamation to prohibite any more such meetings.

[r] Pat. 17. H. 6. p. 2. m. 5.
[s] Pat. 1. H. 5. p. 5. m. 12.
[t] Claus. 3. H. 6. in dorso, m. 8.

HAving thus taken notice of all that is, or hath been within the Walls, which is worth observation, I come to the Suburbs, where I find nothing considerable but the Chappel or Hospital of Sponne, on the West part of this City. This Hospital was founded [u] in H. 2. time by *Hugh Keveliok* E. of Chester: who, having a certain Knight of his household, called *Will. de Auney*, a Leper, gave in pure Alms for the health of his soul, and the souls of his ancestors, his Chappel here at Sponne, with the site thereof, and half a carucat of land thereto belonging, for the maintenance of such Lepers as should happen to be in the Town of Coventre. In which Chappel was antiently one Priest at least, to celebrate divine service for the living and the dead. And with him had also wont to be certain Brethren and Sisters, together with the Lepers, praying to God for the good estate of all their Benefactors.

Sponne Hospitall.

But this Hospital, upon the grant of the Mannour of Coventre to the Monks in 34 H. 3. by *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, was (*inter alia*) reserved [w] to the said *Roger* and *Cecily*, and their heirs; which *Cecily* had Coventre by inheritance from those Earls.) And in the Release [x] made to the said Monks of the premisses by her the said *Cecily* in her widowhood, is said to have been sometime belonging to the Abby of Basingwerk in Flintsh. But clear it is, that the Monks shortly after appropriated [y] it to their own use; though they held it not so very long: for I find, that it came at length to the Crown, together with the Mannour of Chepleſmore; and therein continued till 14 E. 4. But then did the K. pass [z] it away to the Canons of Studley in this County, and their succeſſors, by the name of *Libera Capella S. Mariæ Magd. apud* Sponne *juxta* Coventre, with all the lands, tenements, *&c.* thereto belonging, in pure alms, to pray for the good estate of him the said K. and of Q. *Eliz.* his consort, *Edw.* his eldest

[u] Inq. per H. Nott. &c. 8. E. 1.
[w] Regiſt. Pr. de Cov. f. 77. a.
[x] Ib. f. 79. a
[y] Inq. per H. Nott. ut supra.
[z] Pat. 14. E. 4. p. 2. m. 19.

son, Pr. of Wales, D. of Cornwall, &c. during their natural lives, and for their souls afterwards: as also for the soul of *Ric.* late D. of York (the said K. father) and all his progenitors.

The Arch-deaconry of Coventre.

AND now before I leave this City, I may not omit to observe, that so much of Warwickſh. as is within the Dioceſs of Cov. and Lich. is called the *Arch-deaconry* of Coventre, by reason that the Bishops for a long time seating themselves in Staffordſh. have constantly assigned some eminent and grave Divine to reside here, to superintend the Clergy of these parts in their stead; who hath made his Visitations annually according to antient custome for that purpose, and been stiled the *Arch-deacon* of Coventre. As for the title of *Arch-deacon*, it is of no less antiquity than the primitive times of Christianity; the use then being, that the Deacons did elect out of themselves one whom they knew to be most eminent for his industry, and gave him that title: Howbeit of late years he who was more grave and prudent than the rest, hath commonly been advanced to that place. But before I proceed to speak of the particular *Arch-deacons* here, it will not be amiss to say something in a more special manner of the Office; forasmuch as what hath appertain'd thereto is not very commonly known. I shall therefore transcribe the substance of what I have met with, from a very good Authority, and no less antient than H. 8. time.

[a] Spelm. Gloſſ.

[b] MS in Bibl. Cotton, [ſub effigie Cleop. F. 1.] f. 84. a.

Instructions for my Lord Priuey-Seall concerning the Bishop of Lincolne, and his Archd: touching the Bishop his demand of *Prestations*.

What appertaynith to th'office of an Archdeacon, and wherevpon his revenewse, and what heretofore hath thereunto appertayned.

Procurations.	*Fines of Testaments.*
Sinodals.	*Vacations of Benefices.*
Peter-pens.	*Installations of Abbots.*
Pensions or Indemnities.	

Procurations be dewe for visitation. Th'archdeacon is bownde yerely to visite all his Arch-deaconry thoroweoute; then to enquire of all crimes and misgovernance of the people, as well the Clergie as the laſee, by Church wardens and other; and to reforme whatsoever they finde otherwise then well, other committede haynously againſt the Lawes of God, or th'ordinance of the Prince for a quiet Common-wele, dissonant to Gods lawes, to Mans lawes, and politique order of the worlde; to reforme the same, other by godly persuasion and good advice, by commination, or by paynes and penaltyes, according to the humility and umble subjection of the offender, and repentans of his offens. For this his visitation he hath Procurations.

Sinodales.

Sinodalls be dewe for the same kept at Ester by th'Arch-deacon, or his officers; calling together the Parsons, the Vicars, and Parish Priests, diligently enquiring if every of the same doe and have done their dewties accordingly to the Lawes of God, Lawes of the Prince established, and th'ordinance of the Churche accustomede; and have godely and diligently ministerede all Sacraments and Sacramentals to their parishioners at Ester then past, and soe the yere before. For this kinde of Visitation *Sinodals* be dewe to the Arch-Deacon wiche the Bishope wolde now in any wise have, because of a Decretale that saith, *quod Episcopo debentur Sinodalia*, and for that Cert. Now wolde the Bishope turne from his *Peter-pens*, calling them *Prestations* or *Pensions*, and wolde have them now dewe for *Sinodalls*, wiche the Arch-deacons have had and enjoyed this 3. 6. 8. hundrethe yeres, without let, interruption, or contradiction of any Bishope. My *Sinodals* be not xij l. by yere, and yet must I give to my Official 5 marks fee yerely, and as much to my Register, and also here their costs yearly in riding to the sene, 4 or 5 l. so have not I x l. clear for my *Sinodals*. But put the case that these *Sinodals* were the Bishops, yet wherefore should I be bounde to gather his *Sinodals*; or why should I give 20 nobles fee to my officers to serve him, and to be his Collector. *Dicat Apollo.*

Peter-pens.

ALL Arch-deacons of England gathered *Peter-pens* of every Fyer-houshold within every parish one penye, which were granted eight hundred yeres past by K. *Hyvo*, and after confyrmed by *Inas*, then by *Offa Rex Marchiorum*, by *Arnulphus* and other moe so following, and by K. *John* for his time. After some antique Authors they were granted for a yerely Prest, or a perpetuall yerely subsidy. *Episcopo Romano præstabantur in subsidium*, saith divers Authors. Others say they were given to a Scole in Rome, to the mayntenance of Inglish Scolars there, as *Fabian* and *Guido*, with other: but now th'Arch-deacons, after thes pens gathered, paid the same in part or all to the Collector of Rome, saving the Arch-deacon of Lincolne and Sarum; these payd the pens gathered to the Bishop, the B. payd to the Collector, and had his acquittance by the name of *Peter-pens*. Th'Arch-decons had their acquittance of the B. by the name of Prestation-money; so the B. of Lincolne payd, but he gathered none: th'Arch-decon gathered and payd, not to the Collector, but only to the B. Soe finally, seing the B. never gathered *Peter-pens*, and yet payd them to the Collectors every yere, and th'Arch-decons gathered them yerely, and payd none to the Collector, but only to the B. what should the B. his demaunde other be then for *Peter-pens*.

To prove that this worde *Prestation* is very *Peter-pens*, hit is to manifestly declared in the B. of Rome his own lawe, in an Epistle-decretall send *Episcopo Cantuar. & suffraganeis suis*. The B. of Lincolne is one of his Suffragans, and perchance it

it was ment for him that was then B. of Lincolne, if he were as nigh scrapping as the B. that now ys at this present time. *Textus est in capitulo de Censibus*, in the Decretals, *ea quæ de avaritia verba sunt hæc. Ne gravetis parochias & ecclesias vestras propter visitationem beati Petri, cum feceritis collectam denariorum. Glossator Bernardus*, one of the B. of Rome his Secretaryes, expoundeth *hoc verbum Collectum. Collecta, inquit, est præstatio quædam, quam Anglici solvunt ecclesiæ Romanæ, & debet esse moderata, &c.* Soe the *Prestations* is taken for *Peter-pens* in the B. of Rome his own law.

Pensions or Indemnityes.

BE these, when a Church is impropriede to an Abbeye or College, then the Arch-deacon for ever leyth his Induction-money; and in recompence of that, he shall have yerely out of the said Benefice soe impropriede xii d. or ii s. for an yerely pension, more or lesse, as hit is agreed at the tyme of the impropriation. And this money is callid *Pensions*, or *Indemnityes:* And like as the Arch-deacon *conservatur indempnis*, by this his yerely pension payd in the lieu of the Induction, even soe *Episcopus conservatur indempnis*, and hath a like *Pension* for his indemnitye in the lieu of his Institution, which he likewise calleth his *Pension*.

The first that I meet with, who was honoured with this office of *Arch-deacon*, is *Ric. Peche*[c], son of *Rob. Peche* B. of Coventre in H. 1. time, and advanc'd[d] to be *Arch-deacon* by his said father: which *Ric.* afterwards became B. also of Cov. in H. 2. time, upon the decease of *Walt. Durdent*; but being a very devout man, and Founder[e] of the Monastery of S. *Thomas* near Stafford, when he grew aged he left his Bishoprick, and took[f] upon him the habit of a *Canon-Regular* in that Religious House, where he departed this life, and was buryed[g].

c Godw: d de præsul.

e Ex vet. Rot. f MS penès g D. & C. Lich.

The next, though not his immediate successor that I find, was a man, who became afterwards very eminent, *viz.*[h] *Will. de Kilkenny*, being afterwards for a time Chancelour of England, and also B. of Ely. *Homo egregiâ corporis formâ præditus; facundus, prudens, & legum municipalium admodum peritus*, saith *Godwyn*. He dyed[i] on the feast day of S. *Mathew* the Apostle, *ann.* 1256. 4 H. 3. being then in Spain Embassador; but his heart he appointed to be buryed at Ely.

h Godw. de præsul. i

His immediate successor, as I believe, for he was *Arch-deacon* in[k] 3 *Joh.* was a man extraordinary famous for his learning, and a great Divine, whose memory is yet very pretious in our Universities, *viz.*[l] *Alexander de Hales*; a Catalogue of whose learned Works are to be seen *in Balæus*[m] *de Script. Britannicis*.

k Ex MS penès Rob. Arden, ar. l Regist. de Pipwell in bibl. Cotton, f. 63. b. m cent. 3. p. 277.

This *Alex.* in his age became a Frier at the *Corde-liers* in Paris; where, departing this life, he was buryed near the steps ascending to the Quire; and hath over his grave a Monument of black marble, about 2 foot in height from the ground, with this Inscription engraven upon it.

R. P.
ALEXANDRI DE ALES.
Doctoris irrefragabilis, quondam
Sanctorum Thomæ Aquinatis, &
Bonaventuræ præceptoris
Epitaphium.

Clauditur hoc saxo famam sortitus abundè
Gloria Doctorum, decus & flos Philosophorum,
Auctor Scriptorum vir Alexander variorum,
Norma modernorum: fons veri, lux aliorum,
Inclitus Anglorum fuit Archilevita; sed horum
Spretor cunctorum frater collega Minorum
Factus egenorum, fit Doctor primus eorum.
Obiit A. D. 1245. *Calend Septembris* 12.
Si quis honos meritis, si quis virtute coluntur,
Hunc animo præfer, hunc venerare Patrem.

As for his successors, I dare not undertake to exhibit a perfect Catalogue of them: yet of such for whom any good authority hath appeared to me, I have added the names.

Patroni.	Archidiac. Coventriæ.	
	Hugo de Mariſco, Cler. 5 Id. *Julii*, 1349.	*Northb. f.* 49. *a.*
	Will. Crosse, 3 *Non. Oct.* 1351.	*Ib. f.* 55. *b.*
	Joh. de Pipe, Pbr. 11 *Cal. Oct.* 1358.	*Ib. f.* 62. *b.*
	Will. Lambe, Pbr. *post resign. Will. Bermyngham*, 1 *Dec.* 1369.	*Strett. f.* 18. *b.*
	Rob. Stretton, 5 *Cal. Jan.* 1369.	*Ib.*
	Rob. de Oxton, Cler. 20 *Junii*, 1408.	*Burgh. f.* 21. *a.*
	Rob. Esple, *Art. Magr. post mortem Joh. Heyworth*, 22 *Maii*, 1433.	*Heyw. f.* 30. *b.*
	Rog. Wall, Cler. *penult. Junii*, 1442.	*Ib. f.* 41. *a.*
	Joh. Blythe, *scolar: Universit. Paris. per resign. Rad. Colingwood*, 2 *Oct.* 1510.	*Bl. f.* 5. *b.*
Rob. Co. Leic. hac vice patronus.	*Will. James*, *S. Theol. Professor*, *post mortem Tho. Lewes*, 27 *Aug.* 1577.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 47. *a.*
Will. Awbrey, L. Dr. & *Arth. Aly*, *in Art. Magr. hac vice.*	*Will. Hinton*, *S. Theol. Bac.* 4 *Nov.* 1584.	*Bundell. B.*
Episc. Cov. & Lich.	*Sam. Brooke*, *S. Theol. Professor*, 13 *Maii*, 1635.	*Morton.*
	Rad. Brownrigge, *S. Theol. Professor*, 29 *Sept.* 1631.	*Ib.*

Upon the Survey[n] made in 26 H. 8. this dignity was certified to be worth xlv *l.* ix. *s. per ann. viz.* in *Pensions*, *Procurations*, and *Synodals*.

n MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 28. a.

Out of the Deanry of { Coventre, 9 *l.* 12. *s.* 4 *d.* / Parton, 10 *l.* 11 *s.* 0 *d.* / Stonley, 11 *l.* 00 *s.* 2 *d.* / Arden, 14 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* } *per ann.*

And as the several particulars, whereof I have already spoke, have added no small honour to this City, so is it also famous for having been the birth-place to one of our most eminent Historians; of whom I shall here repeat what *Balæus* speaketh[o].

o Cent. 3. p. 264.

Gualterus

Gualterus Coventrienſis *immortali vir dignus memoriâ, in eadem celebri Warwicenſis comitatus urbe, & natus, & educatus, ab honeſtis illic civibus originem duxit. Operam bonis literis ſedulam admodum Oxonii impendebat, ubi gratiſſimum fuit optimarum diſciplinarum emporium. Illuſtria ejus facta accuratè, ſed ſparſim, à diligentiſſimo* Lelando, *chartis præcipue hiſtoricis, commendata ſunt. Eo etenim teſte hiſtoriam eſt magno aggreſſus animo, quam etiam inchoatam ab origine Britannorum, ad ſua tempora, Ann. viz. Dom. 1226. majoribus animis deduxit. Secutus eſt autem hos potiſſimùm authores Anglos,* Galfridum Monumetenſem, Rog. Hovedenum, & Henr. Huntingdonium; *ita tamen ut multa addiderit non ſine fide, quæ nuſpiam apud illos leguntur. Unum certè defuit homini, alioqui claro: nam quanquam fide, & lucido ordine nuſquam, facundiâ tamen ſæpiuſculè deſtitutus erat. Quod non authoris, ſed ætatis potius vitium fuit. Illude compoſuit* Gualterus.

Chron. Britann. Lib. 1.
Anglo-Sax. Chron. Lib. 1.
Annales Angl. Lib. 1.

Et alia quædam edidit, ut ex honeſtis atque Chriſtianis ſtudiis, apud poſteritatem ſemper ejus viveret nomen. Vixit varia componens & ſcribens, regnantibus Joanne & Henrico *tertio illius filio, Anglorum regibus.*

[p] *Leland. It'n. vol. 4. f. 190.*

I Have now done with **Coventre**; which, as it much increaſt[p] in wealth by Cloathing, and making of Caps; ſo ſince thoſe trades have decayed, is now not a little fallen from the glory it antiently had. And being next to take view of thoſe petty villages and places of note that environ it, I ſhall for my more orderly proceeding, begin with them that are on the Southweſt ſide thereof, and conclude with thoſe on the Northeaſt part.

Whaburley.

THis is the firſt I meet with on the South-weſt ſide, where now no more than one ſingle houſe is to be ſeen: but heretofore it was otherwiſe; for in K. *Steph.* time it had a Chappel, being [q] of the E. of **Cheſter's** fee with **Coventre**. And in [r] 7 E. 1. *Rog. Gopil* poſſeſt it, having then two yard land in demeſn, and ten Free-holders, who occupyed two yard land and a half, with an acre and a half, paying certain rent unto him, and doing ſuit to his 3 weeks Court. But the inheritance of the E. of **Cheſter's** fees coming to *Montalt*, (as I have elſwhere ſhewed) from whom Q. *Iſabell* had an eſtate for life with reverſion to the D. of **Cornwall**; this was by the ſaid Q. included in that Charter [ſ] made by her to the Mayor and Commonalty of **Coventre** in E. 3. time, whereby ſhe granted to them Return of Writs, goods of felons and fugitives, with cognizance of all pleas in **Coventre**, and the Hamlets adjoyning: As alſo in K. H. 6. Charter [t], by which **Coventre**, with divers villages thereabouts, was made a County of it ſelf, diſtinct from **Warwickſhire**.

[q] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.*
[r] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 37. b.*
[ſ] *Ex cod. MS penès Thom. D. Leigh.*
[t] *Cart. 30. H. 6. n. 29.*

Aſthull.

THis place, being utterly depopulated, is now onely known by a little thicket of trees, called **Aſthull-grove**. But the firſt mention I find of it, is in [u] 34 H. 3. upon the grant made by *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, of **Coventre** to the Monks; in which the ſaid *Roger* and *Cecily* did (*inter alia*) reſerve the ſervice of *Will. de Olneie* therein, for it ſeems he then held it. But in 3 E. 1. it was certified [w], that *Oliver de Aubeny* held half a Kts. fee here of the Mannour of **Coventre**. And in 34 E. 1. by a Fine levyed [x] between *Will. D'aubeny* pl. and *Amicia* the widow of *Oliver D'aubeny* deforc. it was entailed upon the ſaid *Will.* and the heirs of his body, with remainder to his two brothers, *viz. Raph* and *John*; and for want of iſſue by them, to *Oliva* and *Iſabell* their ſiſters, and to the heirs of *Iſabell*. By vertue of which entail *Raph de Aubeny* came to enjoy it, as it ſeems: for I find that he paſt [y] it away to *Will. Baret*, Lord of **Paſſenham** in **Northamptonſh.** Which *Will.* by his deed [z] bearing date the morrow after the *Aſſumption* of our Lady, 22 E. 3. granted it to *Henry* E. of **Lancaſter**; who in 35 E. 3. dyed [a] ſeized of it, leaving *Maud* and *Blanch* his daughters and heirs. And this is all that I can ſay to the ſucceſſion of it, by reaſon it hath been parcell'd out by ſale to ſundry perſons.

[u] *Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.*
[w] *Eſc. 3. E. 1.*
[x] *Craſt. Aſcenſ.*
[y] [z] *Ex Regiſt. Cart. in offic. D. Lanc. Tit. Co. Warw. f. 39.*
[a] *Eſc. 35. E. 3. p. 1. n. 122.*

Olneye.

OF this place is there no memoriall now left, but a double moat which beareth the name: neither is there any thing of antiquity thereof, that I have ſeen, much materiall.

Horewelle.

THis is alſo now, and hath been long depopulated. But in [b] 7 E. 1. the ſame *Oliver de Aubeny* (Lord of **Aſthull** before ſpecified) was owner thereof, and held it of *Rog. de Montalt*; having at that time one carucat of land and a half in demeſn, and ſuit of Court twice a year; with 7 Free-holders, who held 29 acres of land, paying certain rent, and doing ſuit to his 3 weeks Court. But it ſeems that the Monks of **Stonley** had it ſoon after: for in 12 E. 1. they obtained a Charter [c] of **Free warren** in all their demeſn lands in **Stonley**, and divers other places, whereof this is one; that which they had here, being 2 carucats of land, as in 19 E. 1. was certified [d], and a certain Cell. Which petty Cells were made uſe [e] of by the Abbots in thoſe daies, as places of penance or puniſhment to ſuch Monks, as either for any offence committed, or ſome diſpleaſure from their Superiour, were thither ſent. But more of **Horewelle** I find not, other than that it is included within the County of this City, by K. H. 6. Charter before ſpecified.

[b] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 46.*
[c] *Cart. 12 E. 1. n. 3*
[d] *MS in Scac.*
[e] *M. Paris in vit. Abbat. p. 11 l. 11.*

Stivichall.

THere is no mention of this place in the Conq. Survey; ſo that we muſt conclude it to have been then involved with **Coventre**; and that as a member thereof it came to the E. of **Cheſter**: for in K. *Steph.* time *Ranulph* E. of **Cheſter** poſſeſt [f] it. What injury that was which this E. *Ranulph* had done to *Walter Durdent*, then B. of **Cov.** and

[f] *Cart. 2 E. 3. n. per Inſpex*

to his Church, doth not directly appear: but certain it is, that he dyed [g] excommunicate for the same; so that *E. Hugh* his son and heir, past [h] this Mannour of **Stivinghale** (for so it is written) unto the said B. and his successors, for his fathers absolution, and for the health of his soul and his ancestors souls.

[g] Ex vet. membr. in baga de Inq. penès Camer. Scac.

[h]

It seems that the same B. granted it unto *Steph. de Nerbone* and his heirs, to hold by the 4 part of a Kts. fee: for I find [i], that the heirs of *Margery* his daughter and heir, enjoy'd it: and that the said *Stephen* gave [k] to *Will.* the son of *Raph de Filungele*, and his heirs, two yard land lying in this village, in consideration that he fought a duell for him. What he was that wedded the said *Margerie*, I know not; but a son he had by her, who calls [l] himself *Ranulphus de Stivichale, filius & hæres Margeriæ de Nerburne, dominæ de Styvichale.* Which *Ranulph* was he (as I suppose) who past this Mannour unto *Walter de Langley* (Lord of **Pinley**:) for in 7 E. 1. it was certified [m], that the same *Walter de Langley* held the moytie thereof of the heirs of *Marg. de Neyrburne*, by the service of a Rose yearly: at which time the said *Walter* had 3 yard land here, held of him in villenage, and the rest [n] by Free-holders: but the **Court-Leet** the Bishop still kept. And the same year following, the said *Walt.* was found [o] to dye seized of this whole village, having four yard land therin; which together with the rent from his Free-holders and villains, & a Mill, extended to 8 *l.* 5 *s.* 3 *d. ob. per an.*

[i] Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 58. b.

[k] Ex autog. penès Ric. Chamberleyn ar.

[l] Ex autog. penès Tho. Puckring arg. aur. & b.

[m] In Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 58. b.

[n] Ib. f. 59. a.

[o] Esc. 8. E. 1. n. 13.

To whose posterity it continued whilst the male line lasted; and then, with **Pinley**, **Wilkin**, and other Lordships, descended to *Joan* the daughter and heir of that family, first wedded to *John* the son of Sir *Alan Cherlton* Kt. and afterwards to Sir *John Trillow* Kt. (as in **Pinley** I shall fully manifest.) 'Tis very like that Sir *John Trillow* and she past it unto Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. about 40 E. 3. For I find [p], that Sir *Peter Careswell* Kt. son and heir of Sir *Will. Careswell*, released all his title therein to the said Sir *Baldwin*, as he also did in **Pinley** and **Wilkin**: but what right he had, I am not very certain, except that intimated in my discourse of **Wilkin** were it. After which, upon the partition of *Frevill*'s lands (whereof in **Tamworth** I shall speak at large) it fell to *Thomas Ferrers* Esq; in right of *Eliz.* his wife, eldest sister, and one of the co-heirs to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. as appears by the partition [q] made 5 *Oct.* 31 H. 6. To whose posterity it continued for divers descents: But in 16 *Eliz.* I find, that *Thomas Gregory* dyed [r] seized thereof, leaving *Arthur* his son and heir 34 years of age, whose son, *John*, now enjoys it.

[p] Ex autog. penès Car. ser. Scac. in baga de Gatesby.

[q] Penès Joh. Ferrers, ar.

[r] Esc. 18. Eliz.

The Chappel here, being a member belonging to the Church of S. *Mich.* in **Coventre**, was therewith appropriated [s] to the Monks, *ann.* 1260. 44 H. 3. Which Monks did antiently use [t] to find a Priest to celebrate divine service therein 3 daies every week; but the bodyes of the dead were [u] carryed to **Coventre**. In H. 6. time, there was an *Anchorite* mured up here; who in those daies had a Legacy given [w] to him by *Edith Ruggeley*, widow unto *Nich. Ruggeley* of **Dunton** in this County.

[s] Rot. R. Iolend, m. 4.

[t] Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 62. a.

[u]

[w] Lusnam, f. 25.

REturning now to the other side of **Coventre**, I discern **Careslеy** first in my view; of which I find no mention till K. *Steph.* time, that *Ran.* E. of **Chester** rendred [x] the Chappel to the Monks of **Coventre**, as he did **Stivichall** and many other, it being then written **Kereslеy**. From which E. it came to *Montalt*, as **Coventre**, whereof it was originally a member, did; part of it in 34 H. 3. being held [y] by the heirs of *Rob. Tuschet*, and *Wido fil. Roberti*, of *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife. Which *Rog.* and *Cecily* then granting away the Mannour of **Coventre** in Fee-ferm to the Monks, did (*inter alia*) reserve [z] to them and their heirs the homage and services of those persons. But the inheritance of what the heirs of the said *Robert* and *Wido* had, was not considerable: for it appears [a], that the substance of this village past from the before specified *Rog.* and *Cecily* to the Monks in the said 34 year of H. 3. as parcel of the Mannour of **Coventre**. Which Monks had **Free-warren** there, and Heriots of all their tenants, with the tithes appropriated [b] to them as belonging to S. *Mich.* Church in **Coventre**.

[x]

[y] Ib. f. 77. a.

[z]

[a] Ib.

[b]

Whitmore.

THis, though it be for the most part woody, yet is in some places so mooriſh, as that the ground beareth nothing but moss; which being in one place white, gave occasion (doubtless) for its name. But it was antiently a member [c] of **Radford**; and partly by the grants [d] of several devout people, as well as purchase, became of so large an extent, as that in 6 E. 3. the Monks of **Coventre**, obtaining license [e] from the K. made it a Park; which, according to the measure in those daies, contained 436 acres of wast and woods. But coming to the Crown, upon the dissolution of that Religious House, it was in 1 E. 6. granted [f] to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. (*inter alia*) by the name of **Whitmore-grange** in the parish of the holy *Trinity* in **Coventre**: And from him soon after convey'd to *John Hales* (of whom I have in S. *John*'s Hosp. made mention) who dyed [g] seized of it, 26 *Dec.* 15 *Eliz.* leaving *John* his nephew (son of *Christoph.*) his next heir: who *in ann.* 1586. built a very fair house upon part of it, called **New-House**: which by *John Hales* Esq; his son and heir, was sold in our time to Sir *Ric. Burnaby* Kt. and by him afterwards to .... *Cooke*, who soon past it away to Sir *Christopher Yelverton* of **Easton-Mauduit**, *in Com.* **Northampt.** Kt. of the Bath, the present possessor thereof.

[c] Ib. f. 3. a.

[d] Ib.

[e] Pat. 6. E. 3. p. 3. m. 16.

[f] Pat. 1. E. 6. p. 9.

[g] Esc. 15. Eliz.

Radford.

THis little village takes its name from the **Ford** through which the road-way from **Careslеy** to **Coventre** lyeth: and though it be not particularly mentioned in E. *Leofrik*'s Charter to the Monks of **Coventre**, yet was it then granted [h] thereto, as being included within that moytie of **Coventre** belonging to the Monastery, and in the parish of the holy *Trinity*. After the dissolution of which Religious House, the lands here were sold out to sundry persons; so that it will not be of moment, as for any historical respect to look further after them.

[h] Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 80. b.

Arnhale.

THis place (now reduced to one house) being a member [i] of **Coventre**, was involved in that grant made by E. *Leofrike* to the Monks, upon his

[i] Ib.

his foundation of that Monaſtery, whereof I have already ſpoke, though it be not particularly named therein: and after the diſſolution thereof, granted [k] (*inter alia*) to *John Hales* and his heirs, by the name of **Harnall grange**, with the paſtures thereto belonging, and the pool called **Harnall-pool**, or **Swanſwell pool**, lying within the precinct of thoſe grounds. Which *John* dyed ſeized thereof in 15 *Eliz.* leaving *John*, the ſon of his brother *Chriſtopher*, his nephew and heir.

k Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 2.

Stoke.

OF **Stoke**, which in our old Engliſh ſignifieth a village, there is no mention in the Conq. Survey, it being then as a member of **Coventre** poſſeſt by the Earls of **Cheſter**, as may ſeem by that render [l] of the Chappel in K. *Steph.* time, made by E. *Ranulph* to the Monks. Which Chappel, being within the pariſh of S. *Mich.* was appropriated [m] to the Monaſtery therewith in 44. H. 3. From theſe E. of **Cheſter** it came to *Rog. de Montalt* by the marriage of *Cecily*, ſiſter and one of the co-h irs unto *Hugh* E. of **Arundell**, whereof in **Coventre** I have ſpoke: of whom ſeveral perſons held lands here in 34 H. 3. as appears by their reſervation [n] of the ſervices due upon thoſe tenures, at ſuch time as the Mannour of **Coventre** was by them paſt in fee-ferm to the Monks; the names of which perſons were *Walter D'eyvill*, *Rob. de Stoke*, *Thom. de Neuvill*, and *Walt. de* **Coventre.**

l Regiſt. Pr. de Cov. f. 76. a.

m Reg. Rog. Molend, m. 4.

n Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inſpex.

In 7 E. 1. the ſaid *Rog. de Montalt*, being Lord of this Mannour, had [o] here two Free-holders occupying one carucat of land: but the Prior of **Coventre** had then 4. who held half a yard land, 2 acres and a half, with a croft and a meadow. At that time alſo had [p] *Nich. de Segrave* 2 yard land here poſſeſt by Free-holders; and [q] *Tho. de Arden* one, in the tenure of 3 Cottyers. Which *Nich.* and *Thom.* held the premiſſes of the ſaid *Rog. de Montalt*. But here was an antient family that had their denomination from this village; the firſt whereof that I meet with, being [r] *Seherus de Stoke*, ſon of *Hugh le Harper* of **Stoke**; who gave [ſ] to the Monks of **Combe** a wood called *Harpers*-wood with a meſſ. garden, *&c.* in this place, about K. *John's* time. From which *Seher* deſcended *Tho. de Stoke* of **Stotfold** in **Staffordſh.** who bore [t] for his Arms *fretty, with a boars head cooped in a Canton.* And from him [u] *Will. de Stoke*; of whom in 22 H. 8. .... *Horne* purchaſed [w] this Mannour. Who, reſerving to himſelf part of the demeſns, ſold the ſame ſoon after to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of **Cov.** and their ſucceſſors, unto whom it now belongeth.

o Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 40. b.

p Ib. 41. a.

q Ib. 41. b.

r Regiſt. de Cumba, f. 45. a.

t Ex autog. penès S. Clarko Bar.

u Ex autog. penès Hen. Horne de Stoke.

In this place the Monks of **Coventre** had the largeſt proportion, as appears by that Survey [x] taken in 26 H. 8. But the Hoſpital of S. *John* in **Coventre** had a part [y], paying xii *d. per ann.* chief rent to the Mannour of **Stoke**. All which having been purchaſed by ſundry Citizens of **Coventre**, is now adorn'd with many fair Summer-houſes.

x MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 24. a.

y Ib. 32. b.

The Chappel, whereunto the Inhabitants of **Wiuley** antiently reſorted, had [z] heretofore Divine ſervice perfermed therein thrice every week at the Prior of **Coventre's** charge; the tithes whereof were appropriat to the Monks, who allowed to the Prieſt ſerving the Cure therein Cxii *s. per ann.* or tithes to that value, as in 26 H. 8. was certified [a]: but ſince the later end of Q. *Eliz.* time it hath been a Preſentative, as the Inſtitution of theſe ſeveral Incumbents doth manifeſt.

z Regiſt. Pr. de Cov. f. 60. a.

a MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 38. b.

Patroni.	Incumbentes.	
Eliz. Regina.	*Henr. Belingham, Cler.* 16. *Junii*, 1598.	*Overton, bund. C.*
	Julinus Wynſper, Cler. 23. *Martii*, 1598.	*Ib.*
Jacobus Rex.	*Humfr. Wildinge*, 27 *Junii*, 1614.	*Overall, bund. A.*
	Geo. Lockwood, Cler. 12. *Nov.* 1617.	*Ib.*
Carolus Rex.]	*Rob. Chadburne, Cler.* 12. *Jan.* 1626.	*Morton, bund. incert.*

Biggin.

THere is now no other memorial left of this place, than a Ferm-houſe, called by the name of **Biggin** Hall; antiently written **Bugging**; which in our old Engliſh ſignifieth the ſame with *domus*, and is in the North parts of this Realm ſtill retained in that ſenſe, divers Mannour-houſes being there ſo called. In 7 E. 1. the Prior of **Coventre**, then owner thereof, had [b] 8 ſervants who held 4 carucats of land here, by performance of certain ſervile labours. Which lands were after the diſſolution of that Religious Houſe, granted [c] (*inter alia*) to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of that City.

b Inq. p. H. Nott. &c. f. 41.

c Pat. 3. H. 8. p. 2.

Biſſeleie.

I Now return to the river **Shirburn**; which, being iſſued out of **Coventre**, leaves **Biſſeleie** on its Eaſtern bank. This hath been very antiently depopulated, as it ſeems: for ſince K. *Steph.* time, that *Ran.* E. of **Cheſter** acknowledged [d] the Chappel then here (*inter alia*) to belong unto the Monks of **Coventre**, I have not ſeen any thing notable thereof.

d Regiſt. de Cov. 76. a.

Shortley.

A Little lower lyes **Shortley**, antiently a member [e] of **Coventre**, and held of the E. of **Cheſter's** heirs by the ſervice of 2 *l.* 17 *s. per ann.* a pound of Pepper yearly, and Heriots. But before 17 E. 1. I find it not particularly mentioned; at which time there was a Fine [f] levyed thereof betwixt *Geffrey de Langley* pl. and *Ric. de Waldeſhef* and *Beatrice* his wife deforc. Whereby it appears, that at the requeſt of the ſaid *Ric.* and *Beatrice*, the ſame *Geffrey* granted an eſtate for life therein to *Hugh de Vienna*, with remainder to him the ſaid *Geffrey* and his heirs. Which *Geff.* was a younger ſon to *Geffr. de Langley*, of whom in **Pinley** I have ſpoke. From this *Geffrey* it deſcended unto *Edmund de Langley* his ſon, and heir: who having iſſue *Joan* a daughter, gave it in marriage with her (as it ſeems) to *Edmund de Cheſterton*; for the ſame *Edmund de Cheſterton* was ſeized thereof in 42 E. 3. as appears by his feoffment [g] then made to Sir *Fulk de Bermingham* and others.

e Ib. f. 61.

f 3. ſep. Mich. 1 E. 1.

g Ex autog. penès Edw. Aſton de Tixhall Com. St. eq. aur. an. 160

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How he was justled out of it, I know not: but within 4 years after, *viz.* 46 E. 3. I find, that Sir *Baldwin Frevill* the elder, Kt. enfeoffd [h] Sir *Will. Beauchamp* Kt. and divers moe, in this Mannour; with **Pinley**, **Wykin**, and other lands, to stand seized of them to certain uses (as in my discourse of that family, when I come to **Tamworth**, shall be shewed:) and in 49 E. 3. dyed [i] seized thereof, leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir 24 years of age. Which *Baldwyn* dyed in R. 2. time, leaving his heir within age, and what estate he had herein, to *Ioyce* his widow; who taking to husband Sir *Adam Peshale* Kt. was in R. 2. time with him impleaded [k] for the title hereof by *John Brandesley*, in right [l] of *Eliz.* his wife, daughter and heir of *Roger Chesterton*, son and heir of *Edmund Chesterton* before mentioned, and *Eliz.* his wife, daughter unto *Edm. de Langley*, from whom the said *Iohn* and *Eliz.* claimed.

[h] Ex autog. penès I. Ferrers, ar.

[i] Esc. 49. E. 3. p. 1. n. 57.

[k] Clauſ. [l] 4 H. 4. m. 25.

How this difference determined, I have not seen: but in 4 H. 5. by a Fine then levyed [m] betwixt Sir *Iohn Berkley* Kt. *John Brut* the elder, with others plaintiffs, and *Edw. Chesterton* deforc. it was setled upon the said *Iohn Brut* and his heirs. In which Fine it appeareth, that the above mentioned *Iohn Bardesly* held it by the curtesy of **England** for life. It seems that the heir male of this line afterwards came to possess it again: for in 22 E. 4. *Will. Langley* dyed [n] seized of it, leaving *Iohn* his son and heir 16 years of age; at which time the proportion of land that he had here was certified to be C. acres of pasture, wherein a certain Mannour-house had in former time stood, but then was utterly down and wasted.

[m] XV Pasch.

[n] Esc. 4. n. 7.

How it came to the Crown, I know not: but I find that K. H. 8. in 12 of his reign, granted [o] it to *Edw. Langley* Esq; and his heirs. Which *Edw.* in 17 H. 8. was seized [p] thereof; and past it, as I guess, to *Rog. Wigston* Esq; and *Will. Wigston* his son and heir: for it appears [q], that in 30 H. 8. they were seized thereof. But the said *Will.* in 37 H. 8. (his father being then dead) granted [r] it to certain Feoffees to the use of *Edw. Pye* of **Marstoke** Esq; and the heirs of his body. Which *Edw.* in 3 E. 6. sold [s] it to *Giles Forster* then of **Balshall** Esq. But the said *Giles*, within less than a month after, in consideration of 200 *l.* sterling, re-conveyd [t] it to certain Feoffees to the use of the before specified *Will. Wigston:* who, being so seized thereof, by his deed [u] bearing date 29 *Martii*, 1 *M.* being then a Knight, sold it to *Edw. Aglionby* of **Balshall** Esq; and to *Kath.* his wife, sister of the said Sir *Will.* After which I have seen no more thereof, than that *James Fitz-Herbert* of **Stoke** *juxta* **Coventre**, and *Ric. Fitz-Herbert* of **Shulton** *in Com.* **Leic.** Gent. in 33 *Eliz.* aliened [w] it to *Edw. Brabazon* of **Eltwell** in the same County of **Leic.** Esq; and *Mary* his wife.

[o] Pat. 12. H. 8. p. 2.

[p] Mich. Rec. 17 H. 8. Rot. 20.

[q] [r] [s] [t] [u] [w] Ex autog. penès Isaac. Walden de Careſley gen.

The Charter-house.

WIthin the precincts of **Shortley** sometime stood a very fair Monastery of *Carthusian* Monks: but before I speak of its foundation, it will be proper enough to digress a little in shewing how and when that Order first began, with the strictness of their Rule.

The Author [x] thereof was one *Bruno*, born at **Colein** in **Germany**, a very learned man, and Philosophy-Professor in the University of **Paris**: where, being present at the Funerall of his friend that had been a man of good conversation; and observing that whilst they were celebrating the office for the dead, the Corps raised it self up on the Bier, and uttered at several distances these words, *Iusto Dei judicio accusatus sum, Iusto Dei judicio judicatus sum, Iusto Dei judicio condemnatus sum*, he became so astonisht, as that, considering if such were the condition of one whose life had been free from any eminent vice, what should become of himself and many others that were in no better state; he thereupon, with six more of his company, who were moved with the same apprehension, resolved to seek some desert place, where they might end their daies in an austere and mortified course of living, without any disturbance of worldly matters: which at length they found in the Dioceſs of **Grenoble**, at a place called **Carthuse**, in the mountainous parts of a vast wilderness; and obtaining an assignation thereof from the Bishop, erected a Monastery, instituting most severe and strict Rules for himself and his Covent; *viz.* wearing hair shirts, never to feed on flesh, on the Fridays to eat nothing but bread and water; to live apart in particular Cells, and thither to have their diet singly brought them, except on certain Festival daies when they dined together: Not to converse with each other but at certain times: None to go out of the Monastery but the Superior and Procurator, and they onely about the affairs of the Covent.

[x] Polyd. Virg. de invent. rerum, lib. 7. cap. 3.

Their habit a white loose coat, with a cowl of the same; but when they go out, a case of black stuff all over it, being shaved and shorn just as the *Benedictines* are. Into their particular Cells, which are low built, and do contain 3 or 4 several rooms on the ground-floor onely, having behind each of them a little garden environ'd with an high wall, is their diet brought to them by Lay-brothers, and put in at a little door in the wall, near the entrance thereof; unto which there is a lock, whereof the key is kept by him that serves them. At the hours of publick prayers they meet in the Quire: But women are not permitted to come within the precincts of their Monastery, nor a man to speak with any of them without special license given by the Superior.

The Lay-brothers are not shaven; but their hair on the head is cut short and round; their habit being the same with the Monks, saving the scapular, which reacheth but a little below the middle, and is girt close to them.

Which Institution by *Bruno* was in the year 1080. as *Polydore* affirmeth; but others [z] say *in ann.* 1084. Howbeit they observe [a] the Rule of S. *Benedict* as to their diurnal and nocturnal offices; yet have not antiently in any one Covent exceeded [b] the number of xiii persons.

[z] Chron. Genebr.

[a] [b] Rob. de Monte MS.

Into **England** they were first brought by K. H. 2. *in*[c] *ann.* 1181. (27 H. 2.) who founded [d] a Monastery for them at **Witham** in **Somersetsh.** whereof *Hugh* Bishop of **Lincoln** was the first [e] Prior. But now returning to this in particular, I will begin with the time and occasion of its foundation.

[c] Brompt. col. 1142. 37.

[d] Godw. de præſul. Cart. 1. R. 2. n. 19. per Inſpex.

[e] Godwyn ut ſupra.



Ordinis Carthusiani Monachus.

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In[f] the year 1381. 5 R. 2. *Will.* Lord *Zouch* (of Harringworth in Northamptonsh.) having a desire to found a House of this Order near Coventre, in honour of S. *Anne*, obtained from Sir *Baldwyn Freville*, the elder, Kt. 14 acres of land here at Shortley, where he purposed to build the House, resolving to endow it with sufficient possessions: but being the same year prevented by death, lying upon his sick bed, he appointed that C marks *per ann.* should be paid out of his lands, untill his heirs did procure as much in Churches appropriate to be setled thereto. Which Legacy, his Confessor, and others who were then about him, thought too large; and therefore prevailed with him, that it should be no more than lx *l. per ann.*

[f] *Ex vet. membr. in bibl.* Hatton.

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The great affection that he had to the founding of this Monaſtery, occaſioned him to procure from the Houſe of *Carthuſians* in **London** three Monks; *viz.* one *Robert Palmer* at that time Procurator there, and the originall mover in that buſineſs. *John Netherby*, then Vicar of the ſame Monaſtery; and *Edmund Dalling*: who accordingly came to **Coventre** on the Eve of S. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, and began their abode in the Hermitage of S. *Anne*. In which place, aſſociating to themſelves three Monks from the Monaſtery of **Beauvale** in **Nottingham-ſh.** and four more, who were then newly profeſt of this Order, they continued by the ſpace of ſeven years.

But the Lord *Zouch* departed this life in Lent following; whereupon his good intentions and fair beginnings were proſecuted by others. For *Rich. Luff*, ſometime Mayor of **Coventre**, and *John Botoner* his fellow Citizen, beſtowed no leſs than 400. marks upon the Quire, Church, and Cloyſters; with three Cells in the eaſt part, next to the Chapter-houſe, and making of ſeven ponds. *John Holmeton* of **Bleſoꝛd** 180. *li.* towards the ſtructure of the Quire: and with xx. *li.* of the goods of *Will. Tilney*, whoſe Executor he was, made the Cell at the Weſt-corner of the Cloyſter. The fourth Cell on the Eaſt ſide was built by *Margery Byri* of **Newarke**; who thereupon, and for the Books of *Iſaiah* and *Jeremie*, with Coments, beſtowed xx. *li.* The fift, being the utmoſt on the ſaid Eaſt ſide, by the Lady *Margerie Tilney* of **Rotſton**; who gave x. *li.* alſo to the making of the Eaſt window of the Quire. The ſixt by *John Bokingham* B. of **Lincoln**. The ſeventh next to it on the ſame ſide, by *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**.

And K. *Rich.* 2. returning from **Scotland** in the year 1385. (about the *Nativity* of the bleſſed Virgin;) and coming to **Coventre** on Saturday within the Octaves of that Feaſt, at the ſpeciall inſtance of Q. *Anne* his conſort, with his own hands layd the firſt ſtone of the Church; *viz.* at the Eaſt end of the Quire; publiquely proteſting in the preſence of his Nobles; as alſo of the Mayor and Citizens of **Coventre** that he would be the Founder thereof, and bring it to good perfection. Neither were others ſlack in ſo pious a work: For the eight Cell; *viz.* the third on the South ſide, was made with xx. *li.* given as a Legacy thereto by *Adam Botoner* Citizen of **Coventre**. The ninth, (next to it) by Sir *Nigel Loryng* Knight, at the procurement of *Rob. Braybrok* B. of **London**. The tenth, *viz.* the firſt in the Weſt corner, out of the goods of *Will. Tilney* before mentioned. The eleventh, by *John Morton* Canon of **Lichfeild**.

But further I cannot go, in the deſcription of theſe Cells, in regard I have not ſeene any more of the hiſtory of its Foundation: Neither ſhould I have delivered thus much, but that, by the care and affection of my worthy friend Mr. *John Langley*, whoſe delight and knowledge in Antiquities deſerves greater commendation then I can in a few lines expreſs, the fragment whence I had this, being a *Manuſcript* of two leaves in Parchment, and written in R. 2. time, was redeemed from utterly periſhing, having been by ſome ignorant perſon made the Cover to a School-boy's Book.

I ſhall now therefore proceed with what I have from our publique Records: wherein I find, that K. *Rich.* 2. by his Precept [g] bearing date 18. *Martii* in the ſaid fift year of his raign, directed to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. *Rich. Dodenhale* then Major of **Coventre**, and *Rich. Luff*; wherein he expreſſeth, that *John Netherbury* was aſſigned Prior of this Houſe, ſo intended to be founded in **Shoꝛtleyfield** within the libertyes of **Coventre**; And declaring the bounds of thoſe 14. acres of land, ſo given by Sir *Baldwin Frevill*; *viz.* in length from the path-way leading towards **London** on the Eaſt part, to the river of **Shirburne** on the Weſt; and in breadth, from the common road which goeth towards **Warwick** on the South part, to the Mill called **Buſhele-milne** on the North part, doth command, that the ſaid Sir *Baldwin*, *Richard*, and *Richard* ſhall deliver poſſeſſion thereof unto the ſame Prior and Monks. Soon after which did the ſaid K. grant licenſe [h] to theſe Monks, that they might obtain advouſons of Churches to be appropriated, to the value of c. *li. per annum*. over and above what ſhould be aſſigned for endowment of Vicars in the ſame. And within two years following beſtowed [i] on them the advouſon of the Church of **Walton** *ſuper* **Trent** in **Derby-ſhire**.

In 9. of his reign he gave [k] them the advouſon of the Church of **Eccleſfeild** in **Yoꝛk-ſhire**. In 13. he granted Licenſe [l] to the Monks of S. *George* at **Bauquerville** in **Noꝛmandy**, that they might ſettle their mannour or Priory of **Edweſton** in **Rutland** upon them. And in 16. in [m] recompence for the advouſon of the Church of **Walton** before mentioned, which he had granted with the Mannour to [n] *John Delves* eſq. gave them licenſe [o] to purchaſe the Priory of **Lymberg** (*alias* **Limbꝛoke**) in **Hereford-ſhire** with the parcells of **Curtelyngton**, and **Abby-Mares**; together with the advouſon of the Vicaridges; all which belong'd to the Abby of **Aveneye** in **Noꝛmandy**.

Certain it is, that the ſtrictneſs of their Rule begot an exceeding regard towards them from many good people, as by the increaſe of their poſſeſſions is evident: For in 17. R. 2. they had licenſe [p] to purchaſe from the Abbot of S. *Sergius* and *Bachus* in **Noꝛmandy** the Mannours of **Swauſeye** and **Diy-Dꝛayton** in **Cambꝛidge-ſhire**, with the advouſon of the Church of **Swauſey**, excepting 65. marks ſterling annually due to the Warden and Schollars of **Kings-Hall** in the Univerſity of **Cambꝛidg**. And in [q] 20. R. 2. from the Monks of S. *Peters ſuper Dinam* in **Noꝛmandy** the Priory of **Woiſton** in this County, which was a Cell belonging to that Monaſtery. As alſo the Priory of **Hagham** in **Lincoln-ſhire** from the Abbot and Covent of S. *Severus* in **Noꝛmandy**. And now that they were grown thus rich in poſſeſſions, by his Charter [r] bearing date 21. *Maii* in the 21. year of his reign, did he grant as ample protection to them, and privileges, both for the choyſe of their Prior and otherwiſe as the originall Houſe at **Carthuſe** had, together with immunity from all Taxes and payments whatſoever.

Neither did his bounty to them ſtay here: for the next year enſuing he releaſed [s] unto them the payment of thoſe 65. marks *per annum* to the Schollars of **Cambꝛidg** before mentioned; upon condition that they ſhould find and maintain within the precinct of their Houſe xii. poor Schollars from ſeven years old, till they accompliſh't the age of 17. there to pray for the good eſtate of him the ſaid King and of his conſort, during this life; and afterwards for the health of their ſouls: as alſo of the ſoul of Qu. *Anne* late deceaſed, and for the ſouls of his Father & Mother, and all the faithfull departed. And to [t] the end, that the ſervice and worſhip of God might be

[h] *Pat. 6. R. 2. p. 1. m. 1.*
[i] *Pat. 8. R. 2. m. 8.*
[k] *Pat. 9. R. 2. p. 2. m. 30.*
[l] *Pat. 14. R. 2. p. 1. m. 5.*
[m] *Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 3. m. 26.*
[n] *Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 3. m. 26.*
[o] *Pat. 17. R. 2. p. 1. m. 1.*
[p] *Pat. 20. R. 2. p. 1. m. 32.*
[q] *Pat. 21. R. 2. n. 2.*
[r] *Pat. 22. R. 2. p. 3. m. 4.*
[s] *Clauſ. 5. R. 2. m. 4. Pat. 5. R. 2. p. 2. m. 22.*
[t] *Ibid.*

yet further augmented in this Monastery, by a Co-
f Ibid. vent of Monks which were Priests, he granted f un-
g to them the Priory-Alien of Lodres in Dorset-sh. which was a Cell to the Abby of Ponteburgh in Normandy; the Priory of Wotton in this County, which belong'd to the Abby of Counches in Normandy, with the Mannour of Ponkenlane in Hereford-sh. parcell of the possessions belonging to the said Priory of Wotton: The Priory of Long-Benyngton in Lincoln-shire and Feldallyng in Norff. Cells to the Abby of Sabinet in Normandy: the Priory of Hagh. in Lincoln-sh. belonging to the Monastery of Chirburgh in Normandy. Which said Prioryes-Alien were all seized into the K. hands by reason of his Warrs with France. But the most of these, last mentioned, were reassumed in 1. H. 4. (as in my dicourse of Wotton, above-mentioned will appear.)

To which ample Donations K. H. 7. in 10. of
u Pat. 10. H. 7. m. 3. his reign added his License u to them for appropriating the Church of Potters-Pirry in Northampton-sh. of their patronage; and of Egmond in Salop-sh. whereof the Advouson belong'd to the Abby of S. Peter at Shrewsbury; in consideration that they should daily pray for the good estate of the said King, his Queen, and their Children; as also of his Mother: celebrating likewise once a week a Mass of the holy Ghost during the K. life, and a solemn yearly *Obit* for his soul after his departure hence. So that the full Revenue belonging thereto was by that fatall Survey, made in 26. H.
w MS. penes S. Archer Eq. aur. f. 30. a. 8. certified w to be clearly worth 131. l. 06 s. 08. d. *per annum*, besides all Reprises. Which undervalue though it exposed it to dissolution by the Statute of 27. H. 8. yet was the King pleased to shelter it at that instant, as by a clause in the Act he had liberty to doe: perhaps that he might get the better credit in his proceedings against the rest, by reason the Preamble of that Act had represented the Monks residing in the lesser Houses, to be persons that did highly dishonour God by the loosness of their lives; and therefore thought, through his favour to these of so strict a Rule, whatever was alleaged against the other, would be the sooner believed.

Amongst the Reprises recorded x in that Survey, x Ib. f. 29. b. besides the yearly *Pensions* and Almes paid by composition to the Hospitall of Okham in Rutland; To the poor of Potters-Pirry in Northampton-sh. To the poor of Wolston in this County; And to the *Friers Carmelites* in Coventre, I find y, that y Ib. f. 30. a. 53 s.-04. d. *per annum* was allowed for expences in bread and beer at the washing of poor peoples feet on *Maunday-Thursday*. And 14. l. 10. s. *per annum* for bread and beer daily bestowed on the like poor, living in and neer Coventre, at the gates of this Monastery; *viz.* in 30. quarters of Rye yearly at 5 s. a quarter, and 30. quarters of Malt at 04. s.-08. d. a quarter.

But it was neither their devout and strict lives; nor these charitable allowances that could preserve them from the common ruine, which befell all the rest of the Religious Houses in 30. H. 8. as the Instrument z of Surrender, whereunto their publique z In Cur Augm. Seal is affixt, bearing date 16. *Jan.* the same year, and subscribed by the particular persons whose names I have here inserted, with the severall *Pensions* granted to each of them for life doth manifest.

These subscribed the Instrument.	These had Pensions.
Joh. Bochard Prior.	*Joh. Bochard Priori xl. l.*
Joh. Tood sen.	*Joh. Todd. Monacho ibid. vi. li. xiii. s. iv. d.*
Rob. Bulde.	*Rob. Bold Mon. ib. vi. l. xiii. s. iv. d.*
Will. Abell. vicar.	*Will. Abell Mon. ib. vi. l.*
Ric. Appulby.	*Tho. Corbyn Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.*
Tho. Letherbarow.	*Rich. Appulby Mon. ib. vi. l.*
Joh. Todd jun.	*Rich. Crofts Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.*
Ric. Sclatter.	*Tho. Letherbarow Mon. ib. v. l. vi. viii. d.*
	Joh. Todde Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
	Rich. Slater Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.

After which, *viz.* 17. *Junii* 34. H. 8. was the site
a Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 4. of this Monastery (*inter alia*) granted a out of the Crown to *Richard Andrews* gent. and *Leonard Chamberleyn* Esq. and to the heirs of *Andrews*. How short a time these two kept it I cannot say: but I do not perceive that they enjoy'd it many years; for in 9. *Eliz.* *Henry Waver*, *alias Over* (a Coventre Mercer) dyed b seized thereof, leaving
b Esc. 9. Eliz. *Richard* his son and heir 36. years of age: who in
c Pat. 11. Eliz. p. 7. 11. *Eliz.* sold c it to *Rob.* E. of Leicester. Neither have any other that did since possess it continued owners thereof very long: For from the Earl of
d Ex autog. penes Edw. Hill Eq. Leicester it was sold d to one *Tho. Riley*. From him to e *Sampson Baker*. From *Baker* to f *Edw. Holt* of
e
f Dudston esq. whose son and heir *Thomas* (now of
g Alton Kt. and Bar.) sold g it to *Rich. Butler* of
h Coventre gent. which *Richard* shortly after h past it away to one .... *Lodg* a Londoner; from whom *Edw. Hill* gent. purchased it; whose son *Edward* now enjoys it.

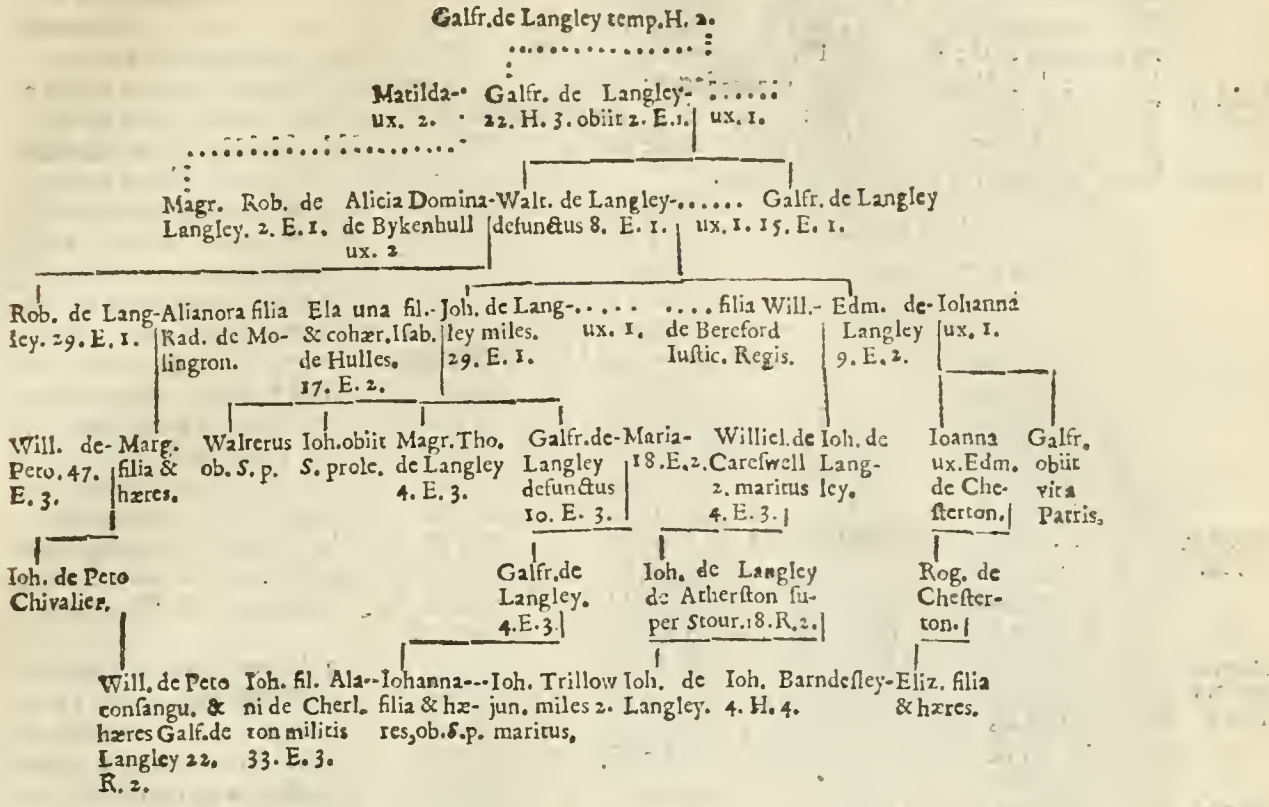
in the Conq. time it was involved with Coventre, so that in his Survey it is not so much as mentioned: Neither do I find any thing of it till King *Stephens* days, that *Ranulph* Earl of Chester rendred i the i Regist. de Cov. f. 76. a. Chappell thereof to the Monks of Coventre, with divers other of which I have already spoke.

As for the name I am of opinion that it was from the ascent whereon it stood, Pen in the Brittish language, signifying the head, top, or chief part; and Lle the same with *Locus*. It should seem that antiently it was a pretty village, otherwise there had been no cause for the Chappel; but till H. 3. time, that *Geff. de Langley* (a man of great note in those days) made it his seat, I have not seen any thing memorable of it. 'Tis very like that the neerness of its situation to Coventre invited him to build here: for in 22. H. 3. he had a grant k from the King, of k Clauſ. 22 H. 3. m. 8 certain timber trees out of Kenilworth-woods for that purpose. Of what extraction this family was, I know not, though they had divers fair Lordships in this County: but for as much as this was their chief seat, I do here resolve to take notice of what I have found memorable of them.

Pinley.

THis place is now known to very few, depopulation having extirpated all its Inhabitants: but

Salfr.



The first mention I have met with, of this name and stock, is in H. 2. time; the K. confirming[m] the grant made by one *Geffrey de Langley* to the Monks of **Combe**, of lands in **Herdebergh** (now called **Harborow-magna**) in this County. 'Tis very like that the same *Geffrey* was the father of this: but if there were more than two, in a direct line, of that Christen name, I know not how to distinguish them. With *Geffrey*, whom I suppose to be the son of that *Geffrey* which was a benefactor to **Combe**, I will begin. He was first, Marshall[n] of the K. Household; (an office[o] belonging to the E. Marshall of **England** in fee: who by the K. consent, appoints a Knight under him to execute the same.) In which he so[p] behaved himself, that the King took great notice of him for a thrifty servant; and for that cause afforded him much grace and respect, though others con'd him little thank, in regard he cut short the antient allowance for the Kings own table, and lessened the old hospitality of the Court.

In 23. H. 3. he obtained a Charter[q] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn-lands here. And in 26. H. 3. attended[r] the King in that expedition of **Gascoign**, wherein the English suffered great loss: in which voyage he got such reputation with the King as accelerated (it seems) his further profit and advancement. For in 34. H. 3. he obtained a Patent[s] to his own use, dated 29. *Dec.* of the whole benefit accruing by expeditation of Dogs throughout all the Forests of **England**. And the fourth of *March* following, to be[t] Justice of the Kings Forests from **Trent** Southwards. As also, within few days after, to be Governour[u] of the Castle and Honour of **Rokingham** in **Northampton-shire** The same year likewise upon the return of a Writ of *Ad quod dampnum*, had he license[w] to stop up and inclose a certain High-way which interposed betwixt his House and woods here at **Pinley**, and to impark those woods. 'Tis not to be doubted, but, as he managed the business, his office of Justice in the Forests was very beneficiall to him: but with what credit he did the King that service, and inrich't himself, let us hear an impartiall relation from an Author[x] of that time.

Sub eisdem siquidem temporibus, &c. About these times (saith he) a certain Knight called *Geffrey de Langley*, who was a Bayliff to the King, and a strict Inquisitor after all trespasses committed in the Forests, rode through most parts of **England**. In which Office he behaved himself with that cunning, frowardness and violence, in extorting vast summs of money, especially from the Northern gentry, as that the very Auditors themselves were astonisht at such a mass. And for the better carrying on this course of oppression, he rode with a great company of attendants well armed; so that if any of those against whom he thus proceeded did but seem to excuse themselves in a muttering way, their enemyes being Judges, he presently caused them to be cast into prison. Neither did he use any proportion in the punishment sutable to the offence: for, were it but the killing of a Fawn, or a Hare, and that crossing the way in a mans passage, though he were the greatest Noble-man that did it he would ruin him. So that this his cruelty made the memory of his predecessors pretious: nay *Robert Passelew* himself in comparison of him was counted a Saint. Which *Robert*, being Justice[z] of the Forests immediatly before, had been[a] the man that first brought him into that imployment; whose good turn he requited with supplanting him, putting out all those under Officers that he had placed, and undoing them to boot. Whereupon the said *Robert*, considering the instability of these terrestriall things, forsook the Court and became a Priest.

Which ways of oppression and cruelty,[b] rendred our *Geffrey* so odious, that the K. within two years thought best, in prudence, to remove him from that Office, least the peoples discontents should reflect upon himself. And therefore, the better to satisfy the world, he sent him away into **Scotland**, there to be one of the Governours unto his daughter the Queen of Scots: But the Nobles of that Realm, finding of what an insolent Spirit he was, would not long endure him there: whereupon[c] he betook himself

m *Regist. de Cumba f. 65. c.*
n M. Paris. p. 786.
o *Fleta lib. 2. cap. 4.*
p M. Paris. p. 786. n. 10.
q *Cart. 23. H. 3. m. 4. in cedula.*
r *Pat. 26. H. 3. in dorso.*
s *Pat. 34. H. 3. m. 13.*
t *Ib. m. 7.*
u *Ib. m. 6.*
w *Clauso H. 3. Ib. m. 7.*
x M. Paris. p. 785. n. 50. & p. 786. 1
z *Ib. n. 10.*
a *Ib. n. 10.*
b *Ib. p. 854. n. 20.*
c *Ib. n. 30.*

himself to the service of Prince *Edward*; in which he so managed the business, that he raised up many enemyes to the King and Prince, as well as to himself: For [d] being imployed in **Wales** by the Prince; he so tirannized, that in 40. H. 3. the Welch broke out into rebellion; which made him begin [e] too late, to repent of his doings.

After this, it was not long ere that *Symon de Montfort* Earl of **Leic.** with divers of the Barons, taking advantage of certain miscarriages in government, occasioned by this *Geffrey* and such other who had abused the power and trust committed to them, put themselves in Armes under pretence of asserting the Laws, and subject's liberties; the particulars of which story I must not here stand to tell; but so much thereof as relates to the said *Geffrey* I shall briefly touch. Which is, that amidst those turbulent doings in 48. E. 3. he was trusted with the custody of **Windsor-Castle**, as [f] appears by his render thereof upon the Kings command, being then necessitated to submit unto a dishonourable truce with the Barons. Certainly he was a man of extraordinary note: for I find [g] him in the Catalogue of those great men who stood stoutly to the King against his rebellious Barons, and lived to a great age; for he departed not this world till 2. E. 1. and then *Walter* his son and heir, doing his homage, had livery [h] of his lands.

A younger son he had, named *Geffrey*; who was [i] in the Welch expedition with his brother *Walter* in 41. H. 3. But of him and his descendants I have said something already in **Shoztley**; and shall have occasion to say more when I come unto **Atherston** *super* **Stoure**; and therefore now return to *Walter*. This *Walter* had his Christen name (as 'tis most like) from *Walter Marshall* Earl of **Pembroke**, under whom his father executed the office of Marshall in the K. houshold. And in 36. H. 3. obtain'd a speciall Pat. [k] exempting him from serving on any Juryes so long as he lived. The next year following he attended [l] the King into **Gascoign**; and in 41. H. 3. went [m] into **Wales** with the Royall Army. In 3. E. 1. he was constituted one [n] of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. And in 7. E. 1. being certified [o] Lord of this place, had here ten Cottiers holding nine Cottages, for which they payd severall Rents, performed divers services in Harvest, and gathered Nutts for one day: He had then also 3. Carucats of land, and 3. acres and a Water-myll in demesn; and kept a certain outwood; containing 5. acres, inclosed as a Park, which had wont to be common.

The same year I find [p]; that he was again a Justice for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick**; and [q] so likewise the year following, in which he dyed [r], leaving his son and heir, *viz. John de Langley* 22. years of age, who did his Homage, and had livery [s] of his lands immediatly after. And had also a younger son, called *Robert*, of whom and his posterity I shall speak in **Wolfhamcote** Which *John*, who had the inheritance of this mannour; as also of **Wilkin** and **Pilcote**, had summons [t] to be at **London**, with many other great men, the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of *S. John Baptist* 25. E. 1. to attend the K. in his expedition beyond Sea. And in 29. of the said Kings raign, had the like summons [u] to be at **Barwick** upon **Twede** at the feast of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist*, to wait on the K. in his Scottish war, wherein he was knighted, as 'tis probable; for the same year he so stiled [w] himself.

In 5. 6. and 7. E. 2. he was constituted [x] one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. In [y] 8. he and *Henry de Erdington* were appointed to levy and collect in this County and **Leicester-sh.** the Scutage due to K. E. 1. in 34. of his raign, when his Army came together at **Carleol**, which was not till then received. And the next ensuing year was in Commission [z] for making choyse of one stout and able Footman in every village throught-out this County, to march with the King in person against the Scots: as also [a] to see that they were sufficiently armed according to the Statute of **Winchester**. In 10. E. 2. he had the like imployment for choosing [b] one Footman in every village of this Shire for the war of **Scotland**; and to see them sufficiently arm'd with Haketones, Bacenets, Swords, Bows, and Arrows; as also with Slings and such other weapons that were proper for them. In [c] 12. E. 2. he, with *Rob. de Stoke* were assign'd to collect an *eighteenth* in this County. In [d] 13. E. 2. for levying and collecting Scutage for the Scottish war.

In 14. and 15. E. 3. he was again in Commission for [e] the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. And in 18. entail'd [f] this Lordship with other lands upon his son *Geffrey* and his heirs. After which I neither find more mention of him, nor any historicall matter relating to his descendants, excepting of *Joan* his great-grandchild, and heir to this branch of that family; who being wedded [g] to *John* the son of Sir *Alan Charlton* of **Apley** Knight, was [h] forcibly taken from him by Sir *John Trillow* the younger Kt. and kept as his wife many years: during which time the same Sir *John* and she by their deed [i] dated 39. E. 3. granted this Mannour to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* the elder Kt. and his heirs. Who for the corroborating of his title had a Release [k] from Sir *Peter Careswell* Kt. son and heir to Sir *Will. Careswell* Kt. of all his interest therein, bearing date 3. *Maii* 46. E. 3. which *Joan* was afterwards reconciled to her first husband, but dyed [l] without issue.

Upon the partition [m] of *Frevill's* lands 31. H. 6. (whereof in **Tamworth** I shall speak) this Mannour was allotted unto *Robert Aston* esq. son and heir to *Joyce*, one of the three Sisters and coheirs to the last Sir *Baldwyn*. Since which it hath continued in the line of *Aston* till of late time: for in 39. *Eliz.* did Sir *Edw. Aston* of **Tixhall** in Com. **Staff.** Knight dye, seized of it, leaving *Walter* his son and heir; who in 1. *Caroli*, or about that time, sold it to severall **Coventre**-men, then his tenants to the particular parcells thereof.

[d] *Ibid. f. 937.*
[e] *Ib. n. 10.*
[f] *Pat. 48. H. 3. m. 10.*
[g] *Anon. Abingd. MS. f. 116. b.*
[h] *Rot. F. 2. E. 1. m. 3.*
[i] *Pat. 41. H. 3. in dorso.*
[k] *Pat. 36. H. 3. m. 12.*
[l] *Pat. 37. H. 3. in dorso.*
[m] *Pat. 41. H. 3. in dorso.*
[n] *Pat. 3. E. 1. m. 28.*
[o] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 45. b.*
[p] *Pat. 7. E. 1. m. 7.*
[q] *Pat. 8. E. 1. in dorso.*
[r] *Rot. F. 8. E. 1. m. 9.*
[s] *Rot. F. 8. E. 1. m. 9.*
[t] *Clauf. 25. E. 1. in dorso m. 14.*
[u] *Clauf. 29. E. 1. in dorso m. 13.*
[w] *Ex autog. penès Edw. Peto. Eq. aur.*
[x] *Pat. de iisd. ann. in dorso.*
[y] *Rot. F. 8. E. 2. m. 6.*
[z] *Clauf. 9. E. 2. m. 5. in cedula.*
[a] *Pat. 9. E. 2. p. 1. m. 22.*
[b] *Clauf. 10. E. 2. in dorso m. 29.*
[c] *Pat. 12. E. 2. p. 2. m. 5.*
[d] *Rot. F. 13. E. 2. m. 9.*
[e] *Pat. de iisd. ann. in dorso.*
[f] *F. levat. Oct. T. 18 E. 2.*
[g] *Rot. F. 33 E. 3. m. 14.*
[h] *Ej. C. 10. H. 4. Glouc.*
[i] *Ex autog. penes* Walt. D. Aston. *Clauf. 40. E. 3 m. d. m 14.*
[k] *Clauf. 4 E. 3 in d. m. 28.*
[l] *Esc. 10. l 4.*
[m] *Ex autogr. penes* I. Ferrer ar.

Whitley.

A Little lower upon the Eastern-bank of **Shirburn** stands **Whitley**, where there is now no more than a Mannour-house, with an old Chappell and a Mill to be seen: but antiently it was a village of divers Inhabitants; yet is there no mention of it in the Conq. Survey, for as much as it was then involved with **Coventre**. As for the name I suppose it proceeds from a Brittish originall; *viz.* **Coit**, *id est* a wood; and by corruptness in pronouncing is come to be written **Whit**; the latter syllable **Ley** being also from the Brittish **Lle**, which is the same with *locus*, or *sedes*. Nor till K. *Stephen's* time have I seen it at all mentioned: but then did *Ranulph* Eeal of **Chester**, of whose fee it was, rendec

render[n] the Chappell thereof to the Monks of **Coventre**.

In 34. H. 3. upon the passing of **Coventre** in Fee-ferm, by *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, to the Monks; amongst certain reservations made to them the said *Roger* and *Cecily* and their heirs, are excepted[o] the homage & services of *Walter Deyvill* and *Milo Gerbold* for lands they then held in this **Whitley**. Whereby it is clear, that they or their ancestors, were enfeof'd of what they had here from some of the Earls of **Chester**. Which *Roger* and *Cecily* in 7. E. 1. were found[p] to be Lords thereof; but that the King had at that time foure Freeholders here, who held one cottage, two yard land and five acres under severall rents. And that the said *Roger* then had one Freeholder, *viz.*, *Adam fil. Milonis*, who held one yard land. It was then also certified[q] that the Prior of **Coventre** had six Freeholders here, who occupyed one yard land and half, two acres and half a rod, with a Water-mill. Of which tenants, who paid certain rents and did sute to his Court twice in the year, *Raph de Whitley* was one.

I am of opinion, that the said *Milo Gerbold* was the father of that *Adam*, who is stiled *Adam fil. Milonis*. This *Adam fil. Milonis* (for I presume it was he) was in 12. E. 1. called[r] *Adam de Whitley*, and then certified[s] to hold one yard land in this place by inheritance, of *Sim. fil. Mauricii*: Who had a grant[t] of K. H. 3. of xxii. s. free yearly rent issuing out of those lands so held of the K. as aboveſaid. Which Rent was in 31. E. 1. convey'd[u] by *Roger le Taylur* to one *Adam de Okes* and his heirs. Who, in 18. E. 2. was found[w] to dye seized of certain tenements here, held of the King by the payment of a half-penny *per annum* called *Warthe*, at the feast of S. *Martin*, by the hands of the Shiriff of **Warwick-shire**, *Will. de Okes*, son of *Will.* brother to the said *Adam* being his cosin and heir and of full age. Which *Will.* in 18. E. 3. dyed[x] seised of the same, leaving *Philip* his son and heir of full age.

But hitherto hath there been no mention of **Whitley** as a Mannour: howbeit, in 3. R. 2. it was found[y], that *Thomas de Freberne* dyed seized of it by that name, leaving *Alice* his daughter and heir then ten years of age. Nevertheless in 6. R. 2. upon a suite for the title thereof, it was found[z], that the said *Thomas Freberne* had sold the inheritance thereof to one *Thomas de Whitley* and his heirs. Which *Thomas de Whitley* past it away to *John Botoner* and two others, to whom it was adjudged. What bargaining there had been for it I cannot declare: but in 19. R. 2. the King granted[a] the custody thereof to *Rob. de Malton* Clerk, and *Henry Wybbe*, it being seised into his hands by reason of the Minority of *Margaret* sister and heir to *John Palmer*, son of *William Palmer*. Which *Will.* dyed[b] in 16. R. 2. and his brother *John* in 19.

After this *viz.* in H. 6. time, I find[c] that *John Schipley* of **Coventre** was seized of it, perhaps by some private deed to direct the uses unto that Fine levyed[d] in 2. H. 6. betwixt *Will. Schipley* Clerk and others plaintiffs, and *John Burton* of **Coventre** and *Joan* his wife defore. But hence, for want of light, I must make a leap to Q. *Marye's* time; in the second year of whose raign *Will. Starky* gent. dyed[e] seized of it: leaving *Thomas* his son and heir of full age. By whom, or his descendants it was sold to .... *Tate*, as I have heard; which is like to be true: for in 43. *Eliz. Will. Tate*, son of *Bartholomew Tate* of **Northamptonshire** was certified[f] to be Lord thereof, and of full age.

A little below **Whitley**, the river **Shirburne**, quitting the libertyes of **Coventre** (wherewith also I have now done) joyns with **Sow**: I must therefore ascend that stream again untill it bring me to its entrance of **Knightlow**-Hundred, which is just at **Sow**, a place taking its name from the brook neer which it is situat.

Sow.

HAlf of this village was given[g] to the Priory of **Coventre**, by E. *Leofrike* (the Founder) in the first year of King *Edward* the Confessor, and by the Conq. Survey[h] certified to containe 3. hides and a half, whereof the woods extended to half a mile in length, and 4. furlongs in breadth, all being valued at lx. s. But the residue thereof, the King and *R. Venator* then held; which *R. Venator* is also called *Rich. Forestarius*, and had here only one hide. The Record[i] doth not express the particular extent of his woods; but declares, that those there belonging to the King, the Abbot (*id est*) of **Coventre**) and him the said *Richard*, were three miles in length, and one in breadth; which, with the aboveſaid hide, being rated at the other half, were then also valued at lx. s.

With the Priors part, wherein the Monks in 41. H. 3. had **Free-warren**[k] I will begin. By the Record[l] of 7. E. 1. it appears, that the Monks of **Cov.** had in this place one carucate of land, with a Mill in demesne, and ten servants holding five yard land by rent service; *viz.* plowing, harrowing, mowing, making and carrying hay, reaping corne, raking, and the like work. As also 13. Freeholders which held xii. yard land, paying each of them a certain annuall rent, and doing suit to the Priors Court twice in the year, for all services. And likewise the royalty of 80. acres of out-wood, in which all their Freeholders were to have *house-bote* and *heybote*: and moreover the Chappell appropriat, with half an acre of land adjoyning thereto. Which said appropriation[m] was made by *Roger Meuland* B. **Coventry** and **Lichfield** 5. Non. *Nov. An.* 1260. (44. H. 3.) whereby it appears to have been appurtenant unto the Church of S. *Michael* in **Coventry**: but the greater Tithes; *viz.* corne, hey, wood, and of the Mill, the Prior held[n] in his own hand: the rest *viz.* wooll, lambe, with all the small tythes being allowed to the Priest that served the cure there, who had also a house adjoyning to the Churchyard and ten acres of glebe; which Priest was removable at the Priors pleasure, having neither[o] Institution nor induction by the ordinary.

But, besides the particulars above expreſt, they had[p] likewise here a Mannour-house, **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Pillory, Cucking-stool, Felons-goods: as also power to punish the breakers of the Assize of bread and beer; to which Court did resort all the Priors tenants, in **Bilney**, **Wilnhale**, and **Rupton**.

Some other grants there were made at severall times to the said Monastery by particular persons, having Freeholders in **Sow**; which being so intermixt with the rest, would hardly now be distinguish't, though I should point at them as exactly, as by the help of Records I could: therefore I shall spare that labour, and observe, that, after the dissolution of that Monastery, the said Priors Mannour,

n Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Insp.

o Ibid.

p Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 46. a.

q Ibid.

r Esc. 12. E. 1. n. 2.

s Esc. 31. E. 1. n. 109.

t Rot. F. 18. E. 2. m. 16.

u Rot. F. 18. E. 3. n. 32.

w Esc. 3. R. 2. n. 25.

x Plac. coram. R. Term. P. 6. R. 2. rot. 20.

y Rot. F. 19. R. 2. m. 16.

z Esc. 19. R. 2.

a Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 12. b.

b Esc. 2. M. 3.

c Esc. 2. M.

d Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 64. a.

e MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 28. a:

f Lib. 6. cedul.

g Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 8. per Insp.

h Domesd. lib.

i Ibid.

k Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.

l Inq. per. H. Nott. F. 43. b. &c.

m Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.

n Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 64. a.

o MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 28. a:

p Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 63. b.

nour, in 32. H. 8. being passed [q] with other lands to Sir *John Harington* Knight and his heirs, to be held *in Capite*, there was then the remainder of a lease unexpired, which had been [r] granted by *Thomas Wygford* Prior of **Coventre** and his Covent to one *Will. Allicock* for 80. years, from the 29. of *Sept.* 26. H. 8. And that afterwards; *viz.* 32. *Eliz.* the Q. by her Letters Pat. [s] bearing date 21. *Martii*, conveyed (*inter alia*) to Sir *John Harington* Knight (afterwards created Lord *Harington* of **Exton**) and *John Read* gentleman, this Mannour of **Sow**, so before leased. Which said Sir *John*, and *John*, by their deed [t] of bargain and sale, bearing date 2. *Junii* the same year, past away the Mannour house to *Edw. Lapworth* and his son, with divers lands thereto belonging: from whom descended *Alexander Lapworth* the present owner thereof *Anno* 1640.

But the Royalty or Mannour, with some lands there, being reserved by the said Sir *John Harington*, were, by *Lucie* Countesse of **Bedford**, his daughter and heir, bequeath'd by Will (as I have heard) to Mr. *George Purefoy* of **Belgrave** in **Leicestersh.** who still enjoys it.

I now return to that part which *Richardus Forestarius* held. This, as **Chesterton** in **Kineton-Hundred** also did, went [u] with *Margery* the daughter and heir of the said *Richard* unto *William Crok*: which *William*, leaving [w] it to his son *William* who was hang'd for felony, it escheated to the Crown; but, by the favour of the King was given [x] to *Rob. de Brok*, that had marryed *Margery*, sister to the said *William*; which *Robert*, leaving one onely daughter and heir, who was wedded to *Hugh de Loges*, it thereby came to that family; and so, through *Loges* his heir generall, at length to *Peto*, as will more clearly be discerned by the descent in **Chesterton**, where I have observed what is memorable of all those families. I shall therefore here, take notice onely of them so far as they had relation to this place and no further.

And first, concerning *Croc* I find, that though, by the aboveseid forfeiture, his estate here was confiscate; and that *Loges* had his interest by force of the Kings grant; yet did the said *Loges* think fit to strengthen his title by an agreement with the heir of *Croc*, as may appear by a Fine, [y] that *Gilb. Croc* levyed thereof in 1. *Joh.* to the use of the said *Hugh Loges* and *Margerie* his wife and their heirs; the proportion being the same; *viz.* 1. hide, as in the Conq. time the before specified *Richardus Forestarius* held. Betwixt which *Gilbert* and the Prior of **Coventre** there had been suit concerning some claime that the said *Gilbert* made here, for conclusion whereof the Prior granted [z] to him *Husbote* and *Heybote*, and the moytie of the third peny, which should be made of the paunage in **Sow**.

In 7. E. 1. the particulars that *Loges* possest in this place, were certified [a] for two Carucats of land, which he kept in demesne; with six Freeholders who held two Cottages, one yard land, a half and fourth part, and two acres by certain Rent and particular services: and xl. acres of out-wood wherein the Freeholders had reasonable estovers; together with a **Court-Leet**; all which he held of the King by Sergeanty, *viz.* to be Keeper of the Forest of **Cank**, though he had no originall grant to shew; but certifies [b] that it was *per antiquam tenuram sine Charta*. Which words clearly manifesting, that grants by Deed, or Charter were not frequent in those elder times; it will not be amisse, (I suppose) to shew when such concessions first began, wherein I shall exhibite the authority of a most authentique Historian, I mean *Ingulphus* [c] Secretary to the Conq. while he was only D. of **Normandy**, and afterwards Abbot of **Croyland**; who, being so great a Schollar, and withall a strict observer of the most eminent passages in his time, deserves much the more credit.

—*Nam Chirographorum confectionem Anglicanam* (saith he) *quæ antea usq; ad Edwardi Regis tempora fidelium præsentium subscriptionibus cum crucibus aureis, aliisq; signaculis firma fuerunt, Normanni condemnantes Chirographa Cartas vocabant, & Chartarum firmitatem cum cerea impressione per uniuscujusq; speciale Sigillum sub instillatione trium vel quatuor testium astantium conficere constituebant. Conferebantur etiam primò multa prædia nudo verbo, absq; scripto vel charta, tantùm cum Domini gladio, vel cornu, vel galea, vel cratera, & plurima tenementa cum Calcari, cum Strigili, cum Arcu, & nonnulla cum Sagitta: Sed hæc initio regni sui, posterioribus annis immutatus est iste modus.*

The first sealed Charter [d] that we have in **England**, being that of King *Edward* the Confessor upon his foundation of **Westminster** Abby; who, having his education in **Normandy**, brought into this Kingdom that and some other of their fashions with him; which afterwards came to be imitated by all others, though by the inferior sort not of a long time, as Mr. *Lambert* out of the History of **Battail-Abbey** observes [e]; where *Ric. de Lucy* Chief Justice of **England** in H. 2. time, is reported to have blamed a mean subject, for that he used a privat Seal, when as that apperteyn'd, as he said, to the King and Nobility only.

But returning to *Loges*, I finde [f], that he held five tenements in this place of the Earl of **Chester**, by the service of conducting the said Earl towards the Kings Court, through the midst of the Forest of **Kanck**; meeting him at **Rotford-bridg**, upon notice of his coming, and at **Hopwas-bridg** upon his return: In which Forest the Earl might, if he pleased, kill a Deer in his going, and another at his coming back; giving unto *Loges*, at each time he should so attend him, a barb'd Arrow. After which; *viz.* in H. 3. time, it appears [g], that *Hugh de Loges* granted to *Will. Bagot* and his heirs all his lands in **Sow**, to hold of him the said *Hugh* and his heirs by the payment of a pair of white Gloves, price 1 *d.* or 1 *d.* in money at the feast of St. *Michael* yearly for all services. Howbeit, this, though confirm'd [h] by the King, 16. *Febr.* 54. H. 3. took not effect: For *Richard de Loges*, son of the said *Hugh*, commencing suite for the same land as his inheritance, proved [i]; that his father was not *compos mentis* at the time when he sealed that Deed; and so recovered it again. Whereupon it became assigned [k], by the name of a Mannour (*inter alia*) unto *Eliz.* the widow of the above mentioned *Richard* in 28. E. 1. upon whose decease in 11. E. 3. it was found [l], that she held in dowrie certain lands here by petty-Sergeanty; *viz.* giving to the King one barb'd Arrow as often, and whensoever as he should pass through the road-way in **Sow**, towards **Wales**, to hunt there. How this Mannour came by descent from the family of *Loges* to *Peto*, the Pedegree in **Chesterton** will fully shew; in whose line it hath ever since continued till this present age.

In

[q] Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 23.

[r] Ex autogr. penes Alex. Lapworth. [s] [t]

[u] Testa de Nevill. f. 40. a. [w] [x] b.

[y] 1 Joh.

[z] Plac. de temp. incert. R. Joh. rot. 3. in dorso.

[a] Inq. per. H. Nott. &c. f. 44. b.

[b] Ibid.

[c] f. 512. b. n. 20.

[d] Autogr. in bibl. Hatton.

[e] Peramb. of Kent, f. 404. &c.

[f] Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 44.

[g] [h] Cart. 54. H. 3. m. 11.

[i] Plac. coram Conc. D. Regis Pasch. 6. 1. Rot. 1

[k] Claus. 2 E. 1. m. 4

[l] Esc. 11. 3. n. 19.

In this parish are the hamlets [m] of **Attorhale**, and **Woodend**, with the Mannour of **Hauksbury**: but of the two first have I not found any thing memorable, other than the grant [n] of the moytie of the Mannour of **Hastokeshale** (for so it was written) in 40 E. 3. by *Alan Lesset* and *Margaret* his wife to *Thomas Langhurst* and his heirs. And as for **Hawksbury**, in regard it is situate within the liberties of the City of **Coventre**, I shall reserve what I have thereof to be there spoken.

This Church is not Presentative, nor is there any Arms therein, more than one Escocheon of *Peto*, with his quarterings.

[m] *Regist. Pr. d. Cov. f.* 45.

[n] *Fi. levat. craft.* Ioh. Bapt. 40. E. 3.

Withibrooke.

THE stream of **Sow** being here augmented by the access of a rivulet which ariseth above **Withibrooke**, I am to take notice of those places that lye adjacent thereunto; which are onely **Withibrooke** and **Hopsford**, as the Map will shew; the former taking its name of the brook, on the banks whereof antiently, as well as now, many Willows have grown: but of this place is there nothing recorded in **Domesday-book**; so that whether it were then involved with **Monkskirby** or **Hapsford** (I mean in the continent of hides certified of them in that Survey) I am not able directly to affirm; for that it was included in one of them there is no doubt, in regard that *Moubray* afterwards had it with those and other the lands which belong'd to *Geffrey Wirce*, then Lord of that place.

The first and most antient mention that I find thereof, is, that *Richard de Morevill* had it of *Will. de Rudevill* his kinsman, in exchange [o] for the village of **Lindlei** in **Leicestersh.** by which deed it appears, that the said *Richard* had formerly granted it unto the same *Will. de Rudevill*. And that the ancestors of this *Richard de Morevill* were enfeofft thereof by *Nigel de Albani*, father of *Rog. de Moubrai* in H. 1. time, the certificate [p] made by the said *Roger* in 12 H. 2. of what fees were held of him *de veteri feoffamento*, doth sufficiently manifest; in which it appears, that this *Ric. de Morevill* held 5 Knights fees. Which exchange was confirm'd [q] by the said *Rog. de Moubray*.

This *Ric. de Morevill* gave [r] to the Monks of **Combe** six yard land, with the appurtenances, lying in this Lordship, with his body to be buryed in that Monastery at his decease. But how or when it past from *Morevill*, I have not seen; so that, whether that grant [s] which *Ivo de Harecourt* made to *Rob. Basset*, whereby he passed unto him *totam terram* (*suam*) *de* **Willeya**, *& de* **Copston**, *& de* **Withebroch**, in frank marriage with *Beatrice* his sister, did contain the whole town of **Withbroch**, or onely some land that *Harecourt* had therein, I cannot determine.

The next mention [t] I find thereof, is, that *Nicholaus fil. Hulf*, in 7 *Joh.* recovered the right of Presentation to the Church, against the Abbot of **Combe**. Which *Nich.* was afterwards called *Nicholaus de Withibroc*, as appears by the Record [u], wherein mention is made what he contributed towards that great sum, which *Will. de Molbrai* gave to K. *Iohn* for a Fine, that he might enjoy his inheritance, concerning which *Will. de Stutevile* impleaded him, and whereof I shall have occasion to speak at large in **Brinklow**. Betwixt this *Nich.* and the Free-holders of **Withbroke** on the one part, and the Monks of **Combe** on the other, was there an Agreement [w] made in 25 H. 3. concerning Common of pasture, and other matters, at which time he was a Knight. To whom succeeded [x], as Lord of this Mannour, *Will. de Castell*, in 37 H. 3. which *William* was a Benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**, by grant to them, and exchanges made with them of certain lands in this place; and in 41 H. 3. gave [y] a Fine to the King of half a mark in gold for respiting his Knighthood: but whether he were son, or marryed the daughter and heir of the before specified *Nicholas*, I know not: howbeit, in allusion to his name, he gave a *Castle* for his Arms, as by his Seal [z] appears: which Coat his Grandchild, *William*, altered, taking *two bars*, and putting the *Castle* into *a Canton*.

[o] *Ex autog. penès* Wil. Burton *de Lindley, ar.*

[p] *Lib. rub. in Scac. f.* 118. *b.*

[q] *Ex autog. penès eund.* W. Burton.

[r] *Regist. de Cumba, f.* 71. *b.*

[s] *Ib. f.* 86. *a*

[t] *Plac. de T. Trin.* 7 *Joh. Rot.* 1.

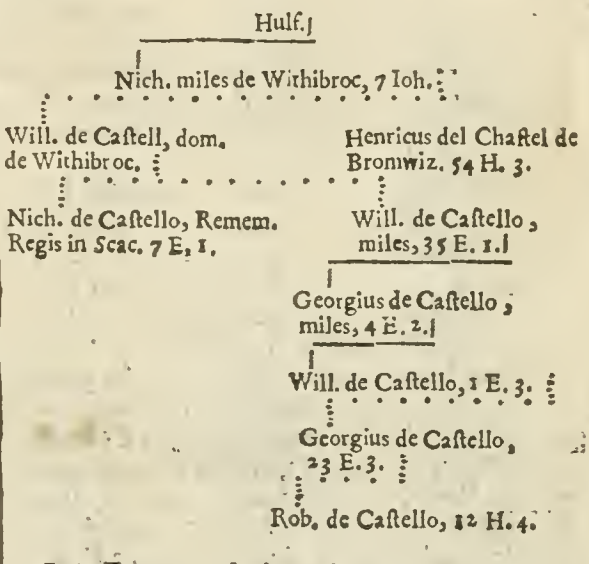
[u] *Rot. P.* 11 *Joh.*

[w] *Regist. de Cumba, f.* 74. *a.*

[x] *Ib. f.* 75. *b*

[y] *Rot. F.* 41 H. 3. *m.* 13.

[z] *Penès* Tho. Holt de Aston, *eq. aur. & Bar.*



In 7 E. 1. *Nich. de Castello* (son to the last mentioned *William*) was the K. Remembrancer [a] in the Exchequer. To whom succeeded another *William*, who, in 13 E. 1. paid a Fine [b] of xl *s.* for replevin of his liberties at **Withbroke**, *viz.* **Court-leet**, and punishing the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Beer. Which *William* was Shiriff [c] of the Counties of **Warw.** and **Leic.** 22 E. 1. and in 29 E. 1. received command [d] to attend the K. at **Berwic** upon **Tweed** on the Feast of S. *Iohn Bapt.* who then, making a warlike expedition against the Scots, was victorious, as our Historians do manifest. 'Tis like he was made a Knight at that time; for the next mention I meet with of him, which was in [e] 35 E. 1. shews him so to be.

He had issue *George*, a Knight [f] in 4 E. 2. but deceased before the 9 of that K. reign: for in that year was it found [g], that *Alice*, his widow, held this Lordship. Which *Alice*, in 1 E. 3. procured a special pardon [h] for *Will.* the son and heir to the above mentioned *George*, touching the sum of 28 *l.* 7 *s.* 2 *d.* of the 58 *l.* 7 *s.* 2 *d.* which was required of him to be paid into the Exchequer for the Kings use, as a debt due by *Will.* his Grandfather when he was Shiriff of these Counties.

To the last mentioned *Will.* succeeded *George*; who had a Patent [i] in 47 E. 3. to free him from bearing the office of Shiriff, Eschaetor, *&c.* and in 51 E. 3. was [k] one of the Commissioners for levying the subsidy of 4 *d.* upon every head (commonly called **Pole-money**:) but in [l] 5 and 8 [m] R. 2. did bear the office of Eschaetor for this County

[a] *Pat.* 7 E. 1. *m.* 18.

[b] *Rot. de Quo W.*

[c] *Commun. de T. Mich.* 22 E. 1. *Rot.* 2.

[d] *Claus.* 29. E. 1. *in d. m.* 13.

[e] *Langt. f.* 7. *b.*

[f] *Ib. f.* 36. *a.*

[g] *Nom. Vil.*

[h] *Rot. F.* 1. E. 3. *m.* 19.

[i] *Pat.* 47. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 17.

[k] *Rot. F.* 51 E. 3. *m.* 14.

[l] *Rot. F.* 5. R. 2. *m.* 23.

[m] *Rot. F.* 8. R. 2. *m.* 16.

and **Leicesterſh.** notwithſtanding his priviledge.

In the Parliament of 10 R. 2. he ſerved [n] as one of the Knights for this Shire: and in 11 R. 2. being in Commiſſion [o], with divers others, for the levying of the moytie of a xv. and x. in this County, at the later end of the ſame year was conſtituted Shiriff [p] of this County and **Leiceſterſhire.** After which, *viz.* in 13 and 14 R. 2. he was in [q] Commiſſion for conſervation of the peace. But the next and laſt that I meet with of this name is *Robert de Caſtell* (ſon of the ſaid *George* perhaps) which *Robert* was Shiriff [r] of theſe Countyes in 12 H. 4. Knight for this Shire in [ſ] Parliament 2 H. 5. one of the Juſtices of peace in [t] 5 H. 5. In 7 H. 5. in [u] Commiſſion to treat with the people for a loan of money to the King; and in 9 H. 5. again joyned in Commiſſion [w] for the peace in this County, being all that time Steward [x] for the Mannour of **Cheyleſmore** (in **Coventre.**) But how this Lordſhip paſt from that family, or at what time, have I not ſeen; nor any thing further thereof till 8 H. 4. that one *VVill. Botener* purchaſed it [y] of *Thomas Compworth* and *Eliz.* his wife, it being of the inheritance of the ſaid *Eliz.* ſo that I ſuppoſe ſhe was daughter and heir to *Caſtell.*

Which *VVill. Botener* was of **Coventre** (ſome wealthy tradeſman, I preſume) but, being ſetled here at **Withibroke**, grew to be a man of ſome account in the world: for the ſame year that he purchaſed this Lordſhip, he was made [z] a Juſtice of peace in **Warwickſh.** So likewiſe in [a] 1 H. 5. Of whom I further find, that he gave [b] a peice of ground, containing Cxli foot in length, and xlv foot and a half in bredth, lying in **Coventre**, to the *Friers Carmelites* there, for the enlargement of their Houſe, in conſideration that they ſhould keep the Anniverſary of *Iohn Percy* and *Alice* his wife deceaſed, for ever. And that in 12 H. 6. he is recorded [c] amongſt the other perſons of chiefeſt quality in this County, for making oath as to the obſervance of divers Articles ordained in the Parliament then held: but from that time I have not ſeen any more mention of him. After which, *viz.* in 29 H. 6. this Mannour was ſetled by Fine [d] upon *Henry Everingham* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of *Alice*; the other parties to the Fine being *Thomas Wylkins* and *Rob. Bate.* And in 15 H. 7. *Humfry Grey* dyed [e] ſeized of it, leaving *Edw.* his ſon and heir 28 years of age. So likewiſe did [f] *Tho. Grey* in 2 *Eliz.* leaving *John* his ſon and heir, who accompliſht his full age 3 *Dec.* 4 *Eliz.*

As for that which belong'd to the Monks of **Combe**, within the precincts of this Lordſhip, it was after the diſſolution paſt [g] away to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Broke*, in 36 H. 8. by the name of a Mannour: which I ſuppoſe was a good quantity; for beſides what I mentioned as given by *Morevill*, there were divers petty parcels beſtowed on thoſe Monks by particular men; of whom, being perſons but of mean quality, I have omitted the mention.

This village was antiently of **Monkskirby** pariſh: for upon confirmation [h] made by *Geffrey Muſchamp* B. of **Coventre**, of what his predeceſſors had granted to the Priory of **Kirby**, **Widebroc** is there mentioned to be a Chappel belonging thereto.

By an antient compoſition [i] made betwixt the Monks of **Combe** and **Kirby**, and the Incumbent of **Withibroke**, I find, that the Monks of **Combe** ſhould receive all the tithes of thoſe lands, which they then held in **Kirby** & **Withibroke**, paying to the Prior and Covent of **Kirby** two marks of ſilver yearly at the Feaſt of S. *Botolph*: and for ſuch lands which the ſaid Monks of **Combe** ſhould after that time obtain within the pariſhes of **Kirby** and **Withibroke**, they to pay unto the Monaſtery of **Kirby** their xiith ſheaf. But the Priory of **Monkskirby** being granted to the Houſe of *Carthuſians* founded in the Iſle of **Arholme** by *Tho. Moubray* D. of **Norf.** the ſaid *Carthuſians* obtained licenſe [k] in 22 R. 2. for the appropriation of this Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) to them and their ſucceſſors for ever.

In *ann.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued [l] at 8 marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge [m] at viii *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.* the Incumbent then receiving yearly juſt ſo much in money for his ſalary at the hands of the Prior of **Arholme.**

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.	
Pr. & C. de Kirby-monach.	*Will. de Leone*, Pbr. 13 *Dec.* 1313.	*Langt. f. 37. b.*
Edw. Rex. ratione temporal. Pr. de Kirby in manu ſua, &c.	*Ric. de Melburn*, Cler. 1339.	*Ex autog. penès D. & C. Lich. Northb. f. 38. b.*
	Ric. de Walton, Pbr: 6 Id. *Martii*, 1341.	
Pr. & Conv. de Axholme.	*Tho. de Burton*, Cler. 17. *Martii*, 1405.	*Burgh. f. 17. a.*
	Rob. Malore, Cler. 20 *Sept.* 1407.	*Ib. f. 19. a*
	Joh. White, Cap. 16 *Julii*, 1408.	*Ib. f. 21. a*
	Joh. Hycke, Cap. 4 *Julii*, 1410.	*Ib. f. 25. a*
	Joh. Gybon, Pbr. 25 *Maii*, 1443.	*Heyw. f. 41. b.*
	Will. atte Heth. 25 *Febr.* 1445.	*Ib. f. 43. a*
	Will. Hall. 19 *Aug.* 1456.	*Bowl. f. 23. a.*
	Ric. Kere, 5 *Martii*, 1456.	*Ib. f. 24. b*
	Georgius Perci, 3 *Apr.* 1501.	*Ib. f. 205. a*
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Pr. & Conv. de Axholme.	*Joh. Dawby*, Cap. 29 *Dec.* 1534.	*Str. & P. f. 13. a.*
Præſes & Socii Coll. S. Trin. Cantab.	*Rob. Batſon*, Cler. 16 *Maii*, 1553.	*Sampſ. & B. f. 1. a.*
Jacobus Rex.	*Joh. Walton*, 23 *Maii*, 1614.	*Overall, Bund. A.*
Magiſt. Socii & Scolar. Coll. S. Trin. Cantab.	*Joh. Malyn*, in art. Bacc. 9 *Oct.* 1617.	*Ib.*

Monumental Inſcriptions in the body of the Church.

Upon a Plate of Braſs fixt on a Marble Graveſtone, this Inſcription.

Pray for the ſawlles of Richard Wright and Elſabeth his wife, the purcheſſd the Lordſhip of Hoppisford; which Richard deſeſſid the firſt day of December in the year of our Lord MCCCCCCCJ. Of whoſe ſawlles God have mercy Amen.

In the midſt of the Chancel lyeth a fair Marble, with Plates in Braſs upon it, whereon are the portraitures of a man and his wife, with this following Inſcription.

Of your charite pray for the ſaullis of Chriſtofer Wren gentilman, and Chryſtian his wife, the whith Chriſtofer deceaſſide the xvi day of November in the year of the Lord MCCCCCCxliii. On whoſe ſaullys, and all Chriſtian ſaullys, Jeſu have mercy, Amen.

On

[n] *Claus. 10. R. 2. in d. m. 16.*
[o] *Rot. F. 11 R. 2. m. 14.*
[p] *Ib. m. 18.*
[q] *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*
[r] *Rot. F. 12 H. 4. m. 11.*
[ſ] *Claus. 2. H. 5. in d. m. 20.*
[t] *Pat. 5 H. 5. in d. p. 1. m. 26.*
[u] *Rot. F. 7. H. 5. m. 8.*
[w] *Pat. 9. H. 5. p. 1. in d. m. 19.*
[x] *Ib. p 2. m. 3.*
[y] *F. levat. Oct. Hil. 8. H. 4.*
[z] *Pat. 8 H. 4. p. 1. in d. m. 38.*
[a] *Pat. 1 H. 5. p. 1. in d. m. 35.*
[b] *Ib. p. 3. m. 44.*
[c] *Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.*
[d] *Levat. Oct. Mart.*
[e] *Eſc. 15. Hi. 7.*
[f] *Lib. 2. cedul.*
[g] *Pat. 36. H. 8. p. 22.*
[h] *Ex autog. in bibl. Haſton.*
[i] *Regiſt. de Cumba in bibl. Corton. f. 73. b.*
[k] *Pat. 22. R. 2. p. 3. m. 2.*
[l] *MS in Scac.*
[m] *MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 39. a.*

On the South-ſide of the Chancell is a raiſed Monument of Alabaſter, with the portraiture of a man and woman drawn thereon in black lines, and this Epitaph on the verge thereof.

Here lyeth the body of Chriſtopher Wright of Hapſford in the County of Warwick Eſquire, who was one of the Juſtices of peace in the County aforeſaid to our moſt gracious ſoveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth. He deceaſed the firſt day of December in the yeer of our Lord 1602. Whoſe ſoule God reſt.

Above it againſt the wall is an Arch, within which is the Arms of *Wright*, viz. *ſable a cheveron engrailed Or, betwixt 3 flower de luces argent, with mantle helme and creſt*, empaling *Purefey*; The Motto under his Coat,

RECTUM RECTE CHRISTO FERET.

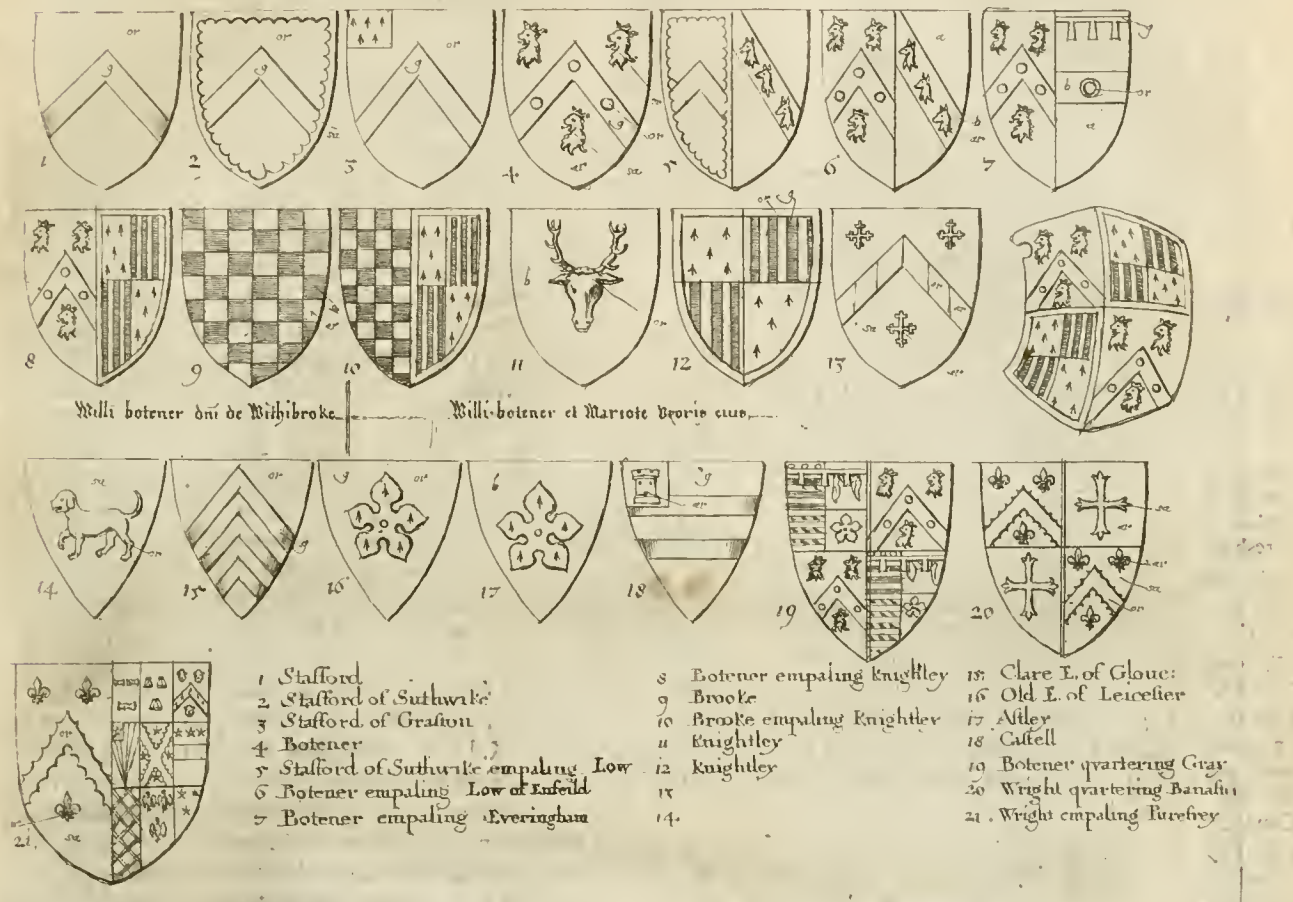
And under hers,

PUREFOY MA JOY.

Erected by *Jane* the wife of *Chriſtopher Wright*.

Withibrooke

In the Windows of the Church.



1 Stafford
2 Stafford of Suthwike
3 Stafford of Graſton
4 Botener
5 Stafford of Suthwike empaling Low
6 Botener empaling Low of Enfeild
7 Botener empaling Everingham
8 Botener empaling Knightley
9 Brooke
10 Brooke empaling Knightley
11 Knightley
12 Knightley
13
14
15 Clare E. of Gloue:
16 Old E. of Leiceſter
17 Aſtley
18 Cuſſell
19 Botener quartering Gray
20 Wright quartering Banaſter
21 Wright empaling Purefrey

Hopsford.

THis is in the pariſh of **Withibrook**, and now little better than a depopulated place, there being no more left of the Mannour-houſe than the bare skeleton thereof, not habitable, and two mean Cottages. In the Conq. time *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have ſo often ſpoke) poſſeſt it; by whoſe Survey [a] it was certified to contain 3 hydes, and valued at xxx *s.* being there written **Apleford**, through miſtake of the **ſ** for an **l**, and the **H** omitted; which letter was in antient time indifferently uſed or let alone in writing, as not being very eſſential. Howbeit *Wirce* his poſſeſſions coming antiently to the anceſtor of *Moubray* (as I have formerly ſhew'd) this, as I believe, was granted by *Moubray*, ſoon after, unto *Herbert Putot*; for I find, that the ſame *Herbert* gave [b] three yard land here to the Monks of **Combe** in the beginning of H. 2. time, which grant was confirmed [c] by K. H. 2. and that it was [d] *de feodo Rogeri de Molbrai*: But all that I have found memorable of this *Herbert Putot*, is, that in [e] 4 R. 1. he, with *William Balance* (who was owner of **Athorne** in **Kineton**-Hundred) were imployed by K. R. 1. in 4 of his reign, to overſee the building of a Goal at **Kineton** in this County; and that he had a ſon called *Euſtace* [f], who long enjoy'd not this place. For amongſt the fees of *Nigel de Moubray* (ſon to the ſaid *Roger*) *Robert Haſteng* is certified [g] to hold a a fourth and twentieth part of a Kts. fee in this **Hapsford**; in whoſe line it continued for divers deſcents; as I could inſtance at large: but in regard what I am to ſay hiſtorically of that family is to be ſpoke in **Lemington**-*Haſtang*, where they had their ſeat, I ſhall onely point thereat by ſome marginal references [h].

Howbeit at length *John de Lyouns* having an [i] eſtate for life therein, paſſing it in 31 E. 3. unto *Will. de Catesby*, Sir *John Haſtang* Kt. not onely confirm'd the ſame, but granted [k] to the ſaid *Will.* the inheritance thereof, as by his Deed dated at **Coventre** the year following, upon Saturday within the *Octaves* of Eaſter, appeareth.

Domeſd.

Regiſt. de Pomba, f. 1. b. & 2. a.

b. f. 65. a.

c Rot. P. H. 2.

d Ex autog. penès Grevil: Verney eq. aur.

e Rot. P. 4 R. 1.

f Ex autog. penès Grevil: Verney eq. aur. t Lib. rub. f. 134. a. & in ſcedula.

g Eſc. 29 E. 1. n. 80.

h Clauſ. 7 E. 2. m. 17.

i Ex autog. penès Sim. Clark Bar.

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From which *William* (being of **Ashby-Legers** in **Northamptonsh.**) it descended to his posterity, who enjoy'd it till H. 6. time: but then, there growing suits [y] betwixt Sir *Humf. Stafford* Kt. (descended from *Maud* the daughter and co-heir of *John de Hastang*, as I shall more fully shew in **Lemington**) and *Robert Catesby* concerning the right and title thereunto, an Arbitration [z] was made by *John Vampage* and *Will. Tresham*, *viz.* that the said *Rob. Catesby* and *Lettice* his wife, should by their deed enfeoff *John Stafford*, B. of **Bath** and **Wells**, then L. Chancellour of **England**, and the same Sir *Humf.* thereof; and of all other the lands in **Happesford**, which he the said *Robert* had obtained, as well by his own purchase, as by the purchase of his ancestors; to have and to hold to the said B. and Sir *Humf.* and the heirs of the said Sir *Humf.* for ever: and that the said *Rob.* and *Lettice* should hold the same during their lives, and the longer liver of them, paying to the said B. and Sir *Humf.* xiii *s.* iiii *d. per ann.* the B. and Sir *Humf.* giving to the said *Rob.* in consideration of the aforesaid grant, 38 *l.* of lawfull English money. Which Award, bearing date 1 *Febr.* 19 H. 6. was confirmed by a Fine levyed [a] betwixt the parties aboveſaid, the same year.

But the before specified Sir *Humfry*, leaving issue Sir *Humfry* his son and heir, attainted [b] in Parl. 1 H. 7. the said K. in 8 of his reign, granted [c] this Mannour, then in the Crown by vertue of the said attainder, unto his servant Sir *Will. Vampage* Kt. and the heirs male of his body. Howbeit, *Humf.* son and heir to the said Sir *Humf.* being restored [d] in 6 H. 8. became again possest thereof; and in 8 H. 8. past [e] it to Sir *Edw. Belknap* Kt: who, by his deed bearing date 1 *Iunii*, 10 H. 8. sold [f] it to *Ric. Wright*, then of **Happesford**, and *Humfry Wright* his son and heir, in consideration of 312 *l.* 3 *s.* 9 *d.* sterling. Which *Humfry*, residing here, was in Commission of the peace in this County for divers years of Q. *Eliz.* time, and dyed [g] the last year of her reign.

[y] *Ibid.*
[z] 3. *septim. Pasch.*
[a] *Rot. Parl.* 1 H. 7. *m.* 6.
[b] *Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de* Catesby.
[c] *Hill. Rec.* 6 H. 8. *Rot.* 53.
[d] *F. levat. T. Mich.* 9 H. 8.
[e] *Ex autog. penès præfat. S.* Clarke.
[f] *Inscrip. tumuli apud* Withibroke.
[g]

Brinklow.

SOw passing on, receiveth another small stream; which, having its rise in **Monkskirby**, runneth under **Brinklow**; and so leaving **Smite**, (now a depopulated place,) on the North-west side thereof, and **Combe** on the other side, falleth into it about two miles lower.

This place hath its name, doubtless, from that eminent *Tumulus*, whereon the Keep, or Watch-tower of the Castle, which long ago was there, did stand: but whether it was because that this little hill, by our ancestors termed a **low** (for the reasons I have exprest in my discourse of **Knightlow hill**) stood upon the edge or **brink** of the natural ascent, overtopping the rest of the Country thereabouts; or from the British word **Bryn**, which is the same with *Collis* in Latine, 'tis hard to say. Leaving my Reader therefore to his own fancy, I shall first consider the ruins of that *quondam* Castle; concluding, that had it been a work since the Norman Conq. our publick Records, or some other authorities, would have taken notice thereof: but that it was more antient, the diversion of that notable Roman **way**, (*viz.* the **Fosse**) for the raising such a Fort, doth no less argue, than the extent of that Pool; which from the said road (being the head thereof) covered the adjacent valley, even unto the skirts of **Newbold-Revell**. Howbeit, in **Domesday-book** there is no mention of it, forasmuch as it was then involved * with **Smite**, and so consequently part of the possessions which E. *Alberic* had, and then in the K. hands; but afterwards given to the E. of **Pellent** and **Leicester**; and by him to *Nigel de Albany*, father of *Rog. Moubray*, together with **Smite**, as there I have more fully shewed; which *Roger* [h] held it of the said E. of **Leic.** by the service of one Knights fee.

And as it was a member of **Smite**, so was it of that parish: for in the time of H. 1. *Samson de Albineio*, the then Incumbent, by the consent of *Rog. de Moubray* his patron, granted [i] to the Priory of **Kenilworth** with the Church of **Smite**, the Chappel here at **Brinchelau**; which gift *Ric. Peche*, B. of **Cov.** in H. 2. time confirming, declares [k] that he did it according to the example of *Rog. Clinton* his predecessor, who dyed in K. *Steph.* time. Out of which Chappel *G. Muschamp* B. of **Cov.** in K. *John*'s time granted [l], that the Monks of **Kenilworth** should yearly receive two marks. But afterwards, *viz.* in H. 2. time, I find, that *Geffrey de la Hay* had some interest here; for he granted [m] certain woods belonging thereto unto the Monks of **Combe**, as by his deed, whereby the limits of them are set forth, appeareth; for which he received xli marks: but in 20 H. 2. it is expresly called [n] *terra Rogeri de Molbrai*: which *Roger* gave [o] a large part also of his woods to that Monastery; in consideration whereof, the Monks discharged a debt of 80 marks that he owed to the Jews: which grants *Nigel* his son confirmed [p].

To whom succeeded *Will. de Molbrai*, the last of that family that had to do here: for [q] whereas *Rob. de Stotevile* in H. 2. time had laid claim to the Barony of *Rob. Grundebeof*, his grandfather, which K. H. 1. had given away to *Nigel de Albany*, father to *Rog. de Molbrai*, who then possest it (as I have already intimated in **Newbold** *super* **Avon**) and that there was then an Agreement betwixt them, whereupon *Rog. de Moubray* gave to the said *Rob.* **Kirby-Moresheved** (in **Norfolk.**) with the appurtenances, for ix Kts. fees, to the end that the said *Rob.* should make no further claim: yet because that the same accord had no confirmation in the K. Court, nor by his royal authority, *Will. de Stutevile*, son to the said *Rob.* commenced new suits against the before specified *Will. de Moubray*, in the beginning of K. *John*'s time, which at length were determined [r] by the said King and his great Councel, in this manner, *viz.* that the said *Will. de Stutevile* should relinquish his claim to the before specified Barony, in consideration whereof, *Will. de Moubray* was to pass unto him ix Kts. fees, and xii *l.* rent; whereupon they were made friends in the presence of the King, then at **Lue** (a house of the B. of **Linc.** within the Province of **Lindsey** in **Lincolnsh.**) on the Sunday called *Septuagessima*, the second year of K. *John*.

But these ix Kts. fees were over and above the other ix; which, by the Agreement in H. 2. time, *Stutevile* had; for they were *in augmentum*, as the Historian [s], as also the Record [t] touching that determination manifesteth. And for the xii *l.* rent above mentioned, this very **Brinklow** was assigned [u] to the said *Will. de Stutevile*, excepting onely the service of one *Sampf. de Cornubia* for what he held here by military service of the said *Will. de Moubray*.

* *Cart.* 3 H. 3. *m.* 1 *per Inspe*
[h] *Regist. Cumba*, f. 33. *b.* &
[i] *Regist. Kenilw. p.* 59.
[k] *Ib. p.* 6
[l] *Ib. p.* 7
[m] *Reg. de Cumba*, f. 34. *a.*
[n] *Rot.* 1 20. H. 2
[o] *Reg. de Cumba*, f. 36. *a.*
[p] *Ib.* 37.
[q] *R. Hov.* f. 456. *b.* 40, &c.
[r] *Ibid.*
[s] *Ibid.*
[t] *Pasch. Iob. Rot.* 80.
[u] *Ib. & Rot.* 15. *dorso.*

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To which *Will. de Stutevile* succeeded *Nicholas* his brother; and to *Nicholas*, *Nicholas* his son and heir, who had a **Mercate** granted to him here by K. *John*, to be kept upon the Monday every week, and a **Faire** yearly upon the Feast of S. *Margaret*; which were confirmed to the same *Nich.* as by K. H. 3. his Charter[x], dated here at **Brinklow**, 15 *Julii*, 2 H. 3. and attested with the Seal of *Will. Mareschall* (then Governour of the K. and Kingdome) manifesteth. But, after this, ere long, it came to the possession of *Segrave*; for in 24 H. 3. the K. granted[y] to *Steph. de Segrave* a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Tuesday. It seems that it continued but a while in that family: for *Joan de Stutevile*, daughter and heir to the last *Nicholas*, and afterwards the wife of *Hugh Wake*, granted[z] it to *Albred de Wytlebiri*, to hold by the service of a sore Sparhauk yearly, at *Lammas*, or ii *s.* howbeit at that time the E. of **Leicester** held a Court[a] here twice a year, as also pleas of *Withernam*, and had Assize of Bread and Beer in this place.

From which *Albred* descended *John de Whitelbury*, who in 9 E. 2. was certified[b] to be Lord thereof: but after him I find no more of that family that had to do here, neither any thing else notable relating thereto, till 18 E. 3. that the K. gave license[c] to *Will.* the son of Sir *Rob. Thorpe* Kt. to grant it to the Monks of **Combe** and their successors for ever, it being then held[d] of *Thomas* Lord *Wake* of **Lydell** by fealty, and the service of a sore Sparhauk, or 2 *s.* yearly. Which *Thomas* held it over of the E. of **Lanc.** by Kts. service. Whereupon the said *Will. de Thorpe* past it to them by his deed[e] accordingly, assigning *John Merinton* and *Philip Purefey* to deliver possession thereof. Which act of his was not onely confirmed[f] by the said *Thomas Wake*, but by *John* Lord *Moubray*, and *Henry* E. of **Lanc.** (who were superiour Lords of the Fee.)

Howbeit, out of that grant to the Monks of **Combe** was excepted[g] a Watermill, with the Pool belonging thereto, as also xx acres of meadow, and ten acres of pasture (all which Sir *John Rivell* Kt. *Eliz.* his wife, and *John* their son, held[h] for term of their lives, by lease from the said *Will. de Thorpe*) Which Pool was called[i] *Magnum vivarium de* **Brinklow**. But upon the dissolution of that Monastery, this Mannour coming to the Crown, was granted[k] by Q. *Mary* in 4 & 5 *Ph. & M.* to Sir *Rob. Lane* Kt. and *Anthony Throgmorton* Esq; to be held in socage. Which said Sir *Rob.* and *Anthony* had license[l], the same year, to alien it unto *Will. Daws* to be held *in capite*.

Touching the site of the Castle, all that I find, is, that it came[m] afterwards to *Arth. Gregory* of **Stivichall** (near **Coventre**) who dyed seized thereof, 1 *Dec.* 2 *Jac.* leaving *John* his son aged 25 years. But further it is memorable of this **Brinklow**, that our famous Antiquary *John Rous* (of whom I shall speak in **Guyes-cliff**) was descended[n] of a family of that name, which resided here.

In *ann.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedic. to S. *John Bapt.*) was valued[o] at vi marks; the annual *Pension*[p] issuing out thereof in 26 H. 8. being 26 *s.* 8 *d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Hugo de Underwood, Cler.* 1252.	*Ex autog. penès D. & C. Lich.*
	Will. de Pontefracto.	*Ib.*
	Hugo de Uppewell, Subdiac. 1298.	*Langt. f. 5. b.*
	Joh. de Poppering, Accol. 7 *Id. Maii*, 1309.	*Ib. f. 35. a.*
	Joh. de Hor.on, Cap. Id. Julii, 1320.	*Ib. f. 79. a.*
	Hen. de Halford, Cal. Febr. 1324.	*Northb. f. 19. a.*
	Hugo de Stoke, Accol. 4. *Cal. Sept.* 1328.	*Ib. f. 22. a.*
	Nich. de Astelegh, Cler. 2 *Cal. Julii*, 1331.	*Ib. f. 24. b.*
	Tho. de Banebury, Cler. 5. *Cal. Sept.* 1334.	*Ib. f. 28. a.*
	Rob. de Shakerston, Subdiac. 6 *Id. Jan.* 1337.	*Ib. f. 32. a.*
	Ric. de Schareston, 4 *Cal. Febr.* 1338.	*Ib. f. 33. a.*
	Rob. Sarazin, 16 *Cal. Oct.* 1339.	*Ib. f. 35. a.*
	Ric. de Shakerston, Cler. Non. Maii, 1349.	*Ib. f. 47. b.*
	Will. de Frankton, Cap. 2 *Cal. Maii*, 1350.	*Ib. f. 53. a.*
	Adam Abbots, Pbr. 24. *Nov.* 1374.	*Strett. f. 22. a.*
	D. Joh. Stokes, Triburensis episc. 4 *Julii*, 1407.	*Burgh. f. 18. b.*
	Rog. Reyner, Cap. 5 *Febr.* 1408.	*Ib. f. 22. a.*
	Tho. Drowth, Cap. 23 *Sept.* 1455.	*Bowl. f. 21. b.*
	Joh. Williams, 20 *Julii*, 1524.	*Bl. f. 11. a.*
	Rad. Whitehead: ..... 1528.	*Ib. f. 14. b.*
	Henr. Breton, in Decretis Bacc. 4 *Maii*, 1534.	*Str. & P. f. 12. a.*
Ric. Haw, Gen. ratione conceff. Pr. & C. de Kenill.	*Will. Harwar, Cler.* 28. *Maii*, 1541.	*Ib. f. 18. a.*
Eliz. Regina.	*Gervasius Carington, Cler.* 3 *Iulii.* 1583.	*Bund. B.*
	Ioh. Bolton, Cler. 15 *Febr.* 1584.	*Ib.*
Iacobus Rex.	*Franc. Rodes, Cler.* 12 *Oct.* 1611.	*Neale Bund. C.*
	David Stokes, in art. Magr. 15 *Martii*, 1624.	*Morton bund. in. cert.*
Carolus Rex.	*Will. Clerke, in art. Magr.* 11 *Iulii*, 1625.	*Ib.*

Smite.

FOllowing the before specified rivulet, I come next to certain pasture grounds, called by the name of **Over-Smite**, and **Nether-Smite**, where antiently two villages bearing that name stood, the depopulation whereof hath been very antient, it seems, for the *vestigia* of the towns are scarce now to de discerned. In the beginning of the Conq. time, this place was held[q] of the King by E. *Alberic*, (of whom I have made mention in **Clifton**:) but at the time of the general Survey[r], it, with the rest of

[q] [r] Domesday.

of E. *Alberic*'s lands, was in the K. hands, and committed to the cuſtody of *Geffrey Wirce* (ſo often before mentioned:) but in that Record it is written **Smitham**, and then contained 6 hydes, the woods being half a mile in length, and as much in breadth, and all valued at vi *l.* whereof, in *Edw.* the Conf. time, one *Harding* was owner. Howbeit, by the Conq. or K. H. 1. it was diſpoſed of unto *Rob.* E. of **Mellent** and **Leic.** as it ſeems, and by him or his ſon to *Nigel de Albany*, whoſe ſon *Roger de Moubray* gave [f] the Church to the Canons of **Kenilworth** at the requeſt of *Samſon de Albeneio*, the then Incumbent (which grant *Ric. Peche* B. of **Coventre** confirmed [t], as *Rog. de Clinton*, his predeceſſor, had done) and very ſoon after, *viz.* in K. *Steph.* time, granted [u] the whole Lordſhip of **Smite** to *Ric. de Camvill*, and his heirs, to be held by the ſervice of one Knights fee.

[f] Cart. 8. 2. n. 4. & Inſpex.

[t] Regiſt. Kenilw. 67, & 7

[u] Reg. de Cumba, f. 33. a.



Ordinis Ciſtercienſis Monachus

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Which *Richard*, being a devout and pious man, and much affecting the *Cistertian* Monks, whose Order had then been but newly transplanted into **England**: and finding that part thereof, which is situate in the valley, to be full of woods, and far from any publick passage; as also low and solitary, and so consequently more fit for Religious persons; gave [n] unto *Gilbert*, Abbot of the Monastery of our blessed Lady of **Waverley** in **Surrey**, and to the Covent of that place, all this his Lordship of **Smite**, there to found an Abby of the *Cistercian* Order: Whereupon they presently began to build; and out of their own Covent planted some Monks here, dedicating the Church thereof to the blessed Virgin also, and calling it the **Abby of Cumbe**, in respect of its low and hollow situation; the word **Cwmm** in the British signifying *vallis*, or *convallis*, as doth also **Cumbe** and **Combe** in the Saxon: Consonant whereunto, the Vulgar in **Yorkh.** and those Northern parts, term a large hollow vessel of wood (such as they use to steep Barley for Malt in) a **Cumbe** to this day.

Ib. & Cart. 35 E. 3. m. 12. per Inspex

Which pious and bountifull gift was confirmed [x] by the said *Roger de Moubray*, about the later end of K. *Steph.* time; who, acquitting the Monks of the service of that Kts. fee due to him from *Ric. de Camvill*, as aforesaid, granted [y] to them a very large compass of woods lying towards **Bilney**, as the bounds of them do more fully shew, with dead wood for their use in his wood called **Burchlei**, where he also allowed them pasturage for Cattle, and to be quit of paunage for their Hogs. And afterwards ratified [z] in H. 2. time, by *Rob.* E. of **Leicester** (of whom *Rog. de Moubray* held the said Kts. fee in **Smite**) at the desire of him the said *Roger*, the above specified *Ric. de Camvill*, and the Monks: who thereupon joyntly allowed, [a] that the said Earl should be reputed the principal Founder of this Abby; and that they would perform for him and his heirs such duties, both in his life time, and at his death, as for their chief Founders.

Regist. de Eccleshall, f. 1. b.

Ib. 2.

Ib. 34. a.

And now, having briefly spoke in **Coventre** of the beginning and increase of a Monastick life, by reason that Monastery was not onely the greatest, but the most antient Religious House of Monks in this County; it will not be improper, I conceive, because this is the first that was here founded for those of the *Cistercian* Order, before I proceed further, to point at the beginning of that Rule, and when it was first propagated in **England**.

First therefore, for its original, I shall deliver the substance of what an approved Author [b] hath thereof. *In Burgundia est locus qui dicitur Molismus, &c. In* **Burgundy**, saith he, *is there a place called* **Molisme**, *where, in the time of* Philip *K. of* **France**, Robert, *an Abbot, having built a Monastery, and thither gathered a Covent of devout Monks, after a time searching diligently into the strict Rules of S.* Benet, *would have perswaded his disciples, that they ought to live by the labour of their hands, leaving Tithes and Oblations to the secular Clergy, abstaining also from any breeches either of cloth or leather: but they inclining to the custome observed in the Western Monasteries, which were instituted by S.* Maure, *the disciple of S.* Benet, *and of S.* Columbanus; *and of later time by S.* Odo *Abbot of* **Cluni**, *said, they would not recede from the same. Whereupon the said* Robert *departed from them, with one and twenty which were of his mind, seeking long for such a place, where they might live and observe S.* Benets *Rule as strictly as the Jews did the Law of* Moses. *And at the length* Odo *D. of* **Burgundy**, *favouring their devout purposes, bestow'd on them certain lands in a place called* **Cisteaux**, *in the Bishoprick of* **Chalons**, *where the said Abbot* Robert, *with the rest, for some time inhabited; by example of whose strict and holy life in that wilderness, many began to do the like. But, in time, the Covent at* **Molisme** *wanting a Pastor to govern them, complained to Pope* Urban, *shewing unto him the inconveniences that they sustained by reason thereof; who, having a paternal affection to both places, commanded Abbot* Robert *to go back thither, substituting some one of those Monks at* **Cisteaux** *to supply his room as Abbot there: whereupon he constituted one* Alberic; *to whom afterwards* Stephen *an Englishman of great piety succeeded.*

Rob. de Monte MS. bibl. Bodl. [E. 2. 1 Th.]

This plantation at **Cisteaux** was in the year 1098. as the same Author affirmeth, with whom agreeth an antient Chron: [c] of the Church of **Durham**; further manifesting, that this Abbot *Robert* was an Englishman, his firname *Harding*, and a Monk of **Shirburne**; who in his younger years, forsaking his habit, went over into **France** for advancement of his knowledge in learning; and coming to the Monastery of **Molesme**, before mentioned, was there shorn a Monk the second time, and shortly after became Abbot. Which Monks increased [d] so much by the great conflux of men to **Cisteaux**, that from thence almost 500 Abbies of that Order were sprung within the compass of 55 years: so that in a general Chapter held there by the Abbots and Bishops that were of that Rule, it was ordained, that from thenceforth there should be no more erected of that Order: for their Monasteries were built [e] in desarts, and woody places, by their own proper handy-work; unto many whereof they gave special holy names as *Domus-Dei, Clara-vallis, Curia-Dei*, and the like.

c In bibl. Bodl. MS [Cant. H. 76. f. 31. b.

d Rob. de Monte, ut supra.

e Ibid.

But touching the first of that Order erected here in **England**, I find some difference amongst our Historians; some [f] affirming it to have been **Rievaulx** in **Yorkh.** *Bernard* Abbot of **Clerevaulx** sending over part of that Covent to plant there, and to instruct the Monks thereof in that Rule; which foundation was so made [g] by *Walter Espec* in *an.* 1132. 33 H. 1. But that **Waverle** in **Surrey** preceded it (whereof this of **Cumbe** was a daughter) I am much the more confident, in regard 'tis clear, that *Will. Giffard* B. of **Winchester** was [h] Founder thereof; which *Will.* dyed [i] 25 *Jan.* 29 H. 1. four year before **Rievaulx** is said to be founded. And to confirm this that I say, hearken to what our old Poet [k] *Robert of Glouceſter* hath to that purpose.

f Chron. MS H. Knighton, f. 34. a.

g Lel. Coll. vol. 2. p. 310, & 313.

h Lel. Coll. vol. 3. p. 253.

i Godw. de præsul.

k MS (Digb.) in bibl. Bodl. f. 113. a.

Houses of Religion as I seide er I wene,
Bynge Henry lovede moche as hit was wel sene
For the ordre of Grave-monkes thorwz then men bzouzt
Furst here into Englonde, and peraventer men him bisouzt
As in the Abby of Waverle that hit furst become
As in the eizte and twenty yeer of his Kyngdome.

Having said thus much of their original and first coming into **England**, I shall adde a word or two of the strictness in their Rule, and so proceed with my discourse touching the further endowment of this Monastery.

l Knighton f. 34. a. W. Malm f. 72. a. n. 20.

First for their habite,[l] they wear no Leather or Linnen, nor indeed any fine Woollen Cloth; neither, except it be in a journey, do they put on any breeches, and then, upon their return, deliver them fair washt. Having two Coats with Cowles in Winter time, they are not to augment; but in Summer, if they please may lessen them: In which habite they are to sleep, and after *Mattens* not to return to their beds.

For Prayers[m] the hour of *Prime* they so conclude, that before the *Laudes* it may be Daybreak, strictly observing their Rule, that not one jote or tittle of their service is omitted. Immediatly after *Laudes*,[n] they Sing the *Prime*, and after *Prime* they go out performing their appointed hours in work; what is to be done in the day, they act by day-light: for none of them, except he be sick, is to be absent from his Diurnall hours, or the *Compline*. When the *Compline* is finished, the Steward of the House, and he that hath charge of the guests go forth, but with great care of silence serve them.

o p q Ib.

For Dyet,[o] the Abbot assumes no more liberty to himself then any of his Covent, every where being present with them, and taking care of his flock, except at meat, in regard his Table is alwaies with the strangers and poor people: nevertheless whersoever he eats is he abstemious of talk, or any dainty fare: nor hath he or any of them ever above two dishes of meat; neither do they eat of fat or flesh, except in case of sickness: And from the Ides of *September* till Easter, they eat no more than once a day, except on Sundays; no not on any Festivall.

Out[p] of the precincts of their Cloyster they go not but to work: neither there or any where do they discourse with any but the Abbot or Prior.

They[q] unweariedly continue their Canonicall hours, not peicing any service to another, except the *Vigils* for the deceased. They observe the Office of St. *Ambrose*, so far as they could have perfect knowledge thereof from Milain: and taking care of strangers and sick-people, do devise extraordinary afflictions for their own bodies, to the intent their souls may be advantaged.

Which Rules[r] were duly observed by the first Abbot and Covent; but afterwards somewhat was abated of that austerity: but their *habite* is still white, and nothing different in the fashion from the Monks of St. *Benedict's* Rule, except a girdle, which these wear about their middle.

Being now to speak of the particular endowments which this Monastery had, I shall but onely point at the Benefactors, with the places where those lands and possessions so given were situate, in respect that the substance of them were in this County, so that, as they fall in my way, I omit them not. And first touching the posterity of *Camvill* I onely find, that *Gerard de Camvill*, son and heir to *Richard* the Founder, and *Nichola de Haya* his wife (Daughter of *Geffrey de la Haya*) gave[s] to these Monks C. *sol.* to keep his Anniversary there for ever: but *Nigel de Moubray*[t] added all the rest of the woods, which adjoyned to those that *Roger* his Father had bestowed on them before; *Will. de Moubray* son to the same *Nigel* confirming[u] whatsoever his ancestors had given.

s Reg. de Cumba in bibl. Cotton f 31. a.
t 34. b.
u 35. a.

The other speciall Benefactors were these; *Richard de Morevill*, who gave[w] certain lands in Withibroke. *Thurbert de Bilneie*, with some others, a large[x] part of Bilneje. *Laurence* Prior of Coventre, with the Covent of that place, half[y] a hide of land in the said town of Bilneje. *Herbert Putot* certain lands in[z] Hopsford. *Thomas* the son of *Laurence de Steke* xxiii. acres[a] of land in Withibroke, and all his errable land in Bilneje. *Seher* the son of *Hugh le Harper* of Stoke, a wood[b] called Harpers wood lying in Stoke. *Alice* the wife of *Walter Britton*, Wilkin-mill[c] which lyeth near Sow, and a messuage there. *Rob. Chetwode* and *Sibil* his wife Purmilne[d] in Stretton *super* Fosse. *Agatha le Strange*, divers lands in[e] Wrichesson (now Wolston) *Ric. de Frevile*, Merston mill[f] *Hamund de Thurvile*, lands[g] in the same Merston. *Will. de Berthun*, Blakedon mill.[h] in the Parish of Lillington. *Walter Spigurwell* of Emscote certain Common of pasture in the said Blakedon.

w 71. b. &c.
x 35. b
y 39. a.
z 80. a
a 45.
b
c 50. a
d 51. a
e 52. a.
f 53. b.
g 54. a
h 55. b.

In Church-Lawford were there divers petty parcells of land given[i] to these Monks; some by *Roger Hayrun*, Lord thereof, and some by inferior men: So also in[k] Anst, and Shulton,[l] by *Rog. de Buschervill* and others. Little-Lawford[m] was wholy bestowed on them by *John de Chavini* Lord of that Mannour. In Herdeberwe[n] were divers small parcells of land given by ordinary persons; so likewise in[o] Burthingbury.

i 59. b.
k 58. k
l
m 63. b
n 67. a
o 57. b

In Little-Copston[p] and Wolvey,[q] by *Rob. Basset* and *Reginald* his son; which *Reginald* gave also the moytie of the Church of Wolvey. In Shirford[r] and Bromcote[s] they had lands also given by *Thomas Trove*, Lord of Shirford, and others. And in Merston-Jabet[t] divers petty parcels by inferior persons; besides[u] all that *John de Merston* (otherwise called *John Jabet*) had in that Village. Part of which lands in Merston were particularly assigned[w] to find shoos for the poor that were dayly releived at the Abby-gate. So likewise were[x] certain lands in Bilney and some houses in Coventre.

p 81. b.
q 83.
r 89.
s &c.
t 92. a.
u 98. b
w 101
x 102.

In (Cotes (*id est* Coton *juxta* Church-*Over*) and Neuton, they had much of the grant[y] of *Hugh Bagot*, *Symon Bagot*, and others. In Church-*wawer*[z] they had also divers small parcells bestowed on them by *Rob. de Waver* and others. In[a] Holme (now called Biggin) the Mill there, with certain lands. In Caldecote[b] half a yard land given by *Emme* the wife of *Will. Pludio*. In Napton[c] two yard land granted to them by *Hugh de Albeto*. In Rodburne[d] a large quantity given by *Will. de Arden*. In Hodenhull[e] very much by *Will. Angevin*, and divers more: And in[f] Allanescote severall parcells by sundry persons. In Lodbroke[g] the like, some whereof *John de Lodbroke* bestowed on them. In Harberbury[h] *Reginald Basset* gave all that he had, which was a great proportion; many others bestowing severall parcells.

y 105. a
z 112.
a 118. &c.
b 121. a
c 120. b
d 122. a &c.
e 129. a.
f 133. a &c.
g 136. a &c.
h 142. b &c.

In Coventre they had many houses, and divers parcells of small Rent given[i] to them by sundry persons; all which *Randulph* E. of Chester ratified. In Staffordshire, at Trescote[k] *Will. fil. Wydonis* gave them two hides of land, which *Gervase Paganell* (Baron of Dudley) confirmed.[l]

i 153. a.
k 148.
l 149. a.

But all these were antient gifts. To which were added the Mannour of Little-Copston, purchased[m] by the Monks, of Sir *Andrew de Astley* in H. 3. time, as I have there at large declared. The Mannour of Wynklow granted[n] to them by *Will.* the son

m Ex autog. penes Tho. Astley de Wolvey ar.
n Regist. Cumba f. 28. b.

of Sir *Robert Thorpe* Kt. in 18 E. 3. And the perpetuall Patronage of the Church of **Pavesby** in **Northamptonsh**, obtained [o] by them in 8 H. 6. Neither were the priviledges, which they had throughout all their lands of mean consideration: for K. H. 2. granted [p] to them **Free-warren**, **Court-leet**, Felons goods, *Infangthef* and *Outfangthef*; (*id est* power to judge any thief taken within their Fee; and to question any man dwelling with their own Fee; and taken for felony in another place; as also to judge him in their own Court.) To be free likewise from services to the County or Hundred-Court; and moreover for paying of *Toll*; and all other customes pertaining to the Crown.

[o] *Pat. 8 H. 6. p. 2. m. 16.*

[p] *Pat. 20. E. 3. p. 3. m. 7. per inſp.*

To these K. *Ric.* 1. added [q] an immunity from paying *Toll*, and repayring High-ways and Bridges. And K. H. 3. from [r] giving any Fine for murder committed within their liberties. But such as they had from the Popes, were in generall, to their whole Order; *Innocent* the III. in *6. Joh.* exempting [s] them from payment of any Tithes for those lands, which they husbanded with their own proper labour or charges; aswell such as had been antiently tilled, as those that were but new broke up. And his successor, *Honorius*, extending [t] that Priviledge, aswell to all such lands as they had obtained after the generall Councell (*id est* of **Lateran**) as what they had before; which Bull of his bears date at **Lateran** 7. *Kal. Julii, Pontif. sui* vi. Howbeit, by the speciall command [u] of *Thomas Becket* Archb. of **Canterbury**, they were to pay Tithes to the Canons of **Kenilworth** for all that they had within the Parish of **Smite**, as fully as the said Church of **Smite** received the same before the *Cistercian* Monks were seated there, till that by complaint to Pope *Urban* the third, who appointed *Baldwin*, then Archb. of **Canterbury** to hear the matter, the same was otherwise setled; *viz.* [w] that the Monks of **Combe** should thenceforth provide Divine service to be fitly celebrated in the Church of **Smite**, discharging all duties to the Bishop and Archdeacon for that Church. And touching viii. marks yearly which the Canons of **Kenilworth** were to receive, it was determined, that six marks thereof, which they had yearly out of the Church of **Cherleton** (*id est* **Cherleton**-*Camvile* in *com.* **Somerset**) and the other two marks out of the Church of **Brinklow**, which the Monks of **Combe** were content should be payd to those Canons, they for peace sake allowing two shill. yearly Pension to be payd at the Feast of St. *Michael*, towards the charge of Lights in the Monastery of **Combe** should suffice; upon condition, that if the Monks of **Combe** did till any ground out of which the Chappell of **Brinklow** had wont to receive Tithes before this agreement, that they should still pay tythes for the same, except it were new broke up ground; as of woods reduced to tillage; and except Gardens and inclosures within the precincts of the Grange, there, belonging to the Monks, and what should arise by the keeping of Cattell; which Award was made *an.* 1187. (33. H. 2.)

[q] *Regist. de Cumba f. 70. a.*

[r] *Ib. 215. b.*

[s] *184. b.*

[t] *183. b. & c.*

[u] *Regist. de Kenilw. p. 108.*

[w] *Regist. de Cumba f. 1. b.*

Thus in great glory, plentifully endowed, stood this Monastery little less then 400. years, till that K. H. 8. a person whose sensuall disposition, suting so right with that corrupt age wherein he lived, finding Instruments fit for his sacrilegious purposes, contrived the destruction of it, and all the rest of those pious foundations that his ancestors and other devout persons had made; Of whose subtile practises for effecting that work, I shall in a short Corollary, before I finish this tract make some discovery: Amongst which that generall Survey and valuation, by Commissioners from him, in 26. of his reign, at *Robin Hoods* penni-worths, did not a little conduce thereto: At which time this Monastery, with all its Revenues, over and above reprises, was certified [x] to be worth CCCii. *l.* xv. *s.* iii. *d. per an.*

[x] *Cod. MS penes S. Archer eq. aur. f. 40. b.*

Of their Hospitality to strangers, and great charity in dayly releif of poor people, I need not descend to particulars, our common Historians and the tradition of such, who were eye-witnesses thereof before that fatall subversion of those Houses, may sufficiently inform the world. I shall therefore onely adde what the certificate [y] upon the before mentioned Survey takes notice of touching this Abby; *viz.* that by their Foundation, and a Decree by a generall Chapter of their Order, they bestowed in Almes on **Maunday-Thursday**, every year 4. *s.*-8. *d.* in money, ten Quarters of Rye made in Bread at 5. s. the Quarter; three Quarters of Malt made in Beer at 4. *s.* the Quarter; and 300. Herings at 20. *d.* the Hundred, distributed to poor people at the gate of the Monastery: Their principall Officers being at that time these; *viz.* *Thomas Howard* D. of **Norff.** high Steward, whose fee therefore was v. marks *per an.* (which shews what respect the great Nobility had to those Religious persons) *Will. Wilcock* Receiver generall, whose fee was 6. *l. per an.* And *Baldwin Porter*, Auditor, his fee being xl. *s. per an.*

[y] *Ib.*

After which ere long, ensued the surrender thereof to the K. hands, *viz.* 21. *Jan.* 30. H. 8. by the then Abbot and his Covent, whose names, as they stand subscribed under their severall hands to their publick Instrument, [z] whereunto their conventuall Seal is affixed, with the *Pensions* granted to them, recorded in the Court of Augmentation, I have here inserted.

[z] *In Cur. Augm.*

Robertus Kynner Abbas.	*Roberto Bate* Abbati ib.	lxxx. l.
Ric. Coventre sub-Prior.	*Humfr. Sterky* mon.	vi. l.
Humfr. Byrmicham, alias Starkey.	*Thom. Sutton* mon.	vi. l.
Tho. Hampton, alias *Sutton* Cellerar.	*VVill. Sutton* mon.	vi. l.
VVill. Hampton, alias *Sutton.*	*Ric. Symning* mon.	vi. l.
Ric. Binley, alias *VVarde.*	*Ric. VVastell* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
VVill. Freman, alias *Aylson.*	*VVill. Freman* mon.	vi. l.
Ric. Adams, alias *Bradnack.*	*Ric. Braddok* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Oliverus VVolston.	*Olivero Hardwyn* mon.	v. xiii. iiii. d.
VVill. Brynklow, alias *Parr.*	*VVill. Persey* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Thom. Beke, alias *Holme.*	*Tho. Holme* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Thom. Hermworth, alias *Clarke.*	*Tho. Clarke* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Galfr. Snead, alias *Danyell.*	*Galfr. Danyell* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Rob. Derby, alias *Hepworth.*	*Rob. Hepworth* mon.	v. l. vi. s. viii. d.

But of the Abbots, here, have I not found the names of more than these, which were immediatly preceding the dissolution, *viz.* [a] *Will. Whittington, John Tolton, Oliver Adams,* and *Robert Bayte.*

[a] *Inq. super depopulat.* 3.E.6.

As for the Curses which were usually pronounc't by the Founders of these Religious houses, whether they have attended those violators of what they so zealously and with devout minds had dedicated to Gods service, I will not take upon me to say: but sure I am, that after K. H.8. had accomplish'd this work, he thrived but a little (as I shall elsewhere in particular observe.) And how long such possessions have been enjoyed by those that had them, they that have look't into the course of this world may easily see. For this, whereof I am now speaking, it was by K. E. 6. first granted [b] to *John* E. of **Warwick** and to his heirs, 22. *Junii* 1 E. 6. and after his attainder (whereof in **Warwick** I have spoke) in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M. Rob. Keylway* had a lease [c] of the site and divers lands thereto belonging for 40. years, at the Rent of 196.*l.*-08.*s.*-01.*d.* And afterwards another [d] for lx. years. Which *Robert Kelway,* in 23 *Eliz.* dyed [e] seized in fee of certain lands belonging to this Monastery, *Anne* the wife of *John Harrington* Esq. being his sole Daughter and heir, and then 30. years of age.

[b] *Pat.* 1 E. 6. *p.* 9.

[c] *Pat.* 3. & 4 *Ph. & M. p.* 3.

[d] *Ib. p.* 5.

[e] *Esc.* 23. *Eliz.*

Binley.

ABout a mile below **Combe**, the litlte brook before mentioned meeteth with **Sow**, which, passing gently on, leaveth **Binley** on its South-east side.

In the Conq. time the Monks of **Coventre** held three hides here, whereof the woods were half a mile in length, and one furlong in breadth, all being then valued [f] at lx. *sol.* which they purchased of *Osbernus fil. Ricardi,* a great man in that age, as when I come to **Alton**-*Cantelow* shall be shewed: but in *Edw.* the Conf. time, *Aldgid,* widow to *Grifin* was owner thereof. The other part of this village *Hadulfus* (in some places written *Hadewolfus*) progenitor to the family of *Rokeby* (and already mentioned there) possest at that time, as Tenant unto *Turkill de* **Warwick**, it containing two hides, whereof the woods extended to four furlongs in length and two in breadth, all which were valued at 35. *s.* having been held by the same *Hadulfus* of the said *Turchill* before the Norman Conquest.

[f] Domesd. *lib.*

Touching the name I shall but onely deliver my conjecture; *viz.* that it may probably be compounded of two Saxon words, **Bilene**, signifying to dwell, and **ea**, water; which, being contracted together came at length to be written according to the usuall pronunciation. And that this Etymologie is not unsutable to its situation is plain enough; but now we write it **Binley**, as it is vulgarly called, though in all antient authorities it be recorded by the name of **Bilneje.**

As to the succession of its owners, I shall first proceed with that [g] part which the Prior of **Coventre** held, whereof the Chappell dedicated to St. *Bartholmew,* is a Member, having been confirm'd [h] to that Monastery by *Ranulph* E. of **Chester** in H. 1. time, and appropriated [i] thereto by *Rog. Meuland* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** in 44 H. 3. In K. *Stephans* time, or beginning of H. 2. *Laurence,* then Prior of **Coventre**, granted [k] half a hide, of that which they had here, to the Monks of **Combe**, to hold in Frank-almoign, paying to the Monastery of **Coventre** viii. *s. per an. viz.* 4. *s.* at the Feast of the *Nativ.* of St. *John Baptist.* and 4. *s.* at Christmass, for all services: but how their portion came to be further leffened I know not: for of a long time before the dissolution, the said Monks of **Coventre** were reputed [l] Lords of no more than a fourth part of this village. All which, with the tythes, were by K. H.8. (*inter alia*) granted [m] to *Robert Burgoine* and *John Scudamore,* and their heirs, in 36. of his reign.

[g] *Cart.* 22.E. 3.*n.*6. *per Inf.*

[h] *Rot.* R. Molend. *m.*4.

[i] *Reg.* de Cov. *f.* 64

[k] *Reg.* de Cumba *f.* 39.*a.*

[l] *Reg. Pr.* Cov. *f.* 64

[m] *Pat.* 36 H.8. *p.* 5.

The rest, very little excepted, was bestowed on the Monks of **Combe**, soon after the Foundation of that Abby: for *Thurbert,* son of the above mentioned *Hadewlfus* (who is in some places called *Thurbert de Bilneja,* and in other *Thurbert de Rochebe*) gave a large portion thereof, as by his Charter, [n] where it is set forth by bounds, appears: whereupon it should seem, that he and his wife betook themselves to a retired life in that Monastery, the Monks giving them allowance of dyet during their lives; as also to *Henry* his son and heir two marks of silver; and to all the rest of their children xii. *d.* a piece for their assent; which grant was confirm'd [o] by *Rog.* E. of **Warwick** (in respect that the lands of the before specified *Turchill* came, for the most part, to those Earls) and afterwards by [p] Earl *William*; the extent thereof being one hide, amounting to the 5. part of a Kts. fee.

[n] [o] *Reg. Cumba f.* 38.*b*

[p] *Ib.* 39.*a*

About the same time *Joeslinus* the son of *Raph de Bilneje* gave [q] to the said Monks a good quantity of land and woods in this place, reputed also for one hide, and held by the 6. part of a Kts. fee: whereupon he had allowance of his dyet as long as he lived according to the proportion for one Monk; and as much for his mother. All which his brother *Robert* confirmed; in consideration whereof he had a Horse with two marks and 4. *s.* of silver. To this *Robert* succeded *Robert* his son, who gave [r] them also a large part in woods, which, is in his Charter, set forth by bounds: in consideration whereof the Monks granted, that after his death as much solemnity should be made for him in that Abby as for one Monk, in Masses and Prayers, and participation of all other benefits.

[q] 39.*b.*

[r] 40.*a.*

And not long after, did *Henry de Rochebe,* son and heir to the before recited *Thurbert,* not onely confirm [s] what his father had given; but granted [t] them the Mill here, and half his wood called **Punechet**: for which, besides the 2. marks he had in his fathers life time, they gave him 4. marks of silver more, with 7. *s.* to his mother; and to each of his brothers; *viz. Will. Alex. Thomas Ingeram,* and *Ric.* xii. *d.* a piece: And to him the said *Henry*; as also to his mother, allowance of as much dyet as was the proportion for one Monk, during their lives. By [u] which grants, and some others, that for brevity I pass by, it appears, [w] that the said Monks of **Combe** had here in 7 E. 1. one carucat of land, a Water-mill; as also two Windmills, all held in demesn; five Cottages, seven yard land, and seven acres held by seven Freeholders at a certain Rent, homage and suit of Court. Foutry two acres of out-wood, whereof two were then inclosed within the Park of **Brandon**,

[s] [t] 40.*b.*

[u] *Ib.* 42. *&c.*

[w] *Inq. p.* H.Nor. *f.* 38.*b.*

don, for which they had yearly 2. s. and a Buck. As also a Court-Leet, Gallows, with Assize of bread and beer.

Whereunto K. E. 1. added [x] power for them to take weyfs; and a Charter of Free-warren in 18 of his reign: but they payd [y] Tithes to the Monks of Coventre for all, whether held in their own occupation, or let to ferme, except the meadowing of half a yard land, which *Tho.* the son of *Laurence de Stoke* sometime enjoyed; and of a croft which *Geffrey*, Lord of Bilney, heretofore held; as also of the Mills. For which meadow, croft, and Mills the Monks of Combe did pay yearly to those of Coventre half a mark on the Feast day of the *Circumcision* of our Lord, by Composition. But of the Tithes of a certain wast within the limits of Bilneſe, with the meadow adjoyning; which, being reduced to tillage by the Monks of Combe, reacheth from the old field of Bilney almost to Ernesford, the Priors of Coventre had released [z] their right to the Monks of Combe, reserving to their tenants Common of pasture therein.

All which lands, *&c.* being reputed Mannour, [a] were by that name granted [b] to *John Dudley* E. of Warwick, together with the site of the Monastery of Combe, and other lands belonging thereto, in 1 *E.* 6. And, coming again to the Crown by his attainder, past with Combe to *Rob. Keylway*, as I have there declared, and from him to *Harington*, as that did.

In this village also had [c] the *Hospitalars* two Cottages, held in 7 *E.* 1. by Freeholders of them: but these were originally of that which the Monks of Coventre antiently had there: for it was then certified, [d] that they were held by the said *Hospitalars* of *Rob. de Mortimer* (which was, as he was descended, by heirs generall from that *Osb. fil. Ric.* from whom the Monks of Coventre purchased that they had here in the Conq. time, as I have already intimated.)

Within the precincts of Bilney, is there a place called [e] Ernesford-grange, sometime belonging to the Abby of Combe; wherein the Monks in 7 E. 1. had 2 yard land in demesn, and 1 Freeholder that held 2 yard land and 4 acres, by the service of 2 *s.* and a half peny yearly, homage and suit to their Court at Bilney twice a year: out of all which, the Prior of Coventre had [f] Tithes, whether the Monks held it in their own hands or not. Which Grange was in 36 H. 8. granted [g] by the K. to *Tho. Brooke*, and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Brook*. From whom it being soon after conveyed [h] unto *Christopher Waryn* and his heirs, to hold [i] by the lx. part of a Kts. fee, and paying 4 *s.* yearly into the Court of Augmentation at the Feast of S. *Michael*, descended [k] to *Will. Waryn*, his grandchild, aged 5 years in 14 *Eliz.*

Winnall.

SOw, having left Bilney, passeth next by Winnall; which, though it lye in this Hundred of Knightlow, is of the Parish of the Holy *Trinity* within the City of Coventre. This, though it be not particularly mentioned in the Charter of Earl *Leofrick*, upon his foundation of the Priory, was then a member [l] of that half of Coventre, by him given to the Monks: but the first speciall mention that I find thereof, is in 41 H. 3. at which time the K. (*inter alia*) granted [m] to the said Monks Free-warren here and in divers other places, where it is written Wylnhale. Howbeit, in the appropriation [n] of all the Tithes in their severall Mannours, which *Rog. Meuland* B. of Cov. and Lich. made to that Monastery *an.* 1260. (44 H. 3) it is written Wylenhal, and was first so called, as I guess, from the *Wells*, or Springs in severall parts thereof, Willas, and Willon, in our old English, being so called.

In [o] 7 E. 1. the Prior of Coventre had here in demesn half a yard land, a fourth part, with 4. acres and a half of meadow; and 8. servants holding 3. yard land, by the service of mowing, making and carrying hay, and the like, with some Rent, six Cottagers and two Freeholders; the particulars which they held being exactly specified in the said Record. As also an out-wood containing 8. acres: but the said Priors tenants here, used to repair to the Court Leet held at Sow (as I have there observed.) After the dissolution of which Monastery, it was granted out of the Crown, as it seems, unto Sir *Ric. Lee* Kt. for in 36 H. 8. the said Sir *Ric.* had license [p] to alien it, with the Tithes, to *John Hales* Gent. whose Nephew and heir; *viz.* *John Hales* now of Coventre Esq. (Grandson to *Christopher*, Brother to the said *John*,) enjoys it.

Baginton.

SOw, being gone beyond Winnall, within less than a mile, receiveth Shirburne; and so, hasting on its course, leaveth Baginton on her Southern bank; which, [q] before the Norman invasion was possest by one *Archil*, but after [r] the Conquest *Turchil de Warwick* had it; and, as tenant to him, *Alwin*. By the Survey [s] then taken it is certified to contain 4. hides, there being a Mill rated at x. *s.* viii. *d. per an.* but all valued at 50. *s.* and recorded by the name of Babechtone, by mistake of the d. for a b. But, whether the name had its originall from some antient possessor thereof, or from the Brittish word Bechan, which is the same with *parva*, and so might signify a small village, the later syllable, tone importing with the Saxons as much as *villa* in the Latine, I will not stand to argue.

The Lieger [t] book of Stoneley says, that before the Conquest it was a member of that Lordship; which is, doubtless, true: for, upon the confirmation [u] made of the Church of Stoneley to the Canons of Kenilworth in H. 2. days, Bathkinton is there included as a Chapell belonging thereto. And in K. *John*'s time, when Stoneley became first appropriat to the Priory of Kenilworth xx. *s.* *Pension* [w] was granted to it yearly by the Bishop out of this Chapell.

That the posterity of *Turchil de Warwik* were not permitted to enjoy any thing, as of their fathers inheritance, I am sufficiently satisfied from the authority of the black Book in the Exchequer, cited in my Introduction touching the Conquerors hard dealing with the native English: and therefore that which the said book of Stoneley affirms; *viz.* that K. H. 1. gave [x] it, with Rugton to Sir *Henry de Ardern* Kt. is the more probable; yet that the father of the same *Henry* (*viz. Siward de Ardern*, son to *Turchil*) was suffered to hold it; and that they esteemed it as their own in right, the grant [y] of the said *Henry* under his Seal doth manifest; whereby, with the consent of *Oliva* his wife,

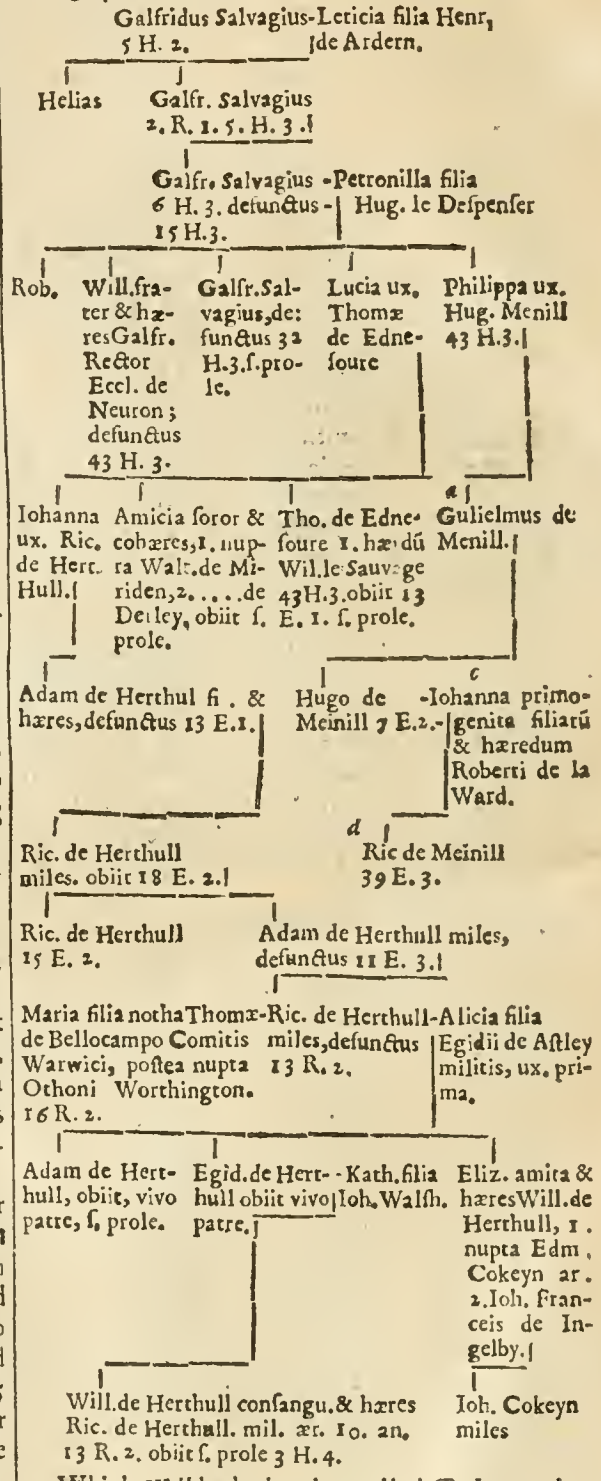
and *Will.* his ſon, he grants **Watchintune**, which *Rog. de Wirenhale* held of his father and himſelf, to *Filicia* his ſiſter; to hold to her and her heirs by the ſervice of a ſore-Hauke, yearly: in conſideration whereof ſhe gave unto him a gold Ring.

Whether the ſame *Filicia* dyed iſſuleſs, by which means this Mannour came back to the ſaid *Henry* her brother, as her heir; or whether ſhe quitted her title thereof to him, appears not: but certain it is, that the ſame *Henry* had it again; for by his deed [z] in writing, he gave it in Frank-marriage at the Church dore, with *Letice* his daughter, unto *Geffrey Savage*, the day that he wedded her. In whoſe line it continued till towards the later end of H. 3. time; but then, by an heir female, divolved to *Edneſoure*; from whom it ſhortly went by the like means unto *Herthull*, as the deſent here plac't will ſhew. After which it continued to the *Herthull's* till R. 2. time, and then was paſſed to Sir *Will. Bagot* by Sir *Ric. de Herthull* Kt. Of which families of *Savage*, *Edneſoure*, and *Herthull* I will here take notice in an hiſtoricall way, in reſpect I do rather think that their reſidence was here, this being a Caſtle, (and ſtanding [a] till R. 3. time, if not longer) than at any other of their ſeats which they had in this County and **Derbyſh.**

Of the firſt *Geffrey Savage* this is all I find; *viz.* that he is mentioned in the Shiriffs account [b] of 5 H. 2. As alſo, that in [c] 31 H. 2. *Thomas de Ardern* had ſuites with him for two hides of land in this County; and that he had iſſue *Helias* and *Geffrey*, which ſecond *Geffrey* gave [d] to the Monks of **Stoneley** two parts of his Mill, called **Partford-mill**, with the ſute thereto, due from his tenants of **Hull** and **Wotton**: And was alſo a Benefactor to the Nuns of **Poleſworth**, granting [e] unto them one *Rob. de Weſton*, his bondman, with his iſſue. But, it ſeems, he was in ſome diſfavour with K. *Ric.* 1. for, in 7. of his reign, he gave [f] 50. marks *pro habenda benevolentia Regis*: in which year he came to an Agreement with *Tho. de Arden* concerning the Mannour of **Wotton**.

About the beginning of K *John's* time, I find, that *Henry de Armentiers* impleaded him for a Kts. fee here in his abſence, when he was beyond Sea in the K. ſervice; for which he had afterwards tryall by Battail, of which I ſhall more particularly ſpeak in **Wotton**.

In 6. *Joh.* it appears, [g] that being ſurety for *Will. de Hardreſhill*, to the Jews of **Northampton** of whom the ſaid *Will.* had borrow'd a large ſum of money, he was diſtreined for that debt; and thereupon neceſſitated to complain to the K. to whom he gave a fine of 1. marks, that the ſaid *Will.* might be compelled to pay it himſelf. In 5 H. 3. he was joyn'd in Commiſſ. [h] with other perſons of quality in this County, to be one of the Juſtices for taking an Aſſize of *Novel diſſeiſin*, which *Philippa Marmion* had brought againſt *Rob. Marmion* the younger touching her dowrie of ſuch lands as *Rob. Marmion* her husband dyed ſeized of in **Tamworth** and **Middleton**. And dyed the next year following, as it ſeems; for [i] in that year did his ſon *Geffrey* (the 3.) pay his Releif and do homage [k] for half a Kts. fee he held of the K. in this County. Which *Geffrey* in 12. H. 3. was [l] with *Hugh Deſpenſer* in the K. Army; for which cauſe the Shiriff had command to reſpight thoſe demands he made of him; (this being the time when *Ric.* E. of **Cornwall**, the K. Brother, with divers of the Barons, [m] put themſelves rebelliouſly in Armes) but dyed [n] in 15 H. 3. (the ſame *H. De ſpenſer* having the cuſtody of his heir as father to *Petronill* his wife) leaving iſſue *Geffrey*; who, being thus in ward, dyed [o] without iſſue in 32 H. 3. whereupon *Will. le Savage*, his brother, then Rector of the Church of **Neuton** in this County, became heir to the eſtate, and doing his homage had livery [p] of all his lands held of the K. *in Capite*.



Which *Will.* had a brother called *Robert*; who, being Steward [q] to the Nuns of **Poleſworth**, [r] gave certain Rent iſſuing out of lands in **Freſeley** for maintenance of the Lights belonging to the Chappell of our bleſſed Lady in that Monaſtery, by reaſon of his purpoſe to be buried there; for ſo I find he was; as alſo *Petronill* his mother; and that there was a ſpeciall Indulgence [ſ] of xx. days penance afforded by *Brandanus* B. of **Ardagh** in *an.* 1253. (37 H. 3.) to all thoſe of what Dioces whatſoever that ſhould ſay three *Pater-noſters*, and as many *Ave's* for the health of his the ſaid *Rob.* and *Petronill's* ſouls.

This

z *Regiſt. de Stonley. f. 6. a.*
a *Ex Rot. Majorum Coven. ria.*
b *Rot. P. 5. H. 2.*
c *Rot. P. 31. H. 2.*
d *Cart 19 E. 2. n. 6. per inſp.*
e *Ex autog. penès S. Roper ar.*
f *Rot. P. 7 R. 1.*
g *Rot. F. 6 Joh. m. 3.*
h *Pat 5. H. 3. in dorſo.*
i *Rot. P. 6. H 3.*
k *Rot. F. 6. H. 3. m. 5.*
l *Rot. F. 12. H. 3. m. 1.*
m *M. Pariſ. in an. 1227.*
n *Rot. F. 15 H. 3. m. 9.*
o *Rot. F. 32. H. 3. m. 8.*
p *Ib.*
q r *Ex autog. penès Fr. Netherſole eq. aur.*
ſ *Ex autog. penès.*

This *Will.* the Parſon, overlived his ſaid brother *Robert*, and was a further Benefactor to thoſe Nuns, giving them[r] all ſuch meſſ. lands, and rents which the ſame *Rob.* held in **Freſele** and **Dodenhale**, with his part of that land where the Chappel beyond St. *Edith's*-well in **Povele**-wood was built; to the end, that out of the profits thereof a mark of ſilver ſhould be yearly paid; *viz.* half at the Anniverſary of the Lady *Petronill* his mother, and the other at the Anniverſary of the before mentioned *Rob. Savage*, his brother: as alſo a ſtone of wax for the Lights at *Mattens* in the ſaid Monaſtery; and dyed[u] in 43 H.3. ſeiſed of large poſſeſſions in this Shire, and in the Counties of **Wigorn: Staff. Leic.** and **Derb.** leaving[w] *Tho. de Edneſoure*, the ſon of *Tho. de Edneſoure* by *Lucia* his ſiſter, and *Philippa*, then the wife of *Hugh de Meynill*, his other ſiſter, his heirs; which ſaid *Tho.* and *Hugh* had[x] livery of thoſe lands, doing their homage in 44 H. 3. whereupon the poſſeſſion of this Mannour went with *Edneſoure*, *Menill* having of *Savages* lands in this County, **Peuton** before mentioned (as ſhall there be ſhewed at large.)

Of this *Tho. de Edneſoure* I find, that he was in Armes with the Barons againſt K.H.3. whereupon his lands were confiſcate, and given[y] by the K. firſt to *Stephen de Eddeworth*, and afterwards (making other ſatisfaction to the ſaid *Stephen*) to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of **Tamworth**.) But, by the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, repoſſeſſing them again, was in 7 E. 1 certified[z] to be Lord of this Mannour, then held of *Tho. de Arden* by the ſervice of half a Kts.fee; having in demeſn 1 carucat, 1 yard-land and 4. acres, a water-mill and grove containing 1 acre of land and a half, with a park of 4. acres. As alſo xii. villains holding 4. yard-land and a half in bond ſervice; xii. Freeholders occupying xi. yard-land and half and one acre by certain Rent and ſuit to his Court here at **Bathkinton**, and **Freewarren**; having appropriated to himſelf the fiſhing in the river **Avon**, on the one ſide, from **Fintford-bridge** to the bounds of **Stonley**; as alſo the fiſhing of **Sow** on the one ſide, from the lands of the Prior of **Coventre** unto **Bathkinton**-park. That he had likewiſe **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Aſſize of bread and beer, and all things elſe belonging to ſuch liberties, but by what authority not known. Whereunto the ſaid *Tho.* anſwered, that he uſed thoſe priviledges by vertue of a certain Cup that K.H.1. gave to *Leticia* the daughter of *Siward de Arden* then his Concubine; which allegation of his makes it not improbable, that the favour vouchſafed to *Hen. de Arden* from that K. for enjoying this with ſome of thoſe other lands of his grandfather *Turchill's*, before mentioned, was for her ſake; for he much affected beautiful women.

But ſhortly after this; *viz.* in 13 E. 1. the ſaid *Tho. de Edneſoure* was queſtioned[a] by what authority he uſed thoſe privilidges here; who, pleading preſcription, it was by the Jury found, that he and his anceſtours had enjoy'd a **Court-Leet**, and *Weyfs* time out of mind: howbeit, as to his other claims he fell ſhort, and ſo they were not allowed. This *Tho.* gave[b] to the Monks of **Stoneley** all his lands in **Hull** *juxta* **Wotton** (vulgarly now called **Hill wotton**) and to[c] the Nuns of **Poleſworth** a piece of ground within his Lordſhip of **Badley**-*Edneſoure*, containing 125. foot in length, and 61. in breadth; in both which grants he is ſtiled a Kt. For his deſcent he was of a very antient family; *viz.* of **Edneſoure** in **Derbyſh.** whence his anceſtors aſſumed the name; and in reſpect of his relation to the *Ferrers*, Earls of **Derby** (I mean by the tenure of his lands in that County) bore for his Armes *a feſſe betwixt three Horſe ſhoos*, as by his Seal[d] appears; but dyed[e] in 13 *E.* 1. without iſſue: ſo that *Amicia* his ſiſter, the wife of Sir *Walt. de Miriden* Kt. and *Ric. de Herthull* grandchild to *Joane* his other ſiſter, became his heirs[f] which Sir *Walter* had then livery[g] of her inheritance doing his homage.

This *Amicia* (upon the partition, it ſeems) had **Wagnton** for her ſhare; but over living Sir *Walt. de Miriden*, took to husband .... *de Derley*, whom ſhe likewiſe ſurvived, and in 20 E. 1. founded[h] a Chantry in the Church of **Bathkinton**, endowing[i] it with one carucat of land, and xxx. *s.* yearly rent; for doing whereof ſhe had the licenſe of the K. and of *Will.* B. then E. of **Warw.** the Prieſt to ſerve there being to ſing Maſs daily for the health of her ſoul, the ſouls of her anceſtors and ſucceſſors, and for the ſoules of the ſaid *W. Beauchamp*, *Maud* his wife and their children, and of all the faithfull deceaſed. And moreover gave[k] one acre and half of land, one rood and three ſelions; lying in this Lordſhip, to one *Ric. Deverell* and his heirs, to provide for her and her heirs two torches, to be burning daily at the high Altar in the Church here at **Bathkinton**, at the elevation of the Hoſt: as alſo to find one Lamp burning at all divine excerciſes in her Chappell[*] there for ever; and dyed[l] in 30 *E.* 1. leaving *Ric. de Herthull* her Couſen and heir; who, then doing his homage, had livery[m] of her lands; in whoſe line they continued for divers deſcents.

Being now therefore to ſpeak of theſe *Herthull's*, I ſhall firſt, in the generall obſerve, that this was an antient family in **Derbyſh.** and Lords of **Herthull**, whence they aſſumed their ſirname, being owners of other good poſſeſſions in that County. This *Ric. de Herthull* was[n] 30 years of age 30 *E.* 1. and became a man of much action and note in his time. In 29 *E.* 1. he had ſummons[o] to be at **Berwik** upon **Twede**, thence to advance with the K. in perſon againſt the Scots. The ſame year was he one of the Commiſſioners appointed[p] in this County for taxing of a xv. And in[q] 30 *E.* 1. being one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Weſtm.** was joyn'd in Commiſſion[r] with the Shiriff to collect the Aid for Marriage of the K. eldeſt Daughter granted in the Parl. of 18 *E.* 1. In 34 *E.* 1. he ſerved again in the Parl. as one of the Kts. *ſ* for this Shire; and in 1 *E.* 2. I find him a Kt. [t] as alſo in 7. one[u] of the Juſtices for the gaol-delivery at **Warwick**.

In 14 *E.* 2. he had[w] warning to attend the K. againſt his rebellious Barons at that time in Arms (whereof *Tho.* E. of **Lancaſter** was the ringleader) but, being weak and ill could not himſelf go in perſon; whereupon he ſent his ſon *Ric.* who ſerved in that expedition under *Raph* Lord *Baſſet*. This Sir *Ric.* gave[x] to the Nuns of **Poleſworth**, and to the Chappell of St. *Nich.* at **Badley** (of which Mannour he was Lord) that meſſ. and half yard land which thoſe Nuns had held of his anceſtors in **Badley** aforeſaid. And on *Will. Silveſter* Vicar there, and his ſucceſſors, he beſtowed[y] a certain tenement, which *Alan* the precedent Vicar held, in the time of *Will. Sauvage* his anceſtour. And dyed[z] in 18 *E.* 2. leaving *Adam* his ſon and heir; who, doing his homage had livery[a] of his lands, being then[b] 32 years of age.

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[r] *Ex autog. penès S. Roper ar.*
[u] *Clauſ. 43. H. 3. m. 3.*
[w] *Rot. F. 44. H. 3. m. 9.*
[x] *Rot. F. 44. H. 3. m. 9.*
[y] *Clauſ. 52. H. 3. m. 9.*
[z] *Inq. per . Not. c. f. 11. b. c.*
[a] *ot de to W.*
[b] *Cart. 19. H. n. 6.*
[c] *x autog. es G. Collins de Pilley.*
[d] *Ex autog. penès Tho. Leving Gen.*
[e] *Eſc. 13.*
[f] *E. 1. n. 5.*
[g] *Rot. F. 13 E. 1. m. 3.*
[h] *Pat. 20. E. 1. m. 22.*
[i] *Ex autog. penès W. Bromley ar.*
[k] *Ex autog. penès F. Netherſole eq. aur.*
[*] This I take to be the North Iſle of the Church, and that monument in an Arch of the wall there, to be for her.
[l] *Eſc. 30. E. 1. n. 40.*
[m] *Rot. F. 31 E. 1. m. 10.*
[n] *Eſc. 30. E. 1. n. 40.*
[o] *Clauſ. 29. E. 1. In d.*
[p] *Pat. 29. E. 1. m. 5.*
[q] *Clauſ. 30 E. 1. In d. m. 3.*
[r] *Pat 30. E. 1. m. 1.*
[ſ] *Clauſ. 34. E. 1. In d. m. 11.*
[t] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[u] *Pat. 7. E. 2. In d. m. 20.*
[w] *Clauſ. 15 E. 2. m. 12.*
[x] *Ex autog. penès S. Roper.*
[y] *Ex autog. penès G. Collins.*
[z] *Rot. F. 19. E. 2. m. 18.*
[a] *Eſc. 19. E. 2. n. 53.*
[b] *Eſc. 19. E. 2. n. 53.*

In 10 E. 3. this *Adam* was a Kt. [c] but departed [d] the world the next ensuing year, leaving *Ric.* his son and heir [e] then aged 25. years: which *Ric.* being likewise a Kt. [f] in 16 E. 3. was in 18. in Commission [g] for assessing of a xv. then granted to the K. in Parl. and in [h] 20. with others, assigned in this County, to levy the Aid granted to the K. in Parl. for making his eldest son Kt. In 21 E. 3. upon the array of souldiers, being charg'd with two Hoblers, he was for some speciall respect (as the Record [i] expresseth) by the K. Councell, discharg'd of one. In 33 E. 3. I find him in two [k] Commissions, with sundry persons of the best quality in this County, for arraying of Souldiers according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**. In [l] 40. and 42. [m] one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. then held. In 45. Shiriff [n] of these Counties; and the same [o] year one of those that was assigned for the assessing of a subsidy then granted to the K. in Parl. The next year following for [p] the assessing of a x. and xv. in this Shire. In 50 E. 3. Shiriff [q] once more; which office he also bore again in [r] 1 R. 2. but in 5 R. 2. he sold [s] this Lordship to Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt.

Two wives he had; *viz. Alice* daughter [t] of Sir *Giles Astley* Kt. by whom he had his issue; and *Mary* who overliv'd him and dyed [u] in 13 R. 2. leaving *Will.* his Grandchild, his heir ten years of age: which *Will.* in 2 H. 4. had livery [w] of his inheritance, the K. then respiting his homage, but deceased [x] the year following without issue, leaving *Eliz.* [y] his aunt and heir; first married to [z] *Edm. Cokeyn* Esq. (of **Ashburne** in **Derbyſh.**) but then the wife of *John Franceys* of **Inggelby**; who, having issue by her, had livery [a] of her lands, doing his homage: but of such her issue purposing to speak in **Poolcy**, I return to Sir *Will. Bagot* as Lord of this Mannour, the estate therein being convey'd [b] to him by divers feoffees, into whose hands the said Sir *Ric.* had past it, Sir *John Cokeyn* (son and heir to the said *Edm.* and *Eliz.*) releasing [c] also to him his interest.

This Sir *Will.* being a branch of that antient family of the *Bagot's* in **Staffordſhire**, (as may seem by the observation of one [d] well verst in the antiquities of that County) in 6 R. 2. wrote [e] himself of this place; and, the next year following, was constituted Shiriff [f] of these Counties. In 11. of that K. reign he served in the Parl. held at **Westm.** as one [g] of the Kts for this Shire; and in [h] 12. in the Parl. held at **Cambridge**. So also in 14 again at **Westm.** in which year he was likewise in Commission [k] for conservation of the peace in this County; and the next year following a Commissioner of Array. In the severall Parl. *viz.* [m] of **Wincheſter** in 16 R. 2. of [n] **Westm.** 17. 18. and 20 R. 2. he served again as one of the Kts. for this Shire: And upon renewing the Commissions [o] for the peace in 20 and 22. R. 2. was joyned therein.

In that notable Parl. of 21. R. 2. (wherein the K. became so powerfull as our Historians do shew) he was [p] a forward, ambitious, and active man; and being one of his chief [q] favourites and Councellers in that turbulent time, when *Henry* D. of **Lanc.** who had been formerly banish't, landed at **Ravenſpur** in **Yorkſh.** fled with the rest of his fellows, to **Briſtoll**, there hoping to protect himself in that strong Castle: but, the discontented Lords, taking advantage of the K. absence (then in **Ireland**) quickly rais'd an Army of no less than 60000 and besieging that Castle, in short time took it, and therein all of them except this Sir *Will. Bagot*; who, having made his escape, fled [r] into **Ireland**: and of those so taken, forthwith beheaded *Will. le Scrope* L. Treasurer, Sir *John Bushy*, and Sir *Henry Green*. All which fell out in the 22. and last year of K. *R.* 2. whose desposall soon after ensued.

It seems, that this Sir *Will.* came back again into **England** with K. *Ric.* for, within a month after, the new K. began his reign, he committed [s] him prisoner to the Tower of **London**, *viz.* 22. *Nov.* yet, on [t] the 24. of *Dec.* following the Shiriff of this County received command (for speciall reasons thereunto moving the K. as the Writ saith) that he should permit the B. of S. *Davids*, and other the feoffees of his lands in this County; amongst which this Mannour of **Bagington** is mentioned in the first place, to have possession of them: howbeit, though for what reason I know not, the 23. of *Jan.* following, he superseded [u] the Shiriff as to that restitution: But this displeasure of the K. continued not very long; for the 12. of *Nov.* following he gave command [w] to the Constable of the Tower, for his enlargement. It seems he was still popular; for in the Parl. held at **Westm.** the same year, the Commons petitioned, [x] that he might be restored to his lands: whereunto the K. answered, that as he had allowed him pardon, so would he otherwise shew him Justice; which extended to his reception into grace: for in [y] 4 H. 4. he served in the Parl. at **Westm.** as one of the Kts. for this Shire: And the next ensuing year, (the clouds being over) had a full Release [z] from the B. of S. **Davids** and other his feoffees, of all their interest in this Mannour and the rest of his lands. But after this he lived not long; for on the 6. of *Sept. an.* 1407. (8 H. 4.) he departed this world, as may seem by that part of his Monumentall Inscrip. here at **Bagington**, where he lyes interred with *Margaret* his wife, the sister [a] and heir of *Rob. de Whatton* of **Nottinghamſh.** leaving issue *Isabell* [b] his onely Daughter, marryed to [c] *Tho. Stafford* of **Pipe** in **Staffordſh.** (son of Sir *Tho. Stafford* Kt.) nephew [d] and heir to *Edm. Stafford* B. of **Exeter**, and one [e] of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. held at **Leiceſter** 2 H. 5. as also one of the Esquires [f] retain'd for life with *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**.

Which *Tho.* resided [g] here at **Bagington** whil'st it continued unsold; but that was not long: for Sir *John Bagot* Kt. one of the feoffees of Sir *Will. Bagots* lands, by his deed [h] dated upon Palm-Sunday 5 H. 5. (wherein making mention of the last Will and Testament of the said Sir *Will. Bagot*, made and published, by which he appointed that *Margaret* his wife should hold this Mannour during her life, the remainder to the aforenamed *Tho. Stafford* and *Isabell*, and the heirs of the body of the said *Isabell* lawfully begotten; and in case she should dye leaving no such issue, then to be sold, and the money received for the same, disposed and distributed for the health of the souls of him the said *Will.* and *Margaret*) did with the consent of the said *Margaret*, *Tho. Stafford*, and *Isabell*, sell and grant the reversion of this Mannour; (which ought, as he there expresseth, to have come to him the said Sir *John Bagot*, after the decease of the said *Margaret*, *Tho.* and *Isabell* without issue) unto *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** *Will. Mountfort* and others, their heirs and assigns for ever: the same *Tho. Stafford* by his deed [i] dated the Friday before the feast of St. *Luke* the Evang. in the same year, confirming the grant.

Which Earl, by his last will and [k] Testam. bearing

[c] *Ex autog. penès* W. Bromley *ar.*
[d] *Esc.* 11 E. 3. *n.* 16.
[e] *Esc.* 11 E. 3. *n.* 16.
[f] *Ex autog. penès F. N. eq. aur.*
[g] *Rot. F.* 18 E. 3. *m.* 14.
[h] *Rot. F.* 20 E. 3. *m.* 7.
[i] *Rot. F.* 21 E. 3. *m.* 32.
[k] *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*
[l] *Clauſ. de iisd. an. in d.*
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[n] *Rot. F.* 45 E. 3. *m.* 8.
[o] *Ib. m.* 21.
[p] *Rot. F.* 46 E. 3. *m.* 10.
[q] *Rot. F.* 50 E. 3. *m.* 11.
[r] *Rot. F.* 1. R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 30.
[s] *Regiſt. de Stonle f.* 6. *b*
[t] *Ex Coll.* W. Burton
[u] *Esc.* 13. R. 2. *n.* 25.
[w] *Clauſ.* 2. H. 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.
[x] *Esc.* 3. H. 4 *in.* 26.
[y] *Esc.* 3. H. 4 *in.* 26.
[z] *Clauſ.* 5. H. 5. *in d. m.* 18.
[a] *Rot. F.* 3. H. 4. *m.* 10.
[b] *Ex vet. membr.*
[c] *penès* W. Bromley *ar.*
[d] Sampſ. Erdſwik. *ar.*
[e] *Ex autog. penes F. N. eq. aur.*
[f] *Rot. F.* 7. R. 2. *m.* 17.
[g] *Clauſ.* 11. R. 2. *in d. m.* 4.
[h] *Clauſ.* 12 R. 2. *in d. m.* 30.
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[o] *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*
[p] Th. Wal. *p.* 390. *n.* 30.
[q] *Ib. p.* 395. *n.* 10. *&c.*
[r] *Ib. p.* 395. *n.* 10. *&c.*
[ſ] *Clauſ.* 1. H. 4. *m.* 29.
[t] *Ib. m.* 22.
[u] *Ib. in dorſo m.* 30.
[w] *Pat.* 2. H. 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 26.
[x] *Rot. Parl.* 2 H. 4. *n.* 18.
[y] *Clauſ.* 4. H. 4. *in d. d. m.* 34.
[z] *Ex autog. penès* Herv. Bagot.
[a] *Ex autog in bibl. deuveſ.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès*
[c] *penès* W. Bromley *ar.*
[d] *Eſc.* 4. H. 6.
[e] *Clauſ.* 2. H. 5. *in d. m.* 20.
[f] *Ex comp. ballivi Wat. com. penè* Wil. Pierpoint *ar.*
[g] *Clauſ.* 4. H. 4. *m.* 9.
[h] *Ex autog. penès* W. Bromley *ar.*
[i] *Ib.*
[k] *Rous f.* 141.

ring date 8 *Aug.* 15 *H.* 6. appointed, that if it ſhould pleaſe God to ſend him another ſon, his Executors ſhould paſs an eſtate to him (*inter alia*) of this his Mannour and Caſtle of **Bathkington**, and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his right heirs for ever. But departing[1] this life *ult. Apr. an.* 1439. (18 H. 6. and leaving *Hen.* his ſon and heir afterwards created [m] D. of **Warw.** the ſaid *Henry* enjoy'd it: and after him *Ric. Nevill* E. of **Salisbury** in right of *Anne* his wife, ſiſter and heir of the whole blood to the ſaid Duke; unto whom being alſo in that reſpect advanced to the ſame Earldom of **Warwick**) the Executors to the ſame *Ric. Beauchamp* did, in accompliſhment of his ſaid laſt Will and Teſtam. deliver [n] and confirm it (*inter alia*) upon condition, that he the ſaid Earl and his Counteſs ſhould forthwith grant it unto the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church in **Warwick** and their ſucceſſors in pure and perpetuall alms; which was accordingly [o] performed. Whereupon it continued thereto till that grand diſſolution of the Religious houſes by K. H. 8. but then, by the Survey [p] made in 26. of that K. reign, having been valued at 34. *l.* 14. *s.* it became ſwallowed up in the Crown; and by Letters Pat. [q] dated 13 *Apr.* 36 H. 8. was thence granted unto *Francis Goodere* of **London** Gent. and his heirs; who dyed [r] ſeized thereof 1 E. 6. leaving *Henry* his ſon 13. years of age.

Which *Henry*, being afterwards Kt. did by Indenture, [s] bearing date 20 *Jan.* 37. *Eliz.* entayl it upon the heirs male of his body: but fayling of ſuch iſſue, and deſiring that his lands might continue to his poſterity and name, marryed *Frances* his eldeſt daughter unto his own brothers ſon; *viz.* *Henry Goodere*, ſon and heir to Sir *Will. Goodere* then of **Monkskirby** Kt. and ſetled [t] this Mannour on them and their deſcendants; which *Henry*, being afterwards Knighted, and a Gentleman of the Privy-Chamber to K. *James*, but not ſo fortunate as to augment his eſtate by following the Court, engaged this Lordſhip to Sir *Henry Raynsford* of **Clifford** in *Glouceſterſh.* and others, who in 16 *Jac.* ſold it to *William Bromley* Eſq. deſcended [u] from Sir *Walter Bromley* of **Bromley** *in com.* **Staff.** Kt. *temp.* R. *Joh.* (the now ſeat of the Lord *Gerard*) whoſe family hath for many ages flouriſht [b] in the Counties of **Staff.** **Salop**: and **Cheſter**; and lineall heir [c] Male to the ſometime famous Sir *John Bromley*, who, in 4 H. 5. recovering [d] the Standard of **Guyen** in that memorable battail of **Cozby**, then gained by the French in a fierce charge on that wing which *Hugh Stafford* Lord *Bourchier* (his near kinſman) then commanded; had [e] for that eminent ſervice not onely the dignity of Knighthood confer'd upon him; but lands of great value in the Dutchy of **Normandy**, with offices of ſpeciall power and truſt in thoſe parts; as alſo an augmentation [f] to his Arms; *viz.* the ſame Standard of **Guyen** for his Creſt.

To which Sir *John* ſucceeded [g] Sir *John*, his ſon and heir; who by his firſt wife leaving none but femal iſſue, amongſt whom, by reaſon of a ſpeciall Entail, a large inheritance was ſhared, afterwards wedded [h] *M.* daughter of *Ric. Widvile* E. *Rivers*, by *Jaquet* Dutcheſs of **Bedford** (a branch of the Imperiall family of **Luxemburgh**, and great grandchild to K. *Edw.* 3. by the Princeſs *Iſabell* his eldeſt daughter) and by her had iſſue *Thomas*; whoſe direct heir male, is *Will. Bromley* Eſq. (ſon to the before ſpecified *William*) now Lord of this Mannour; a perſon whoſe ſpeciall endowments do ſhew, that he hath not degenerated from ſuch his worthy anceſtors; unto whom I have dedicated the Map of this Hundred, whereof he is ſo great an ornament, as by his Arms therein graven, with that honourary Creſt before mentioned, which hath been born by them ever ſince, may be ſeen.

Of the Caſtle, ſometime ſtanding here, is there now, beſides the moat, nothing remayning except heaps of rubbiſh; nor when it was demoliſht have I yet found: but this is memorable thereof; *viz.* [b] that when *Henry* D. of **Hereford**, and *John* D. of **Norff.** ſhould have determined the difference, then betwixt themſelves, by a perſonall combat upon **Gosford green**, near **Coventre**, in 21 R. 2. the ſaid *Henry* then lodg'd thereat; and from thence advanc't to the place appointed, upon his white Courſer barded with blew and green velvet, gorgeouſly embroidered with Swans and Antelops of Goldſmiths work, and armed at all points.

In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church, here, (dedicated to S. *John Bapt.*) was valued at vii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. at viii. *l.* xx. *d.* over and above viii. *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Eccl.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworh.	*Tho. de Dunton Cler.* 1285.	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
	Will. de Shulton Cler. 4. *Id. Sept.* 1314.	*Langt. f.* 38 *b.*
	Ric. hatte Birches, de Solihull, Cap. 4. *Cal. Jun.* 1353.	*Northb. f.* 56. *b.*
	Joh. Fylot. Cler. 3. *Cal. Feb.* 1361.	*Stret. f.* 10. *b.*
	Henr. Wyther Pbr. 4. *Jan.* 1377.	*Ib. f.* 24. *a.*
	Will. de Stonley Pbr. 23. *Sept.* 1383.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
	Ric. de Burley 21 *Junii* 1384	*Ib. f.* 32. *a.*
	Joh. Porter Cap. 26. *Aug.* 1405.	*Burgh. f.* 16 *a.*
	Joh. Haghmund Cap. 18. *Jan.* 1409.	*Ib. f.* 25. *a.*
	Will. Smyth Cap. 5. *Dec.* 1421.	*Heyw. f.* 7. *a*
	Mag. Joh. Sparrow in decretis baccal. 14. *Apr.* 1506.	*El. f.* 4. *b.*
	Ioh. Pysfort art, Mag. 11. *Apr.* 1511.	*Ib. f.* 6. *a.*
Will. Willington de Bercheſton, ratione conc. &c. Pr. & C. de Kenill.	*Rob. Wildy Cap.* 17. *Febr.* 1539.	*Str. & P. f.* 17. *b.*
Henr. Porter Gen. ratione ut ſupra	*Joh. Farmer Cler.* 9. *Sept.* 1552.	*Sampſ. f.* 43 *a.*
Johanna Winter de Stonley Gen.	*Joh. Hyckes Cler.* 25. *Martii* 1555.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 9. *a.*
Edw. Underhill Gen.	*Edm. Mylnerſon* 12. *Oct.* 1557	*Ib. f.* 10. *b.*
Ph. & M. Rex & R.	*Tho. Dagyll Cler.* 9. *Dec.* 1558.	*Ib. f.* 12. *a.*
Edw. Underhill de Bathkinton Gen.	*Tho. Wotton Cler.* 1. *Sept.* 1560.	*Bentham bund. H.*
Henr. Goodere ar.	*Jac. Gybſon Cler.* 24. *Apr.* 1584.	*Bund. b.*
Carolus Rex, ratione minoris ætat. Will. Bromley	*Tho. Gybſon in art. Mag.* 16. *Dec.* 1628.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Inſcrip. manuſcr.

1 Cart. 23. l. 6. n. 24.

Ex autog. penès F. N. Armr.

Eſc. 8. E. 2. n. 64.

M.S. penès S. Archer eq. Ar.

Pat. 36. 8. p. 26.

Eſc. 1 E. 6.

Eſc. 37. Eliz.

Ex autog. penès W. Bromley ar.

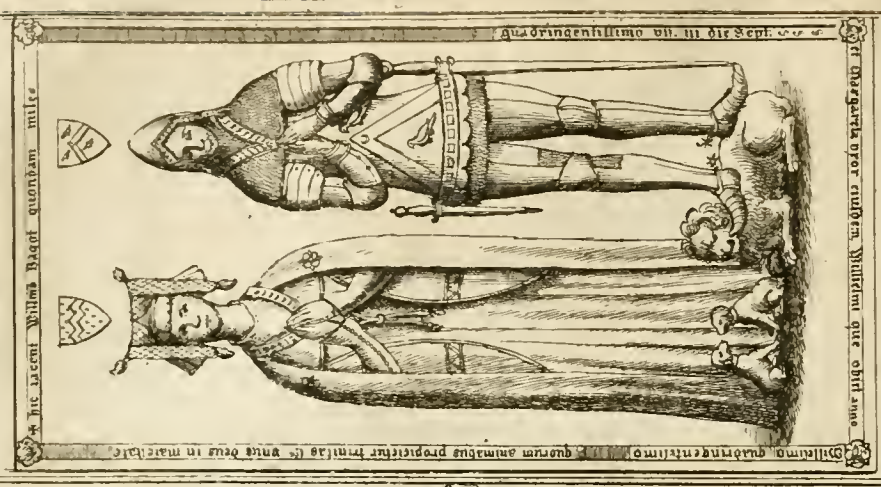
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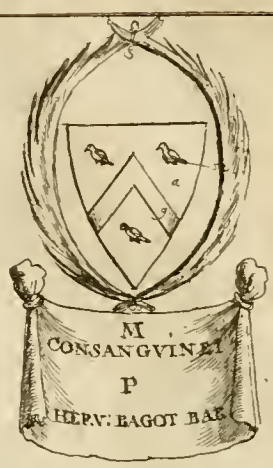
Pat. 25 Eliz. per Inſpex. Holin. Iron. p. 1563.

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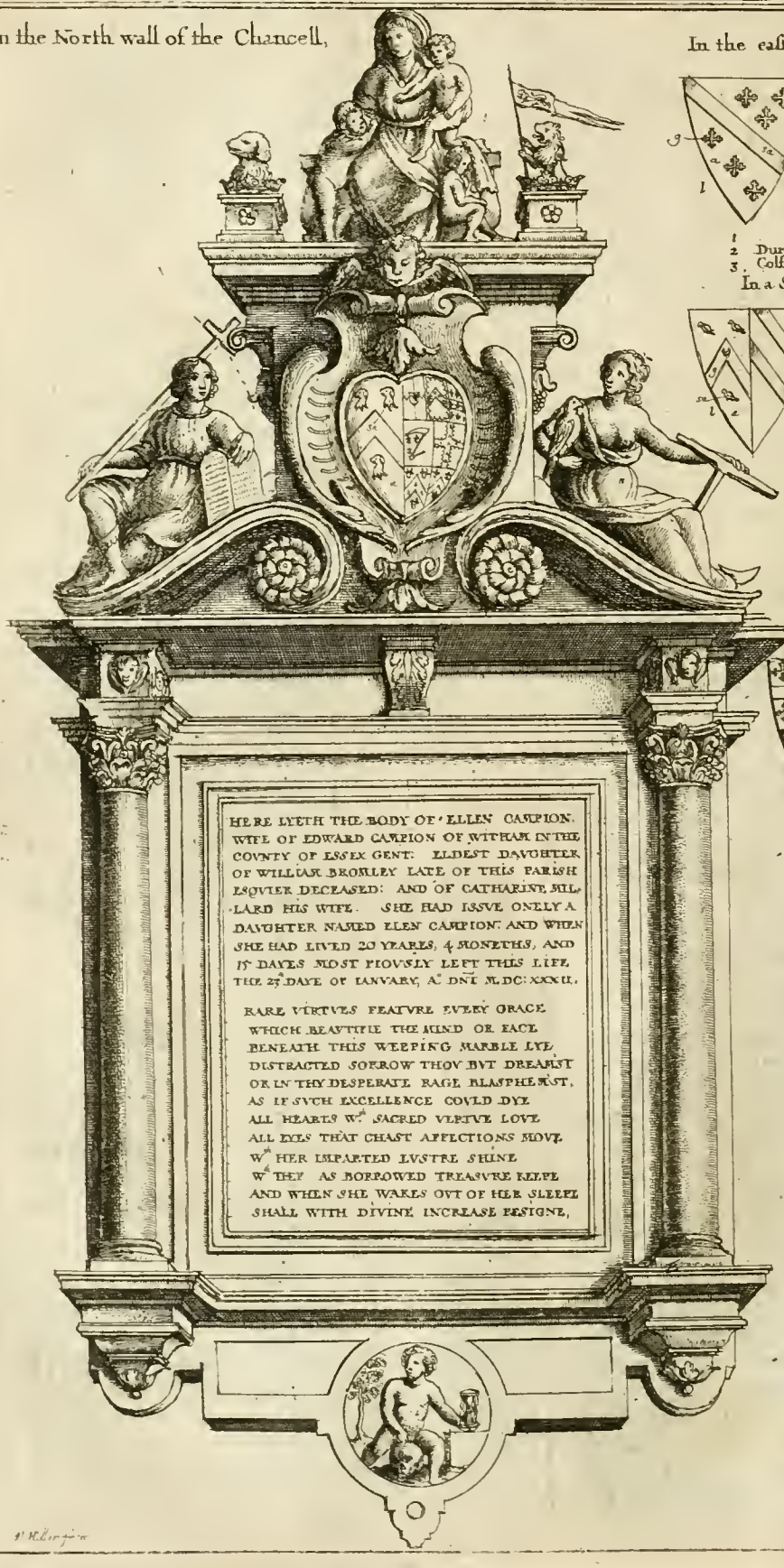
[b] Holinſh. Cron.

In the alley on the South side the Church

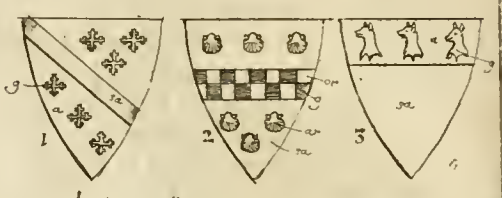




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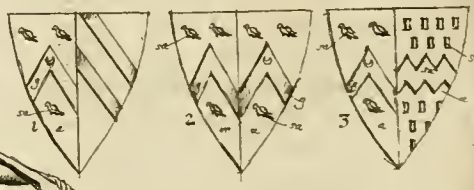


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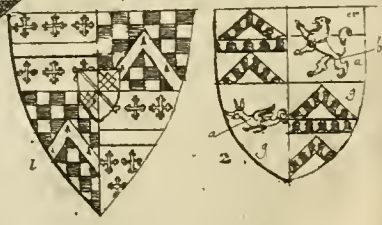
1
2 Durvassall
3 Colfox

In a South window of the Church.



1 Bagot impaling Bradshaw.
2 Stafford of Pipe impaling Bagot
3 Bagot impaling whalton.

In the East Window of the Chancell,



1 Ric: Beauchamp E. of Warw:
2 Goodeare quartering Thornbury & Brent.



Kenilworth.

LIttle more than a mile below **Baginton**, is the river of **Sow** more enlarged by a small brook coming from **Kenilworth**, of which place, before I pass further, I am next in order to speak.

Before the Conquest, it was a member [a] of **Stoneley**, being antient demesn of the Crown; and had, within the precincts thereof, a Castle [b] situat upon the bank of **Avon**, in the woods opposite to **Stoneley-Abby**. Which Castle stood upon a place called **Hom-hill**, but was demolished in those turbulent times of warr betwixt King *Edmund*, and *Canutus* the Dane. By the Conq. Survey [c], it appears, that this which now beares onely the name of **Kenilworth**, was then in two parts; the one called **Optone**, certified to contain three hides, being then held, immediatly of the King by *Albertus Clericus*, in pure Almes; upon which were resident two Priests: the woods whereof conteyned half a mile in length, and four furlongs in breadth; This being that part of **Kenilworth** which now the Inhabitants call the **High-town**, and situate upon the ascent on the North part of the Church. But the other, which in the same Record [d] is written **Chinewrde**, and possest by *Rich. Forestarius*, did then contain no more than three virgats, besides the woods, which were certified to be half a mile in length, and four furlongs in breadth. *Hæc duo membra* (saith **Domesday-book**) *jacent ad* **Stanlei** *manerium Regis.*

That the name, originally, did proceed from some antient possessor of it, whose habitation was there, is not to be doubted, the syllable **Wrde**, which should be **Wrðe** *(id est)* **Worthe**) and signifieth a mansion or dwelling place, manifesting as much: but whether his name was *Kenelm*, or *Kenulph*, for antiently it was written **Kenilworth**; or whether it were the above mentioned *Rich. Forestarius*, who had his seat there, which *Richard* in some very antient authorities, that I have seen, is called [e] *Rich. Chineu*, I cannot positively determine; and therefore will not insist longer on conjectures. Certain it is, that it continued in the Kings hands till H. 1. time, and then was given [f] to *Geffrey de Clinton*, a Norman; who (doubtless) had his first abode in **England**, at **Clinton** (now vulgarly called **Glinton**) in **Oxford-shire**, and thence assumed his firname.

This *Geffrey*, if we may credit out Countreyman *Rous* [g], was grandson to *Will. de Tankervile* Chamberlain of **Normandy**, and *Maud* his wife, daughter to *Will. de Arches*, whose descent is derived from *Wevia* sister to *Gunora* Dutchess of **Normandy**: but of the certainty thereof I much doubt, considering that an authentique Historian [h], his Contemporary, renders him to have been of very mean parentage, and meerly raised from the dust by the favour of the said King *Henry*, from whose hands he received large possessions, and no small honour, being made, both [i] Lord Chamberlein and Treasurer to the said King, and afterwards Justice [k] of **England**: which great advancements do argue, that he was a man of extraordinary parts. It seems he took much delight in this place, in respect of the spacious woods, and that large and pleasant Lake (through which divers petty streames do pass) lying amongst them; for he it was that first [l] built that great and strong Castle here, which was the glory of all these parts, and, for many respects, may be ranked in a third place, at the least, with the most stately Castles of **England**. Neer unto which he also founded [m], at the same time, a goodly Monastery for *Black Canons*: of which Order it will not be amiss to take a brief view before I go on with my discourse of this particular Monastery.

The most received opinion is, that these *Canons Regular* had their first institution from S. *Augustin* Bishop of **Hippo**; wherefore I will succinctly deliver the occasion and ground thereof. This [n] *Augustin* was born in the City of **Tagaste** in **Africa**, and, betaking himself to the study of Philosophy in his younger years, grew to be an excellent Scholar, and a famous Rhetorician, for which he became so eminent, that being sent for to **Millain**, there to teach Rhetorique, by the preaching of S. *Ambrose* then Bishop of **Millain**, he was reclaimed from the Heresy of *Manicheus*, wherewith he had been tainted; And afterwards, coming to **Hippo**, at the solicitation of a great person, was, by *Valerius* then B. of that place, ordayned a Priest; in which City he shortly instituted a Covent of Clerks, and lived according to the Rule constituted by the holy Apostles, instructing [o] them in the Evangelique perfection; *viz. love of Poverty, Obedience,* and *Chastity.*

After which, upon the death of *Valerius* he became B. of **Hippo**; but notwithstanding, being desirous to continue his Religious Course of life, he founded a Monastery of Clerks, within the precincts of his Church.

Divers sorts of Religious persons have taken him for their Law-giver; *viz.* the Heremites, called *Augustines*, *Canons Regular*, &c. making all profession under his Rule. Their habite, as *Polyd. Virg.* [p] affirmeth, is a white coat and a linnen surplis, under a black cloak, with a hood covering their head and neck, which reacheth to the shoulders; having, under it, doublet, breeches, white stockings, and shoos or slippers, and when they walk out a black corner'd cap, or a broad Hat; their Crowns being shaven, but not so much as other Monks. Thus much as to the Order.

With this Monastery so founded by the said *Geffrey de Clinton*, I will now proceed, in regard it was so signall a Monument of his piety, reserving my story of the Castle till anon.

By his Foundation Charter [q] it appeares, that he gave to the Canons of this House, for the redemption of his sins; as also for the good estate of King *Henry*, whose consent he had thereto; and of his own wife and children; all the lands and woods of this **Kenilworth**, excepting what he had reserved for the making of his Castle and Park. Together with the Mannors of **Salford**, **Ilicote** and **Newnham** in this County. The Church of **Wotton**, with a hide of land thereto belonging. Two hides in **Ilenton**; with the Churches of **Clinton** (in **Oxford-shire**) and **Barton** in **Northampton-shire** Granting further unto them, of pasturage; *viz.* that whersoever his own Cattell & Hoggs should be, whether within his Park or without, there also might theirs have liberty to feed. And their tenants Hoggs to have the like freedom in all other, except his inclosed woods and Park, as his own tenants had.

Adding by another Charter [r] the gift of a full tenth of whatsoever should be brought to his Castle; *viz.* either to his Cellar, Kitchin, Larder, Granary,

[a] *Regist. le Stoneley f. 4. a.*
[b] *Ib. 3. b.*
[c] *Domesday lib.*
[d] *Regist. de Stoneley f. 5.*
[e] *Testa de Nevill.*
[f] *Regist. de Stoneley f. 5.*
[g] *Hist. Regum penès Tho. Arden. ar.*
[h] *Guil. Gemmeticens. lib. vii. p. 645. b.*
[i] *Regist. Prior. de Kenilw.*
[k] *Chronic. Hist. Huntindon. lib. 8. de Contemptu Mundi, in Bibl. Cotton. f. 8. b.*
[l] *Regist. de Kenilw. p. 1.*
[m] *Sommaire des vies des fondateurs &c. des ordres Relig. per Louys Beurier. Impr. Paris 1635. f. 9. a. b.*
[n] *Catal. Sanctorum per P. de Natalibus lib. 7. c. 128.*
[o] *Sommaire des vies des fondateurs &c. des ordres Relig. per Louys Beurier. Impr. Paris 1635. f. 9. a. b.*
[p] *Lib. 7. cap. 3.*
[q] *Ex Regist. de Kenilw. penès Sim. Clarke Bar. p. 1.*
[r] *Ib. p. 2.*

or Hall-garth; as well of all bought or given, either in Corn, Hay, Hoggs, Muttons, Bacon, Veniſon, Cheeſe, Fiſh, Wine, Hony, Wax, Tallow, Pepper, and Cumin, though they had been tithed elſwhere before, as of his own proper revenue. Together with all his Lambskins throughout every his Mannours, as well thoſe as ſhould be kill'd to eat, as of others that might dy caſually.



Canonicus Regularis S.ti Auguſtini.

To these large and munificent gifts, he added the Mannour of **Hichenden** [s] in Com. **Buck.** which he had by the bounty of King *Henry*; and the Church of **Stone** [t] in **Staffordshire**, which he procured of one *Enisan*, within whose Lordship it lay, by the consent of *Nich. de Stafford*, it being founded in his fee. But that which I call, here, the Church of **Stone** was a small Monastery [u] founded in memory of *Wolfade* and *Ruffin*, slain by King *Wolpherus* their father, in respect that they became Christians, being converted from Paganism, and baptized by that holy man S. *Chad* B. of **Lichfield**, near a thousand years since.

And besides these particulars did he likewise give [w] to the said Canons, liberty to fish with boat and nets, one day in every week; *viz.* Thursday, in his pool, here at **Kenilworth**. But other particulars, of him, worthy of Note have not I seen any, except that false accusation [x] of Treason made against him at **Woodstock**, where K. *Henry* kept his Easter in 30. of his raign.

To him succeeded *Geffrey* his son and heir, Lord Chamberlain [y] likewise to the King as his father was, and possest of a great estate: for by the certificate [z] of *William* E. of **Warwick**, in 12. H. 2. it appears, that he held of him no less than XVII. Knights fees *de veteri feoffamento*. Which *Geffrey* wedded [a] *Agnes* daughter unto *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, with whom he had in [b] marriage ten of those 17. Knights fees; *id est* a discharge from any service for them, except in some speciall cases: As also the Shrivalty [c] of this County, to hold to him and his heirs, in such sort, as he the said Earl, had held, or might hold it of the King: and was a great benefactor to this Monastery of **Kenilworth**; not onely by confirming [d] all his fathers grants thereto; but adding these particulars; *viz.* the land at **Newton** [e], at the buriall of his father. The Mannour [f] of **Pakinton** with the Church and Mill, there. The greatest [g] part of **Leminton** with the Church and Mill. The Mill [h] of of **Guy-Cliff**. The Cell of **Bretford** [i], with lands at **Wrokeu** [k] and **Wotton** [l]. The Churches of **Wilmeleghton** [m] (now called **Wormleghton**) **Herberbury** [n], **Radford** [o], and **Budbroke** [p], all in this County; with the Church of **Stivecle** [q] in **Buckingham-shire**, confirmed [r] to them by *William Pipard*.

All which were likewise ratified [s] by *Henry de Clinton*, son to the last specified *Geffrey*, who also gave [t] thereunto the town of **Tachebroke**, with much more land at [u] **Wrokeu**: in consideration whereof the before specified Canons allow'd [w] to him every day, during his life, two manchets, such as two of the said Canons used to have, and four gallons of their better beer, according to wine measure which he was to have whither he were at **Kenilworth** or not, from the time he should enter into a religious life, in case he did so do, except on those dayes he had entertainment in the said Monastery. After whose death, *Amicia de Bidun*, his wife, released [x] unto these Canons all her right of dowrie, which she had in the lands so given by her said husband.

I will now onely enumerate the principall grants made by divers other persons to this Monastery, for as much as of such that were in this County, I speak more largely as I discourse of those particular places. *viz.* **Bruera** (now called **Hethe** near **Wotton**) given [y] by *Odo de Turri*. The Church of **Stonelep** [z] by K. H. 1. Divers lands in **Bolington** [a] by *Julian de S. Remigio*; As also the Church of **Pkele**, [b], with a yard land in [c] **Cowley** (neer **Oxford**). The Church of **Hethe** [d] (in **Oxford-shire**) by *Lescelina*, daughter to *Geffrey* the Founder; and wife to *Norman de Verdon*; which *Bertram de Verdon*, her son, confirmed [e]; granting [f], besides, a meadow at **Acho** called **Rugenhale**, and another at **Bretford**.

The Churches of **Brailes** [g], and **Wellesburne** [h] by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**. Of **Lockley** [i] by *Rob. fil. Odonis*, with certain lands also there. Of **Whitnash** [k] by *Raph de Mara* and *Lesceline* his wife. Of **Hampton** [l] in **Arden** and **Smite** [m] with the Chappell of **Brinklow** [n] by *Roger de Moubray*. Of **Langford** [o] in **Derby-shire** by *Nich. de Gresley* and *Margaret* his wife; which *Margaret*, in her minority, with her whole patrimony, was long under the care and tutelage of the before specified *Geffrey*, the Founder. Of **Chesterton** [p] by *Will. Croc.* Of **Fenny-Compton** [q] and one hide of land there by *Gilbert le Bigoth.* Of **Eatendon** [r], with divers lands there by *Sewal fil. Fulcheri* (ancestor to the antient family of *Shirley*, yet lords of that Mannour.) And of **Cherlton-Canvile** [s] in *Com.* **Somerset** by *Rich. de Canvile*. All which, with their severall Chappells, were confirm'd to these Canons by severall Kings and Bishops, as I shall have occasion more fully to manifest when I come to each of them.

Of **Broke** [t] in **Rutland**, which was a Cell to this Monastery, given by *Hugh de Ferrers*, and confirmed by *Walcheline* his brother. Of lands in **Newton** [u] by *Ernald de Bois*. In **Herdwic** [w] and **Halford** [x] by *Will. Giffard*. In **Baginton** [y] by *Hen. de Arden*. In **Ludewell** [z] by *Manasses Arsic.* In **Tiche** [a] by *Ric. de Bereford*, *Cecily* his wife, and *Raph* [b] *de S. Edmundo*. Of half a yard land in **Ricardscote** [c], *in Com.* **Staff.** By *Cecily* the daughter of *Rog. le Wayte*. Of lands in **Herberbury** [d] by *Henry Malory* and others [e]. Of fire-wood in **Berkswell** [f] by *Nigel de Mundevill*. Of lands in **Wolston** [g] by *Rog de Frevill* and *Sibill* his wife. And to these were added the Church of **Wilberton** [h] by *Walter Espigurnell* and *Celestina* his wife, in 16. H. 3. With the greatest part [i] of **Lockley**, **Westcote**, and **Norton**; and the advouson [k] of the Church of **Lockley** by *Peter de Mora*, about the 38. of H. 3.

Afterwards; *viz.* in 19. E. 2. *John Lok*, and *Roger de Boyvill* had license [l] from the King to grant the Mannour of **Patleshull** in **Staffordshire** to this Monastery. In 20. E. 3. *Thomas de Hampton* to give [m] five mess. with cxii. acres of land in **Radford** thereunto. And in 25. of the same K. raign, *John* the son of *John de Peto*, for granting [n] xiv. mess. two Carucats, and five yard land in **Lorley** to it.

Many other small parcells, in severall places, were at sundry times given to these Canons by common persons, the mention whereof I do purposely pass by, for brevities sake. Of all which the Prior and Covent of this House, being thus possest in 12. E. 1. granted [o] away the Churches of **Fenny-Compton**, and **Chesterton** to the B. of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, and his successors for ever.

And of these their possessions, as they had ample confirmations [p] by severall Kings of this Realme, so were the priviledges very great which they enjoyed by those Charters; *viz.* [q] power to keep **Court-Leet**, Assise of bread and beer, authority to try malefactors within divers of their Lordships and

[s] Ibid. p. 3.
[u] Ex vet. tabula Carminum Angl. quondam in Prioratu de Stone exist.
[w] Regist. de Kenilw. p. 8.
[x] H. Hunt. f. 220. a. n. 40. Ord. vit. p. 702. d.
Regist. de Stonley f. 1. b.
Lib: rub. Scacc. f. 94. a.
[a] Ex Cartular. Warw. Comit. f. 54. a.
Regist. de Kenilw. p. 5.
[b] p. 9.
[c] p. 5.
[d] p. 7.
[e] p. 5.
[f] p. 22.
[g] p. 23.
[h] p. 22.
[i] p. 62.
[k] b. p. 115. c.
[l] 119.
[m] 5. 10.
[n] p. 120.
[o] 127.
[p] b. p. 11.
[q] 145.
[r] p. 119.
[s] Cart. 8 E. 2. n. 4. per Insp.
[t] p. 21.
[u] 22.
[w] p. 53, 54.
[x] 39.
[y] p. 43. 44.
[z] p. 55.
[a] 59.
[b] p. 58.
[c] p. 157.
[d] 162.
[e] p. 60.
[f] p. 32.
[g] p. 36.
[h] p. 39. 40.
[i] p. 35.
[k] p. 59.
[l] p. 158.
[m] p. 159. 160.
[n] p. 161.
[o] p. 175.
[p] p. 171, 172.
[q] p. 51, 52.
[r] p. 56.
[s] F. levat. xv. Joh. 8.
[t] Ex autog. penes Will. Vic. Staff.
[u] Pat. 19. E. 2. p. 2. m. 9.
[w] Pat. 20. E 3. p. 1. m. 30.
[x] Pat. 25. E. 3. p. 3. m. 18.
[y] F. levat. Oct. Joh. Bap. 12. E. 1.
[z] p. 119.
[a] Pat. 13. E. 4. p. 2. m. 17. per Insp.

and freedom from ſuite to the County and Hundred-Courts, as by the ſame Charters, unto which I have pointed, may be ſeen: beſides **Free-warren** in divers of their Mannours, as I ſhall inſtance when I come to them in particular. To theſe was added[r] by King E. 3. that the Sub-prior and Covent ſhould, during the vacancy, have the cuſtody of the ſaid Houſe, and all the Temporalties appertaining thereunto, paying only to the King his heirs and ſucceſſors, for every whole year, cxvii *li.* ii *s.* viii *d.*

[r] *Rot.F.4. E.3.m.26.*

As to the appropriation of the particular Churches before recited, to the uſe and benefit of this Monaſtery, I ſhall take notice of them when I come to thoſe places where they are ſituate; as alſo of ſuch Chappells which were belonging to any of them, that I have not yet mentioned.

Thus was their plenty very great, wanting nothing that might be uſefull to them in a full and fit manner, even to the meaneſt conveniencies; K. H. 3. granting[f] them liberty to conduct Spring-water, by pipes, from a pure fountain which lay fit for that purpoſe, to the ſeverall offices in the Monaſtery.

[f] *Pat.35.E.3.m.9.*

That the Priory of **Stone** *in Com.* **Staff.** was a Cell to this Houſe, and how it came to be ſo I have already ſhewed: And that the nature of thoſe Cells was to be ſubordinate, as to matter of goverment, and the like, unto thoſe whereof they were thus members, it is not unknown to any man of judgment. I ſhall now therefore briefly ſhew, when, how, and upon what termes the Canons of **Stone** became exempted from ſuch their ſubjection to theſe of **Kenilworth**; which was by an unanimous reference to the Decree[s] and finall determination of *Roger Meuland* Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, in *Anno* 1260. (44. H. 3.) Who, thereupon, did ordain, that from thenceforth the Prior of **Stone** might receive Canons to that habit and profeſſion, and freely diſpoſe of every thing both ſpirituall and temporall appertayning to them, without the allowance of the Prior of **Kenilworth**. And that the ſaid Prior of **Stone**, and every of the Canons there ſerving God, with their ſucceſſors, ſhould be free and exempt from any future ſubjection to the Pr. and C. of **Kenilworth** for ever, except in theſe particulars; *viz.* that the Prior of **Kenilworth**, for the time being, ought once every year to viſit the ſaid Priory of **Stone** with ten Horſes, ſtaying onely two days, and performing his office there, as of Cuſtome, not removing any Canon of that Houſe; nor ſending any Canon to the Houſe of **Stone**, there to continue.

[s] *Giff.f.84.*

And when the Priory of **Stone** ſhould happen to be void, two of the Canons of **Kenilworth**, together with thoſe of **Stone** to be at the election. That ſuch election ſhould be made by licenſe firſt required of the Prior of **Kenilworth**, in caſe he were then within the Kingdom; or of his ſubſtitute, if he were abſent; and within eight days following, the two Canons of **Kenilworth** to repair thither, to ſee that all things were carryed uprightly at the ſaid election: but if they came not within that time, the Canons of **Stone** to proceed without them. And moreover, that during the vacancy, the Prior and Covent of **Kenilworth**, as Patrons, ſhould have the cuſtody thereof by one of their Canons; who, till the new Prior were elected, were to have fitting dyet there, not medling with any [illegible] **Stone**, movable or unmovable

It was likewiſe then decreed, that when the Priory of **Kenilworth** ſhould happen to be void, the Prior of **Stone**, in caſe he had been a Canon of **Kenilworth**, ſhould be preſent at the election of the new Prior of **Kenilworth**; taking his place in the Chapter-Houſe, and Quire, as his predeceſſors had done. And, that all ſuch Charters of **Kenilworth**, which might be of uſe to the Canons of **Stone**, ſhould be tranſcribed, and thoſe tranſcripts atteſted with the Seales of the ſaid B. and Prior of **Kenilworth**; And upon neceſſary occaſion, the originalls to be delivered to the Prior of **Stone**, or his certain Atturney for the defence of that Houſe, and proſecution of their rights. Which Decree beares date on the day of the tranſlation of S. *Thomas* the Martyr in the year aboveſaid.

But after this; *viz.* in *An.* 1291. (21. E. 1.) there growing ſome difference betwixt the Canons of **Kenilworth** & **Stone**, concerning the lands, which they of **Stone** held, they came to a finall Agreemeet[u]. Whereupon they of **Kenilworth** releaſed to thoſe of **Stone** and their ſucceſſors, their totall intereſt in the ſaid Houſe of **Stone**, and the particular lands and Churches thereunto appertaining; all which are mentioned therein: Saving to theſe of **Kenilworth** their right of patronage, as aforeſaid; and the yearly Rent of xii. marks and a half ſterling, that by their publique Inſtrument the Canons of **Stone** were bound to pay to **Kenilworth**. Which Agreement and Releaſes were confirmed by King E. 3. 16. *Aug.* in the x. year of his raign.

[u] *Pat.10 E.3.p.2. m.33.*

Of the damages that this Monaſtery ſuſtained when the Caſtle was beſieged in 50. H. 3. I purpoſe to take notice when I come to diſcourſe of the ſame Leaguer, having, in the next page inſerted the names of all the Priors of this Houſe which I have met with; together with the times when moſt of them were admitted: But little is there now memorable of them, conſidering that their Monuments, and hiſtoricall actions, kept in certain Regiſters, which they had in the nature of Annals, were all deſtroyed at that fatall diſſolution of it, and the reſt, by K. H. 8. ſo that there is nothing now remayning, but a very great Bell yet hanging in the preſent Pariſh-Church, made, it ſeemes by Prior *Kederminſter*, who lived *temp.* H. 4. H. 5. and beginning of H. 6. time; about which there is an Inſcription in large Characters, as may be ſeen where I have exhibited the Armes ſtill remayning in the windows of the ſaid Church.

I now deſcend to that Survey, taken in 26. H. 8. as preparatory to the ſaid generall diſſolution; at which time this Monaſtery was valued[w] at 533 *li.* 15 *s.* 04 *d. per annum*, over and above all repriſes; *viz.* in Quit-rents, *Synodals*, *Procurations*, *Penſions*, ſtipends to Curats, Charges of Anniverſaries, and yearly Fees to the Officers belonging thereunto, with the like. In which it appears, that there was weekly given[x] in Almes to poor people for the ſoul of *Geffrey de Clinton* the Founder, half a quarter of Moncorne, rated then at 5 *s.* the quarter; and three buſhells of Barley made in beer, at the rate of 4 *s.* the quarter. And on *Maunday-Thurſday* yearly diſtributed[y] to poor people in ready money, bread, and beer, at the waſhing of their feet lxxii *s.* The principall Officers belonging to this Houſe, being at that time, *Henry* Marq. *Dorſet*, high Steward, whoſe Fee was cvi *s.* viii *d. per ann.* *Laurence Grey* Receiver[a] generall, whoſe Fee was vi *li. per annum*, *John Lodbroke* Auditor[b], his Fee being liii *s.* iv *d. per annum.*

[w] *M S. nès S. A[illegible] cher eq.a[illegible] f.46.a.*

[x] *Ib.f.*

[y] *45.b*

[z] *Ibid.*

[a] *f. 4[illegible]*

[b] *a.*

From

From the foundation to the diſſolution of this Religious-Houſe, were about 430. years, it being ſurrendred[e] 15. *April.* 29. H. 8. by the then Abbot and Covent, whoſe names I have here inſerted with their ſeverall *Penſions*, as they were allowed to each of them during their lives.

Simon Jekys Abbas.	*Rich. Hethe.*
Joh. Liſter Prior.	*Tho. Stene.*
Will. Warwyke.	*Will. Clare.*
Rich. Bager.	*Rich. Palmer.*
Joh. Rogers.	*Rich. Todd.*
Tho. Parker.	*Will. Chamberlen.*
Georgius Ryddell.	*Joh. Luffkyn.*
Rad. Baxter.	*Rad. Sutton.*

Penſiones & annuæ.

Simoni Jakes Abbati ib.	c li.
Joh. Lyſter Priori ib.	viii l.
Will. Warwyke Canon. ib.	vi li.
Joh. Rogers Canon. ib.	vii li.
Ric. Bager Canon. ib.	vi li.
Tho. Stone Canon. ib.	vii li.
Tho. Parker Canon. ib.	v li. vi s. viii d.
Georgio Rydel Canon. ib.	v li. vi s. viii d.
Rad. Bakeſter Canon. ib.	v li.
Ric. Hethe Canon. ib.	v li. vi s. viii d.
Joh. Rivers Canon. ib.	v li.
Will. Clare Canon. ib.	v li.
Ric. Palmer Canon. ib.	v li.
Ric. Todde Canon. ib.	v li.

Catalogus Priorum.

Bernardus temp. H. 1.	
Laurentius temp. Regis Steph.	
Silveſter 2. Joh.	
Henricus 16. H. 3.	
David 23. H. 3.	
Robertus de Eſtleye 51. H. 3.	
Rob. de Salle, defunctus 6. E. 2.	}
Tho. de Warmynton 6. E. 2.	}
Joh. de Peyto. 2. Id. April. 19. E. 3.	
Henr. de Bradwey 22. Aug. 1361.	
Tho. de Merſton. 8. R. 2.	}
Will. de Brayles. 11. Aug. 1400.	}
Tho. Kidderminſter. 12. Febr. 1402.	
Tho. Holygreve 5. Aug. 1439.	
Joh. Yardley. 2. Maii 1458.	
Rad. Maxfeild 11. Jan. 1494.	
Will. Wall 9. H. 8.	
Simon Jekys 29. H. 8.	

Touching the Mannour of **Kenilworth**, which belong'd to this religious Houſe, I find, that it continued in the Crown till 6. *Eliz.* and then was granted[o] to *Rob.* Earl of **Leiceſter** (at that time poſſeſt of the Caſtle, as I ſhall ſhew by and by. But the ſite of the Monaſtery, which had been given by K. H. 8. to Sir *Andrew Flamok* (a Courtier of thoſe dayes) deſcended to Sir *Will. Flamok* his ſon and heir, who dyed[f] ſeized thereof 11. *Julii*, 2. *Eliz.* leaving *Katherin* his daughter and heir about three years old, afterwards marryed to *John Colburn* of **Moxton-Mowtrell** in this County eſquire. Which *John*, having bought certain Horſes, ſtolen out of the ſaid Earles ſtables here at **Kenilworth-Caſtle**, as was pretended, became ſo terrified by *Leiceſter*, that he quitted unto him all his right therein, upon eaſy tearmes, as I have heard.[s]

Kenilworth Caſtle.

THat this Caſtle was built by *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain and Treaſurer to K. H. 1. I have already in my diſcourſe of the Priory, by him then founded, ſufficiently manifeſted; where alſo I have ſpoke, both of his parentage, and what elſe, in relation to him, is notable: but, being a place of ſuch extraordinary ſtrength and largeneſs (as may be ſeen by the circuit, breadth, and depth of the outer moats, and that unparalel'd part thereof, called **Ceſars-Tower**; which by the thickneſs of it's walls and form of building, appears to have been of the firſt foundation) continued not long to his poſterity: for in 11. H. 2. the Shiriff accounted[b] for the profit of the Park; and in 19. H. 2. it was poſſeſt and garriſon'd[i] by the King, his eldeſt ſon (whom he had Crown'd) then rebelling againſt him; with whom *Lewes*[k] K. of **France**, *Rob.*[l] Earl of **Leic.** *Hugh*[m] Earl of **Cheſter**, and many other great men took part, as our Hiſtorians do declare. At which time there was layd in[n] a c. quarters of bread-corn, at viii *li.* viii *s.* ii *d.* charge (being not then much more than 2*d.* a buſhell;) 20. quarters of Barley at 33 *s.* 4*d.* An hundred Hogs at 7 *li.* 10 *s.* Forty Cows, ſalted, at 4 *li.* cxx. Cheeſes at 40 *s.* 25. quarters of ſalt at 30 *s.* at which time c. *ſol.* were allow'd for making of a Gaol there.

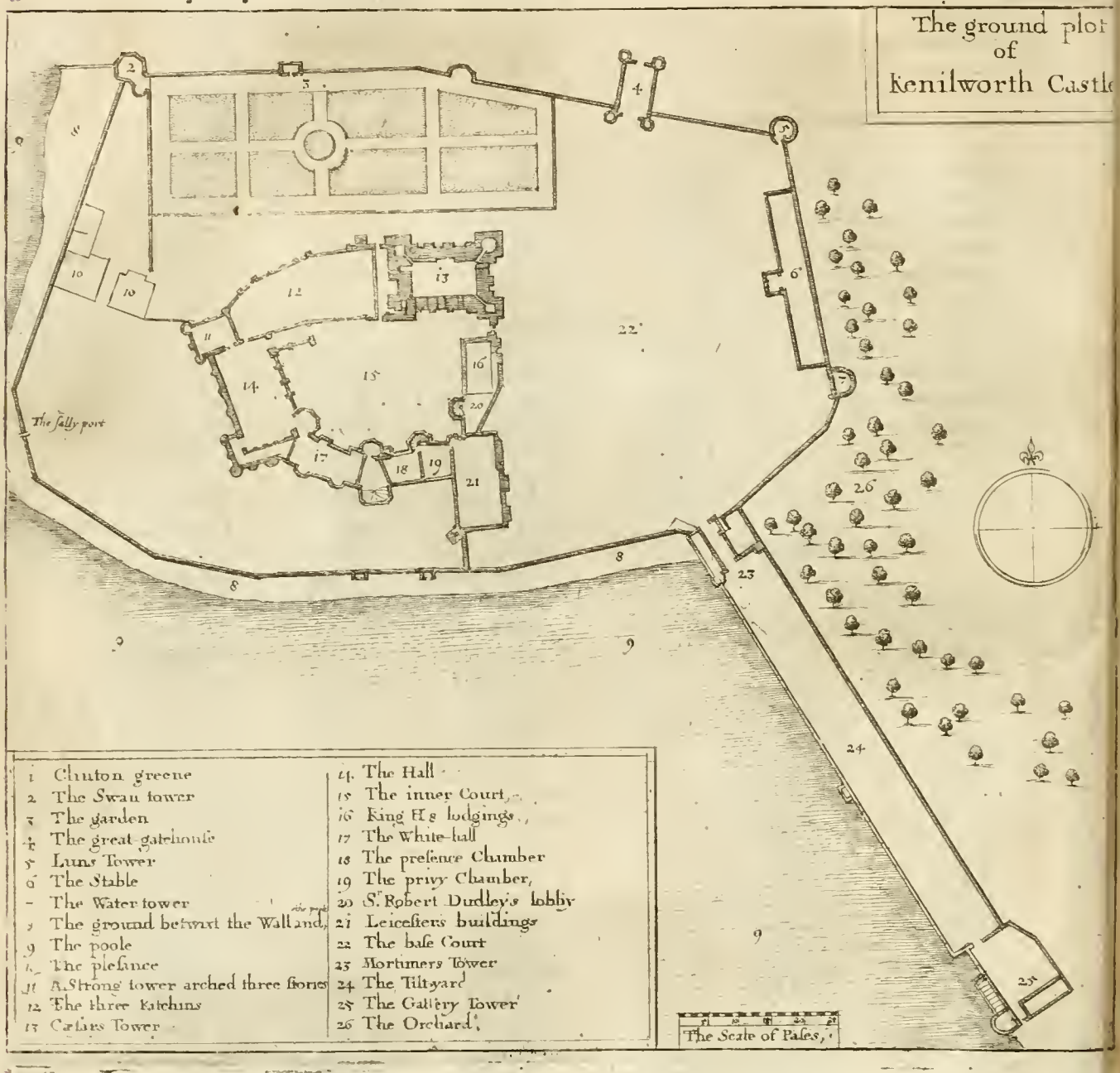
And the next year following, did the ſame Shiriff; *viz. Bertram de Verdon*, account[o] large ſumms of money, for payment of the Souldiers, Horſe and Foot, therein. 'Tis true, that *Geffrey de Clinton*, ſon & heir to the ſaid *Geffrey* the Founder, had it a while in poſſeſſion again, as ſome words of his Charrer, whereby he granted certain lands in **Spilverton** do import; *viz.*[p] *Poſtquam Caſtellum meum & honorem meum recuperavi*; but it remained with him ſcarce 7. years; and, after that time was never out of the Kings hands, till *Henry* 3. granted it to *Sim. Montfort* E. of **Leic.** as I ſhall ſhew anon: for in 27. H. 2. the Shiriff accounted[q] for the Ferm of the ward thereof: (which I take to be ſuch money as was payd by the Country people, who were, otherwiſe, to perform their ſervice in perſon for the guarding of this Caſtle): as alſo for certain money that he received, in the nature of Rent, from ſuch as had their abode therein. Which makes me conjecture, that ſome perſons, for ſecurity to themſelves and their goods, obtained leave, there to reſide, whereby they might be preſerved from robbery and miſchief in thoſe turbulent times.

The next year following, he accounted[r] for the Ferm of ſuch ground as was within the compaſs of the fortifications. In[ſ] 30. H. 2. for the charge of repayring the walls. In 31.[t] for workmanſhip about the Goale there. In[u] 33. for the ground within the Caſtle, and paunage of the Park. In 1 R. 1. again[w], for the ferm of the ſame ground. In 2.[x] and 3.[y] for the cuſtody and repair thereof. And in the beginning of King *John*'s time, *Henry de Clinton* (grandſon to the founder) releaſed[z] to the King all his right in the ſame; as alſo in the woods and pools, and whatever elſe belonged thereto, excepting what he had poſſeſſion of at the death of K. H. 2. his father. Which *Henry de Clinton* had iſſue *Henry*; who, being in the rebellion K. *John* (at the later end of his raign) ſubmitted[a] himſelf, and returned to obedience in 2. H. 3. aſſuring the K.

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of his future fidelity, whereupon the Shiriff had command [b] to give him livery of thoſe lands, in **Kenilworth**, of his inheritance by right from his father. But after him I find little here, in **Kenilworth** of this family; and therefore, in regard it was of longer continuance in **Colshill**, and **Parkstoke**, in **Hemlingford**-Hundred, I have there inſerted the whole deſcent, and made my hiſtoricall obſervations thereupon: and ſo returning again to this Caſtle, do obſerve, that, in 5. *Joh. Hugh de Chaucumb* (afterwards Shiriff of theſe Countyes, for divers years) was made Governour [c] thereof (his predeceſſor in that command having [d] been *Hugh Bardulf*); who continued in that place till 9. *Joh.* and then *Rob. de Ropeſle* (the then Shiriff) was [e] put in his roome. In 13. *Joh. Will. de Cantilupe* Shiriff alſo at that time) acounted [f] for 361. *li.* 07 s.-00. laid out in more building upon this Caſtle: as alſo 102. *li.*-19 s.-03 *d.* for making a Chamber and Wardrobe. The next year following, 224 *li.* for [g] more building there: and in [h] 17. *Joh.* (for he continued many years Shiriff) 402 *li.* 02 s.-00. more, for repaires thereof.

c Pat. 5. Joh. m. 5.
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b Rot. P. de iisd. ann.
e Pat. 9 Joh. m.
f Rot. P. de iisd. ann.
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h



That later end of King *John*'s raign, being very troubleſome in reſpect that divers of the Barons rebell'd againſt him, was doubtleſs the reaſon wherefore the King beſtow'd ſuch coſt in building and repaires here about that time; for it was then garriſon'd with Souldiers, *Raph de Normanvill* being ſent [i] thither by the King as a principall Officer, yet to be under the command of the before-mentioned *W. de Cantilupe*, the Kings Steward and Governour thereof, the Kings ſon being there then, for ſafety, as it ſhould ſeeme. In 3. H. 3. there was 150 *li.* 02 s. 03 *d.* accounted [k], for building up of a Tower thereof, which fell down at *Chriſtmaſs* before. And in [l] 5. and in 6. H. 3. more money layd out in repaires.

i Pat. 18. Joh. m. 7.
k Rot. P. de iisd. ann.
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It ſeems that the ſaid *W. de Cantilupe* (Shiriff [n] of this County and **Leiceſter-ſhire**; from 12. *Joh.* till 8. H. 3.) reſided at this Caſtle; for, in 7. H. 3. command [o] was given to thoſe that ſold the windefall-trees in the Park, that they ſhould allow unto him part of that timber, to repair the buildings wherein he dwel't, which were ruin'd by the winde. And the ſame year, and the next, did the ſaid *Will.* account [p] for his charges therein, and other repaires. But in 8. H. 3. the cuſtody thereof was committed [q] to *John Ruſſell*. In [r] 9. H. 3. *Rob. Lupus* (or *Low*) then the Shiriff, accounted for the carriage of five tonns of wine, brought from **Southhampton** and laid in here. And in [ſ] 11. H. 3. *Will. de Stutevill*, for mending the Gaole and other things

o Clauſ. 8 H. 3. m. 8.
p Rot. de iisd. an
q Pat. H. 3. m. 1.
r Ro. P. de ſd. an
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The Prospect of Kenilworth-Castle from the old parke, on the South side thereof.

1 The woods in y^e chase
2 The poole
3 The pleasance
4 The Swan tower
5 The wall towards the poole
6 The Strong tower archt y stories with stone
7 The Hall
8 Lancasters buildings
9 Cesars Tower
10 Leicesters buildings
11 The great gatehouse
12 Luns Tower
13 The roofe of y^e stable
14 Mortimers Tower
15 The Tilt yard wall
16 The houses in Kenilworth
17 Kenilworth Church.
18 The gallery tower.



The Prospect thereof upon the road from Coventre towards Warwick Being the East side,



1 The Gallery tower
2 The woods in the chase.
3 The outer wall of the Castle towards the poole
4 The Castle mills
5 Mortimers Tower
6 Leicesters buildings
7 Kinge Henry the 8 lodginge
8 Cesars Tower
9 The Swan Tower.
10 The roote of the Stable
11 The great gate house
12 Luns Tower

The prospect thereof upon Bullhill neere the road from Cobhill towards Warwick bearing the North-east side.

1 The gallery tower
2 The woods in the Chase
3 The tilt yard wall.
4 The Cottages on Bullhill
5 Mortimers Tower
6 The roofe of the Stable
7 Leicesters buildings
8 Luns Tower
9 Cesars Tower
10 The great gatehouse
11 The Swanne tower
12 The houses in Clinton ende



things amiss, he having that year the Custody thereof, together with the Shiriffalty of these Countyes.

t Rot. P. de iisd. ann. In t 13. H. 3. *Stephan. de Segrave* (the then Shiriff) accounted for mending the banks of the pool, and in u 15. for repaires of the Castle. It seemes that some Malefactors had wont to be imprisoned here; for in 15. H. 3. *Will. Basset*, and others, were constituted w Justices for the Gaol-delivery thereof. In x 19. H. 3. the then Shiriff accounted 06 *li.* 16 *s.* 04 *d.* for a fair and beautifull boat to lye neer the dore of the Kings great Chamber, here. In y 21. H. 3. here was another Gaol-delivery. In 22. H. 3. *Hugh le Poer*, the then Governour, had command z to deliver it to *Walter Gray* Archbishop of Yorke to the use of *Ottobone* the Popes Legate, to whom the King had then committed the custody of it. (Which *Ottobone* was afterwards Pope, by the name of *Adrian* 5.); the occasion of whose coming into England, and the stirrs thereupon, our Historians do shew. Which *Ottobone* substituted a *Ric. de Gray*, to keep it in his stead; for by a Precept of the K. to the same *Richard*, bearing date that year, he is stiled Constable thereof.

w Pat. 15. H. 3. in d.

x Rot. P. de iisd. ann.

y Rot. P. de iisd. ann.

z Clauſ. 22. H. 3. m. 15.

a Clauſ. 22. H. 3. m. 15.

In 26. H. 3. much cost in building, and repaires, was bestowed here; *viz.* b in seeling the Chappell with Wainscote, and painting it, making seats for the King and Queen, handsomly adorn'd; repairing the Tower where the bells hung; making all the walls new on the South-side, by the pool, (which I conceive to be the same, without alteration that yet stands); beautifying the Q. Chamber with painting, and enlarging it: the same year *Gilb. de Segrave* being made Governor c thereof; who by his Letters Pat. dated at Windsore, 7. *April.* doth declare d, that he was to keep it only during the Kings pleasure, and not deliver it into the hands of any one but the King himself, so long as he lived: and, that if the King should dy during his custody thereof, to yield it to Queene *Elianor* for the use of the Kings heirs: but in case the said Q. could not come in person, that then he would not deliver it to any, except to some of her uncles, to the use of the Kings heires, who were not in league with the King of France. And for his observance of these conditions, he took a solemn oath upon the holy Bible in the Kings presence. Howbeit, shortly afterwards, *viz.* in 28. H. 3. the King made *Simon Montfort* Earl of Leic. e Governour thereof; And in 32. H. 3. granted f the custody of it to *Alianore*, his sister, then wife of the said *Simon*, to hold during her life: about which time the woods belonging to it, lying neer the road betwixt Coventre and Warwick, were very thick (which now are all gone): Wherefore, in 34. H. 3. the Constable hereof had commands to cut down six acres, in breadth, of the under-wood there growing, for the security of passengers.

b Rot. P. 26. H. 3.

c Pat. 26. H. 3. in d.

d Pat. 26. H. 3. in d.

Pat. 28. H. 3. m. 8.

Pat. 32. H. 3. m. 11.

Clauſ. 34. H. 3. m. 12.

In 38. H. 3. the King granted h it to the said *Sim. Montfort* Earl of Leicester, and *Elianore* his wife, during their lives: which Earl, being of a most haughty and ambitious spirit, was the principall ringleader in that great rebellion of the Barons, begun in 42. H. 3. at which time they put themselves in armes, held a Parliament at Oxford, by force; and compel'd the Kings assent to their unjust and dishonouble Ordinances. Which fire, so kindled, never ceased flaming, more or less, till it was quenched with the blood of those conspirators in the battail at Evesham 49. H. 3. as our Historians, especially *Math. Westm.* who hath written most largely thereof manifesteth; to whom I refer my Reader for more full satisfaction, in regard I must confine my self to what relates chiefly to this County: wherein I shall observe, that in i 48. H. 3. after the King had got Northampton, and that good success seemed to attend him, having there taken divers eminent prisoners; many of the Northern Barons likewise coming into his aid, *John Giffard*, a Knight of much valour, but one of the most desperat Rebells, was sent by *Earle Symon*, with divers other, to this Castle to be Governour thereof: which, as the same Historian reports, the said Earl of Leic. had wonderfully fortified, and stored with many kindes of warlike engines, till that time never seen, nor heard of in England. Who, being come thither, and having suspition, that the fidelity of the then Earl of Warwick (*Will. Mauduit*) was firm to the King, he surprized k Warwick-Castle most deceitfully; and, carrying the said Earl, with his wife and family prisoners hither, demolished a great part of his Castle at Warwick, least it should be of advantage to any of the Royall party (as when I come to Warwick I shall more punctually shew.)

h Rot. vasc. 38. H. 3. p. 1. n. 79.

i Math. Westm. p. 759.

k Ibid.

The particulars touching the battail of Lewes, which hapned shortly after; where the Barons prevailing, the King and Prince were made prisoners: as also of the divisions which grew amongst the Chief of those Rebells after they had got all in their power. Of the contrivance how to get the Prince out of the Earl of Leic. hands, who had him then with the King a prisoner at Hereford-Castle; and of his escape and suddain raysing an Army, I must not stay here to relate: but hasting on to what concerns this place, shall observe l, that *Montfort* Earl of Leic. understanding that many came into the Prince, and how his power daily increased, sent his younger son *Simon* into the North, to hasten away the Barons of that rebellious pack, residing in those parts; who brought up thence almost 20. Banners, with a great multitude of Souldiers to this Castle, where they made their station for a while, and hence went to Winchester; but, having spoiled that City, made a sudden return to this place again: whereof notice being given to the Prince, then at Worcester with his Army, by *Raph de Ardern* of this County, at that time one of the Rebells party (who imploy'd a woman called *Margoth*, that cunningly travailed in mans apparell) he made m a shew as if he would have march't to Salisbury; and, to colour the business, sent certain Foot, with accoutrements for Horse, before: but when he wrought to the way thwarting the Countrey towards Kenilworth, hasted thitherward; and coming n privatly in the night time to a deep valley, neer this Castle, armed, and ordered his men; which, whil'st he was doing, he heard a great noyse that made them fear their enemyes had taken an Allarm, and were then ready to fall upon them; but it hapned to be nothing els than certain carriages going out to fetch victuall for the Rebells, which they took, making use of their fresh horses; and so, entring the town and the Monastery, surprized a great number of their enemyes with very little slaughter.

l Chron. Abind. MS. in bibl. Bodl. [Med. 20.] f. 120. b.

m Chron. Evesh. MS. in bib. Bodl. [K. 84] f. 63. a.

n Chron. Abend. ut supra.

Of which number were xv. that bore Banners; whereof these o were the chief, *Gilbert de Gant* (*Rob. de Vere*) Earl of Oxford, *Will. de Montchensey*,

o Chron. Evesh. ut supra.

chensy, *Ric. de Gray*, *Adam de Newmarch*, *Baldwin Wake*, *Walter de Coleville*, *John de Gray* son of *Ric. de Gray*, and *Hugh de Nevill*, with their Horses and Armes, whom they carryed prisoners to the Castle of **Worcester**. But young *Sim. Montfort* lodg'd that night in the Castle; and so, with those that were there, secured themselves: the Prince making so suddain a return to **Worcester**, that *Montfort* had no notice thereof; but, expecting to joyn with those Forces which his son had brought out of the North, hasted from **Hereford** towards **Kenilworth**, passing **Severn** in the twilight where it was fordable; and, staying two days at [p] **Kemsey** neer **Worcester**, on the third came to **Evesham**.

[p] *Chron. Evesh. ut supra.*

Whose motions, being observed by the Prince, he divided [q] his Army into three parts, whereof himself led one, *Clare* Earl of **Glouc.** another, and *Rog. Mortimer* the third: and, marching towards **Evesham**, fromwards the North, made shew, as if, coming from hence, it had been the forces of young *Montfort*, with the Northern Barons before specified: for the better disguising of which business, he caused the Banner of young *Simon*, with the rest that he had taken, to be carryed in the front of his Army; and so hasted to get the top of the hill, neer **Evesham**, there to embattle. But this approach of the Prince (saith the same Author) was discovered by one *Nicholas*, a Barber to *Montfort* Earl of **Leicester**, who, being skilfull in the knowledge of ensignes, told the Earl that his sons Forces were coming, for he knew their Banners. Howbeit *Montfort*, suspecting the worst, and fearing to be circumvented, sent the Barber to the top of the Abby-steeple, to take a clearer view of them: who was no sooner come thither, but he found it quite otherwise: for the Prince had then taken down those colours of theirs, and erected his own Banner, with the Banner of the Earl of **Glouc.** on the one side, and that of *Mortimer* towards the west: which when the Barber saw, he cryed out to the Earl, and told him how it was; who, forthwith making all hast he could to draw out his Army, encouraged them, with confident expressions, that *it was for the laws of the land, yea, the cause of God, and Justice that they were to fight.*

[q] *Chron. Abend. ut supra, f. 121. a.*

But God that sometimes permits rebellious Subjects to prevail in many wicked attempts against their Soveraigns; making use of them, only, for a while as his chastising rod, for speciall respects; to manifest to all the world, that he owned them not in these their unchristian enterprises, brought upon them swift confusion: For the Welch, even before the battail began, betook themselves to flight; of which, many were drown'd in the river **Avon**; and the rest of the Rebells strength, after a sharp skirmish was overpowred, so that few escap't the present slaughter, that the same day were not taken prisoners. The principall persons that lost their lives in this battail were [r], *Simon* Earl of **Leic.** *Henry Montfort* his eldest son, *Hugh le Despenser*, *Raph Basset* of **Drayton**, *Thomas de Estele*, *Will. de Maundevile*, *John de Beauchamp* of **Bedford**, *Guy de Baliol*, *Rog. de Rowele*, *Will. de Eboraco*, *Ric. Trussell*, *Will. de Bermingham*, *Walt. de Creppings*, *Rog.* [s] *de St. John*, and *Rob. Tregoz*. Divers other persons of quality, with a multitude of the common sort, being then also slain. Of those that were wounded and taken prisoners these were the chief; *Guy* [u] *de Montfort* a younger son to the said Earl of **Leic.** *John Fitz-John*, *Henry de Hastings*, *Humfry de Boun* the younger, *John de Vescy*, *Peter de Montfort jun.* and *Nich. de Segrave*. This was done [w] on the Nones of *Aug.* (*id est* 4. *Aug.*) *Anno* 1265. 49. H. 3.

[r] *Ibid.*

[s] *Chron. Evesh. p. 64. a.*

[t] *Math. Westm.*

[u] *Ibid.*

[w] *M. Paris. p. 998. n. 20.*

Many other particulars are there touching this Rebellion, and the said battail, not yet made publique; but because they do not directly relate to this County, whereunto I do confine my self, I must pass them by; not intending to have digre'st so much, had not that which I have said upon this subject been deduced from such authorities, as have not yet come to the open view of the world, and without the relation whereof, there would not have been so perfect a coherence in my Story of this place, as now there is, a great part of the Scene lying in this Shire.

After which victory, many places of strength were rendred [x] to the King: but *Sim. Montfort*, one of the sons of Earl *Simon*, continuing still in this strong Castle, received in divers of those that fled from the battail, with other the friends and followers of them that were slain, who were much imbittered for the death of their kindred and familiars, whereby he grew to be very powerfull, sending abroad his Bayliffs and Officers like a King; his Souldiers spoyling, burning, plundering, and destroying the Houses, Towns and Lordships of his adversaryes; driving away their cattell, and imprisoning many; forcing them to what fines, he pleased, for their liberty. Which course of domineering he held [y] on, from the feast of S. *Martin* (which is about xi. *Nov.*) in 50. H. 3. till Midsummer following, that the siege began.

[x] *Chron. Evesh. f. 6. b.*

[y] *Claus. 50. H. 3. m. 5.*

But the King, being thus, by the Victory at **Evesham**, redeemed; and restored to his Regall power, having call'd a Parliament at **Winchester** (wherein that great City of **London**, was, for its malevolent adherence to, and assistance of the Rebells, deprived of its antient priviledges; and all that had been active for them, or their furtherers disherited, and their estates bestowed on those that had stood firm to the King, according to their severall demerits;) considering [z] well what further mischiefs might befall the whole Kingdom, unless the insolencies of those, which were in this Castle, should be restrained, their numbers daily increasing, made preparation to march into these parts, for the timely reducing thereof. And having fitted himself with an Army, came to **Warwick**, staying there a while for more forces from severall parts.

[z] *Chron. Abend. f. 122. a.*

In this interim (it seemes) *Simon Montfort* the younger (before mentioned) considering, that without the help of a powerfull Host, to raise the siege of this Castle, then approaching, he could not long hold it, stole privatly away and got into **France**, there endeavouring to obtain forces in aid of that rebellious remnant yet unsubdued in **England**, leaving *Henry de Hastings* Governour hereof in his absence, whom he encouraged to hold it out stoutly, giving him assurance, that within a certain time he should be relieved. But when that assistance, which the King expected, was come to him (amongst which was [a] *Osbert Giffard* who brought the *Posse Comitatus* of **Oxford-shire**) and [b] *Reginald. fil. Petri*, the like for this County, he set [c] forwards towards **Kenilworth**, with Banners and Ensignes displayed; and, on [d] the morrow after the feast of the Nativity of S. *John Baptist*, begin

[a] [b] *P. 5. H. 3. d.*

[c] [d] *Chron. And. ut sup.*

begirt this Castle on every side; where taking care to have all fit supply of Victual for his Army, he [e] commanded the Shiriff of **Norf.** to cause 36 tuns of wine to be brought hither from **Lenn**, which were bought for his use by Purveyours there: but, being desirous to avoyd the spilling of more blood, he sent a gratious message [f] to those that held it; whose hopes were such, either upon young *Montfort*'s promises, or diffidence so great, knowing what mischiefs they had done, that they did not onely slight the Kings offers, but maimed [g] the Messenger, and with much resolution defended themselves against all the assaults that were made, having Engins [h] that cast forth stones of great bigness; and making bold and frequent sallies [i], did very much mischief: neither could the Sentence of *Ottobon*, the Popes Legate, who was there in the Camp, nor the K. power, any whit daunt them.

e *Claus.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 2.

f g *Artic. in Dicto de Kenilw.*

h *Math.* i *Westm.*

The K. therefore, that those, whose estates were thus by the Parliament at **Winchester** utterly confiscate, and given away (as I have already said) should not, through desperation, betake themselves to such wayes of revenge as might have imbrewed the Kingdome in universal streams of blood for a long time; of his gratious [k] disposition, advising with his Councel and the said Legat, caused a convention [l] of the Clergy and Laity of the Land here at **Kenilworth**; who elected xii persons of the most potent Nobility and prudent Prelates, to whom power was given to make a certain determination touching the estates of those that were disherited, they being accordingly sworn to what might be most convenient. Whereupon the K. with the Clergy and People (before mentioned) did likewise swear, that they would inviolably observe the said Decree.

k l *Ib.*

The persons thus chosen being *Walter Broneſcombe* B. of **Exeter**, *Walter Giffard* B. of **Bath** and **Wells**, *Walt. Cantilupe* B. of **Worcester**, ... B. of S. **Davids**, *Gilb. de Clare* E. of **Glouc.** *Humfrey de Bohun* E. of **Hereford**, *Philip Basset*, *John Baliol*, *Rob. Walraund*, *Alan la Zouch*, *Rog. de Somery*, and *Waryn de Bassingburne*; the Articles whereof I shall not need to insert, in regard that they are publickly printed [m]: but the substance of them was to this effect.

m *Per. Th. Berthelet an.* 1543.

That every person disherited might redeem his lands by a pecuniary Fine according to the nature of his offence; which Fine should be paid unto those that then possest them, so that the same were not above 5 years value at the most, nor under 2 at the least; except the wife and children of the E. of **Leicester**, concerning whom the K. referr'd himself to the K. of **France**; and excepting *Rob. Ferrers* E. of **Derby**, who was to pay 7 years value of his lands; and excepting *Henry de Hastings*, and those that maimed the K. Messenger, who were to be imprisoned 7 years, or submit to the K. mercy. This was that memorable Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** by all our Historians and Records; for in the K. Camp at the siege of this Castle, was it by Proclamation published *Prid. Kal. Nov. an.* 1266. 51 H. 3. though the persons elected met [n] at **Coventre**, in respect of conveniency for lodging, and otherwise, that could not be had in the Army. And on the morrow after, being the Feast of *All Saints*, it was confirmed [o] by all the Prelates of **England**, not onely by their corporal Oaths, but under their Seals; which they (being specially convocated by the Legate before mentioned) affixed unto it. Which Legate made publick Declaration [p] thereof in the Pulpit of the Collegiat Church in **Warwick**, the very next Sunday following, the K. and his Councel, with a great auditory of all states and degrees, being then present.

Chron. Wigorn. f. 5. *a.*

Chron. Abend. f. 122. *a.*

p *Chron. MS* I. Rous *in bibl.* Cotton, *p.* 247.

These things being performed, the K. forthwith sent [q] special Messengers to the besieged in this Castle, and to those that had fled and possest themselves of the Isle of **Ely**, amongst which, young *Simon Montfort* was [r] one, tendring them mercy upon the Articles before specified: but they all returned [s] answer, that they would not submit thereto; first, because they had no voyce in choosing any of those that were makers of the Decree; and secondly, for that they held the Decree it self intolerable. At which the K. being much moved, took a firm resolution to storm the Castle; and for that purpose, by his special Writ [t], bearing date 20 *Nov.* commanded the Shiriff of this Shire to bring in all the Masons and other Labourers within his precinct (which we now call Pioners) with their Hatchets, Pick-axes, and other Tools, to meet at **Northampton** upon the day of S. *Lucia* the Virgin (*viz.* 11 *Dec.*) next following, to receive his further commands therein: but so it fell out, that in short space, not onely their Victual within the Castle grew very scant, but a pestilent disease raged so amongst them, that many dyed; insomuch as the K. (by special providence) sending again to them, and offering, that if they did render it, he would receive them to mercy; they proposed [u], that in case he were content they might send beyond Sea to *Sim. Montfort*, and receive a certain answer whether he could come to releive them by a fixed day, or not, they were resolved, if he did not come accordingly, to yeild it up: and that, in the mean time, all acts of hostility on either part should cease.

q *Chron. Abend. f.* 122. *a.*

r *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 33.

s *Chron. Abend. ut supra.*

t *Claus.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.

u *Chron. Abend. f.* 122. *b.*

Whereunto the K. advising with his Councel, assented. And the same agreement being proclaimed through his Army, Messengers were accordingly dispatcht to *Simon*: but the Flux, and other grievous diseases, increased so much amongst those in the Castle, that they, which were not tainted, were loth to hazard the infection, and so, before the Messengers return, delivered [w] the Castle upon Articles to the King, *viz.* that *Henry de Hastings*, then Governour, with all the rest that were therein, should have 4 dayes time to carry out all their goods, and go freely away, with [x] Horse, Arms, and all accoutrements, throughout any part of the Kingdome.

w *Chron. Evesh. f.* 65. *a.*

x *Chron. MS* H. Knighton, *f.* 69. *a.*

The principal persons that so held it, besides the said *H. de Hastings*, were Sir *John Hastang* [y] (Lord of **Lemington**) *Ric. Amundeville* [z] (Lord of **Berkswell**) Sir *John de Clinton* [a] (Lord of **Colshill**) all in this County; Sir *John de la Ware*, and [b] *John de Eston*; every of whom, with the rest, had the K. Letters [c] of safe conduct, dated 13 *Dec.* to go to their own houses, or stay where they pleased within this Kingdome, till *Candlemas* following, carrying themselves peaceably. The same Author [d] saith, that *Sim. Montfort*, and his Mother the Countess, got away privately but five dayes before the Castle was delivered, and fled beyond Sea: but when he so got out of the Castle, is somewhat uncertain: for by what I have said already, it appears, that he was in the Isle of **Ely**, the K. Letter Pat. [e] bearing date *Jan.* xvi. after the render of the Castle, importing as much. Which

y *Regist. de Stonle, f.* 18. *a.*

z a b *Pat.* 51 *H.* 3. *m.* 32.

c *Chron. Evesh. ut supra.*

d *Chron. Abend. f.* 122. *a.*

e *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 33.

render [f] was upon the Feast-day of S. *Thomas* the Apostle, so that the seige lasted full six months. Whereupon the K. took his journey, the next day, to [g] **Olney** (near **Oxford**) and there celebrated the Feast of the *Nativity* of our Saviour with great joy.

But this seige was very prejudicial to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and did impoverish them much: for [h] in *September* after it was begun, though they allowed the K. 300 quarters of Corn, and many other things, that the rest of their goods might be protected, yet were they not free from the Souldiers oppression; so that to releive their wants, by his Letters Pat. [i] bearing date the 24 of *Jan.* next ensuing the render of the Castle, he recommended the same to all their Tenants, requiring them to contribute in such manner thereto, as they would expect that God should bless them, and himself give them thanks. Neither did the Monks of **Stoneley** avoyd the burthen of this Leaguer; but all the recompence they had, was, that the K. confirmed [k] their Charters.

There is no question but that the charge of this seige was very vast: for in 53 of this K. reign, *Will. Bigot*, who had been Shiriff for 6 years before, was allowed upon his account [l] 75 *l.* 13 *s.* 9 *d.* for 255 quarters of Wheat, 52 Oxen, and 173 Muttons which he then took up, and sent in out of this County: and it is not to be doubted but that, besides what the Countyes adjacent suffered by extravagancies of the Souldiers, they sent in proportionable provisions, or money.

All that I have else found memorable relating thereto, is the delivery [m] of the Sword called *Curtina* (which is used to be carryed before the K. of **England** at their Coronation) unto the Keeper of the K. Pavilion here, on Sunday next after the Feast of S. *Margaret*, the K. being then in the Camp: as also that the Queen [n] accompanyed the D. of **Brunswik** from **Windsor-castle** hither, the said D. then marrying the K. Neece in his presence. And lastly, that [o] *Philip Marmion*, being Constable of this Castle, immediatly after the seige, carryed away divers Arms, Lead, Iron, and other things, to the then value of x *l.* But, after the Articles for render hereof were so signed, as aforesaid, the K. staid not long ere he disposed of it: for on the 16 day of the same month, his Charter [p] bears date at **Warwick**, whereby he gave it unto *Edmund* his younger son, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; reserving to himself the advousons of the Priory of **Kenilworth** and Abby of **Stoneley**. And in short space conferred certain priviledges unto him here, *viz.* [q] on the 28 day of *December* ensuing, **Free-chase** and **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands and woods belonging to this Castle. And the next [r] year following, a weekly **Mercate** upon the Tuesday; and a **Faire** yearly, to last for 3 dayes, *viz.* the Even, day, and morrow after the Feast of S. *Michael*.

Which *Edmund* was E. of **Leicester** and **Lancaster**, *viz.* of **Leicester**, created [s] 25 *Oct.* 49 H. 3. (after the death of *S. Montfort*, slain in the battle of **Evesham**) and of [t] **Lancaster**, 31 *Junii*, 51 H. 3. And in [u] 7 E. 1. held this Castle in demesn, having two Mills standing upon the water of the Pool belonging thereto; and several Freeholders which held of him by suit of Court and fealty. As also two woods, one called the **Frith**, and another the **Park**, then Common, and containing 300 acres according to the large measure. At that time it was certified [w], that his Park here contained 40 acres of wood, and the Pool half a mile in length, and a quarter of a mile in bredth: as also that he had here a **Court-leet**, Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, with a **Mercate** on the Tuesday.

The same year I find [x], that there was a great and famous concourse of noble persons here at **Kenilworth**, called the **Round-table**, consisting of an hundred Knights, and as many Ladies; whereunto divers repaired from forreign parts for the exercise of Arms, *viz.* Tilting, and martial Tournaments; and the Ladies, Dancing; who were clad in silken Mantles, *Rog. Mortimer* E. of **March** being the chief, and the occasion thereof. Which Exercises began [y] on the Eve of S. *Mathew* the Apostle, and continued till the morrow after *Michaelmas* day; the reason of the **Round-table** being to avoyd contention touching precedency, a Custome of great antiquity, and used by the antient *Gauls*, as Mr *Cambden* in **Hantsh.** from *Athenæus* (an approved Author) observes.

As for other memorable matters relating to this place, the enlargement of the Park hath next priority, which was begun by *Thomas* E. of **Lanc.** (son to the before specified *Edmund:*) for it appears, that in 30 E. 1. *John Peche*, then Lord of **Yonile**, near adjoyning, released [z] his right of Common there, so that the said Earl might hold it up inclosed with ditches and pales; saving to him the said *John* and his heirs Common of pasture for his Hogs and Cattle in two places, *viz.* **Merebrok** and **Bernet**, and in all other places not inclosed at the making of that release.

But after this, *viz.* in 15 E. 2. *Tho.* E. of **Lanc.** (beheaded at **Pontfract**) being for his rebellion attainted [a], and thereupon his lands and possessions confiscate, *John de Somery* (Baron of **Dudley**) and *Raph* Lord *Basset* of **Drayton**, were appointed to seize this Castle for the K. use (as by a special Precept [b] dated at **Tutbury** 12 *Martii* appeareth) which, within 4 dayes following, was committed [c] to the custody of *Ranulph Charun*, then his servant: howbeit, 24 *Maii* after, he removed the said *Ranulph*, and made [d] *Rob. de Stoke* Governour in his stead. In 16 E. 2. *John de Hastings* had the custody [e] of it; and the next [f] year, *Odo de Stoke:* which *Odo* held that command so long as his unfortunate Master had any power; for in *Febr.* (which was towards the later end of the 19 year of E. 2.) the K. discerning those clouds, which shortly after raised the flood of rebellion to such a height, as that himself was miserably overwhelm'd therein, commanded [g] the same *Odo*, then his Constable thereof, to take and retain as many able men as he should in his discretion think fit for the garrisoning thereof. But, alas, all too late, such was the defection of most of the Nobles in their allegiance to him (the cause whereof was principally attributed to his being so much swayed by the *Spensers*) insomuch as the giddy multitude were easily stirr'd up to appear in Arms for any design which savoured of Reformation: whose strength and assistance, when the great ones had got, they made no other use of it, than the deposal of their rightfull King, upon which in short time ensued his barbarous Murther.

But the circumstances of this tragique business I must not stand here to tell, our Stories being large enough of it: howbeit, that which relateth to this Castle, I will briefly touch; which is, that the

[f] *Chron. Evesh. ut supra.*
[g] *Chron. Abend. f. 122. b.*
[h] *Pat. 50. H. 3. in d.*
[i] *Pat. 51. H. 3 m. 29.*
[k] *Regist. de Stonley, f. 19. a.*
[l] *Rot. P. 53 H. 3.*
[m] *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 10.*
[n] *Claus. 53. H. 3. m. 7.*
[o] *Inq. per Hundr. 4 E. 1.*
[p] *Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 10.*
[q] *Ib.*
[r] *Cart. 52. H. 3. m. 1.*
[s] *Pat. 49. H. 3. n. 7.*
[t] *Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 4.*
[u] [w] [x] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 6. a. & 7. b.*
[x] *Tho. Walsingh. p. 82. n. 40. Chron. MS J. Rous. f. 240.*
[y] *Rot. vet. de rebus Hibern. in bibl. Cotton.*
[z] *Regist. Cart. in Officio Duc. Lanc. (in Co. Warr.) f. 37. b. 9.*
[a] [b] *Rot. F. 15 E. 2 m. 1*
[c] *Ibm. 1.*
[d] *Ibm. 2.*
[e] *Pat. 1. E. 2. p. 2. m. 5. & 1.*
[f] *Rot. F. 7. E. 2. m. 1.*
[g] *Pat. 1. E. 2. p. 2. m. 22.*

the K. being seized [b] upon in Wales by *Henry* E. of Lanc. (brother and heir to the before mentioned *Thomas*, who was beheaded) and others, was, by the said Earl, forthwith brought hither, *viz.* in *Dec.* 20 of his reign: where he had not long staid, ere news [i] came to him, that in a Parliament held at Westm. on the morrow after Twelf-day, he was deposed, and his son, young *Edward*, elected King in his stead, being then but 14 years of age. Which wofull tidings being accompanied with a Message from the same Parl. (for so they called that headless meeting) proposing to him the renouncing of his Regal Dignity and Crown, and permitting his said son to reign, otherwise they would do homage to his son, and proceed in what they had begun; the distressed K. knowing no remedy, told them, that seeing they would reject him, he was glad that his eldest son might be received. Which answer of his being return'd by the same Messengers, they proclaimed the new King on the 20 of *Jan.* and set out Proclamations in his name, declaring to the people, that K. E. 2. had made a voluntary and free resignation of his Regal Dignity to his eldest son, whom, within few dayes after, they formally crowned [k] at Westm.

But they, who had prosecuted their wicked contrivances against their rightfull K. thus far, thought all was not safe except they went further; and therefore gave it out, that the deposed King was too much observed and respected; so that, about Palm-sunday following, he was committed [l] to the custody of Sir *Tho. Berkley*, and Sir *John Matravers*, who hurried him from hence privately to Berkley-castle in Gloucestershire, where their horrid intentions towards him wrought perpetual jealousies in their heads, that he would be rescued; which caused them closely to carry him from thence to Corf castle in Dorsetshire: And, to the end it should not be certainly known where he was, kept him in perpetual motion to one secret place or other, till about the Feast day of S. *Mathias* the Apostle, that they most barbarously murthered [m] him, with a spit red hot thrust up into his body at the Fundament, at Berkley aforesaid.

But I return to the succession of this Castle. In 1 E. 3. *Henry* brother and heir to *Thomas* E. of Lanc. (beheaded at Pontfract, and attainted, as I have already shew'd) was restored to the Earldomes of Lancaster, Leicester, *&c.* and all his brothers lands, whereof this was part. Which Earl dyed at Leicester, 19 E. 3. and was there buryed [n], leaving issue *Henry* his son, created E. [o] of Derby, 16 *Martii*, 11 E. 3. (his father being then alive) Earl [p] of Lincoln, 20 *Aug.* 23 E. 3. and lastly, Duke of [q] Lancaster, 6 *Martii*, 25 E. 3. which D. dyed [r] seized (*inter alia*) of this Castle, the Tuesday next after the Feast of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, 35 E. 3. leaving his two daughters, his heirs, *viz. Maud* then 22 years of age, and *Blanch* 19. and was buryed [s] in the Collegiat-Church at Leicester, of his own foundation. Which *Maud* became the wife to *Will.* D. of Bavaria, E. of Henault, Holland, *&c.* and *Blanch*, of *John* of Gant, fourth son to K. E. 3. who, shortly after, was created D. [t] of Lancaster, *viz.* 13 *Nov.* 36 E. 3. so that upon partition [u] of the lands of the said *Henry* Duke of Lancaster, this Castle (*inter alia*) came to *Blanch*.

Which *John* of Gant began the Structure of all the antient buildings here, now remaining, excepting Cesars-tower, with the outer walls and turrets, towards the later end of R. 2. time, as it seemeth: for, in 15 R. 2. I find [w], that the King did appoint *John Deyncourt*, then Constable hereof, and his Lieutenant; as also *Robert de Skyllington*, Mason, to hire Diggers of stone, Carpenters and Labourers, to the number of xx. persons; and to provide stone, timber, tile, and all other necessaries, for the use of the said Duke in his buildings here. Which Record, above cited, doth also agree with the tradition of the Inhabitants, by whom the same part of the Castle is, to this day, called Lancasters buildings.

But this *John* D. of Lanc. having issue *Henry*, sirnamed Bullenbroke (by reason of his birth at Bullenbroke in Lincolnshire) afterwards King of Engl. by the name of H. 4. (upon the depos'al of King R. 2. as is very well known) this Castle came to the Crown, and is contained [x] in the Act, amongst other the possessions belonging to the Dutchy of Lancaster, that were united to the Dukedome of Cornwall in the Parl. of 1 H. 7. Whose son and successor, K. H. 8. bestow'd much cost [y] in repairing thereof; removing [z] that building erected [a] by K. H. 5. near the tail of the Pool in a low marish ground (thereupon called *Le pleasans en marys*) and setting [b] part thereof up, in the base court of the Castle, near the Swan-tower.

In the Crown it continued till Q. *Eliz.* by her Letters [c] Pat. bearing date 9 *Junii*, 5 of her reign, granted it to *Robert* Lord *Dudley*, and his heirs. Which *Robert* (being one of the sons to *John Dudley* D. of Northumberland) was, upon the 28 of *Sept.* 6 *Eliz.* created [d] Baron of Denbigh, and the day next [e] following, Earl of Leicester; and, having obtained this noble seat, spared for no cost in enlarging, adorning, and beautifying thereof; witness that magnificent Gate-house towards the North; where, formerly having been the back-side of the Castle, he made the Front; filling up a great proportion of the wide and deep double ditch, wherein the water of the Pool came.

And, besides that stately peice on the South-east part, still bearing the name of Leicesters-buildings, did he raise from the ground two goodly towers at the head of the Pool, *viz.* the Floud-gate, or Gallery-tower, standing at one end of the Tilt-yard, in which was a spacious and noble room for Ladies to see the exercises of Tilting and Barriers; and at the other Mortimers-tower, whereupon the Arms of *Mortimer* were cut in stone; which doubtless was so named by the E. of Leicester, in memory of one more antient, that stood there formerly; wherein, as I guess, either the Lord *Mortimer*, at the time of that great and solemn Tilting, formerly mentioned, did lodge; or else, because Sir *John Mortimer* Kt. prisoner [f] here in H. 5. time, was detain'd therein.

The Chase he likewise enlarged, impaling part of Blakwell within it; and also a large nook, extending from Rudsen-lane towards the Pool: which, being then a wast, wherein the Inhabitants of Kenilworth had Common, in consideration thereof, he gave them all those fields called Priors-fields, lying North of the Castle. I have heard some, who were his servants, say, that the charge he bestowed on this Castle, with the Parks

[b] *Th. Walf. p. 106.*
[i] *Ib. p. 107. n. 10. & 20*
[k] *Ib. p. 108*
[l] *Ib. n. 10.*
[m] *Ib. n. 30.*
Islip (in regist. archiep. Cant)
Cart. 11. 3. n. 50. & 68.
Cart. 23. 3. p. 2. 5.
Pat. 25. 3. p. 1. 18.
Esc. 35. 3. p. 1. 122.
Islip.
Pat. 2. R. 2. p. 1. m. 6. & m. &c.
Pat. 35. 3. p. 2.
[w] *Pat. 15. R. 2. p. 1. m. 40.*
[x] *Rot. Parl. 1 H. 7. m. 3.*
[y] [z] [a] *Lel. It. MS in Bibl. Bodl. vol. 4. f 191.*
[b] *Chron. MS J. Rous, p. 258.*
[c] *Pat. 5. Eliz. p. 4.*
[d] *Pat. 6. Eliz. p. 12. m. 18.*
[e] *Ib. m. 12.*
[f] *Claus. 6. H. 5. m. 11.*

and Chaſe thereto belonging, was no leſs than 60 thouſand pounds. Here, in *July*, *an.* 1575. (17 *Eliz.*) having compleated all things for her reception, did ne entertain the Queen, for the ſpace of xvii dayes, with exceſſive coſt, and variety of delightfull ſhews, as may be ſeen at large in a ſpecial diſcourſe thereof then printed, and entituled, **The Princely pleaſures of Kenilworth Caſtle**; having at her firſt entrance a floating Iſland upon the Pool, bright blazing with Torches; upon which were clad in ſilks the Lady of the Lake, and two Nymphs waiting on her, who made a ſpeech to the Q. in meeter of the antiquity and owners of that Caſtle, which was cloſed with Cornets, and other loud Muſick. Within the baſe-court was there a very goodly Bridge ſet up, of xx foot wide, and lxx foot long, over which the Queen did paſs; on each ſide whereof were poſts erected, with Preſents upon them unto her, by the Gods, *viz.* a cage of Wild-fowl, by *Silvanus*; ſundry ſorts of rare Fruits, by *Pomona*; of Corn, by *Ceres*; of Wine, by *Bacchus*; of Sea-fiſh, by *Neptune*; of all habiliments of War, by *Mars*; and of Muſical Inſtruments, by *Phœbus*. And, for the ſeveral dayes of her ſtay, various and rare Shews and Sports were there exerciſed, *viz.* in the **Chaſe** a Savage man, with Satyrs: Bear-baitings, Fire-works, Italian tumblers, a Country Bride-ale, with running at the *Quintin*, and Morrice-dancing. And, that there might be nothing wanting that theſe parts could afford, hither came the **Coventre**-men, and acted the antient Play, long ſince uſed in that City, called **Hocks-tueſday**, ſetting forth the deſtruction of the Danes in King *Ethelred*'s time; with which the Queen was ſo pleas'd, that ſhe gave them a brace of Bucks, and five marks in money to bear the charges of a Feaſt.

Beſides all this, he had upon the Pool a *Triton* riding on a Mermaid 18 foot long; as alſo *Arion* on a Dolphin, with rare Muſick. And to honour this Entertainment the more, there were then Knighted here Sir *Thomas Cecill*, ſon and heir to the Lord Treaſurer; Sir *Henry Cobham*, brother to the Lord *Cobham*; Sir *Francis Stanhope*, and Sir *Tho. Treſham*. The coſt and expence whereof may be gueſt at, by the quantity of Beer then drunk, which amounted to 320 hogſheads of the ordinary ſort, as I have credibly heard. Shortly after which, *viz.* the next enſuing year, he obtained, by the grant[g] of the ſaid Q. a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Wedneſday, with a **Faire** yearly on *Midſummer-day*.

[g] *Pat.* 18. *Eliz. p.* 6.

But this great Earl (who bore no little ſway in his time, as, beſides our Annals, ſome yet living can teſtifie) having wedded the Lady *Lettice*, daughter to Sir *Francis Knolls*, Knight of the Garter, Treaſurer of the Houſhold to Q. *Eliz.* and widow to *Walter* E. of **Eſſex**, wanting by her any ſurviving iſſue, by his laſt Will and Teſtament[h], dated at **Middleburgh** in **Zeland**, 1 *Aug. an.* 1587. (being then General of the Engliſh Auxiliaries for the United Provinces) gave it to *Ambroſe* E. of **Warwick**, his brother, for life; and the inheritance to Sir *Robert Dudley* Knight *, whom he then thought not proper to ſtile his lawfull ſon, and to his heirs. Which Sir *Robert*, (being a perſon of great learning and parts) coming to the poſſeſſion of it within little more than a year after his fathers death (for his Uncle ſurviv'd him no more, as in **Warwick** I have ſhew'd) made it his ſeat; and endeavouring to aſſert his legitimacy, which as to very many ſtood ſomewhat dubious, in regard of his ſaid fathers marriage with the before ſpecified Counteſs of **Eſſex**, during the life of the Lady *Douglaſſe* his mother, (widow to the Lord *Sheffeild*, and daughter to *Will.* Lord *Howard* of *Effingham*) but, failing thereof, travelled into **Italy**, where he paſt away his right therein unto the late Prince *Henry*; the ſtory whereof, with the circumſtances, forasmuch as 'tis memorable in ſundry reſpects, I ſhall here ſuccinctly deliver[i].

[h] *Leiceſter*, Q. 1.

An. 1596. 38 *Eliz.* *M.* 18. *in officio Armorum.*

[i] *Ex ipſis depoſit. in curia Cameræ Stellatæ.*

About the beginning of K. *James* his reign, this Sir *Robert* having marryed *Alice*, daughter to Sir *Tho. Leigh* of **Stoneley** Kt. and conſidering with himſelf, that in caſe he made good his legitimacy, not onely the title to the Earldome of **Leiceſter**, as heir to his father; as alſo that of **Warwick**, for want of iſſue by the before ſpecified *Ambroſe*, his uncle; together with the dignity of Lord *L'iſle*, would rightfully accrue to him; but likewiſe the Caſtle of **Warwick**, with divers fair Lordſhips in this County, by vertue of an entail upon his ſaid uncles firſt advancement to that honour; did, by reaſon of the great Plague at that time in **London**, obtain a Commiſſion from the Archb. of **Cant.** out of his Court of Audience, directed to Dr *Zachary Babington*, then Chancellour of **Litchfeild**, and other, for examining witneſſes to prove his ſaid fathers marriage. But no ſooner was it diſcerned by the before ſpecified Lady *Lettice*, and her friends, that the conſequence thereof would much reflect upon her, than that they procured Sir *Edw. Coke*, the K. Atturney general, to exhibit[k] a Bill in the Star-Chamber againſt the ſame Sir *Rob.* and Dame *Alice* his Lady; as alſo againſt the ſaid Lady *Douglaſſe Sheffeild* (for ſo ſhe was called) then wife of Sir *Edw. Stafford* Kt. and againſt the before mentioned Sir *Tho. Leigh*, Dr *Zach. Babington*, and divers other; charging them with no leſs than combination and conſpiracy to defame the ſaid Lady *Lettice*, and unjuſtly to entitle himſelf to thoſe Honours, *&c.* And, upon the petition of the Lord *Sidney*, procured a command from the Lords of the Councel, not onely to ſtop[l] the ſaid proceedings at **Litchfeild**, but to bring all the depoſitions there taken, to remain within the ſaid Court of Star-Chamber in the Councel-cheſt.

[k] 10 *Fe.* *an.* 160

[l] 18 *O.* *an.* 160

Nevertheleſs did they vouchſafe liberty to the ſaid Sir *Robert* to examine Witneſſes in that honourable Court, in order to the making good of his legitimacy. Whereupon, by full teſtimony upon oath, partly made by the ſaid Lady *Sheffeild*, and partly by divers other perſons who were preſent at her marriage with the before ſpecified Earl, it appeared, that ſhe having been firſt contracted in **Cannon-Row** (within the City of **Weſtminſter**) about two years before, was ſolemnly wedded to him, in her Chamber at **Aſher** in **Surrey**, by a lawfull Miniſter, according to the form of Matrimony by Law eſtabliſht in the Church of **England**, in the preſence of Sir *Edward Horſey* Knight, that gave her in marriage; as alſo of *Robert Sheffeild* Eſq; and his wife, Dr *Julio*, *Henry Frodſham* Gent. with five other perſons, whoſe names are there ſpecified: and that the Ring, wherewith they were ſo marryed, was ſet with five pointed Diamonds, and a table Diamond, which had been given to him the ſaid Earl by the then Earl of *Penbroke*'s grandfather, upon condition that he ſhould not beſtow it upon any but whom

whom he did make his wife. And moreover, that the D. of Norf. was the principal mover of the said marriage; but that the said Earl, pretending a fear of the Q. indignation, in case it should come to her knowledge, made her vow not to reveal it till he gave leave; whereupon all her servants were commanded secrecy therein.

And further was it likewise deposed, that within two dayes after the birth of the said Sir *Robert Dudley* (who afterwards was born at Shene, and there christned by a Minister sent from Sir *Henry Lea*, having to his Godfathers the Earl of Warwick (his Uncle) with the same Sir *Henry*, and Godmother the Lady *Dacres* of the South (by their Deputies) the said Lady *Douglasse* received a Letter from the Earl (which one Mrs *Erisa*, but then Lady *Parker*, read) wherein his Lordship *did thank God for the birth of his said son, who might be their comfort and staffe of their old age* (as are the words of the said Letter) and subscribed, *Your loving Husband, ROB. LEICESTER.* As also, that the said Lady was after this served in her Chamber as a Countess, untill he commanded the contrary, for fear the marriage should be discloſed.

Other depositions there were many, by several persons, testifying what the said Earl himself had said in relation to this his son; as of one *Owen Jones*, who swore, that attending upon the said Sir *Rob. Dudley* at Offington in Sussex, when he was but ten years of age, and at School, the E. of Leic. came thither to see him, and said, *OWEN! thou know'st that ROBYN my boy is my lawfull son; and as I do and have charg'd thee to keep it secret, so I charge thee not to forget it, and therefore see thou be carefull of him.* Divers other expressions from the said Earl, testified by sundry credible persons, all tending to the same purpose: as also of what *Ambrose* E. of Warwick (his brother) had uttered in like kind, could I adde, were it not for brevities sake.

But that it may appear what was the true cause, that the Earl so declining his lawfull wife, durst not publickly own this his son, I shall observe from the same depositions; *viz.* his marriage with the before specified Lady *Lettice* in her life-time; with whose beauty he became so captivated, that he endeavoured to perswade the said Lady *Douglasse* to disclaim the marriage above mentioned, offering her no less than 700 *l. per ann.* in the close Arbour of the Q. Garden at Greenwich, in the presence of Sir *John Hubaud* and *George Digby*, in case she would so do; and, upon her refusal, terrifying her with protestations, that he would never come at her, and that she should never have peny of him.

It seems that the said Lady *Douglasse* had then the custody of her son; for I find it deposed, that the Earl tendred her 1000 *l.* to deliver him unto Sir *Edw. Horsey*, Captain of the Isle of Wight, to be conveyed into the said Isle, there to be brought up by him, which she refused. And there wants not strong suspicion, that, being doubtfull lest the life of the same Lady *Douglasse* might minister discourse of this foul play, he designed to dispatch her out of this world: for certain it is, that she had some ill potions given her, so that with the loss of her hair and nails, she hardly escap'd death; which being discerned, to secure her self from the like attempts for the future, she contracted marriage with Sir *Edw. Stafford* Kt. (a person of great honour and parts, and sometime imploy'd as an Embassadour [m] into France) whereof, afterwards, most sadly repenting, she said, that she had thereby done the greatest wrong that could be to her self and son.

[m] *Annal. Eliz. per* Will. Cambd. *in an.* 1578. & 1584.

Having thus manifested what is observable in reference to Sir *Rob. Dudley*'s legitimacy, let us now see the Catastrophe. For after these fair hopes in obtaining what he aimed at, there was not onely a stop to all further proceedings in the before specified cause, but a special Order by the Lords, that the Depositions should be sealed up, and no Copies taken of them without the Kings special license. Which unexpected dealing so astonish'd him, that he forthwith resolved to quit the Kingdome; and, to that purpose, obtaining license to travel for 3 years, went into Italy; whereof his adversaries taking advantage, procured his Summons to return by a special Privy Seal; unto which not obeying, this Castle and all his lands were seized on to the K. use, by vertue of the Statute of Fugitives; and soon after surveyed, as by what I have here added [n], to the end that the greatness and state thereof may the better appear.

[n] *Ab exempl. authentico in bibl.* Cotton.

The Castle of Kenilworth, situate upon a Rock.

1. *The circuit thereof within the walls containeth 7 acres, upon which the walks are so spacious and fair, that two or three persons together may walk upon most places thereof.*

2. *The Castle, with the 4 Gate-houses, all built of free-stone, hewen and cut; the walls, in many places, of xv and x foot thickness, some more, some less, the least 4 foot in thickness square.*

3. *The Castle and 4 Gate-houses, all covered with lead, whereby it is subject to no other decay than the glass, through the extremity of weather.*

4. *The rooms of great state within the same; and such as are able to receive his Majestie, the Queen and Prince at one time, built with as much uniformity and conveniency as any houses of later time; and with such stately Cellars, all carryed upon pillars, and architecture of free-stone, carved and wrought, as the like are not within this Kingdome; and also all other houses for offices answerable.*

5. *There lyeth about the same in Chases and Parks* 1200 l. per an. 900 l. *whereof are grounds for pleasure; the rest in meadow and pasture thereto adjoyning, Tenants, and Free-holders.*

6. *There joyneth upon this ground a Park-like ground, called the* Kings-wood, *with xv several Copices lying all together, containing* 789 *acres within the same: which, in the E. of* Leic. *time, were stored with red Deer: since which the Deer strayed, but the ground in no sort blemished, having great store of timber, and other trees of much value upon the same.*

7. *There runneth through the said grounds, by the walls of the Castle, a fair Pool, containing Cxi acres, well stored with Fish and Fowl; which at pleasure is to be let round about the Castle.*

8. *In*

8. *In timber and woods upon this ground, to the value (as hath been offered) of* 20000 l. *(having a convenient time to remove them) which to his Majestie in the Survey are but valued at* 11722 l. *which proportion, in a like measure, is held in all the rest upon the other values to his Majestie.*

9. *The circuit of the Castle, Mannours, Parks, and Chase, lying round together, contain at least xix or xx miles in a pleasant Countrey; the like, both for strength, state and pleasure, not being within the realm of* England.

10. *These lands have been survey'd by Commissioners from the K. and the Lord Privy-Seal, with directions from his Lordship to find all things under the true worth, and upon oath of Jurors, as well Free-holders as customary tenants; which course being held by them, are notwithstanding surveyed and returned at* 38554 l. 15 *s.* 0 *d. Out of which for Sir* ROB. DUDLEY'S *contempt, there is to be deducted* 10000 l. *and for the Lady* DUDLEYS *joynture, which is without impeachment of wast, whereby she may fell all the woods, which by the Survey amount unto* 11722 *l.*

The total of the Survey ariseth, as followeth.	*In Land,*	16431 l. 9 *s.* 0.
	In Woods,	11722 l. 2 *s.* 0.
	The Castle,	10401 l. 4 *s.* 0.

His Majestie hath herein the mean profits of the Castle and premisses, through Sir ROB. DUDLEY'S *contempt, during his life, or his Majesties pardon; the reversion in fee being in the Lord Privy-Seal.*

But it was not long afterwards, that Prince *Henry*, affecting it as the most noble and magnificent thing in the midland parts of this Realm, made overture by special Agents to the said Sir *Robert* of a desire to obtain his title thereto by way of purchase. Whereupon, in consideration of 14500 *l.* to be paid within the compass of a twelve-month unto the said Sir *Robert* or his Assigns, certain Deeds were sealed bearing date 21 *Nov.* 9 *Jac.* (*an. scil.* 1611.) and Fines levyed, setling the inheritance thereof; as also of the Mannour and lands in **Kenilworth**, together with those of **Rudfen**, **Balshall**, and **Long-Itchington**, upon the said Prince and his heirs; but with condition, that the same Sir *Robert* should during his life hold and enjoy the Constableship of the said Castle by Patent from the same Prince.

Howbeit, Prince *Henry* departing this life, there was not above 3000 *l.* of the said sum ever paid, (as I have heard) and that likewise to a Merchant which broke, so that it never came to Sir *Robert Dudley*'s hands. Nevertheless did Prince *Charles*, as heir to his brother, hold the possession thereof; and in 19 *Jac.* obtain'd a special Act[o] of Parl. to enable the Lady *Alice*, wife to the said Sir *Rob.* in regard she had a joynture therein, to alien all her right unto him, as if she had been a *feme sole*: which accordingly she did by her Deed bearing date 4 *Maii*, 19 *Jac.* in consideration of 4000 *l.* assigned to her out of the Exchequer.

[o] Rot. Pl. de eodem an.

And being thus come to Pr. *Charls*, as hath been shew'd, the custody thereof was, by Pat.[p] dated 15 *Martii*, in the first year after he came to the Crown, granted to *Rob.* E. of **Monmouth**, *Henry* Lord *Carey*, his eldest son, and *Tho. Carey* Esq; together with the Park and Chase during their lives, and the longer liver of them, with the fee of xii *d. per diem*, and an annuity of xl *s. per ann.* for repairing the walls and buildings, to be paid by the K. Receiver of this County, in whose possession it now rests, *ann. scil.* 1640.

[p] Pat. 1 Car.

But one thing have I yet further to observe touching the before specified Sir *Rob. Dudley*, and then I shall proceed: which is, that having thus setled himself in **Italy**, within the Territories of the great D. of **Tuscany**, of whom he had extraordinary esteem, he was so much favoured by the Emp. *Ferdinand* the second, as that, being a person not onely eminent for his great learning and blood, but for sundry rare endowments, as is very well known, he had by Letters Pat. from his Imperial Majestie, bearing date at **Vienna**, 9 *Martii*, 1620. the title of a Duke given unto him, to be used by himself and his heirs throughout all the Dominions of the sacred Empire.

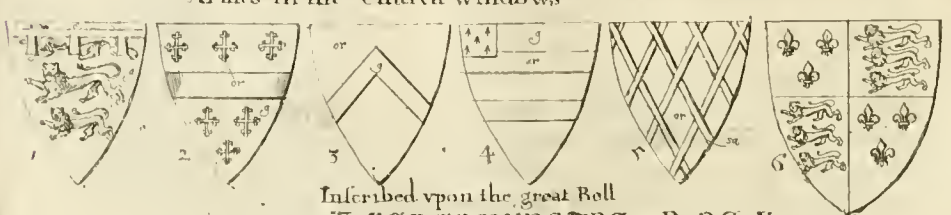
That which I have further to say of **Kenilworth**, concerns the Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) which is, that in *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued[q] at viii marks, and the Vicaridge at one mark: But in 26 H. 8. it appears[r], that the Vicar of **Kenilworth** had onely an yearly stipend of 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per ann.* paid by the Prior and Covent: which, being so small a portion, continued thus till 20 *Jac.* that the Lady *Aliza Dudley* augmented it with xx *l. per ann.* out of lands in **Manceter**, as in my discourse of that place is manifested.

[q] MS. Seac.

[r] MS. penes S. A. [illegible] aur. f. 3. b.

Kenilworth

Armes in the Church windows



1 Earle of Lancaster
2 Beauchamp.
3 Stafford
4
5 Mortak
6 France and England quartered.

Inscribed upon the great Bell

T KADARMYNSTRA P DA K.

MENTEM SANCTAM SPONTANEAM HONOREM DEO PATRIÆ LIBERATIONEM ANGELUM PRIUS MICHAEL AD NOSTRA GALLUS MITTI ROGITAMUS AVIAM.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
	Henr de Lodbrok Pbr. 5. Id. Nov. 1300.
	Galfr. Marmion Pbr. 15. Cal. Julii 1312.
	Rog. Boyvill Cap. prid. Id. Martii 1312.
	Will. de Stoneley 16. Cal. Martii 1316.
	Joh. de Hinſlap Cap. 13. Cal. Feb. 1323.
	Henr. de Anſty Cap. 3. Non. Junii 1346.
	Will. de Preſton Cap. 9. Cal. Maii 1349.
	Joh. de Calwich Cap. Id. Junii 1349.
	Rad. Rokeby Cap. 6. Id. Aug. 1349.
	Rog. de Bermicham 12. Cal. Febr. 1351.
	Joh. King Pbr. 8. Cal. Maii 1353.
Prior & Convent. de Kenilworth.	*Will. de Covele Pbr. 7. Id. Sept.* 1361.
	Ric. atte Birches Pbr. 2. Non. Martii 1373.
	Will. Port. Cap. 21. Oct. 1411.
	Rob. Loghtburgh. Pbr. 1. Maii 1436.
	Ric. Lyne Pbr. 4. Octob. 1437.
	Joh. Smyth Pbr. 21. Nov. 1441.
	Will. Chapman Pbr. 19. Oct. 1447.
	Ric. Braunſton 13. Aug. 1454.
	Joh. Audley Pbr. 4. Jan. 1457.
	Tho. Rawlynſon Pbr. 19. Oct. 1498.
	Joh. Wright Cap. 19. Sept. 1500.
	Tho. Weſterby, alias Barbour Cap. 6. Junii 1504.
	Joh. Pulteny Cap. penult. Dec. 1524.
Hen. 8. Rex.	*Tho. Bird in art. Bacc. 11. Sept.* 1545.
Jacobus Rex.	*Joh. Buſt in art. Magiſter 8. Apr.* 1611.

Rudfen.

THE firſt mention that I find of this place, is, that *Geffrey de Clinton* (ſon to *Geffrey* Founder of **Kenilworth-Priory**) gave [f] it unto the Canons of **Kenilworth**, it being there written **Wridefen**: but I rather think that the true name is according to the uſuall pronunciation at this time; *viz.* **Rudfen**, in regard it ſo well agrees with the ſituation thereof, which is in a dirty ſoil of a red Colour; for **Rud** is *Red*, and **Fen**, in the Saxon or old Engliſh, ſignifieth *Dirt*.

Being thus in the hands of thoſe Canons, it appears [g] that in 4. H. 7. the Prior of **Kenilworth** made the Park here, and incloſed xl. acres of errable-land therein, ſtoring it with Deer. But after the diſſolution of that Monaſtery it was granted [u] out of the Crown, by K. H. 8. (*inter alia*) to *Thomas Marrow* of **London** Eſquire, and his heirs, by the name of the Mannour of **Wrydefen**, *alias* **Rudfyn**, 20. *Junii* 37. H. 8. Which *Thomas*, in 3. & 4. *Ph.* & *M.* reconvey'd [w] it to the Crown; and the ſame year had a grant [x] thereof again, with **Berkſwell**, and other lands in this County. But, it ſeemes, that *Marrow* kept it not long; for the next year following, I find [y] that the Queen paſſed it to *John Throkmorton* Eſq. for 21. years; in which grant it is ſaid to have been in the Qu. hands by exchange for other lands with the ſaid *Thomas Marrow*. Which Leaſe, belike, was ſurrendred; for plain it is that Q. *Eliz.* in 7. of her raign, convey'd [z] it to *Robert* E. of **Leic.** and his heires. After whoſe death *Lettice*, Counteſs of **Leic.** his Widow, during her life held it: but the inheritance being in Sir *Robert Dudley* Kt. (baſe ſon to the ſaid Earl), by vertue of his fathers Will; he, in the ſame grant whereby he paſt **Kenilworth-Caſtle** to Prince *Henry*, joyned this; ſince which it hath accompanyed the poſſeſſion thereof.

There is no more building at this place then one houſe; which having been a Grange belonging to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, upon the diſſolution of that Monaſtery, was aſſigned to the laſt Prior for his reſidence whilſt he lived, as I have heard.

[u] *Ex ipſo autog. penès* Rob. Fiſher *eq. aur. & Bar.*

[w] *F. levat. T. Paſch. eodem ann.*

[x] *Pat. 3. & 4. Ph. & M. p. 12.*

[y] *Pat. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. p. 3.*

[z] *Pat. 7. Eliz. p. 9.*

Stoneley.

I Now come to **Stoneley**, ſituat on the Northern bank of **Sow**, a little below the joyning of of **Kenilworth-water** therewith: which is a very ſpacious Pariſh, and containeth many petty Hamlets and places of Note; *viz.* **Cloud**, **Starton**, **Finham**, **Fletchamſted**-*Superior* and *Inferior*, **Hurſt**, **Cryfield**, **Canle**, and **Hill**, with the three Granges called **Helenhull**, **Bokindene**, and **Milburne**, of all which in their order.

Before the Norman invaſion, King *Edward* held it in demeſn; ſo likewiſe afterwards did *William* the Conq. by whoſe generall Survey [a] it was certified to contain ſix hides, there being then two Prieſts, (of whom I ſhall ſay more when I ſpeak of **Cloud**, and **Fletchamſted**) the woods extending to four miles in length, and two in breadth (**Kenilw.** being a member thereof); in which the King had feeding for 2000. Hoggs. There were at that time alſo two Mills, rated at 35 *s.*-4 *d.* As for the name, there needs not much to be ſaid, in regard 'tis obvious enough, conſidering that the nature of the ſoil where the Town ſtands is rocky; **Stanley** the antient name, now altered to **Stoneley**, ſignifying a ſtony place.

In the Crown it continued till H. 2. time, anſwering [b] xvii *l.* xiv *s.* v *d.* yearly, to the King; who had [c] within the precincts thereof two Houſes, one in the Town of **Stoneley**, and the other at **Cryfield**; his tenants here, being called *Sokemanni*, by reaſon (ſaith *Bracton* [d] upon that word) *quod deputati ſunt, ut videtur, tantummodo ad culturam; & quorum cuſtodia & maritagia ad propinquiores parentes, jure ſanguinis pertinebat.* Which tenants had wont [e], from antient time, every 3. Weeks, to do their ſuite at the Kings Court, held for this Mannour upon a hill, then and yet, called the

[a] *Domeſday lib.*

[b] *Pat 50. H. 3. m. 1.*

[c] *Regiſt. de Stonley f. 156. b.*

[d] *Lib. 2. cap. 35. n. 1*

[e] *Reg. de Stonley f. 73. b.*

Mottow-hill, on the South-side the river oppofite to the Church, (having that appellation, becauſe of the pleadings there; the word *Mote* being to this day uſed in that ſenſe by our Lawyers) each Tenant holding one yard land, and paying yearly xxx *d. viz.* 1 *d.* an acre, in regard every yard land contained xxx. acres and no more.

In the diſtinct Hamlets belonging to this Mannour, there were viii. yard land onely; and if they had any more it was by improvement of the waſts; each of which Hamlets gave a certain portion of money for a Common-fine twice a year: howbeit, that payment was not made by the *Sokemanni*, but by the inferior Tenants, if there were any: the further cuſtomes touching which *Sokemanni* were as followeth; *viz.*

1. That each of them, at his death, ſhould give an entire Heriot, that is to ſay, his Horſe, Harneſs, and Armes, if he had any; otherwiſe his beſt beaſt. and that the heire ſucceeding his father ſhould be admitted to the inheritance at xv. years of age, doubling his Rent for a Relief; and from thenceforth to be joyn'd with the reſt of the *Sokemanni* in Juryes; as alſo in collecting the Kings rents, and anſwering to proces, as if he had been of full age.

2. That they were to have Eſtovers in the out-woods, by the overſight of the Foreſters; ſcil. *Houſebote*, *Heybote*, and *Firebote*, and freedome of paunage for their own Hogs; but for ſuch Hogs as they did buy after the *Nativity* of S. *John Baptiſt*, to give paunage.

3. That at the *Bederipe* in harveſt (*id eſt* the generall Reap for the Lords corn, the word Bede ſignifying to pray or requeſt) they ſhould all come upon requeſt or notice, with every of their tenants; the *Sokemanni* to ride up and down on Hoſeback, with wands, to ſee that they work't well, and to amerce thoſe in the Court, then and there held, that made default or laboured idly.

4. That they ſhould be in the field at Sun-riſing, and work till Sun ſet, not ſitting down to breakfaſt, but each of them eating what he brought with him, as they went up and down the lands to their work; and after breakfaſt to ſit down once before dinner, the Lord finding them drink; but at Noon, both they and the *Sokemen* to have meat and drink provided by the Lord.

5. That the Reapers ſhould eat by themſelves, every one having a little Wheat-loaf, 4. Eggs, and pottage; *viz.* Grewell, without fleſh boyled in it, except the Lord would afford them other, with Cheeſe and Beer ſufficient; and after dinner one ſitting down with bread and beer, but the *Sokemen* themſelves to be ſerved with better dyet, according to their degrees.

6. And laſtly, when the King ſhould aſſeſs his Boroughs and Mannours with *Tallage*, he to have from the *Sokemen*, here, the tenth part of their goods.

I now deſcend to the foundation of the Abby, and the occaſion thereof.

The Order of *Ciſtercian* Monks being propagated in England, towards the later end of K. H. 1. raign (as in Combe I have ſhew'd) found, in ſhort time, many pious Benefactors in ſeverall parts of the Kingdom; who bountifully beſtowed upon them very large poſſeſſions, in ſuch places as were moſt proper for them to ſeat themſelves with leaſt diſturbance in their ſtrict and holy Rule of ſerving God: Amongſt which were *Maud* the Empreſs, and King *Stephen*; who, though otherwiſe oppoſites to each other, yet in this good work concurred, granting [e] a certain deſert, called Redmore, lying in the Foreſt of Canok, in Staffordſhire, (a mile Southwards from Beaudeſert) unto *Clement* and *Herveie*, two devout Hermits, with others of their ſociety: As alſo a certaine laund, called Melleſho, for tillage and paſturing of cattell. Which Conceſſions *Roger de Clinton*, then Biſhop of Cheſter, not onely confirmed [f], but gave them liberty to betake themſelves to what regular life ſoever, they, through Gods direction, ſhould make choice of; and to receive, and inſtruct any ſuch women, who, having devoted their lives to Gods ſervice, would be content to do the like.

But, after they had found what moleſtation they had by the Foreſters, who, riding frequently that way, much diſturb'd their devotions, they humbly [g] beſought the ſaid Empreſs, that ſhe would vouchſafe to change their ſeat. Whereupon, bearing a great affection to the *Ciſtercian*-Order, ſhe told them, if they would undergoe that Rule, ſhe would grant their requeſt. To which propoſall of hers they, after ſome deliberation, aſſenting, the ſame place of Radmore was [h] made an Abby, one *William*, the principall of thoſe religious perſons, being elected the firſt Abbot there: unto whom *Henry* D. of Normandy, ſon to the ſaid Empreſs, by his Charter [i] granted and confirmed, not only the ſame Radmore with the appurtenances; *viz.* Melleſho, and Wirley for tillage and paſture; as alſo Hedeneſford for paſture and paunage, with liberty to build a Church, and ſuch houſes as might be fit for their habitation; but gave them the Town of Canok with the appurtenances, and the Mill at Wirley, with all things belonging thereto.

Which good work ſo begun wanted not the bounty of divers other pious men to carry it on; *Osbert de Arden* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in Kingsbury) giving [k] them his Lordſhip of Merſton; *Will. Croc* (of whom I am to ſpeak in Chelferton) all [l] the right he had in Wirley, to the intent that they would receive him into their fraternity, and vouchſafe his body buriall there. *Geffrey de Clinton* three [m] yard land at Werlabeſcote, and one hide in Radway: And *Roger de Clinton*, B. of Cheſter before mentioned, two [n] hides more in the ſaid Town of Radway.

Shortly after which, this new Abbot and his Monks, not yet [o] well inſtructed in the *Ciſtercian* diſcipline, requeſted [p] *Haimon*, the ſecond Abbot of Bordeſley (in Worceſter-ſhire) to ſend two of his Covent to inform them therein. Which being accordingly done, there grew great friendſhip betwixt theſe two Monaſteries, the Monks of Bordſley always giving courteous entertainment to thoſe of Radmore whenſoever they had occaſion to viſit their Grange at Radway. Howbeit, at Radmore they continued [q] no more then xiii. years: For, finding the Foreſters, not only troubleſome, but, by their frequent viſits, ſomewhat burthenſome alſo, they became Petitioners to K. H. 2. on the 14. *Cal.* of *Jan.* in the very firſt year of his raign, making uſe of his mother, the Empreſs, their Patroneſs, to mediate, that he would be pleaſed to tranſlate them to his Mannour of Stoneley in Warwick-ſhire, and accept of what they had at Radmore in exchange for that place. Whereunto the King gratiouſly yielding, they came [r] from Radmore, and firſt ſeated themſelves

[e] Ib. f.
[f] b. c.
[g] f. 7. a. b.
[h] Ib. f. 8.
[i] Ibi
[k] b.
[l] Ib. 1.
[m] a.
[n] Ib.
[o] b.
[p] Ib.
[q] f. 1.
[r] a.
[r] Ib. b

selves where the Grange of **Crykeld** now stands, the inhabitants thereof then removing to **Hurst**: but finding inconvenience there, in regard it was so neere the publique road way, they made choyce [f] of another place, a little below the confluence of **Sow** and **Avon**, almost inviron'd with the river; having that thick wood called **Echels** * on the North, and there began the foundation of their Church; whereof the first stone being [t] laid *Id. Apr. Anno* 1154. *scil.* 1. H. 2. the Church-yard was consecrated [u] by *Walter Durdent* Bishop of **Coventre**, with the assent of the Prior and Canons of **Kenilworth**, to whom the Parish Church of **Stoneley** appertained: upon [w] condition that the said Monks should no way diminish the rights due to the said Church of **Stoneley**, but make just payment of all Tithes to the same, for such grounds as they should till within that Parish; all which the said King *Henry* by his Charter [x] confirmed.

And to the end that these Monks should have **Stoneley** intire, the said King gave command by his precept [y] to the Shiriff of this County, to assigne the Freeholders there, as much land in value, in other places, by way of exchange for that they had here. But there being a Custom [z] amongst the *Cistercian* Monks, that no new Monastery of the same Rule, should without license of the next adjacent Abby of that Order, be erected; these, upon their translation hither, were constrayned to come to an Agreement with the Monks of **Combe**; who conditioned with them, upon yielding such their licence, that if they had a minde to erect any Granges, or remove the site of their Abby, the Monks of **Stoneley** should not hinder them. Which Agreement was made in the presence of the Abbots of **Waverle**, **Bordesle**, and **Perevale**, in *Anno* 1155. 1 H. 2.

At [a] the time when this Monastery was so founded, there were in the Mannour of **Stoneley** 68. villains, 4. *Bordarii* (*id est* Free-holders,) and two Priests; all which held xxx. Carucats of land (as is exprest in *Domesday-book*). As also 4. Bondmen, or servants, whereof each held 1. mes. and one quartrone of land, by the services of making the Gallows, and hanging of Theeves: every one of which Bondmen was to wear a red clout, betwixt his shoulders, upon his upper garment; to plow twice a year, to reap as oft; that is to say at the two *Bederipes*; to give aid to the Lord at the Feast of S. *Michael*; to make the Lords malt, and do other servile work.

As for the particulars that the Monks held in demesn, and otherwise in 7. E. 1. I refer my Reader to the Record [b], not accounting it necessary to insert it here, having spoken so fully already of their possessions. But it seemes that the King did not quit his totall interest in **Stonely** to the Monks upon the foundation of this Abby: for I find [c], that the Shiriff of **Warwick-shire** in 15. H. 2. accounted 29*s.* 9*d.* for paunage of the Woods: and in 19. H. 2. received [d] 40 *s.* from those men which held the assarts: As also in [e] 27. H. 2. 55 *s.* for perquisits here. Nay, his Officers and Foresters in the beginning of King *John*'s time, did so insult, as that they alledg'd all was his, notwithstanding what King *Henry* his grandfather had given them by his Charter before specified. And so far were the priviledges, which belong'd to the Monks within this their Mannour of **Stoneley** slighted, that upon any suite betwixt the Tenants, or against the Abbot, all Writts were directed to the Ks. Bayliffs; so that *Will. de Tyso* the then Abbot, considering these grievances, and the further dangers to them which were imminent enough, repaired to the King, and for [f] 200. Marks and two white Palfreys got a confirmation of his fathers Charter, with a grant of the Woods of **Wethele**, and the essarts at **Hurst**, for which there had wont to be payd yearly into the Exchequer 29 *s.* which Charter [g] beares date 12. *Maii* 5. *Joh.* And yet thought they not themselves sure: for in [h] 11. H. 3. they gave the King xv. Marks for to confirm his fathers grant.

But I come now to the chief of their other Benefactors, resolving to speak more fully of them, and of what they gave in the particular places where the lands so given did lye. These were *Stephen de Segrave*, who gave [i] all his land of **Bercote** with the Mannoûr house. *Geffrey de Langley* the [k] Mannour of **Staverton**. *Hugh de Arden* lands [l] in **Rotley**. *Robert de Broc* lands [m] in **Radway**. Sir *Thomas de Ednesoure* Knight, al. [n] his lands in **Hull** *juxta* **Wotton**. *Geffrey Savage* and Sir *Will. Whelton* Knight **Partford-mill** [o] (standing upon the little torrent neer **Gate-bridge**) *Richard Trussell* 1. mes. in [p] **Loxley**. *Thomas de Arden* [q] the Church of **Rotley**. *John de Mercote* lands [r] in the said **Rotley**, and **Radway**. *Rob. de Waldene* more in [s] **Radway**.

In all which, the priviledges [t] which these Monks had, were very many and great; *viz.* **Free-warren**, *Infangthef*, *Outfangthef*, Weyfs, Streys, goods of Felons and Fugitives, Tumbrell, Pillory, *Sok*, *Sak*, *Toll*, *Theam*, amerciaments for murders, Assise of bread and beer; with a **Mercate** and **Faire** in the town of **Stoneley**: which Lordship was to answer for xii. before the Kings Justices or Coroner: and the tenants thereof (*id est* Freeholders) to plead the *Writ of Right* according to the custome of the Mannour; having *Assise of fresh force* against such as should disease them without a Writ. And moreover [u] that the Kings officers might not take distresses, nor make any attachment within the same, without the Bayliff of the Mannour. As also that the Lord and his tenants of the same Mannour, should be free from payment to the County or Hundred-Courts; from Murthers; Aid to the Shiriff, and coming to his *Turne*: from all common amerciaments, of *Toll*, *Pontage*, *Passage*, and *Murage* throughout **England**; and from payment of the expences to the Knights for the Shire sent to Parliament.

Which **Mercate**, **Faire** and **Free-warren** were granted to them by K. E. 1. as his Charter [w], bearing date at **Kaernarvon** 27. *Maii*, in the 12. year his raign testifieth; *viz.* the **Mercate** on Thursday every week: and the **Faire** yearly to last for eight days, beginning on the Even of the *Nativity* of S. *John Baptist*. But the tenants within the libertyes of **Stonley**, for as much as it was antient demesn of the Crown, were to pay *Tallage* to the Monks as oft as the King had *Tallage* of the like Mannours: the particular summs then due from the Town of **Stonley**, and from the Hamlets antiently belonging thereto, being these [y].

Stonle---20 *s*-06 *d*-ob-q.	**Tanle**---16--04--ob.
Fynham--10--03--0.--q.	**Pelburn**-10 *s*-01 *d*-o.
Hull ——19--07--0--q.	**Crulefeld**--16--00--o.
Flecham--18--09---ob.	**Hurst**---18--05--ob.
Sted	**Staverton**-19-07-q.

The totall-07 *li.*-09-09 *d.*-ob.

* Eychel Germ. idem significat. quod quercus Lat.

[t] Regist. de Kenilw. p. 2.

[u] Ib. p. 108.

[w] Cart. 19. E. 2. n. 6. per Inspex.

[x] Regist. de Stonley f. 11.

[y] Regist. de Stonley f. 16. a.

[z] Regist. de Stonley f. 12.

[a] per Rot. Nott. f. 3. a. b.

[b] Rot. P. 15. H. 2.

[c] Rot. P. 27. H. 2.

[d] Ib. b.

[e] Ib.

[f] Regist. de Stonley f. 15. b.

[g] Cart. 5. Joh. n. 18. & 19.

[h] Rot. F. in. H. 3. m. 9.

[i] [k] [l] [m] [n] [o] Cart. 49 H. 3. m. 7. nr. 19. E. 2. per Inspex.

[p] Ex autog. in Bibl. Hatton.

[q] Esc. 14. E. 1. n. 37.

[r] Ib. n. 57.

[s] Pat. 22. E. 2. p. 1. m. 11.

[t] [u] Cart. 49. H. 3. nr. 2.

[w] Cart. 12. E. 1. n. 39.

[x] Regist. de Stonley f. 33. b.

[y] Ib. 34. a.

Which Aid in 36. H. 3. upon the Kings transfretation into Gascoign, the Abbot of Stonle had, as appears by the Kings mandate [z] to the Shiriff of this County.

[z] Clauſ. 36. H. 3. m. 2.

As for the other memorable paſſages touching this Monaſtery, or the Abbots and Monks thereof they were theſe; *viz.* That [a] *Will. de Gyldeford*, the ninth Abbot, being a man of ſingular wiſdom, and made Penetentiary to *Panduph* the Popes Legat, was afterwards ſent with Legatine authority into Wales; which occaſioned many ſuperior Abbots and others, to malign him; ſo that, becauſe he countenanc'd a Shepherd belonging to the Monaſtery, to fight a Duell, and to hang a Thief that had privately ſtole away ſome Cattell of theirs, ſuch advantage was taken againſt him, as that, being proſecuted for it, he was deprived in *anno* 1235. 15. H. 3.

[a] R giſt. de Stonle f. 178. a.

Within ten years after which his depoſall, the Monks of this Houſe ſuſtained much loſs by fire, whereby a great part of the Abby was conſumed; towards the reparation whereof the King allow'd them fourty Oaks out of his Woods at Kenilworth, which the Shiriff of this County had command [b] to deliver. And not long after this; *viz.* in [c] 43. H. 3. divers of the Monks grew ſo exorbitant, that they fell to wandring; inſomuch as the King ſent forth his Precepts to all Shiriffs and other his Officers to apprehend and deliver them to the Abbot for chaſtiſement according to their demerits, and as their Rule required.

[b] Clauſ. 25. H. 3. m. 9.

[c] Pat. 43. H. 3.

The xvi. Abbot [d], *viz. Rob. de Hockele*, though a young man, yet being very ſage and prudent, freed the Houſe from many debts that were owing at the entrance of his goverment, and was a great builder: for he cauſed the ſtalls of the Quire to be all new made; as alſo the carved-work under the ſteeple, with the great Eaſt window above the high Altar, and the Church to be new dedicated & covered with lead: all which are now totally demoliſh't. But the Gate-houſe, a fair and ſtrong building, and alſo one of his [e] works, ſtill ſtandeth; on the front whereof, outwards, there is remayning yet a large Eſcocheon of ſtone, whereon *three Lyons paſſant gardant* are cut; with a *Lyon paſſant gardant* upon a Helme, ſet on the corner of the ſhield, according to the faſhion of that time wherein he lived. Which Badge he fixed here in memory of K. *Henry* the 2. their Founder.

[d] Reg. de Stonle f. 178. a.

[e] Ibid.

But all that I have further to ſay of them, is, that in 38. E. 3. there was a Complaint [f] made againſt *Thomas de Pipe* the then Abbot; *viz.* that he granted eſtates to divers perſons for lives, of ſeverall Fermes and lands, without reſerving any Rent to be paid, to the great pejudice of the Monaſtery: And this was alledged to be for the ſupport of a Concubine that he had, called *Iſabell Feuſhale*, and his children by her, which were more in number, as the Record [g] ſays, than the Monks then in the Covent. And it was then alſo alledged, that were it not for theſe Leaſes xx. might very well have been maintayned therein. How he acquitted himſelf of this ſcandalous charge I know not; but certain it is, that the man was a perſon of notable parts, and deſerved very well of the Houſe: for he compoſed that excellent *Leiger-book*, being the tranſcript of their evidences, wherein are all things hiſtorically entred, that concern this Monaſtery; and very many particulars relating to the generall Story of the Kingdom, eſpecially of theſe parts, which are not elſwhere to be met with, whereof I have made much uſe in this preſent work; and for which his memory will be of good eſteem with all that are lovers of Hiſtory.

[f] Plac. de T. Hill. 38. E. 3. Rot. 22. 24. & 38.

[g]

By the Survey taken in 26. H. 8. the revenue of this Abby was certified [h] to be Cli *l.* iii *s.* 1 *d. ob.* over and above all repriſes. Of which the ſum of 04 *l.*-05 *s.*-04 *d.* was then reckoned for the charge of 8. quarters of Rye made in bread at 5 *s.* the quarter. 3. quarters of Malt in beer, at 4 *s.* the quarter; and 200. Herings at 20 *d.* the Hundred: All which were yearly given in Almes to poor and impotent people upon *Maunday-Thurſday* at the waſhing of their feet, by the decree of a generall Chapter of their Order. And moreover Cvii *s.* viii *d. per ann.* for their charge in relief of poor people; *viz.* three buſhels of Rye, weekly made in bread, being in all 17. quarters and a half; and 6. quarters of Malt made in beer at 4 *s.* the quarter. The yearly fee then to the principall Officers being to *Henry* Marq. *Dorſet*, their high Seward. Liii *s.* iv *d.* To *Robert Caſter* gent. their generall Receiver. xxvi *s.* viii *d.* And to *Thomas Gregory*, Auditor, xxvi *s.* viii *d.*

[h] M S. penès S. eq. aur. 47. b.

So that, being in clear yearly value leſs than CC *li.* it was ſuppreſſed by Act of Parl. in 27. H. 8. whereupon the Monks were, for the moſt part, diſpoſed of to other Religious Houſes that then ſtood undiſſolved; *Thomas Tutbury* the then Abbot having a *Penſion* [i] of 23 *li. per annum* aſſigned to him during his life.

[i] Lib. S. in Cur Augm.

Catalogus [k] Abbatum.

[k] Reg. Stonle 179. a.

1. *Willielmus, primus Abbas obiit Id. Dec. anno* 1159.
2. *Rogerus obiit Non. Feb. anno* 1178.
3. *Nicholaus obiit Cal. Sept. anno* 1188.
4. *Henricus obiit* 3. *Id. Sept. anno* 1189.
5. *Will. Perſhore tranſlatus ad* Bordeſley.
6. *Will. de Campden Abbatizavit* 8. *ann.*
7. *Will. de Tyſoe obiit* 10. *Cal. Aug. an.* 1217.
8. *Ranulphus ceſſit officio ann.* 1221.
9. *Will. Gyldeford depoſitus ann.* 1231.
10. *Osbertus de Weſtwelle renuntiavit officio Non. Sept. ann.* 1258.
11. *Petrus Wyche obiit* 9. *Cal. Martii* 1261.
12. *Ric. de Merynton à regimine amotus ann.* 1272.
13. *Tho. de Orleſcote, tranſlatus ad* Bordeſle *an.* 1277.
14. *Will. de Heyford aſſumptus in Abb. de* Bordeſle *an.* 1293.
15. *Joh. de la Sale depoſitus, poſt an.* 16. & 2. *menſes.*
16. *Rob. de Hockele obiit die S. Deſiderii Epiſc. an.* 1349.
17. *Rob. de Atherſton renuntiavit officio anno tertio regiminis ſui.*
18. *Thomas de Weſton, aliàs dictus Tho. de Pipe, ſucceſſit eidem Roberto* 9. *Cal. Junii an.* 1352. *ætate juvenis.*

Rob. [l] *Sutton.* 10. H. 7.

Thom. [m] *Hodskinſon.*

Thom. [n] *Tutbury* 27. H. 8.

[l] In ſuj def. 3. 16.

[m]

[n]

After the before-ſpecified diſſolution, it continued not long in the Crown: for in 30. H. 8. it was granted [o] to *Charles Brandon* D. of Suff. and his heirs. Which D. had iſſue [p] *Henry* and *Charles*; who both dying childleſs, Sir *Ric. Cavendiſh* Knight, Sir

[o] Pat. 30. H. 8. p. 4.

[p] [q] Lib. ccc.

Sir *William Sidney* Knight, *Thomas Glemham* Esq. *Tho. Lovell* Esq. *Christian Darnell* widow. *Eliz.* the wife of *Walter Ayscough* Esq. and *Eliz.* the wife of *John Trye* were found to be their [e] cosins and heirs. Betwixt whom partition [f] being made 21. *Maii* 2. *Eliz.* the site of this Monastery with part of the lands thereunto belonging, was allotted unto *William Cavendish* Esq. son and heir to the said Sir *Richard.* Which *Will.* (by the name of *Will. Cavendish* of **Trymley**. St. *Martin. in Com.* **Suff.** Esq.) by his deed [g] bearing date 17. *Martii* 3. *Eliz.* sold it unto Sir *Rowland Hill* and Sir *Thomas Leigh* Knights Aldermen of **London**. After which upon division made of divers Mannours and Lands, joyntly acquired by them, the site of this Monastery became allotted to the same Sir *Thomas Leigh*; who, purchasing in the greatest part of all other lands lying in **Stonley**, thereabouts and obtain'd in 4. *Eliz.* a Pat. [h] of confirmation for them all, together with the Mannour of **Stonley**.

[e] *Ex vet. exempl. penès Thom. D. Leigh.*

[f] *Ex autog. penès eundem. F. levat. xv. Pasch. 3. Eliz.*

[g] *Pat. 4. Eliz. p. 6.*

Which Sir *Thomas*, being son to *Roger Leigh* of **Wellington** in **Shrop-shire**, descended by a younger branch from that antient family of the *Leigh*'s of **High-Leigh** in **Cheshire** (as their descent sheweth;) and bred up under the said Sir *Rowland Hill* (an opulent merchant of **London**) became at length, for his skill and diligence, his Factor beyond Sea; and underwent that trust so well, that Sir *Rowland*, having no child, match't his neece, whom he much affected, to him; *viz. Alice*, daughter to ..... *Barker* of **Hamon** in **Shropshire**; upon whose issue he bestow'd the greatest part of his estate. Much might be said of this Sir *Thomas Leigh*, who was Lord Mayor of **London** in 1 *Eliz.* but let the Epitaph upon his Monument [i] at **Mercers-Chappell** where he lyeth buried suffice; for he dyed in that City ..... 14. *Eliz.* leaving issue 3. sons, *Rouland*, *Thomas*, and *William*.

[i] See Stow's Survey.

The eldest of which was largely provided for in **Gloucester-shire** at **Longborow** and thereabouts by the said Sir *Rouland Hill*, his Godfather. But the second here [k]. And the third at **Newnham** in this County had ample possessions setled upon them by their father and mother, she being joyned purchaser in all, and lived here at **Stonley** to a very great age, to see her childrens children to the fourth generation: where departing this life ..... *Jan. an.* 1603. she was buried at the upper end of the Chancell, on the North side. The memoriall of which worthy Lady, though there be none over the place of her sepulture, will continue in that lasting monument of her piety erected in this Town; I mean the Hospitall for poor people; of which I shall say more anon.

[k] *Lib. 3. fol.*

Thomas the second son, Knighted by Q. *Eliz.* and honoured with the title of Baronet at the first erection of that order; *scilicet* 29. *Junii* 9. *Jac.* wedded *Katherine*, daughter to Sir *John Spenser* of **Wormleighton** Knight, by whom he had issue Sir *John Leigh* Knight his son and heir, whom he survived: And having lived to a great age in much reputation, being *Custos Rotulorum*, for this County; and in all publique employments of his time one of the superior rank, deceased in *Febr.* 1. *Car.* leaving Sir *Thomas Leigh*, son to the before specified Sir *John*, his next heir. Which Sir *Thomas* (now Lord of this Mannour) having been dignified with Knighthood by King *James*, wedded *Mary*, daughter and coheir to Sir *Thomas Egerton* Knight (eldest son to *Thomas* Lord *Ellesmere* Lord Chancelour of **England**) and firmely adhering to the late King *Charles* in his greatest distresses, was, in testimony of his stedfast loyalty advanced to the degree and title of a Baron of this Realm.

The Church (dedicated to our *Lady*) whereunto belonged [x] 8. yard land, being given [y] by K. H. 1. to the Canons of **Kenilworth** shortly after the Foundation of that Monastery, was appropriated [z] to them by *Geffrey Muschamp* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Litchfield** in King *John*'s time, with a *Pension* of v. marks out of the Vicaridge; and confirmed [a] by Pope *Gregory* the ix. *anno* 1228. 12. H. 3. And in *anno* 1291. 19. E. 1. valued [b] at 24. marks, the Vicaridge in 26. H. 8. being likewise rated at vi *li.*-xv *s.* iv *d.* over and above xxx *s.* yearly *Pension* then payd to the Canons of **Kenilw.** and 8 *s. per annum* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. Which Vicaridge was by the Lady *Aliza Dudley* augmented with 20 *li. per annum* out of lands purchased in **Pancefer**, whereof I have there taken notice: who also gave three large and faire pieces of gilt plate to remain for the use of the Communicants here for ever.

[x] *Reg. de Stonle f. 82. a.*

[y] *Reg. de Kenil. p. 145.*

[z] *Ibid. p. 73. & 65.*

[a] *Reg. de Stonle f. 87. b.*

[b] *M S. in Scac.*

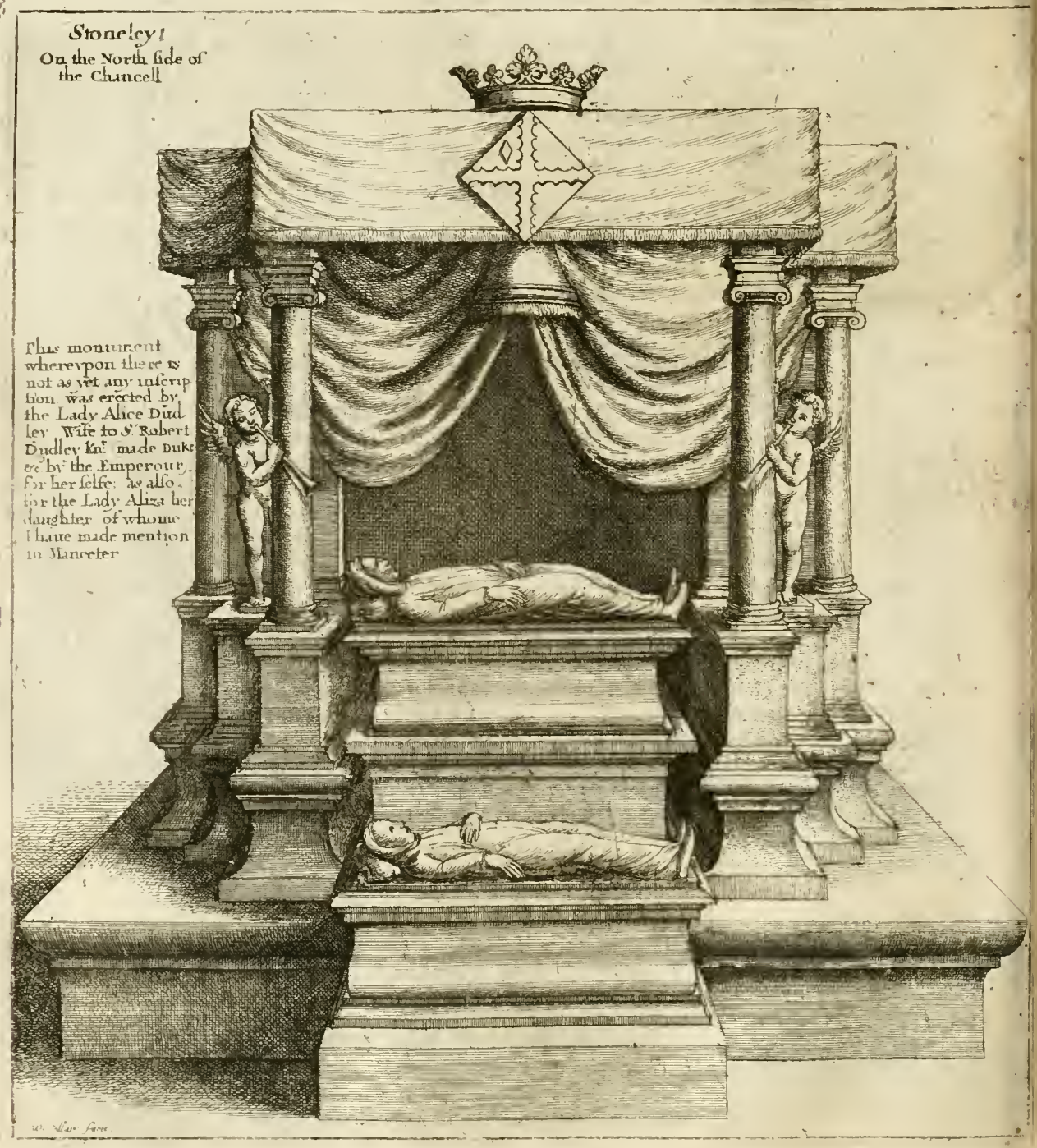
[c] *M S. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 48. b.*

The Hospitall before mentioned was founded [d] by the said Lady *Alice Leigh*, for ten poor people; *viz.* five men and five women, all of them to be unmarried persons, and nominated by her; but after her decease by Sir *Thomas Leigh*, her son, during his life, and his heirs for ever. To whose maintenance she charged 29 *li. per annum* to be payd out of **Milburn-grange**, situat in this parish, and thus distributed; *viz.* 52 *s.* to each of the poor people, at the Feasts of S. *John Baptist*, S. *Michael*, the *Nativity* of our Lord, and the *Annuntiation* of our Lady, by even portions. vi *s.* viii *d.* apiece yearly to the Church-wardens for the time being, whom she constituted Supervisors of the said poor people, as to their orderly coming to Church every Sunday and Holy day, except there were urgent cause to the contrary. x *s. per annum* to the Mayor of **Coventry**, for the time being, whom she also appointed to oversee the performance thereof. And x *s.* yearly towards the repair of the Church here at **Stonley**: as also xxii *s.* viii *d.* to a Preacher for to preach 4. Sermons there yearly. All which Q. *Elizabeth* by her Letters Pat. bearing date 28. *Junii* 19. of her raign, confirmed.

[d] *Pat. 19. Eliz.*

[e]

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inſt.	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inſt.	
Langt. f. 27. a.		*Joh. de Wylmeleighton Diac. Non. Oct. 1307.*		*Joh. Morecock Cap. 28. Martii 1425.*	*Ib. f. 14.*
Ib. f. 34. a.		*Joh. de Wylmeleighton Subdiac. 19. Maii 1307.*		*Nich. Blake Cap. 19. Junii 1428.*	*Ib. f. 21.*
Northb. f. 31. b.		*Joh. Wake Cap. 17. Cal. Sept. 1337.*		*Joh. Weſthouſe Pbr. 1. Nov. 1442.*	*Ib. f. 41.*
Ib. f. 46. a.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.*	*Will. Aleyn de Shulton, Pbr. 2. Non. Junii 1348.*		*Will. Loveles 5. Novemb. 1445.*	*Ib. f. 43.*
Ib. f. 51. a.		*Jo. de Sutham Cap. 17. Cal. Oct. 1349.*	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworh.*	*Tho. Canke Pbr. 22. Jan. 1450.*	*Bo. f. 11.*
Ib. f. 53. a.		*Henr. de Mollington Diac. 3. Cal. Maii 1350.*		*Ric. Whyngar Pbr. 14. Jan. 1494.*	*Bowl. f. 1. a.*
Stret. f. 9. a.		*Will. Payn Pbr. 5. Cal. Sept. 1361.*		*Will. Wall. Pbr. 27. Martii 1494.*	*Ib. f. 142.*
Burgh. f. 2. b.		*Joh. Scarburgh Pbr. 8. Julii 1398.*		*Ric. Mawdeſley Cap. 1. Martii 1537.*	*Str. & f. 15. b.*
Ib. f. 8. b.	*Abbas & Convent. de Stonley.*	*Joh. de Coventre Monachus 13. Aug. 1401.*	*Tho. Reyley Civis Cov. ratione conceſſ. Pr. & C. de K.*	*Joh. Heſſam Cap. 21. Oct. 1545.*	*Samp. f. a.*
Bull. f. 5. b.		*Will. Cliſton Cap. 23. Oct. 1417.*			
Heyw. f. 6. a.		*Joh. Hull Cap. 5. Junii 1421.*	*Eliz. Regina.*	*Henr. Belingham Cler. 23. Jan. 1598.*	*Overton Bund.*



Cloud.

THis being now only known by the Bridge over Avon betwixt Babnell and Starton, hath its name from the rock on the Southern side thereof; Clude in the Saxon signifying as much. In the Conq. time there were[f] two Priests in Stoneley, which had each of them a Chappell; *viz.* one at Flechamsted, and the other here at Cloud. Of these, he that served here was called *Edmund* the Hermite, in regard that antiently here had been an Heremitage. Unto which *Edmund*, for his maintenance, certain parcels of land lying in Starton were given[g] by *Will.* sirnamed *Hasteler*, brother and heir to one *Simon*, Cook to K. H. 1. which *Edmund* was buried in the Chappell here, afterwards burnt by theeves. After whose death neither the King, nor any Lord of Starton presenting thereto, the Prior of Kenilworth, as Rector of the Church of Stoneley, entred upon the lands belonging to it, and appropriated[h] them to the use of that Monastery.

As for the Bridge before specified, it was built[i] by one of the said Heremites out of the Almes bestow'd upon him by good people. Which falling in time to decay, the Prior of Kenilw. in 26. E. 3. was presented by the Hundred for not amending it, for as much as his Predecessors time out of mind had used to repair the same, as then was alledged: but the Prior proved[k], that no certain person was obliged to repair it, in regard it had been built by the Heremite as above said: And moreover, that there being another Bridge neere at hand, there was no necessity to keep up this; whereupon he was acquitted.

[f] Domesday lib.

[g] Reg. de Stonle f. 5. b.

[h] Esc. 41. 3.

[i] Plac. coram. Rege T. Trin. 26 E. 3. Rot. 38.

Starton.

A Little below Cloud lyeth Starton (taking its name from the Stoure or streame, as I guess.) Which, being a member of Stoneley continued therewith in the Crown, till K. H. 1. granted[l] it unto his Cook, called *Simon* sirnamed *Hasteler de Arderne*, and his heirs, by the service[m] of a soar-Spathawk yearly. From whom it descended to *Will.* his brother; who gave to *Edmund* the Heremite then Priest at Cloude those parcells of land before mentioned. To which *Will.* succeeded *Geffrey* sirnamed *Arderne*; and to him *Rhese*, who past this mannour to *Walter Mareschall* Earl of Pembroke, in exchange for lands in Ireland. Which *Walter* soon convey'd[n] it to Sir *Geffrey de Langley* Knight (of whom I have spoke in Pinley) and *Maud* his wife and the heirs of their two bodyes; and for want of such issue to the right heirs of the same *Geffrey*; reserving the said Rent of a Soar-sparhawk to be yearly payd to the King his heirs and successors at the feast of *S. Michael* the Archangell; and to him the said Earl and his heirs a pair of Gloves, or a peny for all services; King H. 3. by his Charter[o] dated 12. *Martii* 29. of his raign confirming the grant.

Soon after which; *viz.* in 30. H. 3. the said *Geffrey* obtained a Charter[p] of Free-warren in all his demesn lands here: but the next year following, *sc.* 31. H. 3. he past[q] away this Mannour to the Monks of Stoneley and their successors, in Fee-ferm, for xx *li. per annum* undertaking to pay the Soar-Sparhawk to the K. And afterwards releasing[r] the said xx *li.* Rent to the Monks, obtained the Kings confirmation of his grant, the Soar-Sparhawk being afterwards paid[s] by his heir.

The particulars which the said Monks had here were in 7. E. 1. certified[t] to be two carucats of and, and one Water-mill in demesn, with six villains and seven Cottagers, holding by severall Rents and Services. All which, with liberty of Free-warren, renew'd to them by another Charter[u] in 12. E. 1. they enjoyed till the dissolution of their House in 27. H. 8. But then coming to the Crown, it was in 33. of the same Kings raign granted[w] to *Charles Brandon* D. of Suff. which D. by his deed[x] bearing date the last day of the same month, passed it unto *Matthew Wrottesley* and *Anthony Foster*: who in *March* 3. E. 6. sold[y] it to *Thomas Marrow* of Rudyn Esq. of whose grand-child, *Samuel*, it was purchased[z] by Sir *Thomas Leigh* Knight, Citizen and Alderman of London 17. *Junii* 7. *Eliz.* and so continueth to his posterity, together with Stoneley unto this day.

There is a fair Bridge of stone, over Avon, lying neer Starton, now commonly called Starebridge, but formerly Kingsbrigge. This in 51. H. 3. being in decay, the King directed his Precept[a] to the Shiriff for enquiry who ought of right to repair it, and to distrein them thereunto. What was done thereupon I find not: but in 26. E. 3. the Abbot of Stoneley being questioned[b] for the not repair of it, did not deny but that he ought of right so to do.

[l] Regist. de Stonle f. 5.

[m] Clauſ. 19. 3. m. 4.

[n] Regist. de Stonle f. 5. b.

[o] Cart. 29. 3. m. 7.

[p] Cart. 30. 1. m. 10.

[q] Levat. 3 Sept. Trin. 31. E. 3.

[r] Pat. 17. E. 2. p. 1. m. 6. per Inspex.

[s] Rot. F. 44. H. 3. m. 3.

[t] Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 17. b.

[u] Cart. 12. E. 1. n. 39.

[w] Pat. 33. H. 8. p. 6.

[x] [y] [z] Ex ipsis autogr. penes Thom. D. Leigh.

[a] Regist. de Stonley f. 24. b.

[b] Plac. coram Rege T. Trin. 26. E. 3. Rot. 3.

Finborgh.

WIthin the precincts of Stoneley there was a certain House, with two yard land belonging to it, called Fynborgh, given[c] by King H. 1. unto one *William* his Falconer by the service of keeping a Falcon. Which land, one of the same *William* his descendants charged with an annuity of 5 *s. per annum* to the Canons of Kenilworth; in respect whereof the Priors of Kenilworth did challenge to be Lords of the same tenement, exacting Heriots and suite of Court from the possessors thereof. But this tenement came[d] at length, by succession, to one *Alex. de Fynborgh*; who dying without issue, *Joan* the wife of *Steph. Stretton*, and *Alice* the wife *John Fynborgh*, being his sisters, inherited it: Neither of which having children, *Joan* the survivor gave it in her widowhood to *Will. de Hulle* a Priest, who past it unto one *John Bacon* of Wolston. Which *John* sold it to Sir *Will. Bagot.* of Baginton in R. 2. time: but since that have I seen little of it.

[c] [d] Reg. de Stonle f. 6. a.

Fynham.

THis village lyeth upon the bank of Sow, and being a member of Stoneley was possest by the Monks from the Foundation of that Abby, they having Free-warren granted[e] to them here in 12. E. 1. In it antiently were xii houses; of which eight were gone[f] before the beginning of H. 7. time. When it past out of the Crown I have not seen: but in 3. E. 6. *Cuthbert Joyner*, a Citizen

[e] Cart. 12. E. 1. n. 39.

[f] Hist. M S. I. Rous in bibl. Cotton. p. 143. 145.

zen of Coventre, and *Thomas Kevet* were owners of it. Which *Thomas* died [b] seized of six mess. here, and certain lands to them belonging, in 1 *Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and heir.

[g] *Inq. super depop. 3. E. 6.*
[b] *Esc. 20. Eliz.*

Fletchamsted.

THis is now in two parts, one commonly called Over-Flechamsted, and the other Nether-Flechamsted; but antiently they were not divided. Here [i] it was, that K. H. 1. observing it to be a place of great solitude, in respect of the thick woods and large wasts thereabouts, gave to one *Gerard* an Heremite and Priest, a carucat of land, whereupon in procels of time he built Houses, and let them for Rent. Which *Gerard* had a Chappell here, the yard whereof was consecrated by *Walter Durdent* then B. of Coventre; upon condition [k] that he the said *Gerard* and his successors should pay tithes to the Canons of Kenilworth in right of their Church of Stonley.

[i] *Regist. de Stonely f. 127. b.*
[k] *Regist. de Kenilw. p. 82, 83.*

In this Chappell did he celebrate Divine service daily, & was afterwards buried therein. After whose death K. *Henry* preferred [l] one *Bryan* thereunto, who also was a Priest and brother to a *Templar*, named *Peter Lomsy*: which *Peter* sent the said *Brian* into Ireland upon some busines for the *Templars*, and in his absence sung Mass in the Chappell here, for the King. But *Brian* dying in Ireland, the *Templars* held [m] this Chantry and the land thereto belonging; and procured K. H. 2. to bestow it upon one *Robert Piron* a Priest, during his life, for their use; and after his decease upon them. Whose grant K. *John* confirmed [n]. Which lands were in 31. H. 2. certified [o] to be worth 14 *s. per annum*, and the Mill, that the said *Templars* had also here, 3 *s.* whereof they continued possest till the destruction of their Order; yet not very peaceably, in regard that the Canons of Kenilw. perplexed them with suites in [p] R. 1. & 9 K. *John*'s time, upon the title they pretended to have thereof by the grant of K. H. 1.

[l] *Reg. de Stonle ut supra.*
[m] *Ib. f. 128. a.*
[n] *Cart. 1. Joh. p. 2. n. 105.*
[o] *Ex Cod. MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*
[p] *Rot. P. 2. R. 1.*

In 7. E. 1. that which the *Templars* had here was certified [q] to be 1. that one Carucat of land, and Mill above specified, held by the service to find a Priest to sing Mass daily for the souls of the Ks. Progenitors; and for the soul of *Gerard* the Heremite. 2. That the Tenants of this and the rest of the lands, which they had here, were to do suite to the Court at Walsall twice a year; and each of them to find one man in Harvest for to work four days with their hooks, the *Templars* providing them dyet: All which had House-bote and Hey-bote in the Abbot of Stonley's woods called West-wood.

[q] *Pl. de T: Mich. 2. Joh. Rot. 22.*
[r] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 18. a. &c.*

In the time that the *Templars* thus held it, *Guido de Foresta*, Master of that Order here in England *temp.* E. 1. purchased [s] from the Monks of Stonley for an C. marks, and the releasing all their interest of common in the woods and lands belonging to the Abby of Stoneley 192. acres of wast, lying in a great out-wood there adjoyning, called West-wood, with all such Rents and services which the Monks of Stoneley had of the said *Templars* tenants in Flechamsted, except the rent of *John Fitz-Nicholas*. But when the *Templars* were suppresst (*scil. An.* 1311. 5. E. 2.) *Robert de Hockele*, then Abbot of Stoneley, entred [t] into this Chappell and lands here, and held them for 40. days. Howbeit afterwards, by the advise of *Tho. de Hockele* his brother, then a Dr. in Divinity and a Canon of Kenilworth, fearing that he might undergo some Eccleasticall censure for what he had done, rendred [u] them up to the *Hospitalars*, to whom the K. and Pope had granted them, as I shall fully shew when I come to Walshall. All which lands, except the carucat first belonging to this Chantry, did pay [w] tithes to the Church of Stoneley; and in 21. H. 7. were held [x] of the said Hospitalars by *John Benfitz* of Walshall in Lease: who by his Will disposed thereof to *Ellene* his wife.

[s] *Reg. de Stonle f. 128. a.*
[t] *Ib. f. 129. b.*
[u] *Ib. f. 129. b.*
[w] *Ib. f. 129. a.*
[x] *Mills Qu. 21*

Which Order (with all the great Monasteries) being dissolved in 30. H. 8. the K. by his Letters, Pat. dated 26. *Febr.* 36. of his raign, granted away whatsoever the said *Hospitalars* had here, to *John Beaumont* esq. and his heirs, by the name of a Mannour; the particular lands thereunto belonging, being said to be in Over-Flechamsted. Who having license [y] the same year to alien it unto *William Humberston* and his heirs, levyed a Fine thereupon *T. Hill:* 2. E. 6. But afterwards it came by purchase [z] to Sir *Tho. Leigh* Kt. and Dame *Alice* his wife. Which Sir *Thomas* had issue Sir *Thomas*, who made the Park here & built a fair House within it, now enjoy'd by his grandson, together with Stoneley whereof I have already spoke.

[y] *Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 7.*
[z] *Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 1.*
[a] *Lib. 3. dul.*

Nether-Flechamsted.

COncerning this, I have not seen any thing before H. 7. time; but then, *sc.* 3. H. 7. was Sir *John Catesby* Kt. seized [b] thereof: from whose son & heir, *viz. Humfrey Catesby* esq. *John Smyth*, a wealthy Citizen of Coventre (living in the Spon-street) purchased [c] this & other lands of good value. Which *John* in 6. H. 7. was [d] one of the Commissioners appointed in this County for arraying of men in defence of the Kingdom then in danger of an invasion by *Charles* 8. K. of France: as also for conservation of the peace, from * 8. till 15. H. 7. and then was constituted one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at Warwick. To whom succeeded *Henry* his son and heir; who in 12. H. 7. made [e] a Park of the one half of this Lordship, converting [f] the rest into Pasture; whereby 4. of the 5. Messuages, there being, went to decay. In that Park he then also made a pool [g] of certain ground that had formerly been a Medow: and in 20. H. 7. obtain'd in exchange [h] from the Abbot of Stonley, for other lands, all that belong'd to the Monks of that House in this Flechamsted. Which *Henry* left issue Sir *Walter Smyth* Kt. (of whom I have spoke at large in Shirlozd;) he & *Richard*; & he Sir *John Smyth* Kt. now of Crabet in Sussex, the present owner hereof.

[b] *Esc. 3 H. 7.*
[c] *Esc. 1 M.*
[d] *Pat. 6 H. 7. in dors. m. 5.*
* *Pat. 11 sid. ante dorso.*
[e] [f] [g] *Inq. sup. depop. 3. 16.*
[h] *Pat. 20 H. 7. p. 2.*

Hurst.

THis place takes it name from the situation which is upon a dry bank; for so the word hupp in the Saxon imports. The first mention I find hereof is in 1 H. 2. upon translation of the Monks from Radmoze to Cruelfield, being then removed [i] hither. Which K. upon the foundation of Stoneley-Abby gave [k] the Monks this place in augmentation of their possessions, whereof they afterwards obtain'd K. *John*'s confirmation [l]; and out of their essarts here, in process of time, made a Grange [m] called Bokindene, situat about half a mile from hence.

[i] [k] *Regist. Stonley f. 1 b.*
[l] *Cart. Joh. n. 1.*
[m] *Regist. de Stonle f. 17. b.*

This

This **Hurst** was antiently a pretty Village consisting of 19 houses, of which in the beginning of H. 7. time, there was [a] no more than one left; and is now, for the most part, possest by the Lord *Leigh* of **Stoneley**, descended to him from his great-grandfather, who purchas'd [b] it in the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* time.

[a] *Hist. MS. Rous, p. 145.*
[b] *Lib. 3. cedul.*

Cryfeild.

THis was antiently written **Crulefeld**, and **Crosslesfeld** [c], the first syllable standing, doubtless, for his name who possest it in the Saxons time: for many of their denominations were such as to us are now very uncouth.

[c] *Reg. de Stonle, f. 10. b. & 6. a.*

Before [d] the Norman Conquest the Kings of **England** had here a House, the place where it stood retaining the name of the **Bury-stede** for a long time after, **Bury** signifying the same with *Curia*, and **stede** *locus*. In [e] this House, whereunto belong'd six carucats of land, antiently resided a forreign Earl, by the Kings leave: Which E. being a great Robber, and infesting the Country hereabouts very much, was removed by K. H. 2. who, upon exchange [f] with the Monks of **Radmore**, for **Stoneley**, brought them hither, displacing the Inhabitants, and setling them at **Hurst**. But the Monks soon finding how inconvenient the Highwayes were to them, chose another, where they built their Abby, as I have in **Stoneley** shewed. Upon the foundation and endowment whereof, the same K. gave [g] them 4 carucats of land in this place, which King *John* confirmed [h], where the Monks had a Grange, afterwards burnt [i] by the negligence of those souldiers that quartered therein at the siege of **Kenilworth**-castle, 51 H. 3.

[d] *Ib. & f. 56. b.*
[e] *Ib. f.*
[f] *Ib. f. 10. b.*
[g] *Cart. 5. p. n. 19.*
[h] *Reg. de Stonle, f. 1. a.*
[i] *Inq. per Nott. f. 17. b.*

In 7 E. 1. it was certified [k], that this Village paid a Stone of Wax yearly for maintenance of the Lights in **Stoneley**-Abby, burning before the Image of the blessed Virgin: As also that the Free-holders here did suit to the three weeks Court at **Stoneley**, and came to the Abbots *Bederepe*, as in **Stoncley** I have at large declared. But this place hath also suffered depopulation [l], as well as the neighbouring Villages: for of xii Tenements that were antiently here, in the beginning of H. 7. time, no more than the Grange was then left. Which Grange, after the dissolution of the Abbyes, that the K. past away most of their possessions, was 13 *Apr.* 36 H. 8. granted [m] to *Rob. Bocher*, then a servant in Court, and to *Eliz.* his wife, and to the heirs of the same *Robert*. Which *Rob.* dying [n] seized thereof, 31 *Maii*, 3 & 4 *Ph. & M.* left *Rob. Bocher* his cosin and heir, then 12 years of age.

[k] *Hist. MS. Rous, p. 95.*
[l] *Pat. 36. H. 8. p. 20.*
[m] *Esc. 3 & 4 Ph. & M.*
[n] *Ib.*

Canle.

THough there be no mention hereof in Record so high as the Conquest, yet the name, being compounded of two British words, *viz.* **Cann**, which signifieth *albus*, and **Lle** *locus*, doth shew that it hath been of much greater antiquity. But of this, as involv'd with **Stoneley**, and so coming to that Abby upon the foundation thereof, were the Monks dispossest, as it seems, in H. 3. time. For at the time of the siege of **Kenilworth**-castle in 51 of his reign, *Ric. de Alcrynton*, then Abbot of **Stoneley**, commencing his suit [b] against *Robert* the son of *Peter de Canle*, recovered it; and had possession [c] delivered to him by the Sheriff upon the K. command at the Cross in **Stoneley** on the day of S. *Clement* the same year; whereupon the tenants did their fealty to the said Abbot. But after the dissolution, the greatest part of it came by purchase [d] to Sir *Tho. Leigh*, with **Hurst**, and other lands; and so is descended to his great grandchild, who now enjoys it.

[b] *Reg. de Stonle, f. 23. b.*
[c] *Ib.*
[d] *Lib. 3. cedul.*

Hill.

THis village (taking its name from the situation) was also a member of **Stoneley**, and involved therewith; but antiently written **Hulle**, and sometimes [e] **Kings Hulle**. Here the Monks of **Stoneley** had a Grange: which, after the dissolution of their House, was in 34 H. 8. granted [f], *inter alia*, to *Leonard Chamberleyn* Esq; and *Ric. Andrews* Gent. and to the heirs of the said *Ric. Andrews*: but came soon after to *John Wade* and *Tho. Gregory*; for in 38 H. 8. the said *John Wade* releas'd [g] his title therein to the said *T. Gregory*, in consideration of the like made to him of lands in **Flechamsted**. Which *Tho.* dyed seized [h] thereof 16 *Martii*, 16 *Eliz.* leaving *Arthur* his son then 34 years of age; whose son, as I think, still enjoys it.

[e] *Esc. 16. E. 3. n. 24.*
[f] *Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 4.*
[g] *Mich. R. 38 H. 8. Rot. 31.*
[h] *Esc. 18. Eliz.*

Helenhull.

THis was one of the Granges sometime belonging to **Stoneley**-Abby: but the first mention I find of it is a License [i] (*inter alia*) granted by *Edm.* E. of **Lanc.** 6 E. 1. to the Monks of **Stoneley**, for their quiet enjoyment of what they had improved by inclosure here. And I conceive that it came to *Tho. Gregory*, with **Kingshull**: for in 4 *Eliz.* the said *Tho.* had License [k] to alien the same unto *Will. Phynnis* and *Arthur Gregory*, and to the heirs of the said *Arthur*. Which *Arthur* dyed [l] seized of it, with **Kingshull** above specified, 2 *Jac.*

[i] *Reg. de Stonle, f. 28. b.*
[k] *Pat. 4. Eliz. p. 8.*
[l] *Esc. 2. Jac.*

Bokindene.

THis Grange was built [m] by the Monks of **Stoneley** upon the essarts, which they made at **Hurst** before mentioned; and so passing as a member of **Hurst**, is now scarce taken notice of.

[m] *Regist. de Stonle, f. 17. b.*

Milburne-Grange.

THis, standing upon the water which comes from **Kenilworth**, not far from a Mill, hath its name thereof; **burne** in the old English signifying a Brook.

Before the 12 of E. 1. I find nothing of it: howbeit then is there mention of it in the Charter [n] of **Free-warren** granted to the Monks of **Stoneley**; and should seem to have been some petty

[n] *Cart. 12. E. 1. n. 30.*

Village; for in the beginning of H. 7. time, it is reckoned [o] up amongst many other where depopulation had been exercised; and in 29 H. 8. was granted (*inter alia*) to *James Cruce* of **Kenilworth** Gent. and his heirs; who dyed [p] seized thereof, 20 *Sept.* 1 E. 6. leaving *James* his son and heir 14 years of age. Which *James* by his Deed [q] dated 1 *Martii*, 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.* past it to *Anthony Throgmorton*, Citizen and Mercer of **London**, who 1 *Mai*, 7 *Eliz.* sold [r] it to Sir *Tho. Leigh* Kt. Citizen and Alderman of **London**, whose great grandchild (now of **Stoneley**) enjoys it.

[o] *Hist. MS I. Rous, p. 143.*

[p] *Esc. 1. E. 6.*

[q] *Ex autog. penes Tho. Dom. Leigh.*

[r]

Ashowe.

HAving now done with that spacious parish of **Stoneley**, following the stream of **Avon**, I come next to **Ashow**, situate on the Northwest side thereof. In the Conq. time this was possest by [s] *Turchil de Warwik*, whose free-hold it had been before the Norman invasion; one *Ermenfridus* then holding 2 hides thereof of the same *Turchil*. Here were then also 2 Mills, and woods of half a mile in length, and 3 furlongs in bredth; the whole value of all being certified at xl *s.* as the Survey then made doth manifest, in which it is written **Aschesho**. But 'tis very like that there was some mistake in the transcriber; for in all antient Records after that time it is written **Esshe**; which makes me conjecture, that the original appellation thereof was either by reason of its situation Eastwards from **Wotton**; for of that parish it hath been; and that the syllable **ho** was at first **hof**, which with the Saxons signified a House or Cave; or else from the old English word **aesce**, which signifieth an Ash.

[s] Domesday *lib.*

And as I have taken liberty to guess here at the occasion of its name, so must I do touching the succession thereof, in regard that the light, which I have from Record, is so dim in many places. Finding therefore that the *Verdons* were superiour Lords of the Fee here: and that *Lecelina*, mother to the first *Bertram de Verdon*, that had any thing to do in this County (as I have in **Brandon** manifested) was daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, that founded the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth** in H. 1. time; and gave [t] a meadow here to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, called **Ruggenhale**, which shews that it came by her; I need not much doubt, but that *Turchil de Warwick*'s issue being dispossest of the most of their fathers lands (as I shall elsewhere shew) this was, *inter alia*, bestowed by K. H. 1. on the said *Geffrey*, whom he advanced so high, as in **Kenilworth** is declared; and given by him to *Norman de Verdon* with his said daughter *Lecelina* in marriage. And to that opinion I do the more incline, when I consider, that it was antiently a Chapelry to the mother Church of **Wotton**; which Church the said *Geffry* gave to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, at the very foundation of that Monastery.

[t] *Reg. de Kenilw. p. 119.*

But it seems that *Verdon* did antiently enfeoff one of the *Simelyes* in this **Ashow**: for in 36 H. 3. *Geffrey de Simely* held [u] here, and in **Caldecote**, half a Kts. fee of *Roise de Verdon*, and she of the Earl of **Warwick**. Which *Roise*, being the heir female of that great family, dyed in 32 H. 3. To the said *Geffrey* succeeded *William*; who in 7 E. 1. with the Abbot of **Stoneley**, was certified [w] to be Lord of this place, then written **Asche**, both of them holding the same of *Theobald de Verdon*; whereof the said *Will.* then had 8 acres in demesn, 2 Cottagers, owing suit to his three weeks Court here; twice a year making appearance at his Court of **Brandon**: and xi Free-holders, who held 4 yard land and a half, and 9 acres and a half. Which *Will.* had also a certain out-wood here, containing 6 acres; and another several wood of 6 acres more. Here likewise had the Abbot of **Stoneley** 3 Cottiers, and 3 Free-holders, who then held 3 yard land, a quarter, and 4 acres, doing suit twice a year also at the Court of **Brandon**.

[u] *Testa de Nevill*

[w] *Inquis. H. No. &c. f. 1, a. &c.*

But in 29 E. 1. did *Geffrey de Simely* alien [x] to *Tho.* E. of **Lancaster** (then Lord of **Kenilworth**-castle) and his heirs, all his wasts and woods called **Widenhaye**, lying in this Lordship, *viz.* betwixt the bank of **Avon**, and the said Earls wood called the **Frith**, belonging to **Kenilworth**: which grant *Ric. Basset* and *Eslylia* his wife (sometime the wife of *Will. de Symelie*, and mother to the said *Geffrey*) confirmed [y]. Howbeit, after this *Geffrey* I have not seen any more of their male line: but in 20. E. 3. *John de Hokkeley* is certified [z] to hold part of a Kts. fee here, of the heirs of *Verdon*. The like appears [a] in 34 E. 3. wherein the same is mentioned to be that which *Geffrey de Simely* held. But in [b] 2 H. 4. *Willesley* had it.

[x] *Rot. Pat. in offic. Duc. Lanc. f. 38. n. 13.*

[y] *Ib. f. 5. n. 10.*

[z] *Rot. Fid. S. Clixe. Bar.*

[a] *Esc. 20 E. 3. n. 33.*

[b] *Esc. 2 H. 4.*

Little have I seen that is further memorable relating to this place, other than that in 13 E. 4. *John Hugford* Esq; and *Tho. Waldeyve*, had license [c] to grant, *inter alia*, 8 mess. 2 carucats, 20 acres of land, 12 acres of wood, xii *s.* a pound of Pepper, and a red Rose yearly rent, all lying here, with half the fishing in **Avon**, to the Monks of **Stoneley**, for ever. All which coming to the Crown by the dissolution of that Monastery, is possest by the Lord *Leigh*, together with **Stoneley**, and most of the lands sometime belonging thereto.

[c] *Esc. 3. E. 4.*

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of our Lady) having been antiently but a Chapel belonging to **Wotton** (as I have already intimated) was confirmed [d] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in H. 2. time by *Ric. Peche* B. of **Cov.** and had a *Pension* [e] of xx *s. per ann.* granted out of it to the said Canons by *Geffrey Muschamp*, one of his successors, in K. *John*'s time. In *ann.* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [f] at v marks; and in [g] 26 H. 8. at vi *l.* ii *s.* over and above the xx *s.* yearly *Pension* due to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and 8 *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. But it hath lately been augmented with xx *l. per ann.* by the Lady *Aliza Dudley*, in such sort as the rest were whereunto she gave the like annuity, as in **Spaceter** I have declared.

[d] *Reg. Kenill. 70.*

[e] *Ib. p. & 73.*

[f] *Cod. MS in Scac.*

[g] *MS penes S. A. aur. f. b.*

Patroni

	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.
Northb. f. 19. a.		*Ric. de Greneburgh*, Cler. 9 Cal. Dec. 1324.
Ib. f. 27. a.		*Will. de Houghton*, Cler. 16 Cal. Oct. 1333.
Ib. f. 40. a.		*Will. de Shulton*, Pbr. Id. Nov. 1343.
Ib. f. 43. b.		*Will. Torald*, 12 Cal. Dec. 1345.
Ib. f. 47. b.		*Joh. de Froleſworth*, Cler. 7 Id. Maii, 1349.
Ib. f. 49. a.		*Rad. de Cleybroke*, Cler. 8 Cal. Aug. 1349.
Linc. f. 9. b.		*Hugo de Ryby*, Pbr. 2 Non. Sept. 1361.
b. f. 13. b.		*Tho. Dawen*, 6 Id. Martii, 1364.
b. f. 18. a.		*Will. de Stoneley*, Pbr. 7. Cal. Nov. 1369.
b. f. 30. b.	*Pr. & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Ric. de Milverton*, Pbr. 23 Sept. 1383.
urgh. f. . b.		*Tho. Creſſet*, Pbr. 24 Martii, 1398.
leyw. f. 0. a.		*Joh. Rouland*, Pbr. 10 Oct. 1427.
b. f. 22. a.		*Joh. Drury*, Cap. 22 Julii, 1428.
. f. 24. b.		*Tho. Taylour*, Cap. 13 Martii, 1430.
. f. 25. a.		*Will. Bradley*, Pbr. 14 Oct. 1430.
. f. 32. b.		*Tho. Plunchon*, Pbr. 20. Sept. 1433.
. f. 42. b.		*Ric. Gaydon*, Pbr. 1 Junii, 1445.
wl. f. 20.		*Ric. Spycer*, Cap. 23 Oct. 1453.
. f. 204. a.		D. *Adam Stapull*, Cap. 15 Junii, 1500.
. & P. 18. b.	*Walt. Smyth, miles, & Henr. Porter, gener. ratione conceſſ. Pr. & Conv. de Kenilw.*	D. *Tho. Parker*, Cap. penult. Oct. 1542.
mpſ. & f. 42. a.	*Tho. Leigh, miles.*	*Rog. Barker*, Cler. . . . . 1565.
f. 44. b.	*D. Alicia Leigh, relicta Tho. Leigh, militis.*	*Rog. Vicars*, Cler. 29 Martii, 1572.
		Henr. Beriche, Cler. 4. Aug. 1575.
uham id. C.		*Math. Croket*, Cler. 8. Maii, 1581.
mpſ. & f. 48. a.	*Alicia Leigh, generoſa.*	*Martinus de Lane*, 15 Aug. 1586.
utham id. B.		
ele id. C.	*Tho. Leigh, miles.*	*Timoth. de Lene*, 6 Jan. 1610.

Bericote.

ON the South ſide of **Avon**, but in the pariſh of **Athow**, lyes **Bericote**, but long ſince depopulated. Which name may ſeem to have had its original from the aſcent it ſtood upon, **Berg** with the Saxons ſignifying a little hill, and **cote** the ſame with *domus*, as is commonly known. In the Conq. time *Turchil de Warwick* (whoſe father *Alwine* poſſeſt it before the Norman invaſion) held it by his under-tenant, named *Tonne*, it then containing [b] 2 hydes; there being a Mill rated at 4 *s.* and the whole value of all xl *s.* But ſoon after, though I have not ſeen how, it came to the Crown; and therein continued till H. 2. time. Which King enfeoffed [i] one *Boſcher*, his ſervant, thereof, with the ſaid Mill and other the appurtenances, by the ſervice of keeping a white *Brache* with red ears, to be delivered unto the K. at the years end, and then to receive another to breed up, together with half a quarter of bran. From which *Boſcher* it deſcended to *Henry* his ſon and heir, who granted [k] it unto *Steph. de Segrave*. Which *Stephen* beſtowed [l] it on the Monks of **Stoneley**, reſerving C *s.* yearly rent to be paid to him and his heirs for ever: But this Annuity did *Gilbert*, the ſon and heir to the ſaid *Steph.* releaſe [m] to them, in augmentation of one Monk more, to be added unto that Covent.

b i k l } Domeſday *lib.*

l m } *Cart.* 49. H. 3. *m.* 7. *per* Inſpex.

In 7 E. 1. I find [n], that the ſaid Monks of **Stoneley** had 13 Cottyers, and 3 Free-holders here, with a wood containing 4 acres incloſed, in the nature of a Park. After which it became depopulated, though when, I know not: for in 33 H. 8. here was nothing left but a Grange; which, being by the K. 9 *Feb.* the ſame year, granted [o] to *Charls Brandon* D. of **Suff.** the ſaid D. ſoon after paſt [p] away to *Math. Wrotteſley* Eſq; and his heirs. Which *Mathew*, together with *Anth. Foſter* Eſq; ſold [q] it, 4 *Martii*, 3 E. 6. unto *Tho. Marrow* the elder, of **Rudyn** Eſq; who in 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.* alien'd [r] it to *John Harreyoung* Gent. of whom it was purchaſed [s], 20 *Oct.* 24 *Eliz.* by *Tho. Leigh* Eſq; (but afterwards Kt. and Bar.) and *Katherine* his wife; and ſo is deſcended to *Tho.* Lord *Leigh*, his grandſon, the preſent poſſeſſor thereof.

n *Inq. per* H. Nott. &c. f. 30. a. b.

o *Pat.* 33. H. 8. *p.* 6.

p *Pat.* 33. H. 8. *p.* 4.

q } *Ex aucor. per* Tho. D. Leigh.

Chesford-Bridge.

A Little below is **Chesford**-Bridge; which being in decay, the towns of **Kenilworth, Wotton, Hull, Milverton, Atho, Cobington, Lillington, Lemington**-*Priors*, and **Radford**, were preſented [t] before the Juſtices Itinerant, by the Hundred of **Knightlow**, in 13 E. 1. for the not repair of it: but in 6 E. 2. the Jury upon their Verdict diſcharg'd them; judgement [u] being given, that the Abbot of **Combe** ought to repair it. Howbeit, in 26 E. 3. it was found [w] upon a trial, that the ground on neither ſide the Bridge did belong to the Abby of **Combe**, and that the ſame Abbot ought not to repair the ends thereof, his predeceſſors never having done it; nor of right ought to amend any more than 2 Arches, with that part of the Bridge ſtanding out of the ſtream; and that neither thoſe two Arches, nor the other part out of the Water-courſe, were at that time in decay. But in 43 E. 3. it appears [x], that the Abbot of **Combe** being again queſtioned, could ſay nothing in his defence for the not repairing it, there being an Arch then broken; wherefore the Shiriff had command to diſtrain him thereunto.

t *Pl. coram* R. T. *Mich.* 6 E. 2. *Rot.* 97.

u *Ib. Rot.* 11.

w *Pl. coram Rege T. Trin.* 26 E. 3. *Rot.* 35.

x *Pl. coram* R. T. *Mich.* 43 E. 3. *Rot.* 18.

Wootton, vulgo Leek-Wotton.

ABout a mile below **Alcow**, there falls into **Avon** a torrent called **Holbroke**, which hath its head from the great Pool in **Wedgnock**-park. On the top of the Hill, Southwards of this brook, ſtands **Wotton**, that antiently included **Hilberton**, **Leminton**, **Alcho**, **Lillinton**, and **Cobinton** within its parish, which now are all diſtinct Mother-Churches: but for the preſent containeth onely **Heathe**, **Woodcote**, **Hill** (vulgarly called **Hill-Wotton**) and **Wedgnock**-Park, whereof I will ſpeak in their order.

y Domeſd. *lib.* Touching **Wotton** it ſelf, I find*y*, that in the Conq. time *Rog. de Montgomeri*, (E. of **Shrewſbury**) poſſeſt it; one *Outti* holding it under him, whoſe Free-hold it was before the Norman invaſion; and that it contained then 3 hydes, having a Mill rated at 2 *s.* (which is now called **Gupes-Cliff-Mill**) the woods thereof being two miles in length, and one in bredth, all valued at C *s.* But in *Doomſday-book* it is written **Quatone**, which I conceive to be in reference to the ſituation thereof amongſt woods, the word **coit** in the Britiſh ſignifying a wood; with which agreeth the modern Engliſh appellation, *viz.* **Wotton**, the **d** being changed into **t** for the more ſmooth pronunciation.

That the ſaid *Roger* and his poſterity loſt all for their Rebellion, I have manifeſted in **Wolſton**: ſo that this, being in the hands of K. H. 1. was, *inter alia*, given to *Geffrey de Clinton*; who, upon his foundation of the Priory at **Kenilworth**, gave *z* thereunto the Church of this town, and 1 hyde of land. Which grant of his had been greater, but that he reſerved part of the woods to be afforeſted, to enlarge *a* his Park of **Kenilworth**: But the reſt *Geffrey Salvage* had, and very probably by the grant of the ſame *Geffrey*, it being a whole Kts. fee (of which *G. Salvage* and his deſcendants I have already ſpoke in **Bagington**) who had much ado to hold it, as it ſeems; for in 2 R. 1. *Richard de Frevill* (then Lord of **Wolſton**) impleaded *b* him for it. And in 7 R. 1. he was conſtrain'd to come to an Agreement with *Tho. de Arderne* about it, who then levyed a Fine thereof to him. Nay in 2 *Joh. Henry de Armentiers* had *c* ſuits with him for it; who claim'd *d* it in right of *Iſabell* his grandmother; alledging, that ſhe was ſeized thereof in H. 2. time; and that by *David de Armentiers*, her ſon, it ſo deſcended to him the ſaid *Henry*. Whereunto *Geffrey* anſwered *e*, that being in the K. ſervice beyond Sea, he had protection; for which he paid a Fine at his paſſage, to the end he might not be impleaded in his abſence; whereupon he was then *f* diſcharged. But it ſeems that did not end the buſineſs; for upon a full Agreement betwixt them, where it appears *g*, that the ſaid *Geffrey* allow'd him a third part of the ſaid Kts. fee, there is mention made, that they had a trial by Battle for it.

z Reg. de Kenill. p. 1.

a Ib. p. 143.

b Rot. P. 2 R. 1.

c Rot. P. 2 Joh.

d } *Plac. de ann.*
e } *5 Joh.*
f } *Rot. 2. in dorſo.*

g F. levat. 5 Joh.

After this, *ſcil.* in 9 H. 3. there was a great ſuit betwixt *Henry* E. of **Warwick**, and *Will. Mandut* and *Alice* his wife (ſiſter to the ſaid Earl) for 2 carucats, 22 yard land, and xvi *s.* rent, with th'appurtenances in this **Wotton**; whereof the E. alledged, that E. *Walleran* his father dyed ſeized: But the ſaid *Will.* and *Alice* exhibited the Charter of the ſame E. *Walleran*, whereby he gave thoſe lands unto her, and received her homage thereof; cauſing the Free-holders to do homage alſo to her the ſaid *Alice*, who was then within age, and in the tuition of *Alice de Harecourt*, her mother. What further became of this buſineſs, I have not ſeen, and therefore ſhall proceed with my diſcourſe thereof in relation to *Savage*.

h Pl. apud weſtm. Oct. Mich. 9 H. 3. Rot. 14.

In 36 H. 3. it was certified *i*, that the heir of the ſaid *Geffrey Savage* held one Kts. Fee here of *Thomas de Clinton* (heir male to the firſt mentioned *Geffrey*) and he of the E. of **Warwick**. To which *Geffrey Savage* ſucceeded *Philippa* (as one of the heirs to the laſt *Geffrey*) who with *Robert de Mortimer*, the Abbot of **Stoneley**, and Prior of **Kenilworth**, in 7 E. 1. held *k* this **Wotton**, and **Hull**, with the **Croſſe-grange**, for one Kts. fee. Which *Philippa* had here at that time 12 ſervants holding 1 yard land at will, and giving Aid at the Feaſt of S. *Mich.* at the Lords pleaſure, with 4 Cottyers and 3 Free-holders, which held half a yard land by certain rent, fealty, and ſuit of Court twice a year: as alſo a **Court-leet**, and Aſſize of Bread and Beer, by the confirmation of K. H. 1. That which *Rob. de Mortimer* had, was the third part of a Water-mill, as alſo 8 ſervants holding 3 yard land, a half, and fourth part at will, performing Aid at the Feaſt of S. *Michael*. The Abbot of **Stonley** 3 ſervants holding 1 yard land and a fourth part at will; as alſo 5 Free-holders holding 21 acres, and one acre of meadow. The Canons of **Kenilworth** 2 carucats, with the Mill of **Gibbecliffe**, which they held in demeſn; beſides the Church appropriat, endowed with one yard land: And likewiſe 2 ſervants holding 33 acres of land at will, giving Aid, *viz.* mowing, reaping, raking, harrowing, making Hay, *&c.* eight Cottyers, who perform'd the like ſervices, and 4 Free-holders, paying certain rent, and doing ſuit of Court twice a year.

i Teſta de Nevill.

k Inq. p. H. Non. &c. f. 25.

But the Mannour belonging to *Savage*, came by inheritance to *Menill*, as may be diſcerned by the Pedegree in **Bagington**: For in 13 E. 1. *Will. de Menill* claim'd *l* a **Court-leet**, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer in this place, then termed **Wocton-Savage**, which were allowed. From which *Will.* deſcended Sir *Hugh Menill* Kt. who in 24 E. 3. granted *m* the moytie of this Village to *Henry* E. of **Lancaſter**, and his heirs (then Lord of **Kenilworth**-caſtle, whereunto it lay convenient) which I ſuppoſe was all that *Savage* had here. How it came to the Crown, wherein it ſtill continues, I need not here declare, having made it ſo plain in **Kenilworth**, the poſſeſſion of which Caſtle it hath ſince accompanied.

l Rot. Quo W

m Regiſt. Cart. inſpicio Dupl. Lanc. f. 8. b. n. 17.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) appropriated *n* to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in K. *John's* time, (having been originally granted to that Monaſtery upon the very foundation thereof) was *in ann.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued *o* at x marks; and the Vicaridge in *p* 26 H. 8. at Cxii *s.* over and above 8 *s.* allow'd for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. Which being ſo ſmall, became augmented by the Lady *Aliza Dudley* with xx *l. per ann.* as in **Pancefer**, where the lands were purchaſed, may be ſeen.

n Reg. Kenill. 65, &c.

o MS Scac.

p MS penes S. A. aur. f. 42.

That which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, beſides the Church, being after the diſſolution of that Houſe granted *q* to *John* D. of **Northumb.** by K. *E.* 6. came again to the Crown through his attainder; and was by Q. *Mary* paſſed *r* to Sir *Rouland Hill* Kt. and others, in 1. of her reign, by

q Pat. 6. p. 8.

r Pat. 1. p. 5.

by the name of the Mannour of **Leek-Wotton**, *alias*, **Crosse-grange**; and is now in the possession of the Lord *Leigh* of **Stoneley**, by descent from Sir *Tho. Leigh* Kt. and Alderman of **London**, his great grandfather, to whose use the same was purchased by the before specified Sir *Rouland Hill*, *&c.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.
	Rog. de Boyvill, Cap. 2 Id. Sept. 1316.
	Tho. de Coventre, Pbr. 6 Id. Martii, 1328.
	Nich. de Haselovere, Cap. Id. Junii, 1349.
	Will. de Bradweye, Pbr. 4. *Non. Sept.* 1361.
	Joh. de Touceſter, Pbr. 9. *Cal. Febr.* 1361.
	Will. de Stonley, Pbr. 9 *Cal. Jan.* 1362.
	Ric. de Roſſale, Pbr. . . . . Apr. 1377.
	Will. Sprunt, 2 *Julii,* 1380.
	Tho. Hulle, Pbr. 5 *Nov.* 1394.
	Joh. Brou, Pbr. 28 *Martii,* 1401.
	Joh. de Barſton, Cap. 25. *Nov.* 1408.
	Joh. Repton, 23 *Julii,* 1409.
Prior & Convent. de Kenilworth.	*Ric. Grewe, Cap.* 14 *Oct.* 1409.
	Ric. Aſhby, Cap. ult. Julii, 1416.
	Joh. Racheford, Cap. 26. *Oct.* 1417.
	Tho. Flynderkyn, 15 *Apr.* 1425.
	Ric. Browne, 4 *Aug.* 1425.
	Tho. Weſton, Cap. 15 *Maii,* 1428.
	Will. Sutton, Pbr. 20 *Nov.* 1433.
	Joh. Sokeling, Pbr. 3 *Martii,* 1439.
	Joh. Clerke, Cap. 9 *Oct.* 1456.
	Tho. Edwards, 1 *Junii,* 1515.
	Rob. Kinge, Cap. 23 *Jan.* 1529.
Edw. Sanders, miles, Capit. Baro Scac.	*Will. Churchley, Cler.* 20. *Maii,* 1560.
	Anthon. Offley, 17 *Sept.* 1569.
D. Cath. Leigh de Stoneley, vidua.	*Humfr. Smalwood, art. Magr.* 14 *Aug.* 1627.

Hill-Wotton.

THis place, (antiently written **Hulle**) lying Southeast from **Wotton** about a mile, and reputed a member of it, taketh its name from the high situation thereof. The first mention I find of it, is not till the beginning of H. 3. time, where *Godwin* the son of *Godewin de Wotton*, gives [f] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, with his body, which he determined to be buryed in that Monastery, an annual rent of v *s.* issuing out of certain lands here, held of Sir *Hugh de Beckbirie* Kt. which gift of his, *Aliva de Beckbirie* in her widowhood confirmed [g]. But being a member of **Wotton**, it belong'd [h] to *Savage*, as that did; and had, within the precincts thereof, a Mill called **Partford** Mill, whereof two parts were given [w] by *Geffrey Savage*, and the third by Sir *Will. de Wholton* Kt. to the Monks of **Stoneley**. To which Monks Sir *Tho. de Edneſoure* Kt. (who marryed one of the co-heirs of *Savage*) gave [x] also certain lands here.

[f] *Ib. p.* 136.
[g] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 25. *a.*
[h] *Cart.* 19 *E.* 2. *n.* 6.

Heath.

I Am not very well satisfied where this Hamlet directly stood: but by some circumstances I gues, that the same, which is now called **Hill-Wotton**, contained the greatest proportion of it; being certain (by what I shall presently manifest) that the rest of it was situate on the other side of the little torrent called **Holbroke**, as the Map will shew. There is no doubt to be made but that its name was originally occasioned from the nature of the soyl, being of a Heathy dispoſition at first, before tillage did alter it. And as confident I am, that it was then a member of **Wotton**, forasmuch as it is not mentioned in the Conq. Survey.

Till H. 1. time, I have not seen any thing thereof; but then, *viz.* in 23 of that Ks. reign, *Roger* E. of **Warw.** upon his foundation of the Collegiat-Church of S. *Mary* in **Warwick**, gave [y] thereunto a hyde of land lying here. Shortly after which, did *Geffrey de Clinton*, son to *Geffrey*, the Founder of **Kenilworth**-*Priory*, *inter alia*, confirm [z] the grant that *Odo de Turri* made to that Monastery, of all the rest, as it seems, of this Village: for he sets forth the bounds thereof from **Holbroke** to **Avon**, and so to **Alhoe**; and beyond **Holbroke**, from the way leading to **Warwick** from **Coventre** overthwart the long hill, unto the way which goeth from **Wotton** to **Kenilworth** by **Hineleford**.

[y] *Ex Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. in Scac. f.* 12. *a.*
[z] *Reg. de Kenill. p.* 11.

In 7 *E.* 1. *Tho. de Edneſoure*, one of the co-heirs of *Savage*, was certified [a] to be Lord of this Hamlet, having here 1 mess. and half a yard land in demesn, with 3 Free-holders, who occupyed 31 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, under a certain rent and suit of Court twice a year at **Baginton**; besides ten acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow more, then held of him by the Hospital of S. *John* in **Coventre**. But this was not all thereof: for in 19 *E.* 1. the Canons of **Warwick** had [b] also 1 carucat of land here; which being given at first, as I gues, by Earl *Roger* to the Collegiat-Church there, by some exchange afterwards came to the Priory of **Kenilworth**. But that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had, now belongeth unto the Grange called **Crosse-grange**, and so did (questionless) before the dissolution of that Monastery. As for the residue of this Hamlet which *Savage* had, it is so confounded with **Wotton**, that there is no distinction can be made thereof from that Lordship.

[a] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 12. *b.*
[b] *MS in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

Woodcote.

THis being at first a single House, and seated amongst woods, whence it had that denomination, is now reduced to what it was at first, there being at present no more than the Mannour-house: but in the Conq. dayes, and long after, it had divers Inhabitants. At that time the E. of **Pellent** possest it; it being by the Survey[c] then taken certified to contain two hydes, whereof one was the Free-hold of *Leuricus* before the Norman invasion, and the other of *Cantvin* and *Turbern*, having woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in bredth, all which were valued at 50 *s.* In that Record[d] it is written **Widecote**; and descended to *Robert* Earl of **Leicester**, the lineal heir to the said Earl of **Pellent**, who held it in 20 H. 2. By which Earl it was given (I suppose) to *Rob. Boteler* (a great man in this County, and a principal Officer unto him, as in **Oversley** I shall shew) for his son, *sc. Raph. Boteler*, granted[e] it to *John Belet* and his heirs, in 14 *Joh.* to hold of him and his heirs by the fourth part of a Kts. fee.

But this it seems was onely **Woodcote**-*inferior*; for by that name do I find it distinguish'd; the other, *viz.* **Woodcote**-*superior*, being held[f] by *Simon de Turvill*, and *Roger de Craft*, of the Earls of **Warwick**, together with **Fulbroke** in this County, by half a Knights fee, in 20 H. 3. Which half Kts. fee was[g] in the tenure of the same *Roger de Craft* and *John Mace* in 36 H. 3. And in[h] 52 H. 3. of *Henry Hubaud*. Of this **Woodcote**-*superior* there were afterwards many Sharers: for in 7 E. 1. it appears[i], that *Henry Hubaud*, *Hugh de Herdeberge*, *Robert* Parson of **Bedworth**, and *Dionysia Mace*, held it of the Earls of **Warwick** by the fifth part of a Kts. fee. And that **Woodcote**-*inferior* (granted to *Belet*, as aboveſaid) was then held by *Rob. Masse* of *Raph Boteler* by the fourth part of a Kts. fee. Which *Robert* had there at that time xi tenants, who held 3 yard land and a half, with 3 acres and a half, at the will of the Lord, performing Aid at the Feast of S. *Mich.* and paying Scutage.

That which *Hugh de Herdebergh* had here, was, in 19 E. 2. setled[k] upon *John de Peyto* and *Alice* h s wife (the heir of *Herdebergh*) And[l] in 13 E. 3. upon Sir *Walter Hopton* Kt. and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of the said Sir *Walter*, after the death of the same *John de Peyto*. But in 43 E. 3. I find[m], that *John Mauduit* held lxiii *s.* iiii *d.* yearly rent here, issuing out of several Tenements held by Copy of Court-Roll; which Tenements were then held of the D. of **Lancaster**, as of the Honour of **Leicester**. And that the said *John Mauduit*, and *Agnes* his wife, dying without issue male of their bodyes, the said Tenements came to *Will.* the son and heir of *John de Molins*, and of *Egidia* his wife. Which *Will.* dyed[n] seized of them in 4 R. 2. leaving Sir *Ric. Molins* Kt. his son and heir, then 24 years of age; whose grandchild *Alianore*, *sc.* daughter[o] and heir to *Will.* his son, matching[p] to *Rob. Hungerford*, brought this, with a fair Inheritance besides, unto that noble family.

From whence it came to *Hastings*, as it seems, *Edw.* Lord *Hastings*, taking to wife *Mary* the daughter and heir of Sir *Tho. Hungerford*: which *Edw.* had issue *George*, created[q] E. of **Huntingdon**, 21 H. 8. who sold[r] it, together with **Burton**-*Hastings* in this County, unto *Tho. Harvye*, a rich Citizen of **London**; whereby it is descended, together with the same **Burton**-*Hastings*, unto Sir *Tho. Cotton*, now of **Connington**, *in Com. Hunt.* Baronet, from *Lucie* his great grandmother, one of the daughters and co-heirs to the said *Tho. Harvye*.

The last mention that I find[s] of *Hubaud* in this place, is, that *Tho. Hubaud* in 6 E. 4. held the sixth part of a Kts. fee here of the E. of **Warwick**. Nor is there much more, that I have seen, memorable hereof, other than the complaint[t] of our Countryman *Rous*, who reckons both these **Woodcotes** amongst the depopulated towns on this side the County.

c F. levat. 14 Joh.

d Domesday l.

e Testa de Nevill.

f Esc. 52. H. 3.

g Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 20. a.

h F. levat. xv Trin. 19 E. 2.

i F. levat. xv Mich. 13 E. 3.

k Esc. 43. E. 3. p. 2. n. 4.

l Esc. 4 R. 2. n. 38.

m Esc. 8 R. 2. n. 28.

n Esc. 4 E. 4. n. 36.

o Mich. R. 25 H. 8. Rot. 21.

p Ex relat. T. Cotton, Bar.

s Esc. 4 E. 4.

t Hist. S. I. Rous. 143.

Wedgnock-Park.

THis is one of the most antient Parks in **England**: for I find[u], that *Henry de Neuburgh*, the first E. of **Warwick** after the Conquest, in imitation of K. H. 1. who made the Park at **Woodstoke** (containing 7 miles in compass, and which was the first in **England**) did impark it; but at that time it contained no more than what now is called the **Old-Park**, the rest having been enlarged by the succeeding Earls, who had, as it seems, a Mannour here; for so it is called in that settlement[w] made 31 *H.* 3. by *John de Plesset* E. of **Warwick** upon *Wll. Mauduit* and *Alice* his wife. And concerning this place, I further find, that the tythes of the assarts here, as also of the paunage and venison, were by *Margery Mareschall*, Countess of **Warwick**, in *H.* 3. time; given[x] to the Hospital of S. *Mich.* in **Warwick**, in pure alms. And, that in 26 E. 1. upon the extent[y] of the lands belonging to *Will. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, then deceased, it was certified, that he had here at **Wegenok**, besides the Park, containing xx acres, a little Pool, and eight acres of arable land: As also, that in 9 E. 2. the underwood of this Park did yeild[z] 26 *s.* 8 *d. per an.* the herbage 10 *s.* and the paunage, with the Nuts, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Howbeit, in those dayes the Park was but small, till *Tho. Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** enlarged it with certain woods called **Wegenok-Doncle**, lying within the parish of **Hatton** and adjoyning thereto, which he purchased[a] of the Lady *Scolastica de Melsa*.

After which it continued to the succeeding Earls, even to the last of that family; but coming to the Crown, with the rest of their lands, was by K. E. 6. in 1. of his reign, granted[b] with the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers other Mannours, unto *John Dudley* E. of **Warwick**: upon whose attainder, in 1 *M.* the Q. demised[c] the herbage and paunage thereof to *Henry Jernegan*, for 30 years, at x marks *per ann.* And Q. *Eliz.* in 14 of her reign, past[d] the inheritance of it, together with the wood called **Fernehill**, and the Mannour-house, named **Goodrest**, to *Fulke Grevill* Esq; and his heirs. Which *Fulke* being created Lord *Brooke* by K. *James* (as I have elsewhere shewed) setled this, and many other lands, on *Rob. Grevill* his kinsman, now, (*sc.* 1640.) Lord *Brooke*, by vertue of an entail, with that Honour.

Touching the said Mannour-house called **Goodrest**, first built by *Tho. Beauchamp* (the second of that name) Earl of **Warwick**, in part of E. 3. and R. 2. time; I suppose it was so called, in

u Ib. p. 18.

w F. levat. 3 Sept. Ell. 31 H. 3

x Ex co. W. Burton.

y Esc. 2 E. 1. n. 4.

z Cartul. Warw. Cl. f. 176.

a Ib. f. 64

b Pat. 1. 6. p. 9.

c Pat 1. p. 14.

d Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 5

e Rot. I. Rous.

in respect that some of the Countesses of Warwick, to avoyd much concourse of people, retired hither when they were near the time of Childbirth; for 'tis plain, that many of their children were born here, as I have elsewhere observed. But all the further mention that I find thereof, is, that K. H. 7. (the Earldome of Warwick being in his hands) granted [f] the custody of it, with the Gardens and Waters in the Park, to *Edw. Belknap* Esq; of the body, for life.

[f] Pat. 14. H. 7. p. 1.

Cuckow-Church.

THat which beareth this name, is onely certain grounds lying within Wedgnok-park, where antiently [g] stood a Chapel, which was of the Earl of Warwick's patronage [h]. How long it is since that Chapel fell to ruine, is uncertain; but in 16 H. 7. the K. by his Letters Pat. dated 18 *Martii*, reciting, that it had been down to the ground of a long time; and that the place where it stood, with the Chapel-yard, had also been, and then was imployed to prophane uses: As also, that there were no Inhabitants there which should rebuild it; to the intent that the same place, formerly so consecrated, might thenceforth be converted to pious uses, bestowed [i] it on the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiat-Church in Warwick, and their successors, together with xl *s.* yearly rent thereto belonging, formerly given to the said Chapel in recompence of the glebe pertaining thereto; which the Earls of Warwick had obtained in exchange for the said xl *s.* rent. But the Village whereunto this Chapel did belong (many years since depopulated [k]) was called [l] Rykmersbery. [See more thereof in Beausall.]

[g] Esc. 21. K. 2.
[h] Clauſ. 4. H. 4. m. 12.
[i] Pat. 16. H. 7. p. 2. m. 7.
[k] Hiſt. MS I. Rous, p. 135.

Blacklow-hill.

THere is nothing else memorable in the parish of Wotton, but Blacklow-hill, where the Earls of Lanc. and Warwick, having at Dedington in Oxfordsh. surprized [m] *Piers de Gaveston*, Earl of Cornwall (a great Favourite to K. E. 2.) beheaded [n] him without judgement of his Peers, or any course of Law, on the day of S. *Gervasius* and *Prochasius*, 7 E. 2. (*scil. mense Junii*) under the side of the hill, in the place where since that time stood a Cross called *Gaverston's-Cross*.

[m] Reg. de Stonley, f. 50. b. Hiſt. MS. Hen: Knighton, f. 116. a.

Guyes-Cliffe.

THis being a great *Cliff* on the Western bank of Avon, was made [o] choyce of by that pious man S. *Dubritius* (who in the Brittons time had his Episcopal seat at Warwick) for a place of devotion; where he built [p] an Oratory dedicated to S. *Mary Madg.* unto which, long after, in the Saxons dayes, did a devout Heremite repair; who finding the natural Rock so proper for his Cell, and the pleasant Grove, wherewith it is back'd, yeilding entertainment fit for solitude, seated himself here. Which advantages invited also the famous *Guy* (sometime E. of Warwick) after his notable atchievements, having weaned himself from the deceitfull pleasures of this world, to retire [q] hither; where, receiving ghostly comfort from that Heremite, he abode [r] till his death (as by my discourse of him in Warw. shall more fully be manifested.)

[o] Rot. 1. Rous.

It seems that this place continued in the same condition for a long time afterwards: For I find, that in 8 E. 3. one *Thomas de Lewes*, being a Heremite here, had the K. Letters [s] of protection for himself and all his goods; in which Record it is written Gibberlyve. And that in [t] 10 H. 4. one *John Rurry*, at that time likewise Heremite here, had C *s. per ann.* salary, for to pray for the good estate of *Ric. Beauchamp*, then E. of Warw. as also for the souls of the father & mother of the said Earl.

[q] Hiſt. MS I. Rous, p. 258. Hiſt. MS Ger. Cornub. in bibl. Coll. S. Mar. Magd. Oxon.
[r] Hiſt. MS I. Rous, p. 258.
[s] Pat. 8 E. 3. p. 1. m. 17
[t] Ex comp. Ball. Warw. Com. penès W. Pierpoint, ar.

Whether it was out of respect to the memory of the famous *Guy*, before mentioned, or to view the rareness of its situation, I cannot say; but certain it is, that K. *Henry* 5. being on a time at Warw. came [u] to see it, and did determine [w] to have founded a Chantry here for 2 Priests, had he not been by death prevented. After which the before specified *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of Warw. bearing [x] a great devotion to the place, whereupon then stood [y] nothing but a small Chapel, and a Cottage in which the Heremite dwelt, in 1 H. 6. obtained license [z] to do the like, *sc.* for 2 Priests, which should sing Mass in the Chapel there daily, for the good estate of him the said Earl and his wife, during their lives; and afterwards for the health of their souls, and the souls of all their parents, friends, with all the faithfull deceased. Of which Chantry *Will. Berkswell*, (afterwards Dean of the Collegiat-Church in Warw.) and one *John Bevington*, were the first [a] Priests; for whose maintenance, and their successors, the said Earl in 9 H. 6. had license [b] to grant the Mannour of Alhoxne in this County, with one mess. one carucat of land, and Cxvii *s.* x *d. ob.* yearly rent lying in Whitnash and Welleeburne. And because he thought not that enough, by his last Will and Testament [c] he ordained, that in all hast after his decease, the remnant of what he had designed for his Chantry Priests there, should by his Executors be delivered, and made sure to them: And that the Chapel there, with the other buildings, should be new built, as he the said Earl had devised, for the wholsom and convenient dwelling of those Priests.

[u] Hiſt. MS I. Rous, p. 258.
[w] Hiſt. MS I. Rous, p. 258.
[x] Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 165.
[y] Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 165.
[z] Pat. 1. H. 6. p. 3. m. 5.
[a] Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.
[b] Pat. 9 H. 6. p. 1. m. 23
[c] Rous, f. 141.

The costs of all which, with the consecration of the two Altars therein, as appeareth by the accounts [d] of the said Executors, from the 28 to the 37 *H. 6.* amounted unto Clxxxiiii *l.* v *d. ob.* Then did Earl *Richard*, in memory of the warlike *Guy*, erect that large Statue, there yet to be seen on the South side within that Chapel, the Figure whereof I have here expresst: And having raised [e] a roof over the adjacent Springs, walled [f] them with Stone.

[d] Penès Ball. & Burgen. Warw.
[e] Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 165.
[f] Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 165.

Here was it also that our Warwickish. Antiquary *John Rous* (whose portraicture likewise, exactly taken from an antient Roll, wherein it was drawn to the life by himself, I have represented) after he came from the University, lived [g], being a Chantry-Priest in this Chapel; and compiled [h] his Chron. *de Regibus*, which I have so often quoted. Of whom, considering his special affection to, and knowledge in Antiquities, being loth to omit any thing which may do honour to his memory, I shall here observe, that for his parentage [i] he was the son to *Geffrey Rous* of Warwick, but descended of the *Rouses* of Boxhull in this County; and touching his education, course of life, and death, have transcribed what *Bale* [k] from *Leland* hath expressed of him.

[g] Hiſt. MS I. Rous in bibl. Cotton (sub effigie Vesp. A. 12.) p. 258.
[h] Hiſt. MS I. Rous in bibl. Cotton (sub effigie Vesp. A. 12.) p. 258.
[i] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[k] Ioh. Balæi, Cent. viii. p. 629.

Johannes

The prospect of Guye's Cliffe from the meadows on the north-east thereof.

A. Guye's Cave
B. The alley over the Cave
C. The lower walks.
D. A Cliffe in the rock.
E. The Celler under the Chapell.
F. The Passage into the lower walks
G. The great Celler in the Court
H. Chambers in the rock
I. The Still-house
K. The Chapell.
L. The house
M. The Springs.
N. The river Avon.

POSTERITATI SACRVM
PER
ELIAM ASHMOLE ARM.
MERCVRIOPHILVM
ANGLICVM.





The Statue of the sometime famous Guy standing here w^th in the Chapell of S^t Mary Magdalen.

The portraicture of John Rous, sometime a Chantry-preist here, as it was taken from an antient Roll, drawne by himselfe, wherein the pictures of the Earles of Warwick are also curiously delineated.



W. Hollar fecit

· *Johannes Rouſe, alias Roſſus, Warwici urbe, magnæ olim celebritatis natus, ſimul & educatus fuit (ut* Lelandus *ſcribit) donec maturiores anni Philoſophicos poſcerent præceptores. Tum verò Oxonium petiit, aliquid aliquid in re literaria inchoaturus: ubi, inter cætera, incredibili diligentia uſus eſt in legendis authoribus, qui de noſtris rebus ſcripſerunt; unde tam exactam Britannicæ antiquitatis cognitionem ſibi comparavit, ut multos, ex noſtris, longo præceſſerit intervallo. Perluſtratis eximiis apud Anglos & Cambros omnibus ferè bibliothecis, copioſam rerum maximè memorabilium ſupellectilem collegit; quæ ne per incuriam dilaberetur, contulit ſe ad quietem, rem ſcripturienti inprimis neceſſariam. Eſt locus in colle poſitus, propè Avonæ fluminis ripam, diſtatq; à Warwico vix paſſibus mille: ubi conſtat* Guidonem *Warwicenſem Comitem famoſiſſimum illum, vitam olim vixiſſe ſolitariam. Hunc locum amœniſſimum* Guidonicumclivum *ab eo appellatum, alto muro cinctum, annuente Rege* Edw. *quarto*, Roſſus *homo minimè ambitioſus, unà cum vicinis aliquot fundulis, in poſſeſſionem accepit. Et parato in hunc modum honeſto otiò, atq; aurea fortunæ mediocritate, expeditus & alacer, ſcribendi munus aggreſſus eſt: quod nunquam poſtea niſi cum ipſa vita depoſuit. Quo longo tempore, multa Chartis commendavit, & in characteribus latinis: præcipue hæc.*

Antiquitates Warwici, lib. 1.
De Epiſc. Wigorn. lib. 1.
Vetuſtates Clivi-Guidonici, lib. 1.
De Comitibus Warwic. lib. 1.
De Academiis Britannicis, lib. 1.
Contra hiſtoriolam Cantabr. lib. 1.
Cronicon Warwicenſe, lib. 1.

Et opera quædam alia, ſed imperfecta, moriens reliquit. Bibliothecam etiam inſtituit in ipſa auſtrali porticu ſani Mariæ Warwici. Vixit ufq; ad maturos annos Henrici ſeptimi, ac Warwici demum obiit 14 *Jan. Anno à Chriſti ſervatoris nativitate An.* 1491. *Sepultuſq; eſt ibidem in dicto Mariæ fano, ut ex inſcripto Epitaphio apparet.*

But of theſe his writings, moſt, I ſuppoſe, are periſh'd, or in ſuch obſcure hands, that it is not known to me where they can be ſeen. Thoſe onely which are extant, being a Roll[l] of the Earls of **Warwick** (wherein beſides a brief Hiſtorie relating to each of them, their Pictures and Arms are with much curioſity depicted) and a Chronicle[m] of the Kings of **England** reaching down to his own time.

Penès ob. Arden de Arkhall, .

In bibl. otton.

But I return. A place this is of ſo great delight, in reſpect of the River gliding below the Rock, the dry and wholſome ſituation, and the fair Grove of loftv Elms overſhadowing it, that to one, who deſireth a retired life, either for his devotions or ſtudy, the like is hardly to be found, as *Leland* in his MS Itinerary[n], made *temp.* H. 8. doth well obſerve. It is a Houſe (ſaith he) of pleaſure, a place meet for the Muſes: There is ſilence, a pretty wood, *Antra in vivo ſaxo*, the River rouling over the ſtones with a pretty noyſe, *nemuſculum ibidem opacum, fontes liquidæ & gemmei; prata florida, antra muſcoſa, rivi levis & per ſaxa diſcurſus; necnon ſolitudo & quies Muſis amiciſſima.*

In bibl. odl. vol. f. 165.

Several Caves are there hewen out of the firm Rock; one of which, if we may believe tradition, was made by the renowned *Guy*, when he was an Heremite here. In 26 H. 8. by the Survey[o] then taken, the lands belonging to this Chantry were certified to be worth xvii *l.* ii *s.* iiii *d. per annum*, over and above all reprizes, *Nich. Launder* and *Tho. Moore* being then the Prieſts that ſerved therein. But by another Survey[p], in 37 H. 8. the value, over and above reprizes, was certified to be xix *l.* x *s.* vi *d.* All which, *viz.* Chapel, Buildings, and Poſſeſſions thereunto belonging, were, by *Tho. Moore* and *Rog. Higham*, Prieſts of that Chantry (the Ks. Licenſe[q] being thereunto had and obtained) granted[r] unto Sir *Andrew Flammock* Kt. and his heirs, the 4 day of *June*, 1 E. 6. Whoſe ſon *Will. Flammock* dying[s] ſeized of them, 11 *Julii*, 2 *Eliz.* left *Kath.* his daughter and heir, then ab ut 3 years of age: The particular lands belonging thereto, being 15 meſſ. 500 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of paſture, ſituate in **Guyes-cliff**, **Aſhow**, and **Whitnaſh**, as by that Inquiſ: appeareth.

o Penès eundem S. A. f. 17. a.

p Penès eundem S. A. f. 17. a.

q *r* Ex autog. penès H. Beauſo ar.

s *t* Eſc. 2. Eliz.

The Chapel here was dedicated to S. *Mary Magd.* as the grant[u] thereof by Q. *Eliz.* to *John Colburne* in 22 of her reign, manifeſteth; and is in the pariſh[w] of S. *Nich.* in the ſuburbs of **Warwick**. This *John* wedded[x] the ſaid *Kath.* the daughter and ſole heir of *Will. Flammock* before mentioned. And of him was it purchaſed (as I have heard[y]) by *Will. Hudſon* of **Warwick**; whoſe daughter and heir, *Urſula*, brought it in marriage unto Sir *The. Beauſo* of **Emſcote** Kt. in which family it ſtill continues.

u Pat. 22. Eliz. p. 10.

w MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 17. a.

x *y* Ex relat. Edm. Colburn eq. aur.

Within the precincts of **Guyes-Cliffe** there is nothing more but the Mill; which, as I have formerly ſhewed, was in being at the Norman Conqueſt; and afterwards given[z] by *Geffr. de Clinton* (the ſecond) to *Gilebert Nutricius*, of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Lemington**: in which grant it is called *Molendinum de* **Chibbeſlive**. How the ſaid *Gilbert* parted with it, appears not; but I find, that *Henry de Clinton*, ſon to the ſaid *Geffrey*, morgaged[a] it to *Randolph de Cotton* for ten pounds of ſilver. It ſeems that the ſame *Geffr.* beſtow'd it on the Canons of **Kenilworth**; for ſo doth the confirmation[b] of *Henry* his ſon, made to them thereof, imply; whereby he grants[c] unto them therewith, both the Miller and his Children, in which it is written **Bibelive**. And yet it can hardly be ſaid that he gave it; for by his deed it appears, that the ſame Canons diſcharged xx marks of ſilver which the ſaid Miller was tyed to pay; as alſo 2 marks of ſilver yearly to the ſaid *G. de Clinton* during his life. But in 7 E. 1. I find[d], that the Prior of **Kenilworth** had two Mils here; which, after the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, were granted[e] to *Ric.* and *Tho. Lawley*, and their heirs.

z Reg. de Kenill. p. 137.

a Ib. p. 139, & 140.

b *c* Ib. p. 12.

d Inq. per H. Nottr. &c f. 18. b.

e Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 3.

Milverton.

SOmewhat lower, on the Southeaſt ſide of **Avon**, ſtands **Milverton**, wherein the E. of **Pellent** held 2 hydes, excepting 1 virgat, and a Mill valued at 50 *s.* as appears by the Conq. Survey[f]: all which was then rated at *C s.* having been the Freehold of one *Leuuinus* before the Norman invaſion; but in that Record[g] it is written **Malvertone**, which ſhews that it originally had its name from ſome antient poſſeſſor thereof. That moſt of the ſaid E. of **Pellent**'s lands, in this County, came to the Earls of **Warwick**, is plain enough: but how or when this place was diſpoſed of by thoſe Earls, conſidering that we have ſo little light touching thoſe elder times, I am not able directly to ſhew.

f *g* Domeſday lib.

The first & most antient mention thereof, that I have met with, is, that *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, upon his foundation of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick** (which was in *An.* 1123. 23. H. 1.) gave, [b] *inter alia*, for the maintenance of the Canons there, half a hide in **Pulvertone** (so it is there, written) and all the tithe of those lands there, which were of his fee. What proportion of this village *Geffrey de Clinton* (the Founder of **Kenilworth-Castle**) had I cannot say; but that he enjoyed a part thereof is certain: for upon his death-bed he gave command [i] to *Geffrey* his son, that he should render two yard land, lying here in **Pelvertone** to *Ermenfrede de Ponte* his servant; which was done [k] accordingly. After this, and very antiently, doe I find, that there were three Lords of this Town; *viz.* *Astley*, *Spigurnell*, and the third a Prebend of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, each possessing a distinct share, as I shall shew anon. And that, what *Astley* had here, was given to their family in H. 1. time, as is evident from what I have already said in **Astley**.

But the first mention I find of *Spigurnell* is in 12. *Joh.* where *Rob. de Milverton* levied a Fine of two yard land here, to *Walter Spigurnell* and *Celestina* his wife. Whether this was all that *Spigurnell* had here, I cannot determine; but I believe it was the two yard land which the above mentioned *G. de Clinton* possest.

This village hath antiently been accounted within the Parish of **Wotton**; for in King *John*'s time *G. Muschamp* Bishop of **Coventre**, upon the appropriation of the Church of **Wotton** to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, granted [l] unto them onely one mark yearly out of the Chappell of **Milverton**: But Parishes being not perfectly setled till about the later end of that Kings raign (as in **Church over** I have shewed,) this Chappell, in the beginning of H. 3. time, grew to the reputation of a Church; for by that name did the above mentioned *Walter Spigurnell* and *Celestina* [m] pass the advouson thereof to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in 16. H. 3. Which family of *Spigurnell* having their seat at **Emscote** in this Parish, held [n] that place, together with **Milverton**, of the Honour of **Leicester** by half a Knights fee in 55. H. 3.

But *Astley* enfeof't *Trussell* of the most part that he had here; which might be the occasion that *Ric. Trussell* took part with *Thomas de Astley*, one of the rebellious Barons in H. 3. time; for I find [o], that the same *Richard* was slain in the battail of **Evesham** with the said *Thomas*, in 49 H. 3. Howbeit, the residue of *Astley*'s lands in this place, were by *Thomas* Lord *Astley* (*inter alia*) given in 11. E. 3. [p] for the foundation of a Chantry in the Parish-Church of **Astley**, as I have there manifested: which afterwards, when the said Chantry, being augmented with greater possessions, was changed into a Collegiat-Church, were by the said Lord *Astley* assigned for the maintenance of one of the Canons therein, and called the Prebend of **Milverton**.

In 7. E. 1. it was certified, [q] that *John Spigurnell*, *Will Trussell*, and *Raph de Hengham* were Lords of **Milverton**; and that the said *John* held his share therein (**Emscote** being joyned therewith) of *Elene la Zouch* by the service of half a Knights fee. [which *Elene* was one of the [r] coheirs of *Roger Quincy*. E. of **Winchester**, who had part of the Honour of **Leicester** in right [s] of *Margaret* his mother, one of the coheirs to the last of those antient Earls.] By that Record [t] it also appears, that the same *John* had two yard land here in demesn, and five servants, who held one yard land, an half, and a fourth part by servile tenure, as above-said: and 12. Cottiers holding one Carucat at the will of the Lord: And that the Mill was then held by *John de Astele* of the said Sir *Andrew* for the yearly rent of v. marks and a half, and two strikes of Eeles to *Will. Trussell*. And lastly, that *Raph de Hengham* held his share of the Earl of **Warwick**, *viz.* two yard land, which four Freeholders then occupyed, being a Prebend of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**: howbeit, in 9. E. 2. there was no other certified [u] to be Lord of **Milverton** but *Will. Trussell*; and yet, in 20. E. 3. *Maud Spigurnell* answered [w] for the sixt part of a Knights fee here and in **Emscote**, which she held of the Honour of **Winchester**.

From which *Will.* descended Sir *Allured Trussell* Knight (as in **Billesley** appeareth.) Who in 6. R. 2. entayled [x] this Mannour (for by that name it is recorded) upon the heires male of his body, with remainder to Sir *Fouke Pembruge* Knight, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heires of the said *Margaret*. Whether the descendants of the said Sir *Alured* past away their right therein; or if so, when and to whom, I cannot say: for I find, that they continued possest of a great part of this village till H. 8. time, *Thomas Trussell* then dying seyzed [y] of ten messuages, xx. yard land, xxx. acres of meadow, xx. acres of pasture, and a water-mill, all situat within the precincts thereof, leaving *Alured* his grandchild and heir four years of age. But *Spigurnel*'s part came at length to the *Hugfords* by purchase, as I gues: for in 12. H. 4. *Rob. Hugford* elq. obtained a Charter [z] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands that he then had in possession or reversion, here, and in **Edmescote**. To which *Robert* succeeded *Thomas*; who in 10. H. 6. was certified [a] to be Lord thereof, with **Emscote**; and that he held it by the sixt part of a Knights fee: but since that time it is divolved by a daughter and coheir of *Hugford* to the *Beaufoes*, (as in **Emscote** I shall shew) and continueth unto them untill this day.

That the Church was antiently a Chappell belonging to **Wotton**, I have already manifested, being afterwards appropriated [b] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and endowed [c] with xv. acres of land; but of the Vicaridge there hath not been any Ordination, considering its vicinity to **Kenilworth**, whence the Prior usually sent a Priest to serve the Cure, to whom he allowed [d] the small tithes and offerings for his pains; which in 26. H. 8. were certified [e] to be worth vi *li. per annum*.

Emscote.

HEre is now no more left than the Mannour-house, the rest having been long since depopulated [f]. The first mention I find thereof, is, that *Walter Spigurnell*, in a grant [g] to the Monks of **Combe** of certain common of pasture within his fee of **Pulverton**, calls himself of this place, then written [h] **Edulfescote**: which shews, that one *Edulfus* was antiently owner thereof. But upon collection of the Aid in 20. H. 3. it is written **Edelmescote**, and so by contraction in pronouncing, now

[b] *Reg. Coll. Warw. f.* 12. *a.*
[i] *Reg. de Kenilw.* [k] *f.* 138, 139.
[l] *Ib. p.* 73.
[m] *F. levat. xv. J. Bap.* 16. H. 3.
[n] *Esc.* 55. H. 3.
[o] *Esc.* 50. H. 3.
[p] *Pat.* 11. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 35.
[q] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 26. *a.*
[r] *Rot. penès Camer.* [s] *Scacc.*
[t] *Inq. ut supra.*
[u] *Nom. ll.*
[w] *Rot. penès* Sir Clarke.
[x] *F. levat. mens. Pasch.* 6. R. 2.
[y] *Esc.* 8. H. 8.
[z] *Cart.* 12. H. 4. *n.* 4.
[a] *Rot. Scac. pen. Rem. R.*
[b] *Inq. per &c. f.* 2 *b.*
[c] *Not. &c.*
[d] *M. pen. S. eq. a. f.* 43.
[e] *M. pen. S. eq. a. f.* 43.
[f] *Hist. N.* I. Rous 143.
[g] *Reg. Cumba. f.* 57. *a.*
[h] *Testa de N.*

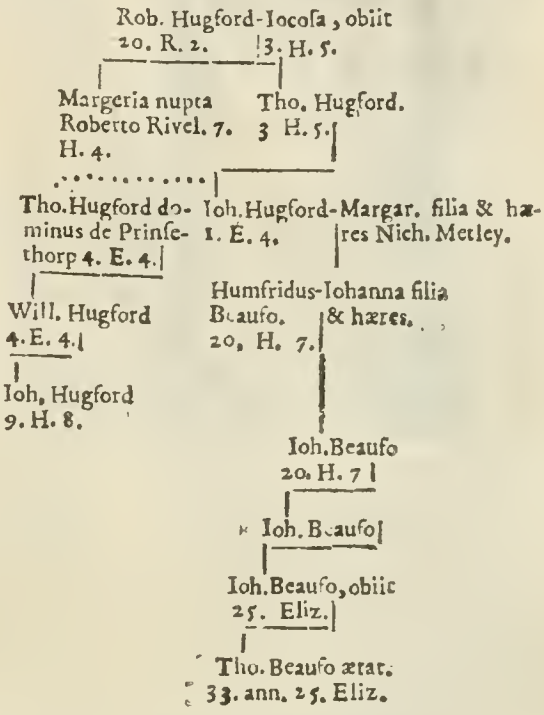
now made **Emscote**. Of which family, *scil. Spigurnell*, there were these that had to do here; *viz. Walter*, who lived in [s] King *John*'s time, and [t] beginning of H. 3. *James*, against whom *Will. Trussell*, in 37. H. 3. brought an Assise [u] for common of pasture in this village, then written **Edelvecote**; and *John Spigurnell* in [w] 55. H. 3. Who, in 7. E. 1. was certified [x] to be Lord thereof, holding it of *Elen la Souch*, (one of the coheirs to whom part of the Honour of **Leicester** descended, as I have intimated in **Pilverton**,) by suit of Court twice a year.

Which *John*, held here a certain meadow then in demesn, paying to *Will. Trussell* a mark yearly, and as much to the Prioress of **Grace-Dieu**; and had five servants holding two yard land and a fourth part by a certain Rent, and performing severall services; *viz.* reaping, mowing, carrying Hay and corn, gathering of stubble, harrowing, &c. And two Cottiers holding two Cottages for certain Rent, and Hay-making. To whom succeeded *Henry Spigurnell*; who in 1. 2. 4. and 11. E. 2. was in [a] Commission for taking Assises of *Novel disseisin*, and for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. But after him I have not seen more of any male branch of this family; nor female, except *Maud Spigurnell*; who, in 20. E. 3. held [b] the sixt part of a Knights fee here and in **Pilverton**, of the Honour of **Winchester**.

The next [c] possessor of this mannour, that I have met with was *Will. Revell* (descended from the *Revells* of **Newbold-Revell**, as in the Pedegree there inserted is manifest) that dyed without issue, leaving *Joan* his sister and heir, wife to *Geffrey Reynolds*; by whom she had issue *Richard*; who, affecting his mothers name, called himself *Revell*. Which *Joan* in her widdowhood married to [d] *Will. Attelberge*, a Citizen of **Coventre**, and party [e] to the Covenants of Marriage betwixt the said *Ric. Revell* his son in law, and *Margery* the daughter of *Robert Huggeford* in 7. H. 4. What this *Richard Revell* was by his profession or practise appears not; but he kept not this Lordship long: for in 9. H. 4. he levyed a Fine [f] thereof to the abovementioned *Rob. Hugford* (his father in law) and *Joyce* his wife, and to the heirs of the said *Robert*: And by his deed of Release [g], dated 18. *Maii* the same year, wherein he calls himself *Ric. filius Galfridi Reynald de* **Comescote**, *alias dictus Ric. filius Johannæ filiæ Willielmi Ryvell*, confirmed to the said *Robert Hugford*, and *Joyce*, and the heirs of the said *Robert* all his right therein. Which *Robert* obtained a Charter [h] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here, and in **Pilverton**, dated 12. *Dec.* 12. H. 4. in whose male line it continued till the beginning of H. 7. time, and then by a daughter and coheir came to *Beaufo*.

But before this *Robert Hugford* I have not seen any thing of their name in this County; howbeit, in **Shropshire** there was an antient family of them. And, if I may have liberty to guess at the originall of this man's advancement to so good a fortune in **Warwickshire**, I shall conclude it to have been through his relation to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: For it appears that in 20. R. 2. he was [x] *Custos Hospitii*; *id est Comptroller* of the household unto the said Earle; who, by his Letters Pat. (for so they are termed) bearing date at **Warwick** 26. *Apr.* 1. H. 4. granted unto him, by the title of his beloved Esquire, for his good service done and to be done, as well to him the said Earl, as unto *Richard Beauchamp* his son, an Annuity of 8 *li.* to be yearly received during his life, out of the said Earles Mannour of **Wike** neer **Pershore** *in Com. Wigorn.* And upon the last day of the said moneth of *Aprill*, in the same year, I find [z] that this *Robert* was retained by Indenture to serve the said Earl, and his son *Richard*, all his life, as well in Peace as Warr, receiving for his wages in time of Peace 7 *li. per annum* out of the issues and profits of the said Mannour of **Wike**; but upon these further Covenants; *viz.* to come to the said Earle, or his said son, whensoever he should be required, in times of peace, with a Groom and two Horses during his stay.

[z] *Ibid.*



That in time of Warr he should receive from the said Earl or his son xx *li.* for his wages; whereof half to be payd at the beginning of the Warr, and the rest quarterly as long as he did continue therein. That he should be well and sufficiently armed, arrayed, and horsed for the warr, sutable to his degree with one Yeoman, 2. Grooms and 4 Horses, and to have dyet for himself, and livery for his said servants and Horses: but that the said Earl or his son should have the third part of whatsoever he the said *Robert* or his men did gain by the war which did exceed the value of ten Franks. And if he or they hapned to take any prisoners, he should not permit them to be ransomed without the consent of the said Earl or his son. And lastly, that himself with his Men and Horses should be upon all occasions shipt to and fro at the charge of the said Earl.

In 3. H. 4. he was Receivour [a] generall to the same Earl; and the same year joyned in Commission [b] with the Shiriff, for levying and collecting the Aid in this County, for marriage of *Blanch* the Ks. eldest daughter. In 5. H. 4. he served [c] as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then holden. And in 9. H. 4. was Surveyour [d] of all the said Earles lands.

To which *Robert* succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir; who being [e] 21. years of age at the death of *Joyce* his mother 3. H. 5. had livery [f] of this Mannor the year following. This *Thomas*, in 5. H. 5. was one [g] of the Councell to the before specified Earl *Richard*: and in 7. being one of those in this County certified [h] to bear antient Armes from his Ance-

[a] *Ex comp. Ball. Warw. Com.*
[b] *Rot. F. 3. H. 4. m. 16.*
[c] *claus. 5. H. 4. p. 2. in dorso. m. 10.*
[d] *Ex comp. Ball. Warw. Com.*
[e] *Esc. 3. H. 5. n. 33.*
[f] *Rot. F. 4. H. 5. m. 28.*
[g] *Ex comp Ball. Warw. Com.*
[h] *Rot. penès Camer. Scacc.*

In the South Ile

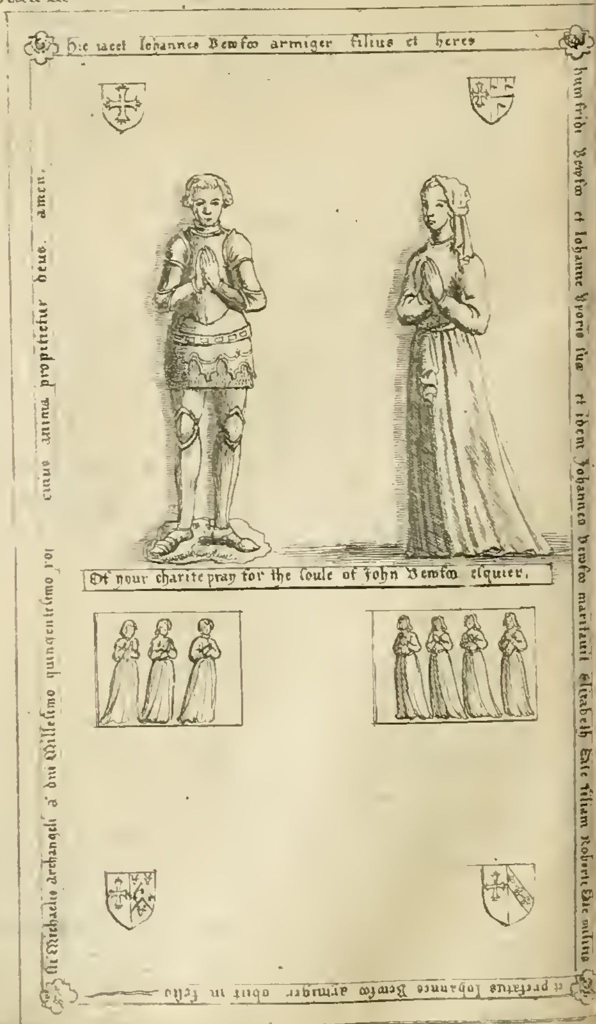


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stours, was then, amongst others, appointed to attend the King in person, in his warrs for the defence of the Realm: As also in 12. H. 6. constituted[j] one of the Justices of Peace in this County; in which year he is reckoned [k] with the chiefest of those that took their Oaths for performance of such Articles as were ordained in the Parliament then held. In 14. H. 6. he was imployed for assessing [l] a xv. and tenth in this County; And in 17. joyned in Commission [m] with *Richard* Duke of Yorke and divers other persons of quality, to take custody of all the Castles, Lordships, Mannours &c. whereof *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick dyed seized, in respect of the minority of *Henry*, son and heir to the said Earl, having been feoffee [n], Surveyor [o], and Receiver [p] generall to the said Earl for all his lands, as his father was; as also one of his [q] Executors.

In 19. H. 6. he was one [r] of the Commissioners appointed to treat with the people for a loan to the King. In 20. one [s] of the Knights for this Shire in Parliament. And upon renewing the Commissions for the peace in this County, from 17. till 27. H. 6. still [t] joyned therein. He was [u] also Constable and Governour of Warwick-Castle; and Supervisor of all the fishings, pools, and Swans belonging to *Henry* Duke of Warwick in this County and Staffordshire. In consideration whereof he had an annuity granted to him by the said Duke's Letters [w] Pat. dated 5. *Junii* 24. H. 6. And in 28. H. 6. in [x] Commission about levying the Subsidy then granted to the King in Parliament. So likewise, from 30. H. 6. till 9. E. 4. upon all renewings [y] of the Commissions for the Peace, made one. As also [z] Squier of the body to the K. E. 4. and to *Richard Nevill* Earl of Warwick Surveyor [a] of his lands.

And as his publick imployments were very great, so were *John Hugford* his son's; whom I find in 34. H. 6. Steward [b] to *Richard Nevill* Earl of Warwick: As also a Justice of peace in this County from 1 E. 4. during the whole reign of that K. and of his brother K. *Richard* 3. as appears by the Records [c] of their times. This *John*, having been Shiriff [d] of the Countyes of Warwick and Leic. in 12. and 18. E. 4. in consideration of the acceptable services which the said King acknowledged he had done, was constituted [e] Constable of Warwick-Castle: as also Steward of Warwick, and all the Lordships in this Shire, then in the King hands, in respect of the minority of *Edward* son to *George* Duke of Clarence (by reason of the Earledome of Warwick.) Which office, together with the place of Surveyour of all the Parks and Chases in this County, King *Richard* 3. by his Letters [f] Pat. dated 15. *Nov.* granted also to the said *John* and *Humfrey Beaufo* esq. in regard of the minority of the aforesaid *Edward*. He was also a great Benefactor to the Abby of Stoneley, as appears by the large quantity of land given [g] thereunto by him, lying in Ashoe, and other places.

And, having much augmented his fortune by the marriage of *Margaret*, daughter and heir to *Nicholas Metley* (as in Wolston and Merston I have shewed) departed [h] this life on the feast day of S. *Nicholas* the B. 1 H. 7. leaving issue by the said *Margaret* three daughters, which were his [i] heirs; *viz.* [k] *Joan* marryed to *Humfrey Beaufo* of Berefordshire-S. *John* in Oxfordshire esq. *Alice* to *Richard Cotes* esq. and *Anne* to *Gerard Danet* esq. upon the partition of whose lands, this, with Pilverton, came to *John Beaufo*, son and heir to *Humfrey Beaufo* above mentioned, and *Joan* the eldest daughter of the said *John Hugford*. Which *John* in 20. H. 7. had livery [l] of his inheritance without proof of his age; (that is to say of all the lands descended to him from *Humfrey Beaufo* his father, *Joan* his mother, and *Gerard Danet*; which *Gerard* was tenant by the curtesy to such lands as belong'd to *Anne* his wife another of the daughters and heires to the said *John Hugford*:) and departing this life on *Michaelmas* day *Anno* 1516. (8 H. 8.) lyeth buried, together with the severall *Hugfords* before specified, in the South part of the Collegiate Church at Warwick, as their Monuments, which I have here exactly represented, do manifest. From whom is lineally descended *Henry Beaufo* esq. Lord of this Mannour *Anno scil.* 1640.

j Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 1. in dorf. m. 34.
k Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.
l Rot. F. 14. H. 6. m. 7.
m Rot. F. 17. H. 6. m. 10.
n Clauf. 20. E. 4. in d. m. 26.
o Comp. Ball. Warw. Com.
p Rous f. 141.
q Pat. 19. H. 6. p. 1. n d. m. 20.
r Rot. F. 20. H. 6. m. 13.
s Pat. de ifd. an. in forfo.
t Comp. ball. Warw. Com.
u Rot. F. 28. H. 6. m. 6.
w Pat. de fd. an in d.
x Ex autog. mis W. pooner in.
y Comp. Ball. &c.
z Pat. de fd. an. in orfo.
a Rot. F. 12. 4 m. 5.
b Pat. 18. H. 4. p. 2. n. 11.
c Pat. 2. R. 2. p. 2. m. 18.
d Efc. 13. E. 4.
e Inscrip. um. apud Warw.
f Efc. 20. H. 7. Pat. 20. H. 7. p. 2. m. 4.
g Lib. rub. f. 100. b. Teſta. de N.
h Ibid.

Willoughby.

HEre, at Emscote, it is, that Avon is enlarged by the confluence of Leame; which having its head in Northampton-shire (about Braunston and Daventre) entreth Warwick-shire betwixt Wolfhamcote and Willoughby. Touching its name, I mean the etymologie, it may seem to be derived from the Greek word λίμνη which signifyeth a pool or lake; for our antient Saxon language is affirmed by very learned men in both, to have its originall from the Greek. Neither is this conjecture improbable; for as much as this River is of a muddy disposition, having some standing holes, in the nature of lakes or ponds in sundry places thereof. And we find at this day, that divers of those artificiall Rivers in Cambridg-shire antiently cut to drayn the *Fens*, do bear the name of Leame, as Waterley-leame, New leame, Morton's-leame, &c. being all muddy channells through which the water hath a dull and slow passage. But leaving the better interpretation thereof, to those that have more skill, I come to Willoughby.

The occasion of this Towns name is evident enough, the last syllable, *scil.* Bye in the old English signifying a Village, as we use it in some sense to this day, calling those orders which are made in a Court-Baron *Bye-Laws*, *id est* the Town-Laws; and the first, willough, importing that divers of such trees did antiently grow there. In the Conq. time most of it was in the possession of *Turchill de Warwick*; and the rest, of *Hugh Grentemaisnill*: howbeit the proportion which each had, doth not directly appear, for as much as it is in the Record [m] confounded with other places: But it is there written wilebere, wilebej, and wflebec; which last, if it were the originall name, must be interpreted the willough-brook; for Bec in the Saxon signifieth a little stream.

m Domesday lib.

How it came into the Kings hands I have not seen; but it seemes that King H. 1. possest it, and enfeoft [n] one *Wigan* his servant of 12. yard land here, in Sergeanty, then valued at xii *li.* which Sergeanty as well included lands in Dunchurch, Thurlaston, and Hulle, as this; *viz.* to find at his proper costs a man in harnes for the Kings service, with two Horses in every Army of his within England and wales. Which *Wigan* [o] held this willoughby all his life; From whom it descended to *Raph* his son and heir; and from *Raph* to *Will.* and from *Will.* to *Ivo.* Which *Ivo* dying without issue it resorted to *Thurstane* his uncle, who granted the

n Lib. rub. f. 100. b.
o Teſta. de N.

whole Mannour, with the advouſon of the Church to the Hoſpitall of *S. John*, without the Eaſt-gate in **Oxford**, founded[p] by King *Henry* 3. in 17. of his raign, *ut ibidem infirmi & peregrini, ſua remedium reciperent neceſſitatis.*

[p] *Lel. Coll. MS. vol. 1. p. 613.*

In this town there was alſo one *Henry Waltham*, who held[q] one carucat of land and xvii *s.* yearly rent, here, by Sergeanty; *viz.* to be the Kings Marſhall in the Court of Common-Pleas: which *Henry* in[r] 5. H. 3. payd ten marks for his Relief due for the land above mentioned, and formerly belonging to *Will. Wigan* his Uncle.

[q] *Teſta de Nevill.*

[r] *Rot. P. 5. H. 3.*

But beſides the Mannour ſo granted by the ſaid *Thurſtane* to that Hoſpitall, was there given[s] thereunto, by *Peter* the ſon of the ſame *Thurſtan*, all that he had here, which did belong to the before ſpecified *Two* (there called *Two de Shraule*; for he was alſo owner of **Shewley** in this County:) As alſo the advouſon of the Church by[t] *Gilbert de Segrave*: ſo that, in 32. H. 3. the Guardian and Brethren of the ſaid Hoſpitall, being poſſeſt of ſuch a fair proportion of lands in this place, obtained a Charter[u] for a weekly **Mercate** here, on the Tueſday; and a **Fair** once every year to laſt for 2. days; *viz.* the Munday and Tueſday in *Whit-ſomweek*. Neither was this all: for it appears[w], that in 53. H. 3. *John* the ſon of *Peter*, ſon to the before mentioned *Thurſtane*, gave thereunto one meſſuage, and one carucat of land more, lying within the precincts of this Village; as alſo all his right to the patronage of the Church. And[x] that in E. 1. time, a family bearing the name of *Hamund*, and here reſiding, were good Benefactors thereto; Of which was one *Richard Hamund*, *alàs Clerk*, ſtiled eſquier in 23 H. 6. who then held the whole Mannour by Leaſe of the ſaid Guardian and Brethren.

[s] *Cart. 30. H. 3. m. 5.*

[t] *Cart. 30. H. 3. m. 5.*

[u] *Cart. 32. H. 3. m. 2.*

[w] *F. levat. Oct. Trin. 53. H. 3.*

[x] *Ex autog. penès Præpoſ. & ſocios Coll. S. M. Magd. Oxon.*

But I further find[y] that *Will. Wainflete* Biſhop of **Winchester**, having in 26. H. 6. began the foundation of **Magdalen College** in **Oxford**, in the very place where the ſame Hoſpitall ſtood, did in 35. of the ſame Kings raign, obtain from the ſaid Maſter and Brethren the grant[z] of this Lordſhip, whereunto it hath ever ſince continued, being poſſeſt by the Preſident and Fellows thereof at this day; yet conſtantly leaſed[a] out to the deſcendants of the ſaid *Richard Clerke*, men of a fair eſtate here. Of which family were *Edward* and *Hierome* (*viz.* ſons of *Henry Clarke*:) the former, father to *William Clerke* of this place deceaſed; *Henry Clerke* of **Rocheſter** in **Kent**, now Sergeant at the Law; as alſo of *Samuel Clerke* of **Kingſthorpe** in **Northamptonſhire** Doctor of Divinity, and one of the Chaplains in ordinary to King *James* and King *Charles*, (who wedded *Margaret* one of the daughters to *William Peyto* late of **Cheſterton** in this County eſquire:) And the later of *John Clerke* of **Gilsborough** in **Northamptonſhire** Counſellour at Law, and Bencher of **Lincolns-Inne** (*an. ſeil.* 1640. From which *Richard*, Sir *George Clerke* of **Watford** *in Com.* **Northampton** Kt. As alſo *John* now merchant of **London** (nephew to the ſame Sir *George*,) and tenant to this Mannour from that Colledge are likewiſe deſcended.

[y] *Pat. 26. H. 6. p. 2. m. 33.*

[z] *Pat. 35. H. 6. p. 1. m. 5.*

[a] *Ex autog. penès præfat. præpoſ. &c.*

Nor may I omit to take notice, that of this family was alſo the famous Sir *John Clerke* in H. 8. time (as conſtant tradition ſtill affirmeth;) who having taken the Duke of *Longvile* priſoner, at the battail of **Spurs**, was for that ſignall ſervice[b] rewarded by the King with an honourary addition to his Armes; *viz. in the ſiniſter part of the ſhield a Canton azure with a demi Ram ſaliant Argent, two flower de Luces Or in chief, and over all a baſton trunked*, as appeareth on his Monument at **Tame** in **Oxfordſhire**. Which Armes; *viz. Argent on a bend gules, between three pellets as many Swans proper*, is ſtill born by theſe *Clerk*'s before mentioned, as well as by the immediat deſcendants to the ſaid Sir *John*, now reſiding at **Weſton** by **Tame** beforementioned, and at **Crowton** in **Northamptonſhire**.

[b] *Cambd. Rem. p. 161.*

The Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) being very antiently appropriated to the ſaid Hoſpitall of *S. John*, without the Eaſt gate in **Oxford**, as by the Inſtitutions to the Vicaridge may ſeem, was in *an.* 1291. 19. E. 1. valued[c] at viii. marks; And in 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge at[d] ix *li.* iv *s.* iv *d.* To this Church did one *John Haward* in 15 H. 6.[e] give one meſs. lying withing the precincts of **Willoughby**: as alſo 20. Acres of land, ſituat in **Litle-Herdewik** and **Bradwell**, for the finding of a Lamp to burn therein for ever.

[c] *MS. in Scacc.*

[d] *MS. penès S. A. aur. f. 41.*

[e] *Eſc. 15 H. 6. n. 6.*

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes.	
	Henr. Trunket Pbr. 24. *Martii* 1311.	*Langt. f. 3. b.*
	Will. de Alleſpath Cap. 12. *Cal. Sept.* 1312.	*Ib. f. 33.*
	Will. Pyndere Cap. 3. *Cal. Feb.* 1348.	*Northb. 47. b.*
	Joh. de Garſyndon Pbr. 29. *April.* 1388.	*Sk. f. 2.*
Magiſter Hoſp. S. Joh. Oxon.	*Will. Fartlot Cap.* 15. *Oct.* 1417.	*Bull. f. b.*
	Michaell James 10. *Junii* 1431.	*Heyw. f. 26. a.*
	Will. Pygete Pbr. 16. *Junii* 1431.	*Ibid.*
	Joh. Mervyn Pbr. 2. *Apr.* 1436.	*Ib. f. 34. b*
	Will. Thomeſone Pbr. 3. *Sept.* 1443.	*Ib. f. 41.*
	Ric. Stokyſley 1. *Febr.* 1505.	*Bl. f. 4.*
Præſes & Scholar. Col. S. M. Magd. Oxon.	*Will. Humfrey, in art. Mr. ult. Feb.* 1521.	*Ib. f. 7. b*
	Tho. Gardiner Cler. 9. *Martii* 1547.	*Sampſ. f. 4. a.*
	Gedeon Hancock Cler. 23. *Junii* 1578.	*Sampſ. B. f. 47. b*
Eliz. Regina.	*Gideon Hancock Cler.* 3. *Febr.* 1585.	*Bundell. D*
Præſes & Scholar. Col. S. M. Magd. Oxon.	*Rob. Wilton Cler. ult. Junii* 1602.	*Overton bund. C.*
	Henr. Clerke in art. Mr. 15. *Maii* 1621.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Dunchurch.

I Next come to **Dunchurch**, containing theſe Hamlets; *viz.* **Caulton**, **Toſte**, and **Thurlaſton**, the laſt of which extends it ſelf to the very bank of **Leame**. In the Conquerours time *Oſbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Aſton-Cantlow**) poſſeſt it: but in *Domeſday-Book* it is written **Donecerce**, and certified to contain five hides valued at C *s.* of which before the Conqueſt one *Ulmarus* was owner. As for the originall of the name, 'tis evident enough; **Done** or **Dune**, ſignifyng in our old Engliſh, a Hill, and **Cerce** a Church, which agrees with the ſituation thereof.

In King *Stephen*'s time I find[f] that *Hengelramus Clement*, being Lord of it, gave to the Monks of **Pipwell** his demeſn lands lying in the fields here;

[f] *Reg. de Pipw. f. 65. & 39. b.*

here; which grant *Will. Clement* his ſon ratified; who likewiſe beſtowed [g] the advouſon of the Church upon them, *Richard Peche*, then Biſhop of **Coventre** confirming [h] the ſame. But whether it was the ſaid *Hengelram* or his father, who became firſt enfeoffed of this Lordſhip by the deſcendants from the before ſpecified *Osbernus*, I cannot directly affirm: yet, that it was one of them is not to be doubted; for as much as by many Records [i] it is evident, that the poſterity of the ſaid *Hengelram* held it of the Honour of **Ricards-Caſtle** in **Hereford-ſhire** (which belong'd to the ſaid *Osbern* and his family, who aſſumed the name of *Say*) by half a Kts. fee.

But from the before ſpecified *Will. Clement*, it came to *John Dunheved*, in right of *Chriſtian* his wife, heir to the ſaid *William*. Which *John*, upon the death of the then Incumbent, had a purpoſe [k] to have entred upon the rights of the Church; howbeit, the Abbot of **Pipwell**, being advertiſed thereof, got a great number of men, Horſe, and foot, and kept poſſeſſion of it by force: whereupon the ſaid *John* forbore to proſecute his intention; yet afterwards the Monks and he came to an Agreement; ſo that, with *Chriſtian* his wife, he did by a Fine [l] in 31 H. 3. quit his right in the advouſon thereof to the ſaid Monks.

Within the precincts of this Lordſhip, was the ſame *Wigan*, of whom I have ſpoke in **Willoughby**, enfeof'd [m] by K. H. 2. with 8. yard land; whoſe ſon *Kaph* beſtowed [n] upon theſe Monks of **Pipwell** 7. yard land and a half thereof; giving the reſidue to the Church of this place: In [o] conſideration whereof, the ſaid Monks made him partaker of all the Prayers and benefits of their Order; and covenanted to receive him to be a Monke in their Covent, or elſe his brother, in caſe either of them ſhould be willing to live a regular life: And beſides all this, gave unto him 27. marks of ſilver; to his mother 2. Cows with Calves; to *Thurſtane* his brother, a Horſe; and to *Wygan*, his other brother, xii *d.* Which Monks, having ſo large a portion, did in 11 E. 1. (*inter alia*) obtain a Charter [p] of **Free-warren** in all their demeſn-lands here.

In 28 E. 1. two parts of this Mannour were ſetled [q] by the before ſpecified *John Dunheved* upon himſelf and *Euſtachia* his wife for their lives; the remainder to *Stephen* their ſon. Which *John* in 29. E. 1. (with divers other perſons of note) had ſummons [r] to attend the K. with Horſe and Armes, at **Barwick**-upon-**Twede**, on the feaſt day of the *Nativity* of *S. Jo. Bapt.* to march againſt the Scots. To this *John* ſucceeded *John* his younger ſon (*Stephen* being dead as it ſeems;) who in 11 E. 2. entred into [s] Covenants with Sir *John Peche* Kt. (Lord of **Hampton** in **Arden**) to proſecute ſuit at the coſts & charges of the ſaid Sir *John*, touching this and other Mannours, as his right by inheritance, againſt whomſoever ſhould lay claym thereto: and, having cleared his title, to enfeoff the ſaid Sir *John Peche* of them, to the uſe of him the ſaid Sir *John* and his heirs. In conſideration whereof, the ſame Sir *Jo.* covenanted to find & provide for the ſaid *Jo. Dunheved*, during his life, a Robe of the ſame ſuite, that he gave his Eſquiers; and in time of peace to furniſh him with a Horſe & a Groom, in ſuch ſort as he allowed to the reſt of his ſervants of that rank; but in Warr with two Horſes and Grooms, and one Horſe armed in like faſhion as he did to others; paying to him the ſaid *John* x *li. per annum* quarterly, at **Hampton** in **Arden** before ſpecified. Which Agreement bears date the Sunday after S. *Luke* the Evangeliſt, the year before mentioned.

After this, *viz.* in 19 E. 2. I find that *Edm. de Verdon*, and *Agnes* his wife, did by their deed [t] dated 16. *Sept.* grant to the ſaid Sir *John Peche* and *Alianore* his wife, and the heirs of their bodyes lawfully begotten, this Mannour of **Dunchurch**; but how *Verdon* came to any title therein appears not: And that in 4 E. 3. *John Dunheved* levyed a Fine thereof [u] to the uſes of the ſaid Sir *John Peche* and *Alianore*, and the heirs of their two bodyes; and for default of ſuch iſſue to *Nich. Peche*, ſon to the ſaid Sir *John*, for life; but after his deceaſe to the right heires of the ſame Sir *John*. In whoſe family it continued ſo long as the male line laſted; and then, by *Margaret*, one of the daughters and heirs to the laſt Sir *John*, came to Sir *William Montfort* of **Colſhill** Knight, to whoſe poſterity it remained till the attainded of Sir *Simon Montfort* in 10 H. 7. [Of which families; *viz. Peche*, and *Montfort*, I ſhall peak hiſtorically when I come to **Hampton** in **Arden** and **Colſhill** in **Hemlingford-Hundred**.]

But then eſcheating to the Crown, was by King H. 7. given [w] to *Girald* Earl of **Kildare**, and *Eliz. S. John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their bodyes 25. *Aug.* 12 H. 7. And by another Patent [x] dated 20. *Julii* 18 H. 7. confirmed; whereby alſo **Free-warren** was granted to them therein; which King H. 8. likewiſe ratified [y]. By vertue of which entail it divolved to Sir *James Fitz Gerald* Knight, one [z] of his ſons by the ſaid *Eliz. S. John*: But by [a] attainder of the ſaid Sir *James* in 28 H. 8. again reſorted to the Crown; and in 32 H. 8. was granted [b] to Sir *Sir John Fitz Williams* Knight and his heirs. From which Sir *John*, it came very ſuddainly to one *Anthony Stringer* of **London**: to whom I find, that King H. 8. in 35. of his reign, granted [c] in lieu thereof, and other lands which he then had of him in exchange, the ſite of the Priory of S. *Margarets* near **Marlborough** in **Wilt ſhire**. After which, it ſtayd in the Crown till Queen *Marie's* time; and then was paſſed [d], in 1. & 2. of her raign to ..... *Smyth* and others; who, the ſame year, aliened [e] it to Sir *Rouland Hill*, and Sir *Tho. Leigh* Aldermen of **London**. And ſo, being by partition [f] betwixt the ſaid Sir *Rouland* and Sir *Thomas*, allotted, *inter alia*, to the ſaid Sir *Thomas*, was ſetled upon Sir *William Leigh* his younger ſon: which Sir *William* had iſſue Sir *Francis*; who in 18. *Jac.* obtained a ſpeciall Pat. [g] for a **Court-Leet** to be yearly held within this Lordſhip. From whom it is deſcended to *Francis* Lord **Dunſmore**, his ſon and heir, now living, *An. ſcil.* 1640.

That which the Monks of **Pipwell** had here, came in time alſo to have the reputation of a Mannour: and in 3. & 4. *Ph. & Mar.* was [h] granted out of the Crown to the ſaid Sir *Rouland Hill*, and Sir *Thomas Leigh*, and their heirs; and ſo upon the ſame partition being aſſigned to Sir *Tho. Leigh* is enjoyed by the Lord **Dunſmore** as aboveſaid.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) being given to the Monks of **Pipwell**, as I have already ſhewed, was appropriated [i] to that Monaſtery by *Ric. Peche* B. of **Cov.** in H. 2. time; and the Vicaridge endowed [k] by **Alex. Savensby**, his ſucceſſor, *an.* 1229. 13 H. 3. at which time there was x *li. per ann.* reſerved [l] to be payd out of the fruits of the Rectory to the Cathedrall of **Lich.** for ever. In *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at xv. marks *per an.* over & above the xv. marks yearly *Penſion* payable to the Dean, and Chapter of **Lichfield** & the Vicaridge at lx s. But in 26 H. 8. at xiv *li.* xxii *d.* over & above viii *s.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni

[g] *lb. f. 60. a.*
[h] *lb. f. 61. b.*
[i] *Teſta de Nevill.*
[k] *Regiſt. de Pipw. f. 39.*
[l] *f. 60. b.*
[m] *Ibid.*
[n] *f. 67.*
[o] *a.*
[p] *rt. 11. n. 33.*
[q] *levat. enim.*
[r] *uſ. 29. dorſo*
[s] *autog. Sim. fort*
[t] *Ibid.*
[u] *Craſt. Purif.*
[w] *Pat. 12. H. 7. p. 1. m. 2.*
[x] *Pat. 18. H. 7. p. 2. m. 29.*
[y] *Pat. 2. H. 8. p. 1.*
[z] *Fragm. hiſt. Hib. in bibl. Bodl.*
[a] *Life of H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 389.*
[b] *Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 4.*
[c] *Pat. 35. H. 8. p. 7.*
[d] *Pat. 1. & 2 Ph. & M. p. 15.*
[e] *Ibid. p. 7.*
[f] *Ex autog. penes Tho. D. Leigh.*
[g] *Pat. 18. Iac.*
[h] *Pat. 3. & 4. Ph. & M. p. 10.*
[i] *Regiſt. de Pipw. f. 61. b.*
[k] *Ibid.*
[l] *63. a.*

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes &c.
Northb. f. 22. b.	D. Epiſc. Cov. & Lich.	Lambertus de Hale Cap. 8. Cal. Oct. 1329.
Ib. f. 31. a.		Will. de Shulton Pbr. 9. Cal. Maii 1337.
Ib. f. 34. a.		Thom. de Bilney Pbr. 3. Id. Maii 1339.
Ib. f. 61. a.		Ric. de Mere Cap. Non. Aug. 1357.
Stret. f. 4. a.		Will. Sars Pbr. 4. Id. Nov. 1358.
Ib. f. 10. a.		Joh. de Oſelveſton Cap. Id. Sept. 1361.
Sk. f. 5. b.		Ric. Giffard Pbr. 12. Mar. 1390.
Arund. f. 142. b.		Joh. Grene Cap. 22. Nov. 1414.
Ib.		D. Joh. Inſulenſ. Epiſc. titulo Comenda. 9. Feb. 1449.
Ib.		Magr. Will. Elmeſhale 29. Oct. 1450.
Ib.		Joh. Stag. Cap. 20. Oct. 1454.
Ib.		Joh. Harrys Cap. ſuper deprivat. Joh. Stagg. pro defectu reſid. 19. Julii 1456.
Ib.		Rad. Whitehed in decret. Bacc. 20. Julii 1515.
Ib.		Tho. Bolte Cler. Nov. 6. 1547
Ib.	D. Rex, hac vice ratione Conceſſ. Rad. Cope, & aliorum.	Magr. Tho. Bolte 12. Junii 1553.
Ib.		Nath. Williams art. Bac. 19. Maii 1626.
Ib.		Joh. Biker art. Magr. 14. Martii 1626.

Bo. f. 10.

Ib. f. 10.

Bowl. f. 21. a.

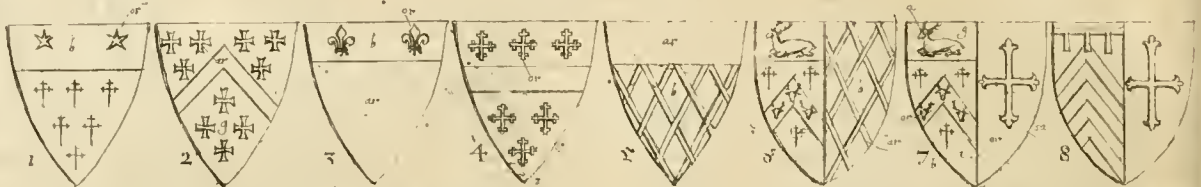
Ib. f. 22.

Bl. f. 7.

Sampſ. f. 1. a.

Sampſ. B. f. 1.

Dunchurch.
Armes in the Church windows



1 Clinton E. of Huntingdon
2. Berkley
3. Clinton of Colſhill
4. Beauchamp
5
6. Boughton empaling Cane.
7. Boughton empaling
8

Cauſton.

Northweſt of **Dunchurch** lieth **Cauſton**; which in the Conq. days, one *Ulf* held of *Turchil de Warwic*, being then certified [m] to contain 1. hide, valued at xii *s.* but before the Norman invaſion *Edvinus* poſſeſt it. After this, till K. *Steph.* time I do find no more mention thereof; but then doth it appear [n], that *Ingelramus Clement* (ſpoke of in **Dunchurch**) was owner of it; himſelf or his father having been enfeoffed thereof (doubtleſs) by *Siward de Arden*, ſon to the ſaid *Turchill*: for by his grant [o] of it to the Monks of **Pipwell**, he mentions *Henry de Ardern*, ſon to the ſaid *Siward*, to be his immediat Lord, of whom he held it. Which *Henry*, with *Oliva* his wife, of whoſe dowrie it was, confirm'd [p] the donation; in conſideration whereof, the Monks gave unto her a Palfrey and a Cow: and being poſſeſt of ſo large a proportion in this village, ſoon after obtained [q] from one *Turchil de Cauſton*, whom *Ingelram Clement* had formerly enfeof't all his intereſt therein; *Will. Clement*, ſon to the ſame *Ingelram*, confirming [r] the grant in the preſence of *Ric. de Luci*, and other the Juſtices *Itinerant* at **Northampton**, the ſame year that K. H. 2. came into **England** after his ſon's Coronation, and ſummons given concerning his expedition into **Ireland**; (*viz.* 17. H. 2.)

Of which *Turchil de Cauſton*, and *Wimare* his wife, I find [s], that they gave the lands, before mentioned, to the ſaid Monaſtery, *cum corporibus ſuis*: whereupon the Monks were to find them all neceſſaryes during their lives, and afford them buriall in their Church-yard at **Pipwell**, when they ſhould dye; with performance of the like ſolemnityes for a Monk of their Covent. Many, and frequent have been of antient time ſuch grants of lands by particular perſons, *cum corporibus*, as the expreſſion is; ſome whereof having this added, *in Eccleſia, ſive in Cimiterio ejuſdem Monaſterii ſepeliri*; others not: And therefore it may ſeem, that divers, who gave their bodyes in this ſort, did devote themſelves during their lives to the ſervice of God in attendance upon the Monks, as we ſee the Lay-brothers in forrein Monaſteryes now do. Which puts me in mind of a ſingular inſtance of this kind; whereby it appears, that the perſon ſo diſpoſed, did with certain Ceremonies give livery and ſeiſin, after a ſort, of himſelf; for the rarity of which example, I have here tranſcribed a grant wherein the formality thereof is contained.

[m] Domeſday lib.

[n] Reg. de Pipwel. f. 40. a.

[o] Ib. f. 75. b.

[p] Ib. f. 82. b.

[q] Ib. f. 75. b.

[r] Ib. f. 76. a.

[s] Ib. f. 80. b.

De Ingebaldo ſervo.

[t] Ex Cartul. Cæſ. S. Trin. Vindoc. (in Gal. n. 139

Scimus omnes, & fideliter credimus, quod quiſquis aliquid de rebus ſuis exterioribus devota Deo mente donaverit, mercedis apud ipſum retributione, pro certo, gaudebit. Quanto magis ſperare debemus imo firmiter tenere, illum potioris recompenſatione mercedis Dei bonitate donandum, qui non ſolùm res tranſitorias, ſed etiam ſeipſum eidem Domino Deo perſeveranter mancipaverit ſerviturum. Quod ego Ingebaldus diligenter conſiderans, eum quidem naturalem ſecundùm ſeculum à progenitoribus habeo libertatem, voluntate propria me in ſervum trado Domino Deo, & loco in nomine & honore S. Trinitatis; id eſt ejuſdem unius & ſummi Dei apud Vindocinum conſtructo. Qua verò iſtud occaſione conceperim cunctis fidelibus volo manifeſtari ad gloriam Dei, & habendam erga eundem locum reverentiam omnibus Chriſtianis venerabiliorem. Contigit mihi egritudinem corporis incurrere adeo gravem, ut deſperatus ſpem recuperandæ ſalutis prorſus perdiderim. Vovi igitur, ſi me Deus convaleſcere de infirmitate ipſa donaret, quod me illi in ſervum traderem

traderem apud præfati Vendocini *monaſterium, ſancto ipſius nomini conſecratum. Quod ego moleſtia corporis urgente diſtrictiùs promiſeram, hoc factum ſoſpes & incolumis libenter exſolvo. Neque enim bonitati illius eſſe ingratus debui, qui me de mortis confinio benignitate miſericordiſſima liberavit. Dono etiam mecum eidem venerabili loco univerſa quæ poſſeſſionis meæ ſunt hodie, vel eſſe in tota vita mea juſtè poterunt, quæ dare legaliter & poſſum & debeo. In cujus facti memoriam etiam quatuor denarios de caputagio meo, ſicut mos ſecularis eſt talibus facere, ſuper Altare dominicum prædicti loci gratanter imponens, funem quoque ſigni collo meo devotè circumplicans. Cartulam iſtam ſcribi in teſtimonium poſtulavi, manuq́ mea firmavi, addita inſuper congerie teſtium juxta humanæ opinionis eſtimationem idoneorum, quorum iſta ſunt nomina.*

Hilgodus de Cariſmot, Hugo Planus, frater Arnulphi; Rogerius de Conis, Urſo Favellus, &c. Actum Vendocini in Capitulo S. Trin. An. Dom. incarn. Mlxxx.10 Cal. Oct. die nat. S. Mauricii.

The next thing that in order of time I find obſervable in relation to this place, is, that in [r] the year 1266. 51 H. 3. all the chief men in **Thurlaſton** joyned together, and would have had Common of paſture by force on **Cauſton**-heath. At which time *Gerard de Lega* was Abbot of **Pipwell**, and adviſing with good Councel (as the Regiſter of that Houſe ſaith) ſtood againſt the whole Town of **Thurlaſton** like a wall; and by a chargeable ſuit in an *Aſſize of Novel-diſſeiſin* before the Judges at **Warwick**, obtained the upper hand, on the Feaſt-day of S. *Malachie* the B. the year aboveſaid. In [w] thoſe dayes there was at **Cauſton** 2 large Ovens, wherein were baked weekly xvi quarters of Corn, for coarſer bread; and vi quarters of the better ſort, for the Monks and Converts, with their ſervants, in their ſeveral Granges of **Dunchurch**, **Thurlaſton**, **Rokeby**, **Lalleſord**, **Peubold**, and **Thirnmine**, in this County; as alſo of **Aſhby**, **Winwik**, and **Elingdon** in **Northamptonſh.**

[r] Reg. de Pipw. f. 40. b.

In 11 E. 1. the Monks of **Pipwell** had **Freewarren** granted [x] to them in their demeſn-lands here, in which Ks. time it hapning that the Prior of **Kirby** impleading them for the Grange of **Cauſton** (for ſo it was called) the Attorney [y] for the Monks of **Kirby** ſo ſubtilly managed the ſuit, that they of **Pipwell** were foyled therein; which occaſioned much ſadneſs amongſt them: But at that time *Rog. de Seytone* being chief Juſtice of the Common Pleas, after Judgement given, diſcerning the fraud of the adverſe part, went to the K. taking with him the Abbot of **Pipwell** and Prior of **Kirby**, and manifeſted the whole buſineſs unto him: whereupon the K. made a final determination therein; ordering, that the Monks of **Pipwell** ſhould enjoy the ſaid Grange, paying to them of **Kirby** CC marks. For which good ſervice they concluded to keep his Anniverſary for ever in their Monaſtery on the xi *Cal.* of *May*. But after this, *viz.* in 3 E. 2. the Grange here at **Cauſton** (by [z] an unhappy accident of a Candle careleſly ſtuck upon a wall) was almoſt totally conſumed with fire.

[t. 11. n. 33.

[Reg. de Pipw. f. 5. a.

This Village hath been long decayed, as it ſeems: for our Countryman *Rous*, making mention [a] thereof, ſayes, that there being nothing but a Grange remaining, the place was become a den of theeves and manſlayers, by whom the road from **Coventre** towards **Dunchurch** growing much infeſted, expoſed all Travailers over **Dunſmore**-heath to much peril; for which he doth not a little blame the Monks, as minding more their own particular benefit, by depopulation, than the publick. But by the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, it came to the Crown; and being granted, [b] 15 *Julii*, 37 H. 8. to *Tho. Boughton* Gent. and his heirs (a younger ſon to *Will. Boughton* of **Lawford**) deſcended to *Edw.* his ſon and heir; who, through the countenance of *Robert* Earl of **Leic.** (a potent man in Q. *Eliz.* time) bore a great ſway in this County; and having gotten materials, by pulling down the **White-Friers Church** in **Coventre**, raiſed here the moſt beautifull Fabrick that then was in all theſe parts, *William* his great grandchild being the preſent owner thereof.

[b Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 7.

MS

Thurlaſton.

IN the Conq. time, the E. of **Pellent** held [c] two hydes and a half in this Village, valued at xxxv *s.* and poſſeſt by one *Wigar* in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes. Other two hydes and a half *Hubertus* held of *Hugh de Grentmaſnil*, then rated at lx *s.* having been the Free-hold of one *Baldwin* before the Conqueſt. In the general Survey [d] it is written **Tozlaveſton**; whence I conclude, that the name originally proceeded from ſome antient owner thereof in the Saxons time. But theſe two hydes and a half, laſt mentioned, continued not to the poſterity of the ſaid *Hugh*: for thereof did [e] K. H. 1. enfeoff one *Wigan*, ſirnamed *Mareſcall* (of whom in **Willoughby** I have ſpoke) who held it [f], together with the reſt in **Willughby**, **Dunchurch** and **Hulle**, by Sergeanty, as I have elſwhere ſhewed. All which deſcended [g] to *Raph* his ſon and heir; and from *Raph* to *Will.* his ſon and heir: which *Will.* granted [h] it to *Will. de Cantilupe*; who, about the 13 of H. 3. paſt [i] it away to *Stephen de Segrave* and his heirs, the extent [k] whereof, being x yard land, and reputed for half the town, was held [l] by one Kts. fee; the ſaid *Stephen*, then *Juſticiarius Angliæ*, having changed [m] the Tenure from Sergeanty to Kts. ſervice.

[c] [d] Domeſday *l.*

[e] [f] *Reg. de Pipw. f. 41. a.*

[g] [h] *Teſta de Nevill.*

[i] *Cart. 13. H. 3. m. 16.*

[k] [l] [m] *Reg. de Pipw. f. 41. a.*

Here was in this Village a great quantity of land beſides, given by many particular perſons to the Monks of **Pipwell**; amongſt which one meſſ. with 3 yard land, *Will.* the ſon of *Rob. de Thurlaveſton*, gave [n] *cum corpore ſuo & animâ Deo & S. Mariæ de* **Pipwell**, *& in manu Roberti Abbatis obtulit*, as are the words of his grant; *Ric.* ſon to the ſame *Will.* with *Tho. de Verdun*, and *John de Verdun* (Lords of **Brandon**) confirming the ſame. Which *Richard* was reputed [o] Lord of the Mannour here, becauſe he dwelt in the capital meſſuage that ſometime belonged to *Wigan le Mareſcal* above mentioned.

[n] [o] [p] *Ib. f. 84. a.*

Upon that land, ſo given to the Monks of **Pipwell**, was there a Grange, called [p] the **Bigging**, (*id eſt, ædificium domorum*) and ſituat upon that part of the field named **Stokewell-furlong**. It ſeems that the family of *Verdon* (Lords of **Brandon** in this County) had antiently a Kts. fee here, held of the Earls of **Warwick**; which I ſuppoſe might be part of what *Leſcelina*, daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, brought in marriage to *Norman de Verdon*, as by my diſcourſe in **Brandon** may be gathered: but in [q] 20 H. 3. *Will. le Franceis* held it;

[q] *Teſta de Nevill.*

it; and in 36 H. 3. *John de Thurlaveston* of *Roes de Verdon*. And afterwards [r] *Sim. fil. Margeriæ*, and *John Darset*. From which *John* descended *Will. Dorset*, *alias Dasset*, as 'tis like; who in 25 H. 8. past [s] it to *Edw. Cave* Esq; by which means it divolved to *Edw. Boughton*, late of **Causton** Esq; son of *Thomas*, by *Margaret* daughter and heir to the said *Edward*.

[r] *Esc.* 10. *E.* 3. *n.* 39.

[s] *F. levat. T. Pasch.*

Touching this interest of the *Verdons* here, the Register [t] of **Pipwell** sayes, that they had it by means of some that dwelt in the Capital Messuage, or Mannour-House, that belonged to *Wigan Marescall* above mentioned; but by no good right, as is thereby insinuated. Which expression of the Monks I conceive to have been partial; for I find them complain of their being summoned to do service at the Court of **Brandon** for their lands in this place; to be freed whereof, they obtained several Charters from the successive Lords of that Mannour. In 11 E. 1. the Monks of **Pipwell** had a Charter [u] of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands here. Which lands, after the dissolution of that Monastery, being by Q. *M.* granted [w] to Sir *Rouland Hill* and Sir *Tho. Leigh*, were in like sort as the Mannour of **Dunchurch** (whereof I have already spoke) by partition alotted to the said Sir *Thomas*, and setled upon Sir *Will.* his youngest son; whose grandchild, *Fr.* Lord **Dunsmore**, now, *scil. ann.* 1640. enjoys them.

[t] *f.* 41. *a.*

[u] *Cart.* 11. *E.* 1. *n.* 33.

[w] *Pat.* 3. & 4 *Ph. & M. p.* 10.

Touching the Mannour which *Segrave* had here, it continued in that family as long as the male line lasted: and at last by *Eliz.* the daughter and heir to *John* Lord *Segrave*, came [x] to *Tho. Moubray* D. of **Norf.** as by the descent in **Caludon** may be discerned. Whose son, *John Moubray*, D. of **Norf.** in 10 H. 6. was certified [y] to hold 9 mess. and 9 yard land in this Village, by the service of half a Kts. fee; but without mention that he was Lord of the Mannour. Yet by the Inquis. taken the year following after his death, it is so called; and likewise in all [a] Inq. afterwards; and so divolved to the family of *Berkley*, through *Isabell*, one of the daughters and co-heirs to *John* D. of **Norf.** in such sort as **Caludon** did; *Thom.* Lord *Berkley* dying [b] seized thereof in 26 H. 8. leaving *Henry* his son and heir then within age.

[x] *Esc.* 1. *H.* 4.

[y] *Rot. pènès Rem. R. in Scac.*

[z] *Esc.* 11. *H.* 6. *n.* 43.

[a] *Esc.* 1. *E.* 4.

[b] *Esc.* 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.*

Here hath antiently been a Chapel dedicated to S. *Edmund*, in which *Rob. de Stretton* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** at the request of *Will. de Pettou* gave license [c] to the Inhabitants, bearing date *Kal. Dec. ann.* 1360. 34 E. 3. that they should have divine service for the space of two years therein: But about the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* time it was pulled [d] down by the Lord *Berkley*'s Officers.

[c] *Stret. f.* 3. *a.*

[d] *Esc.* 4. *Eliz.*

Tofte.

THis is a member of **Dunchurch**, and had its name originally from some decayed dwelling house: for the word *Toft* signifieth a place where a Messuage hath stood, as our Lawyers well know: and came to *Montfort* by descent from *Peche*, as did **Dunchurch**; but after *Montfort*'s attainder was also granted to the E. of **Kildare** therewith. Since which time, for ought I have seen to the contrary, it hath attended the possession of that Mannour.

But there is also another Mannour (at least in reputation) within the compass of this small Village, whereof *John Burghton* of **Burghton** *in Com. Staff.* Gent. was possest [e] in E. 4. time; by whom, 14 *Oct.* 4 E. 4. it became convey'd [f] to *Humfrey Swinnarton* Gent. and *John Horeway* Priest: which *Humfrey* and *John*, 8 *Apr.* 12 E. 4. setled [g] it upon *Humfrey Hill* of **Bloxe**, in the same County of **Staff.** and *Joan* his wife, daughter of the said *H. Swinnarton*, and the heirs of their two bodyes: From whom descended (as it seems) *Humfrey Hill* of **Buntingsdale** *in Com. Salop.* who by his Deed [h] dated 8 *Febr.* 18 H. 8. granted it to *John Lettely* of **Dunchurch**, Yeoman. To which *John* succeeded *John Lytley* of **Thurlaston**, Gent. who, 28 *Junii*, 5 *Eliz.* sold [i] it to *John Fawkes* of this place, whose grandchild, *John*, still enjoys it.

[e] *Exchequer Rog. pen. Ioh Fawk.*

[f]

[g]

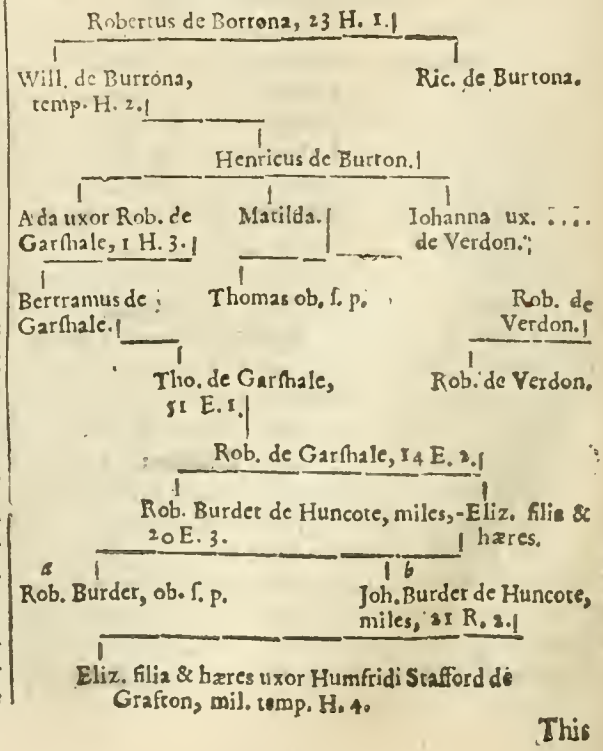
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[i]

Bourton super Dunsmore.

FOllowing the Northern bank of **Leame**, I next come to **Bourton** *super* **Dunsmore**, which one *Ingenulfus* held of the E. of **Bellent** in the Conq. time, it being then certified to contain 5 hydes, valued at lxx*s*. But before the Norman invasion *Leuuinus* possest it.

Within this parish is also **Draicote**, antiently a member of **Bourton**, and in Record so intermix'd therewith, that for a long time the particular owners of each are not easily to be distinguish'd. But till H. 3. time I have not seen any thing more directly relating to this place: howbeit, by what I discern of the then possessors thereof, *viz. Garshale* and *Verdon*, who descended from the daughters and heirs of *Henry de Burton*, I shall conclude, that the Ancestors of the same *Henry*, being Lords of this Mannour, and having their chief residence here, assumed their firname from hence: And the rather do I incline to this opinion, in regard I find by very good authority, that the same family of *Burton* were also Lords of **Ibbestoke** in **Leicestersh.** which, with this, descended to *Garshale* and *Verdon* by the said co-heirs; and therefore I have here inserted so much of the line of *Burton*, whereunto those of *Garshale* and *Verdon* are knit; as also that of *Burdet*, who marryed *Garshale*'s heir; all which Families were undoubtedly owners of this and **Draycote**.



This

This Mannour, being held of the *Verdons*, Lords of **Brandon** (as I ſhall ſhew anon) was part of that which *Leſcelina*, daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, brought to her husband *Norman de Verdon*, as I gueſs; and granted by them to *Rob. de Bortone* and his heirs by the ſervice of one Kts. fee: for from the poſterity of the ſaid *Norman* and *Leſcelina* did the deſcendants of *Burton* hold it. Of which family all that I find memorable, is, firſt, that *Rob. de Burtone* was witneſs [a] to the Charter of foundation of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, made by *Rog.* E. of **Warwick**, 23 H. 1. As alſo, that he gave [b] xx acres of land lying in this town to the Nuns of **Wrotbale**. Next, that *Ric. de Burton* (who I conceive was ſon to that *Robert*) gave [c] the Village of **Hodenhull** to the Monaſtery of **Pun-Eaton**. And laſtly, that *Will. de Borthun* beſtowed [d] **Blakedon**-mill upon the Monks of **Combe**, by the allowance of *Bertram de Verdon*, of whom he held it.

But having done with the line of *Burton*, I come now to that of *Garſhale*; whereof *Rob.* huſband to *Ada*, one of the co-heirs to *Henry de Burton*, was the firſt that had to do here; who taking part with the rebellious Barons againſt K. *John*, had his lands ſeized: but returning to obedience in 1 H. 3. enjoyed [e] them again. Of which *Rob. de Garſhale* it was certified [f] in 20 H. 3. that he, with *Philip de Eſſeby*, held **Burton** *ſuper* **Dunſmore** of the E. of **Warwick** by a Kts. fee. Howbeit in 36 H. 3. it appears [g], that they held it immediatly of *Roes de Verdon* (of whom I have made mention in **Brandon**) and that ſhe held it over of the E. of **Warwick** by the ſaid Kts. fee: But how *Philip de Eſſeby* his title grew, I am not yet ſatisfied, and therefore will leave it to be further enquired after; for he was a man of much note in this County, as appears by his being ſo often in Commiſſion for taking [h] *Aſſizes of Novel-diſſeiſin*, and [i] Goal-delivery at **Warwick**.

To which *Rob. de Garſhale* ſucceeded *Bertram de Garſhale*, of whom I meet with nothing memorable: but *Thomas* the ſon of *Bertram* had divers eminent imployments. In 15 E. 1. I find [k], that he was one of the Kts. which were aſſigned in this Shire for taking care that the Articles, contained in the Statute of **Wincheſter** for conſervation of the peace, ſhould be obſerved. And in [l] 22 E. 1. one of the Commiſſioners appointed for levying and gathering a Tenth in this County, granted to the K. in Parl. for ſupport of his Wars. In 34 E. 1. for [m] levying and collecting a xxx*th* and xx*th* part. In [n] 1 E. 2. for a xx*th* and xv*th*. and in [o] 3 E. 2. for a xxv*th*. granted alſo to the K. in thoſe ſeveral Parliaments. And bore for his Arms *quarterly Argent and Azure, upon a bend gules, 3 flower de luces Or*, as by his Seal [p] and other authorities appeareth.

To him ſucceeded *Rob. de Garſhale*, who entailed [q] this Mannour, with the advouſon of the Church, upon the heirs of his body by *Amicia* his wife; and dyed, leaving *Eliz.* his daughter and heir, marryed [r] to Sir *Rob. Burdet* of **Yuncote** in **Leiceſterſh.** (a younger ſon to *Rob. Burdet* of **Bekindon** and **Arrow** in this County) whoſe poſterity, deſcended from her, continued Lords thereof in the male line, till H. 4. time, that the heir general, *Eliz.* [s] marrying to Sir *Humfry Stafford* of **Grafton** Kt. brought it to that family; in which it reſted till the attainder of *Humfrey Stafford* Eſq; 1 H. 7. whereof, with what elſe I have found memorable, I purpoſe to ſpeak in **Lemington-Haſtang**. And being thus come to the Crown, it was given [t] by the K. *inter alia*, to Sir *Edw. Poynings* Kt. and to the heirs male of his body. But whether the ſame Sir *Edw.* dyed without iſſue, or was compounded with, I cannot directly affirm: for I find [u], that after the reſtauration of *Humfry Stafford*, ſon and heir to the ſaid *Humfry*, in 6 H. 8. that family of *Stafford* were again poſſeſt thereof; and ſo continued till *John Shukburgh* of **Birdingbury** (one of the ſix Clerks in Chancery) purchaſed it from Sir *Humfry Stafford* of **Blatherwik**, about the later end of Q. *Eliz.* reign, whoſe great grandchild, *Thomas Shukburgh*, ſtill enjoys it.

In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory was valued [a] at xii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at [b] xix *l.* xvii *s.* ii *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Rob. de Garſhale.	*Thom. de Ravenſthorp, Pbr.* 10 *Cal. Nov.* 1332.	*Northb. f.* 27 *a.*
D. Rob. Burdet de Honecote, miles.	*Rob. Burdet, Cap.* 4 *Id. Apr.* 1347.	*Ib. f.* 45 *a.*
D. Eliz. de Burgo, domina de Clare, ratione minoris ætat. Rob. fil. & hær. Rob. Burdet, mil.	*Will. de Dynton, Cap.* 12. *Cal. Apr.* 1357.	*Ib. f.* 61 *b.*
Execut. Teſtam. D. Eliz. de Burgo, ratione ut ſuprà.	*Nich. de Brunne, Pbr.* 10. *Kal. Julii,* 1361. *Joh. Chateriz, Cler.* 9 *Cal. Oct.* 1361.	*Strett. f.* 8. *a* *Ib. f.* 10. *a.*
Rob. Burdet de Honecote.	*Rog. de Shepeſheved, Cler.* 3 *Id. Dec.* 1367.	*Ib. f.* 16. *b.*
Humfr. Stafford, ar.	*Nich. Mayne, Cler. penult. Sept.* 1413.	*Burgh. f.* 34. *a.*
Humfr. Stafford de Grafton, miles.	*Joh. Laykar,* 14 *Decemb.* 1432.	*Hew. f.* 29. *a.*
Edw. Poynis, miles.	*Will. Skinner, art. Magr.* 9 *Junii,* 1501.	*Bowl. f.* 206. *a.*
Humfr. Stafford, miles.	*D. Tho. Wyrley, in art. Bac.* 28 *Martii,* 1533.	*Str. & P. f.* 2. *a.*
D. Maria Regina.	*Ric. Hutton, Cler.* 8 *Julii,* 1554.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 1. *b.*
Anth. Skynner, ar. rat. conceſſ. Humf. Stafford, mil.	*Henr. Skynner, Cler.* 23. *Julii,* 1555.	*Ib. f.* 9. *a.*
D. Humf. Stafford de Blatherwik, miles.	*Jac. Tanfeild, Cler.* 16 *Oct.* 1557. *Will. Goddard, Cler.* 16 *Feb.* 1558. *Ric. Proude, Cler.* 20 *Jan.* 1561.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 10. *b.* *Ib. f.* 12. *a.* *Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
Joh. Shukburgh, ar.	*Will. Gilbert, Cler.* 28 *Sept.* 1596.	*Overton bund. C.*
Will. Gilbert, S. Theol. bacc. ratione advoc. ſibi conceſſ. per Henr. Shukburgh, ar.	*Joh. Gilbert, Cler.* 13 *Apr.* 1629.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Draycote.

OF this place I have not ſeen any mention at all in Record, till 5 *Ioh.* that *Iohn de Draieote* levyed a Fine of a yard land lying therein, unto *Ric. Corbicun*; and touching the denomination thereof, ſhall onely deliver my conjecture; which is, that it had its original from one

Drogo, heretofore a name in uſe, but commonly called *Dru*; and that thence, by corrupt pronunciation, it came to be written **Drayton**.

It ſhould ſeem, that upon partition of that inheritance betwixt *Garſhale* and *Verdon* (whereof in **Bourton** I have ſpoke) *Verdon* had this Lordſhip, and reſided here: I ſhall therefore proceed with what I have found hiſtorical, relating to that family, beginning with *Robert*, grandchild to *Joan*, one of the daughters and co-heirs to *Henry de Burton*. This *Rob. de Verdon* was in [c] Commiſſion for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick** in 1, 2, 3, and 6 E. 1. In 7. Shiriff [d] of **Warwickſh.** and **Leiceſterſh.** and in 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 E. 1. again in [e] Com. for the like Goal-delivery. So alſo in [f] 25. E. 1. for aſſeſſing the Nones of all moveable goods then given to the K. in Parl. upon his confirmation of the great Charter, and Charter of the Forreſt.

In 29. ſummoned, [g] with divers other perſons of great quality, to attend the K. at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feaſt-day of the *Nativ.* of S. *John Bapt.* furniſh'd with Horſe and Arms, to march againſt the Scots. In 1 E. 2. he was one of the two, that were joyn'd in [h] Commiſſ. with the Shiriff of this County, for conſervation of the peace; and bore [i] for his Arms *Azure a plain croſs Or, frettè gules*. To him ſucceeded *John de Verdon* his ſon, who, with *Rob Burdet*, in 20 E. 3. anſwered [k] for half a Kts. fee in **Bourton** and this place, held of the heirs of *Theob. de Verdon*. Which *John* was [l] one of the Kts. for this Shire in Parl. *an.* 29. and 37 [m] E. 3. And in [n] 45 E. 3. in Commiſſ. with others, for aſſeſſing the Subſidy of 1061 *l.* 7 *s.* within this County. In 43 E. 3. upon the purchaſe of **Brandon** by Sir *John Delves*, he made [o] attournment to him for this and **Drayton**, as held thereof; and left iſſue [p] *Nicholas*, who had his reſidence [q] here, and ſold this Lordſhip (as I believe) to Sir *Will. Bagot* of **Bagington**: For amongſt other the lands of the ſaid Sr *W. Baget*, which were in the hands of the Biſhop of S. *Davids*, and the reſt of his Feoffees; and wherof they the ſaid Feoffees releaſed [r] their intereſt to the ſaid Sir *W.* in 5 H. 4. this is mentioned.

After the death of which Sir *Will. Iſabell* his daughter and heir, with her husband *Tho. Stafford* Eſq; aliened it to *John* of *Gant*, D. of **Lanc.** whereby it deſcended to *Henry* of **Bullenbroke** his ſon and heir, afterwards K. of **England** by the name of *Henry* 4. who by his [s] Letters P. bearing date 23. *Iulii*, 13 of his reign, gave it to the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiat-Church in **Leic.** called **Newwarke**, and their ſucceſſors for ever, reſerving the rent of x marks to be yearly paid by them out of the ſame to the Chantry-Prieſts in that Church, to celebrate divine ſervice for the good eſtate of him the ſaid K. and for the health of the ſouls of his father *John* D. of **Lanc.** before mentioned, and *Conſtance* his mother, whoſe body lay interred there. Unto which Coll. Church it continued till its diſſolution; but then did K. E. 6. by his [u] Letters P. dated 24. *Apr.* 3 of his reign, paſs it (*inter alia*) unto *Tho. Hawkins*, *alias Fiſher*, of **Warw.** and his heirs; who by his Deed [w] of bargain and ſale, dated 27 *Iulii*, 3 E. 6. granted it to one *John Smyth*, then Fermour thereof. Which *John* dyed ſeized of it, 20. *Martii*, 7 E. 6. leaving *Alice*, *Agnes*, and *Margerie* his daughters and heirs. Of theſe, *Agnes* was marryed [x] to *Ric. Mathew*, but dyed [y] without iſſue; *Margerie* [z] to *Tho. Worceſter*, and *Alice* [a] to *Tho. Flamell*; which *T. Worceſter* and *Margerie* had iſſue [b] *Will.* who purchaſed the other half from *Flamell*; ſo that *T. Worceſter*, ſon and heir to the ſaid *Will.* is now poſſeſt of the whole.

[c] *Pat. de iiſd. ann.*
[d] *Fot. F. 7. E. 1. m. 21.*
[e] *Pat. de iiſd. ann. in dorſo.*
[f] *Pat. 25. E. 1. p. 2. m. 3. in cedul.*
[g] *Clauſ. 29. E. 1. in dorſo.*
[h] *Pat. 1. E. 2. p. 2 m. 21*
[i] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[k] *Rot. penès S. Clarke B.*
[l] *Clauſ. 29. E. 3. in d. m. 3.*
[m] *Clauſ. 37. E. 3. in d. m. 16.*
[n] *Rot. F. 45 E. 3. m. 21.*
[o] *Ex vet. membr. inter evidenc. R. Catesby in Scac.*
[p] *Clauſ. 4. R. 2. in d. m. 19.*
[q]
[r] *Ex Coll. W. Burton.*
[s] *Clauſ. 1. H. 4. m. 22.*
[t] *Pat. 13. H. 4. p. 2. m. 8.*
[u] *Pat. 3. E. 6. p. 1.*
[w] *Eſc. 5. Eliz. poſt mortem Agn. Mathew.*
[x] *Eſc. 1. & 2. Ph. & M.*
[y]
[z] *Ex autog. penès T. Worceſter.*
[a]
[b]

Frankton.

THE next pariſh is **Frankton**; wherein I find, that *Rog.* E. of **Shrewsbury** (of whom I have ſpoke in **Wolſton**) held [c] in the Conq. time four hydes, excepting one virgat, valued at lx *s.* which was the Free-hold of one *Ulwinus* in *Edw.* the Conf. time; and the E. of **Pellent** one hyde, rated at xx *s.* which *Chentvin* poſſeſt before the Norman invaſion: But in *Domeſday-book* it is written **Franchetone**, the k being not then uſed by the Norman Clerks. How to reconcile this with what I find by other Records, [d] *viz.* that it was, *inter alia*, given by E. *Leofrike* to the Priory of **Coventre** at his foundation thereof (1 *Edw.* Conf.) and that it continued to that Monaſtery even till its diſſolution, being reputed *de Baronia Prioris de* **Cov.** as the Record [e] in 9 E. 2. manifeſteth, I do not well know.

That the advouſon of the Church, and ſome lands in **Frankton**, were in other hands, is apparent: but theſe were of ſo ſmall a proportion, that I cannot conceive they extended to more than what the E. of **Pellent** had; and therefore taking the liberty to conjecture, I ſhall by the help of ſtrong circumſtances conclude, that what *Rog.* E. of **Shrewsbury** had here at that time, he enjoyed by intruſion upon the right of the Monks (which was no ſtrange act amongſt thoſe bold perſons, who had ſuch large ſhares in this Kingdome upon the Conqueſt thereof) and that the Church was founded and endowed out of the E. of **Pellent**'s part: of the probability wherof, I ſhall make ſome further obſervation anon.

Touching the Priors Mannour, I find [f], that K. H. 3. granted to the Monks of **Cov.** **Free-warren** in all their demeſn lands here, 30 *Iulii*, 41 H. 3. and that *Rog. Meyland*, B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** *in an.* 1260. (44 H. 3.) gave them immunity [g] from payment of any tythes out of all their demeſn lands lying therein. Other priviledges the ſaid Monaſtery had here, as appeareth by the *Quo Warr.* Roll of 13 E. 1. whereunto I refer my Reader for ſatisfaction; as I alſo do to the *Leiger-book* [h] of that Houſe, *f.* 217. *a.* and 220 *a.* for the extent, with the meres and bounds thereof. After the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, it continued in the Crown till 32 *Eliz.* and then was granted [i] to *Tho. Thornton* and *Tho. Woodcock*, and their heirs, who ſold [k] it to *John Temple*: which *John* gave it unto *John Temple*, one of his younger ſons, whoſe ſon and heir *Thomas*, now enjoys it.

I now come to the other part, which the E. of **Pellent** held, with the advouſon of the Church. This, as moſt of that Earls lands did, came to *Hen. de Neuburgh*, the firſt E. of **Warw.** after the Conqueſt, or to *Rog.* his ſon. For in 12 H. 2. *Will.* E. of **Warw.** certifies [l], that *Rob. de Frankton* held one Kts. fee of him *de veteri feoffamento*: whereby 'tis clear, that the anceſtor of the ſaid *Rob.* was enfeoft thereof, *temp.* H. 1. which Kts. fee was held [m] of the ſucceeding Earls by *Will. de Frankton* in 20 H. 3. From whom deſcended [n] *Raph de Frankton*, who paſt [o] this Mannour to *Rog. de Elinhale*, and he to [p] *Raph de Okeover*, and *Alice* his wife, ſiſter [q] to the ſaid *Roger*. Which *Raph*, in 4 E. 2. alien'd [r] to *Joh. le Palmere* of **Frankton** and his heirs the ſaid advouſon of the Church, with one meſſ. 2 yard land, 3 acres of meadow, and 3 *s.* 1 *d.* rent. To whom ſucceeded

[c] *Domeſd. lib.*
[d] *Cart. H. 3 m.*
[e] *Nom.*
[f] *Cart. H. 3. m.*
[g] *Rot. Malend. m. 4.*
[h] *In Scr. penès R.*
[i] *Pat. Eliz. p.*
[k] *Lib. cedul.*
[l] *Lib. f. 104.*
[m] *Teſt. de Nevil*
[n]
[o]
[p]
[q] *Plea. R. 21. Ro. 9.*
[r] *F. le. Oft. M. 4 E. 2.*

succeeded *Will. le Palmere*; which *Will.* in 20 E. 3. with *Henry de Hinton*, was certified [f] to hold half a Kts. fee here of the heirs of *Rob. Champayn*, and he of [t] *Raph Basset*, and he of *Will. le Boteler* of **Overley**, and he of the said E. of **Warw.** So that it appears, that *Boteler* was originally enfeoft thereof by the E. of **Pellent**, or the E. of **Warw.** (who possest so much of **Pellent's** lands) and granted it to *Basset*, and he to *Champayne*, of whom *Palmer* had it. In whose male line it continued till the beginning of H. 6. time and then came to *John Hereward* by *Kath.* the daughter and heir of *Tho. Palmer*, as the Institutions to the Rectory manifest.

But the next possessor thereof, that I find [u], was *Ric. Duke* of **Newenton-Purcell, in Com.** ..... Gent. who lived in the beginning of H. 8. time; whose grandchild, *John Duke*, dyed [w] seized of it in 7 *Eliz.* leaving *Ric.* his son and heir 2 years old. Since which, one *Tho. Leeson*, and after him *Edw. Yorke*, and *George* his son, have been owners of it: and so also *John Shukburgh* Esq; by the marriage of Mr *Yorke's* daughter, as I have heard.

In *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church was valued [x] at v marks and a half: but in 7 26 H. 8. at Cxii *s.* over and above viii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and iiii *l.* yearly paid to the Priory of **Coventre** for the use of the Sacrist.

f Ret. penes S. Clarke B.
t Cartul. warw. Comit.
u Bl. f. 14. b
w Esc. 7. Eliz.
x MS in Jesus. MS. penes S. A. eq. Mr. f. 42. b.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.
Rob. de Hokovere, & Alicia ux. ejus.	*Joh. de Clungunford, Diac.* 9 *Cal. Oct.* 1304.
Joh. le Palmer.	*Joh. de Chaddesden, Cler.* 9 *Cal. Martii*, 1338. *Joh. Palmer, Cler.* 4 *Id. Apr.* 1342.
Will. le Palmer.	*Joh. fil. Will. le Palmer, Cler.* 4 *Non. Julii*, 1346.
Joh. le Palmer.	*Ric. Boule, Cler.* 16 *Cal. Jan.* 1350. *Tho. le Palmer, Id. Jan.* 1350.
D. Episcopus.	*Tho. Barwe, Cler.* 8 *Feb.* 1372.
Henricus de Wentebriggs.	*Magr. Walt. London*, 5 *Junii*, 1404.
Tho. Palmer.	*Will. Couper, Cap.* 13 *Febr.* 1408. *Joh. Everard, Cap.* 1 *Oct.* 1410. *Ric. Wodyngtone, Cap.* 13. *Maii*, 1411.
Joh. Hereward, & ux. ejus, filia & hæres Tho. Palmer de Frankton.	*Ric. Pracy, Pbr. ult. Jan.* 1427. *Henr. Coventre, Cap.* 15. *Febr.* 1451.
Reynburn Balguy, & alii, hac vice ratione conces. Ric. Duke de Newenton-Purcell, gen.	*Edw. Stretchey, art. Magr.* 19 *Apr.* 1529.
Will. Hancok, hac vice, ex conces. Ric. Duke.	*Bernardus Massy, Cler.* ..... 1547.
Anthon. Leeson de Abthorpe in Com. Northampt. Gen.	*Joh. Newton, Cler.* 27 *Jan.* 1560.
Anthon. Leeson, in leg. bacc.	*Tho. Dagly, Cler.* 7 *Jan.* 1563.
Wilfridus Leutic, hac vice.	*Will. Clever.* 3 *Dec.* 1566.
Henr. Clever de Herdwicke.	*Joh. Smyth*, 11 *Aug.* 1569.
Georgius Yorke, ar.	*Ric. Shughborough Cler. art. bacc.* 16 *Junii*, 1619.
Cath. Densey, ex conces. Ric. Shughburgh, & G. Yorke.	*Joh. Biker, art. Magr.* 20. *Julii*, 1626.

Benthan bund. F.
Morton bund. incert.

Wapenbury.

NExt below, on the same side of **Leame**, stands **Wapenbury**, one of the Lordships in this Shire, given by K. *Will.* the Conq. unto *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have spoke in **Monkskirby.**) Which *Geffrey*, being a good Benefactor to the Monks of S. *Nicholas* at **Angiers** in **France**, bestowed [z] on them, *inter alia*, the greatest part of the tythes in this Village. By the Conq. Survey 'tis certified, that this place contained 5 hydes; and that there was then a Mill rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* with woods of half a mile in length, and 2 furlongs broad, all being then valued at Cx *s.* and in the possession of the said *Geffrey*: but there it is written **Wapeberie**, the n omitted; and doubtless originally so called from the situation thereof, **berie** coming from beorg the Saxon word, which signifieth a little Hill, or rising ground.

z *Ex ipso autog. in bibl.* Cotton.

That *Wirce* his lands came to *Nigel d' Albanie*, (progenitor to the family of *Moubray*) I have elsewhere shewed; and that the same *Nigellus* did enfeoff him that first assumed this place for his surname, is not to be doubted: For it appears [a], that *Tho. de Wapenbury*, in 12 H. 2. held 5 Kts. fees of *Rog. de Moubray*, son to the said *Nigell, de veteri feoffamento.* To which *Tho.* succeeded *Ric. de Wapenbury*, who marryed [b] *Iulian*, one of the 3 sisters and co-heirs to *Raph Straunge* of **Knockin** in **Shropsh.** In 10 *Ioh.* there was a Fine levyed betwixt *Geffr. Fitz-piers* E. of **Essex**, and this *Richard*, whereby the said *Ric.* did covenant, that he would make no alienation of his lands or woods to any Jew or other person whatsoever, to the disheriting or prejudice of *Thomas* his son and heir; provided, that he might have liberty to take reasonable estovers for himself, or to give his friends out of his woods in this place. And in [c] 11 *Ioh.* the Shiriff accounted xxx *l.* due from the said *Ric.* to discharge part of the Fine which *W. de Molbrai*, his superiour Lord, made to the K. concerning his inheritance, whereof *Will. de Stutevill* had imp'eaded him.

a *Lib. rub. f.* 118. *a.*
b *Rot. P.* 9. *R.* 1. *Salop.*
c *Rot. P.* 11 *Joh.*

This last mentioned *Thomas* was certified [d] to hold 2 Kts. fees and a half, of *Nigel de Moubray*, whereof one [e] here at **Wapenbury**: But taking part with the Barons against K. *John*, had his lands seized, which, upon his return to obedience in 1. H. 3. were again restored [f] to him. And afterwards, *viz.* in 9 H. 3. was with the Shiriff, the Lord *Basset* of **Drayton**, and some other eminent persons appointed [g] to conduct the xv. gathered for the Ks. use in this County and **Leicesterh.** As also all that the Bishops of **Linc. Worcester**, and **Cov.** had collected of that kind within their several Dioceses; and to pay in the same moneys at **Northampton** in the *quinzime* of the holy *Trinity*. He had issue *John*, and 3 daughters: which *John* dying childless, left his sisters his heirs. But the line of this family and their descendants I have plac'd in **Newbold-Revell**, antiently a member of this Lordship, to the end my Reader may the better understand the succession of those, who were Lords of that, as well as this Mannour.

d *Lib. rub. f.* 134. *a. in cedula.*
e *Testa de* Nevill.
f *Clauss.* 1. *H.* 3. *m.* 16.
g *Clauss.* 9. *H.* 3. *in d.*

heirs, this Mannour came to *Wassingelegh:* For by a Fine levyed [b] 7 E. 2. between *Tho. de Wassinglegh*, and *Guy* the son of *Will. le Bretoun*, the said *Thomas* entailed it upon *Reg. de Wassinglegh* and his heirs by *Maud* then his wife, and for want of such issue, to his own right heirs. Which *Thomas* bore for his Arms [i] *a Cheveron betwixt 3 pellets.* But of *Wassinglegh*'s line I have not seen any more after this *Thomas*; so that 'tis very like he dyed without issue, and that his interest here came to *Beynvill*; For by the Inquis. [k] taken after the death of *Lora* the widow of *Ric. Beynvill*, 24 E. 3. it was certified, that she held joyntly with the said *Ric.* her husband, *inter alia*, the capital messuage of **Wapenbury**, with divers lands and houses there, some whereof lay common, by reason that the tenants were dead of the plague: And that *Richard*, (who by most other [l] Records is called *Robert*) son and heir of *Ric.* and *Lora*) was her cosin and next heir, and then 5 years old.

To which last mentioned *Ric.* succeeded *Rob.* his son, who in 49 E. 3. entailed [m] the third part of this Mannour upon one *Rob. Fitz-Robert*, and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes; and for default of such issue, to revert to the said *Rob. Beyvill* and his heirs. But after that time I have seen nothing further of the *Beyvill*'s interest here, nor of any others, till 7 H. 5. that *Tho. Stafford* wrote [n] himself of this place: which *Tho.* married *Isabell* the onely daughter and heir to Sir *Will. Bagot* (as in **Baginton** I have shewed) and perhaps had it in her right: But in [o] 10 H. 6. I find, that *Raph Bellers* of .... *in Com.* **Leic.** with *Ric. Stafford*, son and heir to the said *Thomas*, were joynt Lords thereof: howbeit, after this I cannot discern that the descendants of the said *Ric.* had more to do here; and therefore do conceive that the said *Raph Bellers* obtain'd his whole interest. Which *Raph*, in 16 H. 6. past [p] his title therein unto *Nich. Metley* Esq; and others, but to the use of the same *Nich.* and his heirs, as may seem by his the said *Nich.* his Testament [q].

To whom succeeded in the possession [r] thereof, *John Hugford* of **Emscote** Esq; in right of *Margaret* his wife (daughter to the said *Nich.* as I gues.) Which *John* leaving 3 daughters and heirs, as in **Wolston** and **Emscote** is shewed, this Mannour came by partition, as 'tis like, unto *Joh. Cotes* of **Honingham** Esq; in right of *Alice* his mother, one of the said 3 daughters; and so with **Wolston** (by exchange for other lands to *Edw. Belknap* Esq; afterwards Kt.) For plain [s] it is, that Sir *Anth. Cooke* of **Giddyhall** in **Essex** Kt. *Tho. Wotton*, and *Leonard Dannet* Esq; in 6 *Eliz.* enjoy'd it, as his cosins and heirs: And that the said Sir *Anthony*, obtaining [t] from those copatceners their total right therein, dyed seized thereof: As also, that *Anth. Cooke* Esq; son of *Richard*, son to the said Sir *Anth.* by his Deed dated 26 *Maii*, 26 *Eliz.* alien'd [u] it to *Ric. Fenys* of **Broughton** *in Com.* **Oron.** Esq; which *Ric.* about 2 years after, sold [w] it to *Tho. Morgan* Esq; from whom it is divolved to *Thom. Morgan* Esq; now (*scil. ann.* 1640.) of **Weston** *subt.* **Wethele**, in such sort as that Lp. of **Weston** is.

That the greatest part of the tythes here were given to the Monks of S. *Nich.* at **Angiers** by *G. Wirce* in the Conq. time, I have already shewed: as also in **Monkskirby**, that the Monks of that place had all that belonged to the said Monastery of **Angiers**, antiently transmitted to them, theirs being a Cell to that forreign House. This Church therefore (dedicated to S. *John Bapt.*) being thus in the power of those Monks, they obtained a confirmation [x] thereof from *G. Muschamp* B. of **Cov.** in K. *John*'s time; who thenceforth allowed [y] them xx *s.* yearly *Pension* out of it, and a Stone of Wax.

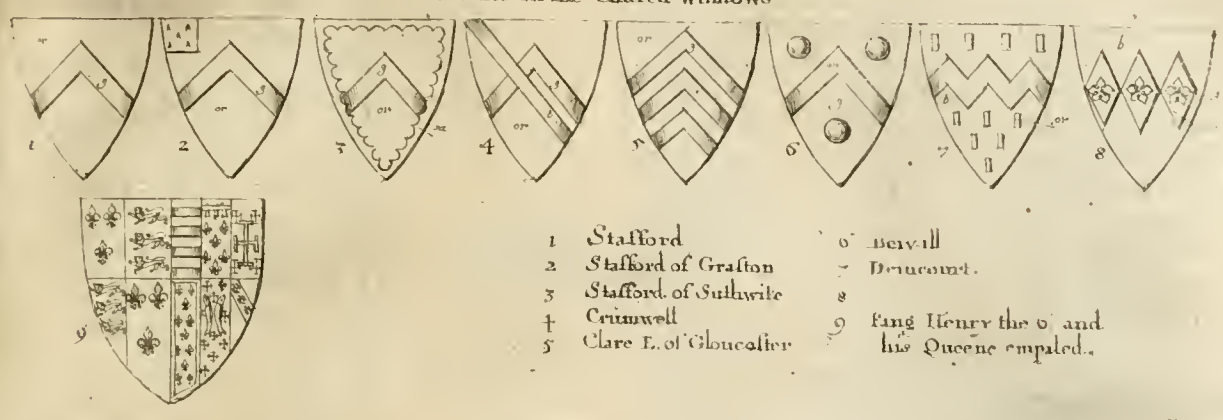
In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. being valued at xv marks, it was, upon the foundation of that Monastery of *Carthusians* in the Isle of **Arholme** (concerning which I have spoke in **Monkskirby**) *inter alia*, granted [a] thereto: but the Prior and Covent of that House, intending to part with it, within two years after obtained license [b] to pass it to the Canons of **Sulby** in **Northamptonsh.** Yet I perceive that they did not absolutely grant it away till [c] 32. H. 6. and then (*sc.* 13 *Oct.*) they assured to the Pr. and Covent of **Sulby** aforesaid, the *Pension* of xx *s.* issuing out of it, with 8 pound of Wax yearly due to the said *Carthusians*, and the perpetual patronage of the Rectory, which was appropriated [d] to those Canons by *Regin. Bowlers*, B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** 30 *Aug. an.* 1454. 32 H. 6. there being thereupon reserved [e] vi *s.* viii *d. Pension* to the B. and his successors, and ii *s.* to the Arch-Deacon of **Cov.** to be yearly paid at the Feast of *All Saints*; as also iii *s.* iiii *d. per an.* to the poor of this parish for ever. In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued [f] at viii *l. per ann.* being a stipend as it seems in money onely, paid to the Incumbent by the Canons of **Sulby**.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inst.	
Prior & Conv. de Kirby-monach.	*Hugo Tankard, Cap.* 1283.	*Ex autog. penes D. Cap. Lich. Langt. f. a.*
	Magr. Henr. de Kirby, Id. Dec. 1315.	
D. Rex, ratione temporalium Priorat. de Kirby in manu sua exist.	*Tho. Breton, Pbr.* 6 *Cal. Dec.* 1325.	*Northb. 19. b.*
	Will. del Peek, Pbr. 9 *Cal. Nov.* 1349.	*Ib. f. 51.*
Pr. & C. de Kirby-monach.	*Joh. de Hermesthorp, Cler.* 11 *Cal. Sept.* 1361.	*Stret. f. 9.*
Rad. Co. Staff. procurator generalis Pr. & C. de Kirby.	*Will. Mountaine, accol.* 9. *Cal. Martii,* 1365.	*Ib. f. 15.*
D. Rex, ratione ut suprà.	*Ric. de Staynton.* 14 *Cal. Feb.* 1369.	*Ib. f. 18.*
	Tho. de Schifford, 24 *Martii,* 1371.	*Ib. f. 20.*
	Joh. de Hopwas, Pbr. 2 *Cal. Nov.* 1373.	*Ib. f. 21.*
Pr. & C. de Kirby-monach.	*Joh. Newenham, Cap.* 8. *Julii,* 1402.	*Burgh. 9. b.*
Pr. & Conv. de Axholme.	*Jo. Bernard,* 14 *Junii,* 1411.	*Ib. f. 28.*
	Henr. Scharyngton, Cler. 24 *Dec.* 1418.	*Bull. f. 7.*
	W. Wreo, Cap. 25 *Nov.* 1419	*Ib. f. 8. b.*
	Ric. Swasland, 22 *Julii,* 1422.	*Heyw. 10. a.*
	Jo. Stoke, Pbr. 8 *Maii,* 1424	*Ib. f. 12.*
	Walt. Wodeward, 14 *Maii,* 1427.	*Ib. f. 19.*
	Tho. Cranes, Cap. 21 *Julii,* 1453.	*Bowl. f. a.*
Patroni Vic.		
Abb. & Conv. de Sulby.	*Humfr. Fownes, Cap.* 20. *Martii,* 1535.	*Str. & f. 13. b.*
Edw. Sanders, servien ad legem, ratione conceff. Abb. & C. de Sulby.	*Franc. Kymberley, Cap.* 9. *Martii,* 1547.	*Sampf. 42. a.*
D. Regina.	*Joh. Hadfeild, Cler.* 16. *Aug.* 1582.	*Sampf. B. f. 29.*
Tho. Wace, sen. & Th. Wace, jun. de Wapenbury, yomen.	*Nich. Mare,* 3 *Sept.* 1586.	*Rand.*

Eatborpe.

[a] *Pat.* 20 *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 14.
[b] *Pat.* 21 *R.* 2. *p.* 3 *m.* 3.
[c] *Bowl.* 54. *a.*
[d] *Ib. f.* [e] 53. *a.*
[f] *MS per S. A. eq. aur. f.* 43.
[x] *Ex autog. penes Rob. Hatton.*
[y] *Ex autog. bibl. Hatton.*
[z] *MS in Scac.*
[a] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
[b] *Ex autog.* penes T. Morgan *ar.*
[c] *Ex autog.* penes Edw. Ferrers *ar.*
[d] *Inscrip. Tumuli* Annæ Danet *apud Weston subt. Wetheley.*
[e] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[f] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[g] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[h] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[i] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[k] *Esc.* 24. *E.* 3. *n.* 53.
[l] *Rot. F.* 24. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 12.
[m] *F. levat.* ..... 49 *E.* 3.
[n] *Clauf.* 7. *H.* 5. *m.* 6.
[o] *Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*
[p] *Ex autog.* penes T. Morgan *ar.*
[q] *Ex autog.* penes Edw. Ferrers *ar.*
[r] *Inscrip. Tumuli* Annæ Danet *apud Weston subt. Wetheley.*
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[t] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[u] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[w] *Ex autog.* penes *præfat.* T. M.
[b] *xv. Hill.*

Wapenbury
Armes in the Church windows



1 Stafford
2 Stafford of Graston
3 Stafford of Sutthwike
4 Crumwell
5 Clare E. of Gloucester
6 Beryll
7 Beaucount.
8
9 King Henry the 6. and his Queene empaled.

Eathorpe.

THis is a little Village lying within the parish of **Wapenbury**, and hath had its name from the situation thereof near the River; **Ea** in our old English signifying water, and **thorpe** a village or hamlet. As it is in that parish, so hath it been ever a member thereof, and possest by the Lords of that Mannour; howbeit till H. 6. time I have not seen any mention of it in Record: but then (as in **Wapenbury** I have shewed) *Ric. Stafford* Esq; and *Raph Bellers* were certified to be owners thereof. Since which, it hath attended the possession of that Lordship.

Weston subtus Wethele.

FUrther yet on the North side of **Leame** stands **Weston**, which having the name from its situation, is distinguished from the other towns in this County by the addition of *subt.* **Wethele**, the woods lying Northwards of it bearing the name of **Wethele**-woods. In [s] the Conq. time the E. of **Pellent** was possest of 3 hydes here, excepting the third part of one virgate, the woods belonging thereto containing 3 furlongs in length, and one in bredth; all which one *Robert* did at that time hold of the said Earl, being valued at 50 *s.* But before the Norman invasion it was the Free-hold of *Ulf*. Which *Robert* held [t] here also one yard land and a half of *Turchil de Warwick*, whereof in *Edw.* the Conf. time *Uluui* (whom I suppose to be the same *Ulf* above mentioned) was possest.

Here likewise had *Will. fil. Corbucion* 2 yard land and a half, then valued at x *s.* and held by one *Johais*. But besides what he had, did this *Rob.* also hold **Napton** of the said Earl; and having his residence there, assumed it for his sirname, his posterity for a long time after continuing owners thereof. In [u] 20 H. 2. this Mannour, with **Napton**, then possest by *Adam de Napton*, answered 22 *l.* to the K. imposed upon him, as it seems, for adhering to the Rebels. Which two Mannours being originally in the Earl of **Pellent**, as aforesaid, were in 20 H. 3. certified [x] to be held by the service of 2 Kts. fees of the Earl of **Winchester** (in respect that that part of the Honour of **Leicester** came by marriage of one of the heirs female unto *Quincy*.)

Of these *Naptons* divers bore the name of *Adam*; whereof, in H. 3. time, was Sir *Adam de Napton* Kt. who entailed [l] this Mannour upon his grandchild *Adam*, and the heirs of his body. Which *Adam*, in 7 E. 1. was certified [m] to hold it of the Earl of **Bogham** (one of the heirs to the said E. of **Winchester**) by the service of one Kts. fee; having at the same time a Water-mill, and 3 yard land and a half in demesn, with as much in the hands of tenants, who held by servile tenure: As also 2 Free-holders holding 2 Cottages; and eight more, occupying 3 yard land and 3 quarters: All which did suit twice a year to the Court for the Honour of **Winchester**. At that time it was also certified [n], that one *Sylvester de Honygham* held another Mannour here in **Weston** of *Henry de Bereford*; and that the said *Henry* held the same of *John de Hastings*, that being it which *Corbicon* had in the Conq. time. Which *Sylvester* had here 3 servants holding one yard land and a quarter, and 2 Free-holders occupying the like proportion.

Touching that part which *Turchil de Warwick* had in the Conq. time, it was likewise in 7 E. 1. held [o] by *John de Wileweby* of *Rob. de Cumpton*, and by him of *Sim. Basset*, and by him of the E. of **Warwick** (unto whose ancestors the greatest part of *Turchil's* lands were given) but this was no more than 1 yard land and a half, then in the possession of two Free-holders.

Of *Napton's* Mannour here, was that family possest till the beginning of H. 4. time, though how long after, I am not sure: for in 1 H. 4. did *John de Napton* and *Eliz.* his wife, settle [p] it, with **Napton**, on certain Feoffees: But long it was not after, ere that *Edward Metley* enjoy'd it, or a great part of it: for it appears [q], that in 4 H. 4. the said *Edward* and *Margaret* his wife, in right of her the said *Margaret*, recovered seisin of 7 messuages, 3 tofts, ten yard land, and 74 *s.* 9 *d.* rent, lying here and in **Napton**: yet whether it divolved from the said *Edw.* to *Nich. Metley* (of whom I have spoke in **Wapenbury**) and so to Sir *Edw. Belknap*, as that Lordship did, I make a question: For I find, that in [r] 10 H. 6. *John de Weston*, Sergeant at Law, had it: And that in 33 H. 6. *Richard Knightley* recovered [s] it against *John Wode*: As also, that in 5 H. 7. Sir *Edw. Cornwall* Kt. dyed [t] seized thereof, leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 16 years of age. Howbeit, about the beginning of H. 8. time, if not before, did the said Sir

[s] Domes day 4.
[u] Rot. P. 2 H. 2.
[x] Recta de Wivill.
[l] Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.
[m] Inq. per H. Nott. & c. f. 57. b.
[n] Ib. f. 58. a
[o] Ib.
[p] Fin. levat. Pasch. Ascens. 1 H. 4.
[q] Rot. Assis. in Com. Warr. 4 H. 4. Rot. 42.
[r] Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.
[s] Recup. de T. Trin. 33 H. 6. Rot. 424.
[t] Esc. 5. H. 7.

Sir *Edw. Belknap* poſſeſs it. Which Sir *Edw.* (of whom in **Daſſet** I have hiſtorically ſpoke) being a man of great note, had his reſidence here, and new built the Mannour-houſe, one of the faireſt ſtructures of Timber that I have ſeen, on ſeveral parts whereof his Arms are cut in wood, quartering the Coats of *Sudley*, *Mountfort*, and *Botetler*. And by his laſt Will[u] and Teſtament, dated 12 H. 8. bequeathed it to Dame *Alice* his wife for term of her life: After which it came to *John Shelley* Eſq; coſin and heir to the ſaid Sir *Edw.* by *Alice* his ſiſter. Which *John* dyed[w] ſeized thereof, 4 E. 6.

[u] Manwaring Q. 17.

[w] Lib. 2. cedul.

But the next owner thereof, that I meet withall, was Sir *Thomas Neunham* Kt. from whom it came[x] to the Crown, though how, I yet know not; And in 4 & 5 *Ph. & M.* was by the Q. granted[y] to Sir *Edw. Sanders* Kt. (chief Baron of the Exchequer) and to *Thomas Morgan* and their heirs; which *Tho.* marryed[z] *Mary*, ſole daughter and heir to the ſaid Sir *Edw.* but having no iſſue that ſurvived, and being deſirous to preſerve the memory of his name, entailed[a] it upon *Bridget Morgan*, the onely child of his brother *Anthony*, and the heirs male of her body, begotten by any bearing the ſirname of *Morgan*. Whereupon the ſaid *Bridget* took to husband *Anthony Morgan* of **Pytchellton** in **Monmouthſhire**, by whom ſhe had iſſue *Thomas Morgan* Eſq; the preſent owner thereof, *Ann.* 1640.

[x] [y] P. 4. & 5. Ph. & M. p. 12

[z] Inſcrip. tum. apud Weſton.

[a] Ex autog. penès T. Morgan ar.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael.*) hath antiently belonged to the Canons of **Erdbury**, and been many ages ſince appropriated thereto, as by the preſentations to the Vicaridge appears: And in 19 E. 1. was valued[b] at viii marks and a half; and the Vicaridge at two marks: But in 26 H. 8. the ſaid Vicaridge was rated[c] at Cix *s.* (53 *s.* 4 *d.* yearly *Penſion* being paid thereto by the Prior and Covent of **Erdbury**) over and above viii *s. per ann.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

[b] MS in Scac.

[c] MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 48. a.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inſt.	
Prior & Conv. de Erdbury.	*Thom. de Suham*, Cap. 1301.	Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
	Walt. de Coventre, Cap. 5. Cal. Junii, 1316.	Langt. f. 40. a.
	Will. de Hull, Cap. 2 Id. Febr. 1340.	Northb. f. 36. b.
	Joh. Gybons, Pbr. 2 Cal. Dec. 1354.	Ib. f. 59. a.
	Walt. Dyk, Pbr. 4 Cal. Dec. 1370.	Strett. f. 19. b.
	Rob. de Hoghton, Pbr. 8. Cal. Martii, 1373.	Ib. f. 22. a.
	Will. Chapman, Pbr. 8 Julii, 1390.	Sk. f. 5. b.
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*Joh. Fanne*, Pbr. 22 Nov. 1392.	Ib. f. 8. a.
Prior & Conv. de Erdbury.	*Joh. Hinkley*, Canon. 22. Aug. 1398.	Burgh. f. 3. b.
	Joh. de Segrave, Cap. 20. Oct. 1405.	Ib. f. 16. a.
	Will. Hopwode, Cap. 8. Martii, 1412.	Ib. f. 32. a.
	Joh. Radford, Cap. 6 Sept. 1414.	Arund. f. 141. a.
	Will. Sheynton, Pbr. . . . . Junii, 1424.	Heyw. f. 12. b.
	Will. Watton, Cap. 26 Sept. 1426.	Ib. f. 18.
	Joh. Parker, Pbr. 9 Martii, 1428.	Ib. f. 22.
	Joh. Huſwife, Pbr. 28. Nov. 1430.	Ib. f. 25.
	Joh. Parker, Pbr. 21 Martii, 1434.	Ib. f. 33.
	Joh. Hewes, Pbr. 10 Aug. 1439.	Ib. f. 37.
	Will. Waynflete, Pbr. 3. Martii, 1439.	Ib. f. 38.
	Ric. Glouceſter, Canon. de Erdbury, 15 Aug. 1440.	Ib. f. 39.
	Will. Parker, Pbr. 26 Aug. 1452.	Bo. f. 13.
	David Vagham, Cap. 18. Dec. 1500.	Bowl. f. 205. a.
D. Alicia Belknappe, hac vice.	*Rob. Pendilbury*, 25 Nov. 1525.	Bl. f. 11.
Prior & Conv. de Erdbury.	*D. Thom. Holme*, 1 Maii, 1530.	Ib. f. 17.
D. Rex ratione diſſolut. Priorat. de Erdbury.	*D. Will. Squyer*, Cap. 8. Maii, 1541.	Str. & f. 18. a
D. Thom. Newnham, miles.	*D. Ric. Symonds*, Cler. 12. Maii, 1551.	Sampſ. f. b.
Tho. Morgan, arm.	*Hugo Jones*, 20 Jan. 1576.	Sampſ. B. f. 47
Will. Foſter. hac vice, ex conc. T. Morgan.	*Nich. Daniel*, Cler. 10. Nov. 1581.	Ib. f. 48.
Thom. Morgan de Heyford in Com. Northampt. ar.	*Tho. Hunte*, Cler. 29 Martii, 1598.	Overton bund. C
	Henr. Wilke, Cler. 6 Maii, 1600.	Ibid.

On the Eaſt wall of the North Ile, is there a Monument for Sir *Edward Sanders*, ſometimes chief Baron of the Exchequer: His portraiture, kneeling in a Scarlet Robe, is placed on the one ſide thereof, and the like of his Lady on the other ſide; but no writing thereon, other than ſentences of Scripture relating to the Reſurrection and Aſcenſion of our Saviour Chriſt, which are repreſented in the carved work.

The Coats of Arms thereon are theſe, *Sanders* alone (*viz. party per cheveron ſable and argent, 3 Elephants heads erazed and counterchang'd of the field.*)

2 *Sanders* empaling *Makeins*. 3 *Cave* empaling *Marvin*. 4 *Sanders* empaling *Cave*. 5 *Sanders* empaling *Engleſield*. 6 *Sanders* empaling *Huſſey*.

On the ſame wall is a fair Tablet of Braſs fixed on Marble, with this Inſcription.

Margeriæ Saunders *artus ſunt morte ſoluti,*
Perpetua fœlix mens requiete jacet.
Donec enim vixit cœleſtia ſemper amabat,
Aſſidua venerans religione Deum.
Conjugis Edwardi *caſto flagravit amore,*
Præfuit & magna cum ratione domi.
Morbus & exhauſtum corpus cum frangere cepit,
Ad dominum junctas ſuſtulit illa manus.
Inde crucis Chriſti ſymulachrum lata poposcit,
Hoc oculis, animo, ſenſibus, agra notat.

Hins

Hinc nequit evelli mens in meditando triumphans,
At q̃, ſuum coluit non ſaciata Deum.
Egregiam vitam mors eſt præclara ſecuta,
Margeriæ *felix vita, quæ morſq̃ fuit.*

Here Margerie Saunders *lyeth whoſe mortal lymms are dide,*
But to enjoy immortal reſt her ſoul to Heaven is fled.
Whyles lyf did laſt ſhe was a paterne of good lyfe,
Devout to God, good to the poore, a chaſt and perfit wyfe.
A houſewyfe of great skill, ſetting her whole delight
In her juſt love and weddid make Sir Edward Saunders *Knight.*
For Chriſt his croſſe ſhe calid amiddis the pangis of death,
Whiche ſhe with minde je beheld untill her later breath.
And ſo gave up her goſt to God which lyf did lend,
Who for her good, and worthily, gave her a happy end.

The corps of dame Margerie Saunders *daughter of Sir* Thomas Englefeld *Knight; and of dame* Elizabeth *his wife, on of the daughters of Sir* Robert Throgmorton *Knight, lyeth in this Tome; whos ſoule God pardon. She dyed the xi. of* October, Anno Domini, 1563.

In a large Tablet of Alabaſter fixed on the North wall, is this Inſcription.

Here lyeth Margaret *and* Mary *the onely daughters and heirs apparent of* Thomas Morgan *of* Heyford *in the County of* Northampton *Eſquier, ſonne and heire of* Francis Morgan *of* Heyford *aforeſaid, ſometimes one of the Juſtices of the Kings Bench, and* Marye, *wife of the ſaid* Thomas, *daughter and ſole heir of Sir* Edward Saunders *Knight, ſometime chief Juſtice of* England, *and after chief Baron of the Exchequer, and lyeth buryed in this pariſh Church of* Weſton. *Which* Margaret *and* Mary *the daughters dyed; that is to ſay,* Mary *the* 22 *day of* May 1568. *before ſhe was one yeare oulde; and* Margaret *the* 30 *day of* September, 1568. *being of the age of ſeven years and* 21 *days. On whoſe ſoules God have mercy.* Anno Domini, 1584.

Upon a Plate of Braſs fixed in Marble on the South wall of the Chancel.

Artis Apolline fueras qui Miſta Jodoce,
Heu mortis jaculo victa Tomere *jaces:*
Cujus in interitum tulit hæc ſolatia triſtem
Saunderus *vera pignora amicitiæ.*
Anno Domini 1566. Decembris 22.

Neare lyeth Joyce Tomer ſlayne by death
That had of Phyſick skyll,
Whoſe loſſe theſe comforts Saunders ſhews
As tokens of good wyll.

Weſton ſubtus Wetheley

In a South Window of the Church.



1 Napton
2 Odinſells.

In the Chancell



Here lyeth Anne Danet Wyf of Gerard Danet Gentilman doughter & oon of the heires of John Huggeſford lorde of Edmondeſcot, Wolfricheſton, & Merſton, Wapenbury, Wolſtorp and Eythorp, in the Counteyes of Warr. and leyſter, whiche Anne deceſsed the XVIII day of Auguſt the yere of our lord Mcccc lxxxxvii, on whoſe ſoule Jhu haue mercy, Amen.

Cubington.

I Come next to **Cubington**, wherein by the Conq. Survey the Prior of **Coventre** was certified to haye 2 hydes, valued at xxx *s.* the E. of **Pellent** 3. rated at as much, which one *Boscher* then held of him; and *Roger de Iuri* 5. esteemed at xl *s.* In one place it is written **Cubitone**, and in the other two **Cobintone**; but afterwards, **Cumbyngton**; which shews, that it had its name originally from the situation of it in a low or deep hollow; for the word **Cumbe** doth signifie as much.

That which the Prior of **Coventre** had here was [d] half a Kts. fee, which in 20 H. 3. *Simon de Cubinton*, and in [e] 36 H. 3. *Henry de Cubinton* held of that Monastery. But the substance of what the said E. of **Pellent** had, and which the same *Boscher* held of him, came to the Monks of **Stoneley**, either given by the heirs of the before specified *Boscher*, or by those whom he or they enfeoffed thereof, though the particular grants do not appear: For *Henry Boscher* (grandchild to the first *Boscher*) made a general confirmation [f] of them in H. 3. time; the quantity being 5 carucats of land, and xxiiii *s.* iii *d.* yearly Rent of Assize, as was [g] certified in 19 E. 1.

But of that which *Rog. de Iveri* had, *Hastings* of **Allesley** was, as it seems, antiently enfeoffed. By one of which line, it was given to *Semely*, (Lord of **Radcote**-*Semely*) and to *S. Maure*, though when, I find not: for in [h] 7 E. 1. *Will. de Semely* held what he had here, by the service of half a Kts. fee, of *John de Hastings*, *viz.* 2 yard land in demesn, and 3 held by 6 servants, at the will of the Lord, paying certain yearly rent, and doing suit twice a year at the Court of the said *John de Hastings* at **Allesley**. Which *W. de Semely* had also six Cottagers, holding as many Cottages; and 4 Free-holders occupying 2 yard land and 3 quarters, and doing suit to his 3 weeks Court here at **Cobyngton**; as also making two appearances every year at the Court of **Allesley** above-said. But from *Semely* I cannot deduce the succession of his part in this place. That which *John Hugford* and *Thom. Waldeyve* granted [i] to the Monks of **Stoneley** in 13 E. 4. was certainly it; for the quantity, *viz.* 5 mess. 80 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 4 acres of pasture, doth not onely argue the same; but the tenure thereof from Sir *Edw. Nevill* in right of his Mannour of **Allesley**, antiently belonging to *Hastings*, doth put it out of doubt.

Of *Henry de S. Maure*, who had the rest of **Cobington**, I find [k], that he committed a Murther, and fled for it, whereupon K. E. 1. seized his Mannour here, but allowed to *Ermengard* his wife liberty to hold it for her maintenance during his royal pleasure. It should seem that the K. taking advantage of this forfeiture, gave it soon after to the *Templars*; for in 7 E. 1. it was certified, that they had here 3 yard land in demesn, and a certain Grove inclosed like a Park: but being willing to strengthen their title from *S. Maure*, in 9 E. 1. grew to an Agreement with him, *viz.* to pay to them the said *Henry* and *Ermengard* 4 marks *per ann.* during the life of her the said *Ermengard*; in consideration whereof, they levyed a Fine [m] of it to the use of the said *Templars* and their successors for ever. Which lands so possest by them, were in [n] 1 E. 2. seized by the K. and then yeilded 25 *s.* rent of Assize: but were soon after transmitted to the Knights *Hospitalars*, and continued to them till the general dissolution, as did also that which the Monks of **Coventre** and **Stoneley** had.

Being thus lodg'd in the Crown, the K. in 38. of his reign, granted [o] to *Edw. Watson* and *Henry Herdson*, and their heirs, all that belong'd to the Abby of **Stoneley**, called then by the name of **Cobynton**-grange. Which *Edw.* and *Henry* had license [p] the same year to alien it unto *Ric. Faukoner* and his heirs, who sold [q] it to one *Thomas Fawkoner*. Which *Thomas*, reserving an estate to himself for life, entailed [r] it upon *Eliz.* his daughter, then the wife of *George Bodyngton*, and the heirs of her body, with remainder to *Agnes Fermour* widow, his other daughter, and the heirs of her body; but for lack of such issue, to the right heirs of the said *Ric. Fawkoner*; and departed this life, 10 *Febr.* 1 *Eliz.* his said daughters being then of full age.

Touching that which belong'd to the Priory of **Coventre**, I find [s], that it was by K. E. 6. in 4 of his reign (*inter alia*) granted to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. then Master of the great Wardrobe, and to *Laurence Wennington* Gent. and to the heirs of the said Sir *Raph*. As also, that the *Hospitalars* Mannour here was past out of the Crown by Q. *Eliz.* the same year to *John Fisher* and others.

The Church (dedicated to the *Nativity* of our Lady) being antiently but a Chapel, and belonging to **Wotton**, was therewith granted [t] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** (as in **Wotton** I have already shewed) and in *ann.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued [u] at xii marks. Which Canons, in 5 E. 3. had License [w] to appropriat the Fruits thereof to the use of that Monastery: Whereupon, *scil.* in 19 E. 3. ensued the endowment [x] of the Vicaridge, which in 26 H. 8. was rated [y] at vi *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.* over and above 2 *s.* allowed for *Synodals*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inſt.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Thom. de Harewell*, *Pbr.* 11 *Cal. Apr.* 1309.	*Langt. f.* 3. *b.*
	Joh. de Shotteſwell, *accol.* 3 *Jan.* 1313.	*Ib. f.* 38. *a*
	Rob. le Fitzwith, *Pbr.* 8. *Cal. Maii*, 1342.	*Northb. f.* 38. *b.*
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Adam de Thorp-Mundevile*, *Pbr.* 6 *Cal. Oct.* 1346.	*Ib. f.* 44. *b*
	Hugo Aleyn, *Pbr.* 7 *Id. Dec.* 1348.	*Ib. f.* 47. *a*
	Thom. Silveſtre, *Cap.* 7 *Id. Maii*, 1349.	*Ib. b.*
	Will. Haywoll, *Cap.* 17 *Cal. Nov.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 51. *b*
	Joh. Blacfordby, *Cap.* 6. *Febr.* 1401.	*Burgh. f.* 9. *a.*
	Thom. Halford, *Cap.* 7 *Oct.* 1402.	*Ib. f.* 10. *b*
	Tho. Hulle, 28 *Jan.* 1410.	*Ib. f.* 27. *a*
	Joh. Marchall, *Cap.* 4 *Oct.* 1421.	*Heyw. f.* 6. *b.*
	Walt. Lydom, 19 *Dec.* 1422.	*Ib. f.* 11. *a*
	Rog. Wylkins, 4 *Oct.* 1425.	*Ib. f.* 16. *a*
	Joh. Hull, *Cap.* 9 *Jun.* 1427.	*Ib. f.* 19. *b.*
	Will. Loweles, *Pbr. ult. Jan.* 1428.	*Heyw. f.* 22. *b*

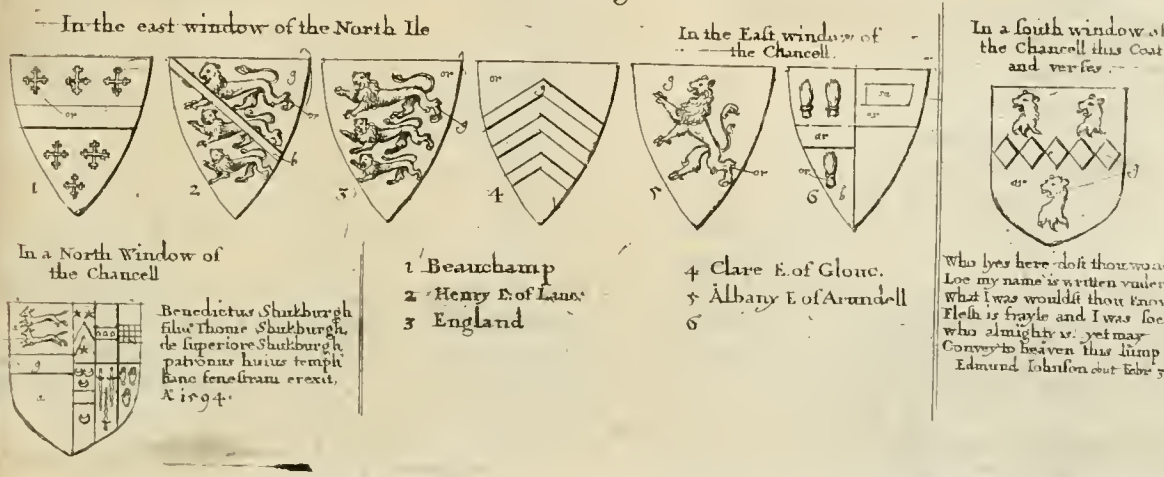
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[d] *Testa de Nevill.*
[e] *Ibid.*
[f] *Cart.* 49. H. 3. *m.* 7.
[g] *MS in Scac. penes Rem. R.*
[h] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *& c. f.* 54. *b.*
[i] *Pat.* 13. E. 4.
[k] *Clauſ.* 4. E. 1. *m.* 11.
[l] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *& c. f.* 55. *a.*
[m] *Cart. Mich.* 9 E. 1.
[n] *Rot. Pipæ.*
[o] *Pat.* 3. H. 8. *p.*
[p] *Ib.*
[q] *Eſc.*
[r] *Eliz.*
[s] *Pat.* 4. 6. *p.* 4.
[t] *Cart.* 8 E. 2. *n.* 3. *per Inſpex.*
[u] *MS in Scac.*
[w] *Pat.* 5 E. 3. *p.* *m.* 18.
[x] *Northb.* 116. *b.*
[y] *MS pen* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 49

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Rob. Wells, Pbr.* 15 *Nov.* 1437. *Ib.f.36.a.*
	Steph. Percivall, Pbr. 20. *Junii,* 1439. *Ib.f.37.b.*
	Joh. Gybbys, 24 *Jan.* 1441. *Ib.f.40.b.*
	Joh. Huggeford, Cler. penult. Julii, 1444. *Ib.f.42.b.*
	Rog. More, Cap. 5 *Febr.* 1450. *Ib.f.11.a.*
	Will. Sherdun, alias Jordan, Cap. 26 *Sept.* 1454. *Bowl. f. 10. b.*
	Ric. Marten, Cap. 4 *Maii,* 1457. *Ib.f.25.a.*
	Ric. Alryche, alias Lyllyngton, Pbr. 23 *Febr.* 1511. *Ib.f.6.a.*
	Rob. Wylliamson, Cap. 1. *Maii,* 1533. *Sur. & P. f.2.a.*
Edw. 6. *Rex Angl.*	*Magr. Joh. Olde,* 22 *Martii,* 1548. *Sampf. f. 12. b.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Edw. Powne, gen. ratione conceff. Joh. Hanby, ar.	*D. Will. Ludmans,* 19 *Nov.* 1554. *Sampf. & B.f.28.b.*
Anth. Shughburgh gen, & Joh. Daffet gen. ratione conceſ. Tho. Shughburgh.	*Tho. Gardiner, art. Magr.* 16 *Oct.* 1557. *Ib.f.11.a.*
Benedictus Shukeburgh, ar.	*Joh. Lounde, in Leg. Bacc.* 20 *Febr.* 1561. *Ib.f 30.b.*
	Will. Catherall, Cler. 27. *Oct.* 1564. *Bentham hund. H.*
Will. Catherall, hac vice, ex aſſign. Bened. Shukeburgh.	*Rog. Barker,* 4 *Junii,* 1569. *Sampf. & B.f.43.a.*
Bened. Shukeburgh.	*Georgius Burley, Cler.* 18. *Nov.* 1572. *Ib.f.44.b.*
	Ric. Marrell, 27 *Nov.* 1581. *Ib.f.48.b.*
Will. Liſley de Evenley in Com. North. ar.	*Joh. Harper, Cler. art. Mr.* 23 *Martii,* 1626. *Morton hund. incert.*

Cubington



Lillington.

LOwer yet on the ſame ſide of **Leame** ſtands **Lillinton** (perhaps ſo called from the old Engliſh word **Lytlan**, which ſignifies ſmall or little) wherein the E. of **Pellent** held 24 hydes in the Conq. time, with a Mill valued at vi *s.* viii *d.* and woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in bredth: all which were valued at xl *s.* having been the Free-hold of one *Edric* in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes. Here was alſo half a hyde more, which *Rog. de Olgi* then held of *Turchill de Warwick*, valued at xx *s.*

Domeſd. lib.

There is no queſtion but that the E. of **Pellent**'s part was by K. H. 1. or by the E. of **Warwick**, upon ſuch terms as the K. directed, given to *Geffr. de Clinton*, Founder of the Caſtle and Priory of **Kenilworth**: For by the foundation Charter [a] of that Monaſtery, he granted thereunto 2 hydes of land in this place. And as for the half hyde which belong'd to *Turchil de Warwick*, I preſume, that *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (of whom I am to ſpeak in **Wroxhall** and **Hatton**) was enfeofft thereof (*inter alia*) by the ſaid Earl, who had the moſt of *Turchil*'s lands: For I find, that immediatly upon the foundation of the before ſpecified Monaſtery, the Canons of **Kenilworth** had the ſame by his grant [b]; in conſideration whereof, they rendred to him the ſaid *Hugh*, the Churches of **Snitterfield** and **Claverdon**, which they held of him; and gave him over and above a Cloak, valued at vi marks of ſilver, and to *Margaret* his wife a ſaddle Nag. After which, K. H. 1. added his Charter [c] of confirmation, and ſo alſo did [d] *Roger* E. of **Warwick**.

Reg. de Kenill. p.1.

b p.27.

c Ib.p.143.

d Ib.p.20.

But the other two hydes, belonging to the E. of **Pellent** above mentioned, were, as I am induced to believe, given by the ſaid *Geffr. de Clinton* with his daughter *Leſcelina* in marriage to *Norman de Verdon*: for I find [e], that they were held of the heirs of the ſaid *Norman* and her, by *Rob. de Verdon*; and of him by *Peter de Wolvardington*, by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee. The extent [f] whereof in 7 E. 1. was certified to be one carucat, which the ſaid *Peter* had in demeſn, and eleven yard land occupyed by ten ſervants, who did manage that carucat for the benefit of the ſame *Pet.* This *P. de Wolvardington* granted [g] to the Monks of **Cumbe**, that his tenants here in **Lillington** ſhould grind their Corn at their Mill called **Blakedon**-mill. Of the ſucceſſors to the ſaid *Peter* in this Mannour I cannot give a perfect account; but of what I have found from Record relating thereto, I will here adde; which is, that in [h] 20 E. 3. *Margaret de Wolvarton*, and *John de Waldgrave* anſwered for half a Kts. fee in this place, held of the heirs of *Theob. de Verdon*; and that in [i] 10 H. 6. *John Waldgrave* of the County of **Buckingh.** Gent. and *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** held the ſame, by the name of a Mannour, by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee. As alſo, that in 10 H. 7. *Will. Grey* Eſq; dyed [k] ſeiz'd thereof, leaving *Thomas* his ſon and heir 15 years of age; from whom it came to *Edw. Grey*, who in 28 H. 8. was owner [l] of it.

e Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.57.a.

f Ib. b.

g Reg. de Cumba, f. 56. b.

h Rot. penès S. Clarke, Bar.

i Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.

k Eſc. de an. 11 & 12. H. 7.

l Hill. R. 28 H. 8. Rot. 15.

I now return to that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had in this place, which, in 7 E. 1. was certified [m] to be one carucat of land then held by them in demesn, and 16. yard land managed by xx. servants, who performed divers servile works for the said Canons, and payd also certain yearly Rent for the same. Here the said Canons had a **Court-Leet** and other priviledges, as appears by their claim [n] in 13 E. 1. But this coming to the Crown at the dissolution of that House, was by Q. *Eliz.* in 2. of her raign granted [o] unto ..... *Gerard* and others; and in [p] 6. to *Ambrose* Earl of **Warwick** and the heirs male of his body; but in 38 *Eliz.* being again in the Crown by reason of the death of the said Earl without issue, was, in consideration of the good & faithfull service which Sir *John Puckering* Knight, then Lord Keeper of the great Seal of **England** had performed, (as the words of the Patent [q] do import) passed by the said Queen, together with the advouson of the Church unto *William Borne*, and *James Orenge* esquiers, and their heirs. Which *William* and *James*, for a certain sum of money to them payd by *Thomas Puckering*, son and heir of the said Sir *John* then deceased; and in performance of a Decree in the Court of Wards made 23. Oct. 38. *Eliz.* sold and confirmed the said Mannour to the same *Thomas* (afterwards Knight and Baronet:) and his heirs, by their deed [r] bearing date 27. *Junii* 39. *Eliz.*

The Church (dedicated to *S. Mary Magd.*) was originally belonging to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; from the very foundation of that Monastery, as a member [s] and Chappell of **Wotton**; out of which upon the appropriation of **Wotton** to those Canons half a marke *per annum* was reserved [t] for their use: but afterwards, it seems, they had it wholly; for so doth the Record [u] of 7 E. 1. expres; whereby it also appears, that it was endowed with a yard land and half, having been appropriated [w] to them the very preceding year by *R. de Meulend* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, and and confirmed [x] by the King. In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was [y] valued at viii. marks, and the Vicaridge at [z] two marks: but the Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was rated at [a] (xiii *s.* iv *d. per annum* over and above 8 *s.* 4 *d.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

That which now beareth the name of **Blakdon** is onely a hilly ground in **Lillington-field**, having originally had its denomination from the dark colour thereof, **done** or **dune** signifying a Hill. The Mill which yet also retains the name thereof lyeth upon **Avon**, at the skirt of the same field, and was given to the Monks of **Combe** by *William de Burton*, as in **Bourton** *super* **Dunsmore** I have shewed. Whether there were ever any village at this **Blakdon** I know not: but do find, that it was part of that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had in **Lillinton**, though not of the Mannour, it and **Wridon** being held [c] of *Verdon*'s heirs by a Knights fee and half.

[m] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 57. a.*
[n] *Rot. de Q. War.*
[o] *Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 13.*
[p] *Pat. 6. Eliz. f. 4.*
[q] *Pat. 38. Eliz. f. 9.*
[r] *Ex autog. penès* T Puckering *eq. aur. & B.*
[s] *Reg. de Kenilw. p. 1. & p. 70.*
[t] *Ib. p. 65. & 73.*
[u] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 57. b.*
[w] *Pat. 8. E. 2. p. 2. m. 3.*
[x] *Pat. 8. E. 2. p. 2. m. 3.*
[y] *MS. in Scacc.*
[z] *MS. in Scacc.*
[a] *MS. in Scacc.*
[b] *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 49. b.*
[c] *Esc. 10. E. 2. n. 59.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.	
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich. — *Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Will. de Kykeni. an.* 1252.	
	Magr. Wyscard. an. 1255.	
	Joh. Camezane Auditor contradict. D. Papæ an. 1256.	
	Rog. de Reygate an. 1284.	
	Joh. dictus **Lok**. *Diac.* 8. *Id. Oct.* 1308.	
	Will. de Henyngham. Cap. 5. *Cal. Apr.* 1344.	*Northb. f. 42. a.*
	Ric. de Rodburne 5. *Id. Jan.* 1375.	*Strett. f. 2 b.*
	Joh. Robolot Pbr. 13. *Junii* 1397.	*Sk. f. 13. a*
	Ric. Stamford Pbr. 5. *Feb.* 1398.	*Burgh. f. 1 a.*
	D. Adam Felchyn 9. *Maii* 1401.	*Ib. f. 8. a.*
	Joh. Racheford Cap. penult. Jan. 1421.	*Heyw. f. 3 b.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Rad. Wikeley* 17. *Jan.* 1425.	*Ib. f. 15. b*
	Joh. Blaby Pbr. 29. *Oct.* 1431.	*Ib. f. 26. b*
	Joh. Cowper Pbr. 16. *Febr.* 1435.	*Ib. f. 34. a.*
	Joh. Normanton Pbr. 17. *Apr.* 1493.	*Bowl. f. 4 a.*
	Will. Snelston Cap. 10. *Febr.* 1506.	*Bl. f. 4. b.*
Will. Pynnok ar. ratione conceff. Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	*Joh. Shirburne art. Magr.* 7. *Martii* 1552.	*Sampf. f 43. a.*
Henr. Porter, & alii, ratione conces. Rob. Grey gen. & Agnetis Grey Viduæ.	*Thom. Badnall* 24. *Julii* 1554.	*Sampf. & B. f. 1. b*
Rob. Craston & Brigittaux. ejus.	*Rob. Chewe Cler.* 3. *Apr.* 1566.	*Ib. f. 42. a.*
Laur. Grey gen.	*Joh. Brooke Cler.* 8. *Apr.* 1594.	*Overton bund. C.*
Jana Domina Puckering, de Warwick.	*Thom. Mayoe Clericus.* 16. *Martii* 1598.	*Ibid.*
Tho. Puckering Mil. & Bar.	*Will. Cooper Cler. in art. Bacc.* 20. *Julii* 1631.	*Morton bund. inter*

Wolphamcote.

HAving thus followed the Northern side of **Leame** till it meets with **Avon**, it now remains, that I ascend to the South-east part thereof, where it enters this Hundred, which is within the precincts of **Wolphamcote.**

This is now vulgarly called **Dvencote**, (containing within its parish the villages of **Flekenho**, **Nethercote**, and **Salvbridge**, in all which there are decayed Chappells,) and in the Conq. time was possest [c] by *Turchill de Warwick*, the content thereof being certified at 4. hides and a half, valued at lx *s.* having also a Church situat therein: but in that Survey it is written **Ulfelmescote**, and was before the Norman invasion the freehold of one *Aschil.* As for the originall of the name 'tis evident enough that it sprung from some antient planter or Inhabitant there in the Saxons time, *Wlfelmus* being a usuall appellation amongst them, and the Word **Cote** (as I have elsewhere observed) being the same with *domus* or *habitatio.*

To the before specified *Turchill* succeeded *Siward de Arden* his son and heir; who, being permitted to enjoy this as part of his rightfull inheritance, granted [d] it to *Lecelina* daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, and her heirs, *Ailwin*, the then Bayliff of **Flekenho**, and his sons being some of the witnesses thereto; *qui reddiderunt pecuniam*, as the Deed expresses; *id est*, making attournment by paying some money in token thereof. Which *Lecelina* marryed to *Norman de Verdon* (as in **Brandon** I have

[c] Domesday *lib.*
[d] *Ex ipso autog. penès* S. Arche *eq. aur.*

have shewed,) and had issue by him, *Bertram de Verdon*, in whose line it continued till towards the end of H. 3. time, that *John de Verdon* past [e] it away, by the name of a Mannour to *Walter de Langlegh* and *Alice* his wife, and their heirs for the service of half a Knights fee: provided, that they the said *Walter* and *Alice*, and their heirs should appear in their proper persons twice a year, with their tenants, at the **Court-leet** of him the said *John* and his heirs, at **Flekenho**, in case they did reside here, at **Wolfhamcote**, and if not, then their Bayliff to supply their room.

Which grant, though not dated, was made (as I guess) about 40 H. 3. For in 41. the said *Walter* and *Alice* had a Charter [f] of **Free-warren** granted to them in all their demesn lands here. But the said *Alice*, surviving her husband did, in 23 E. 1. settle it [g] upon *Robert de Langley*, her younger son, and his heirs. To whom succeeded *Margaret* his daughter and heir, wedded [h] to *William de Peto*, whereby it divolved [i] to that family, about the beginning of E. 3. reign. From which time, I shall not need to instance by particular proof from Records, that their descendants were successively Lords thereof: for they continued so, till within these few years, that Sir *Edward Peto* of **Chesterton** Kt. in consideration of 2520 *li.* by his Deed, dated 2. *Apr.* 11. *Jac.* sold [k] it to *Rob. Clerke* Yeoman, then his tenant thereof.

This Lordship being antiently held of *Verdon* (as I have shewed, upon partition of *Verdon*'s inheritance, was held [l] of *Will. de Ferrers*, son and heir of *Isabell*, one of the coheirs to the last *Theob. de Verdon*; *William de Peto*, grandchild to the before specified *Will.* doing his homage [m], accordingly, for the half Knights fee here, unto *William* Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby** in 2 H. 4. But further than what I have said, I do not find any thing memorable of this place, other than the complaint [n] which our Countrey-man *Rous* long since did make of the Depopulation here, as well as in many other towns of this County.

In *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was valued [o] at xxv. marks; the advouson whereof, was, in 38 E. 3. granted [p] by Sir *John de Peto* Kt. (*Jan.* 9.) unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and to *Thom. B.* his son. Which *Thomas*, the younger, afterwards being E. of **Warwick** having obtained the Kings [q] license for the same, by his deed [r] dated on Tuesday the feast of S. *George* 15. R. 2. *inter alia*, pass'd it unto the Dean and Canons of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, and their successors, for the good estate of the said King *Ric.* and Q. *Anne*; as also of him the said Earl, and *Margaret* his wife, *Will. Beauchamp* his brother, and *Joan* his wife, with their Children, during this life; and for the health of their souls after their departure hence; and likewise of the souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased. Whereupon it was appropriated [s] to the use of the said Colledge, by the consent of *Richard Scroope* then Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** *ann. scil.* 1395. 19 R. 2. xiii *s.* iv *d.* yeerly *Pension* [t] being reserved out of the fruits thereof to the said Bishop and his successors for the indempnity of their Churches of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, and [u] ii *s.* to the Archdeacon of **Coventre**.

In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued [w] at xii *li.* xviii *s.* ii *d.* over and above 8 *s.*-6 *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institut.	
Galfr. de Langele miles.	*Henr. Capellan. An.* 1248.	*Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.*
Rob. de Langele.	*D. Petrus de Leycestria* 1299.	
Will. de Careswell miles.	*Joh. de Nayleston. Cler.* 3. *Cal. Maii* 1334.	*Northb. f.* 27. *b.*
Thom. Comes Warwici.	*Sim. de Catesby Cler.* 12. *Julii* 1375.	*Stret. f.* 22. *b.*
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Rob. Plumbe Pbr.* 26. *Junii* 1399.	*Burgh. f.* 5. *b.*
	Regin. Carix 6. *Nov.* 1404.	*Ib. f.* 14 *b.*
	Ric. Hayward Cap. 20. *Jan.* 1416.	*Bull. f.* 1. *c.*
	Hugo Ruhale Cap. 15. *Mart.* 1416.	*Ib. f.* 2. *a*
Decan. & Cap. Eccl. Coll. B. Mariæ de Warwico.	*Thom. Walsham* 25. *Aug.* 1421.	*Heyw. f.* 6. *a.*
	Nich. Segrave 27. *Dec.* 1432.	*Ib. f.* 29. *b.*
	Rob. Leverley Pbr. 21. *Sept.* 1492.	*Bowl. f.* 134. *b.*
	Joh. Allestre Cap. 28. *Apr.* 1504.	*Bl. f.* 3. *a.*
	D. Joh. Watwood 12. *Febr.* 1521.	*Ib. f.* 8. *a.*
Ric. Bidle, hac vice, ratione conces. D. & Cap. Warw.	*D. Joh. Fisher Cap.* 13. *Dec.* 1542.	*Str. & P. f.* 18. *b.*
Eliz. Regina.	*Laurentius Bonde Cler.* 9. *Julii* 1586.	*Bund. B.*
Thom. Spenser ar.	*Thom. Fosset Cler.* 10. *Julii* 1596.	*Overton. bund. C.*
	Joh. Goode in art. Bacc. 8. *Dec.* 1604.	*Ib. bund. F.*
	Laur. Hill. Cler. 14. *Junii* 1606.	*Ibid.*
Rob. Raynsford de Staverton in Com. North. arm.	*Edw. Nowell* 8. *Martii* 1621.	*Morton bund. incert.*
	Ric. Crosse art. Magr. 18. *Aug.* 1623.	*Ibid.*

Flekenho.

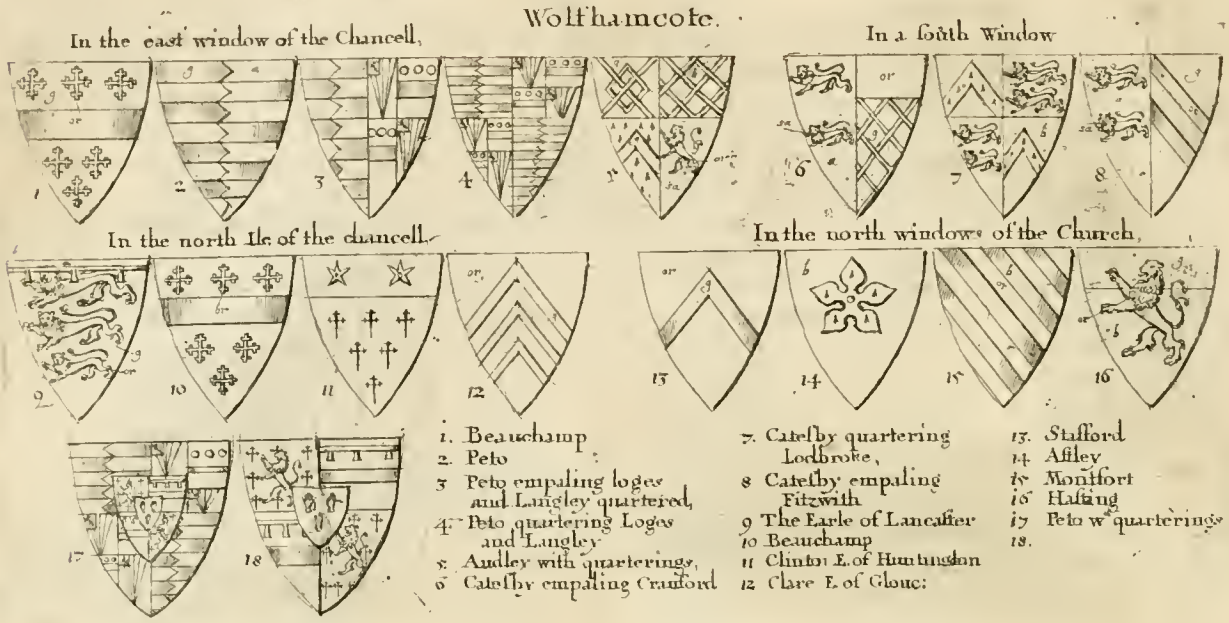
THIS is the largest and chief of the Villages within the parish of **Wolfhamcote**, and wherein one *Leuuinus*, in the Conq. time held [x] 1. hide and a half, of the K. then valued at xxx *s.* which he purchased of *Aluuine* his brother: As also 2. hides and half a yard land of *Ulfstane* (commonly called S. *Wolfstan*) Bishop of **Worcester**, then likewise rated at xx *s.* more. But the Bishop fayling to make good his title, *Leuuinus* was at the Kings mercy for it. At [y] the same time, one *Oslach* held here 2. hides and a half, of *Turchill de Warwick*, which were the freehold of *Eduuinus* before the Conquest: And *Ailricus* one hide and half a yard land, all which were valued at lx *s.* being part of that which *Turchill*'s posterity enjoyed; for *Siward de Arden*, his son, gave [z] some of it to the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridgshire**. But how long the family of *Arden* kept it, I cannot directly say, in regard I find that the *Verdons* (who had also **Wolfhamcote**) were possest hereof very antiently, *Roes de Verdon*, in 20 H. 3. answering [a] for three parts of a Knights fee lying here and in **Wolfhamcote**.

[x] [y] Domesd. lib.

[z] Ex Reg. de Thorney penes Comit. Westmerl. part. 4. cap. 1.

[a] Testa de Nevill.

Wolfhamcote.



Of the rest, which *Leuuinus* held in the Conq. tim, it seems that *Musard* was shortly after enfeoft; and that the family of *Hastang* had it from them, as well as the other lands that they held in this County: And likewise that *Verdon*, having the most of this village, to make it all intirely his own, obtained that which *Hastang* had here. This is my conjecture, but grounded upon great probabilities: for I find, that in 6 H. 3. *Rob. Hastang*, clayming the service for half a Knights fee here, from *Nich. de Verdon*, they came to an Agreement, whereupon there was a Fine [b] levied; which expressing as much, further sheweth, that the said *Nicholas* and his heirs shou'd perform those services to the above specified *Robert* and his heirs for ever. Which half Knights fee in [c] 20. H. 3. was answered for, amongst the rest that *Hastang* held in this Shire, under the title of *Feoda Roberti Musard.*

[b] *Cart. Hil. 6. H. 3.*

[c] *Testa de N.*

But to *Nicholas de Verdon* succeeded *Roes* his daughter and heir (as in **Brandon** is shewed:) which *Roes* gave [d] unto *John Fitz-Alan* with *Maud* her daughter in Frank-mariage 23. mes. and 20. yard land in this place; all which, the said *Maud* & *John Fitz-Alan* her son, did entail upon [e] *Rich. de Mundevill* and *Isabell* his wife, sister [f] to the said *John*, and the heirs of their two bodyes, but for lack of such issue to return the said *John* and his heirs. which *Richard* had no issue by her, as it seems, so that the land reverted to the family of *Fitz-Alan*: For I find, that *Edmund Fitz-Alan* Earl of **Arundell**, grandchild to the before mentioned *John*, enfeoft [g] *John de Segrave* the elder, and *Christian* his wife (*inter alia*) of these lands, to hold for life; and after their decease *Stephen de Segrave* and *Alice* his wife, and the heires of their two bodies lawfully begotten. By which means they descended with **Caludon** (already spoke of) to *Moubray*, and so to *Berkley*; and were by *Henry* Lord *Berkley*, *temp. Eliz. Reg.* sold to *Edw. Poughton* of **Caulton** esq. as I have been informed; Of whom the particular tenants purchased their severall Fermes; so that now the reputation that it had of a Manrour is utterly lost: And whether ever really it was to I make a question; for the owners thereof never held any Court-Baron there, but had a kind of yearly meeting for the Tenants, which they called a Court, whereat they usually demised their land, and entred the Agreement in a Roll, instead of making any formall Lease thereof, as was usuall in antient time. Out of which lands a yearly Rent of 3 *s.* 4 *d.* being due to the Mannour of **Flekenho**, that was *Verdon*'s, is now payd by the Purchasers according to the proportion of the land they bought.

[d] *Esc. 30. E. 1. n. 30.*

[e] *Fin. levat. 3. sept. Pasch. 54. H. 3.*

[f] *Claus. 33. H. 3. in dors.*

[g] *Esc. 19. E. 2. n. 88.*

I now return to the rest that *Verdon* had here in **Flekenho**, which was, indeed, the Mannour it self, with lands of good value thereto belonging: wherein I find that *John de Verdon*, son and heir of *Roes* before mentioned, had **Free-warren** [h] granted to him in 42 H. 3. And that the said *John* held the [i] same, being half a Knights fee, of *Thomas de Arden* (lineall heir to the before specified *Siward*) by the service of a Hawke. As also, that in 13 E. 1. *Theobald de Verdon*, son and heir of the said *John*, claymed [k] a **Court-leet**, Assise of bread and beer, **Free-warren**, and weyfs, with other priviledges here in **Flekenho**, and the members thereof (*viz.* **Nethercote**, **Wolfhamcote**, & **Swobridge**; for these do appear so to be by the antient stile [l] of the Court there kept;) all which were allowed. Which *Theobald* had issue *Theobald*, and he severall daughters and heirs, as in **Brandon** is shewed; whereupon it came by partition to be assigned [m] unto *Isabell* the wife of *Henry de Ferrers* of **Groby**. To whose posterity in the direct line it continued, untill it was put into the hands of *John Stafford* Bishop of **Bath** and **Wells**, *John* Visc. *Beaumont*, and other feoffees

[h] *Cart. 42 H. 3. m.*

[i] *Esc. 3, E.*

[k] *Rot. de Quo W.*

[l] *Ex Rot. Cur. penes S. A. eq. aur.*

[m] *Claus. E. 3. p. 1. 27.*

fees, by *William* the laſt Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby**: who, by their deed [a] dated 20. *Jan.* 20 H. 6. ſeeled it upon the ſaid *William*, for terme of life, and after his deceaſe upon *Thomas*, his younger ſon, and the heirs male of his body.

Which *Thomas*, being ſo ſeized thereof, gave [b] it to *Henry Ferrers* his younger ſon, to hold during the life of the ſaid *Henry*; but afterward to remain to *Thomas Ferrers*, ſon and heir of him the ſaid *Thomas* by *Eliz.* one of the ſiſters and heirs to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight (by whom he had the Caſtle of **Tamworth** in this County.) From which *Thomas* and *Eliz.* did lineally deſcend Sir *John Ferrers* Knight, who by his deed [c] bearing date 20. *Sept.* 12. *Jac.* gave it, with *Anne* his daughter in Marriage unto Sir *Symon Archer* Knight, and his heirs; of whom and his family, which hath been of great continuance in this Shire I have ſpoke in **Tamworth**, where their ſeat is.

clauſ. 23. I. 6. m. 4.

clauſ. 37. I. 6. m. 12.

Ex autog. penès S. A. Baron.

Nethercote.

THIS having been antiently called *Parva-Flekenho*, and originally a member of the other, was, in 10 E. 2. held [a] by *John de Coigne* of *Theobald de Verdon*, for half a Knights fee: And after him, *viz.* in 2 E. 3. by *Will. Coyne*, who [b] wrote himſelf *Dominus de* **Nethercote**. To whoſe poſterity it continued till 31 H. 8. that *Robert Cuny* eſquire, paſt [c] it away to *Roger Wigſton* eſquire and his heirs; whoſe ſon and heir, *William Wigſton* eſq. but afterwards Knight, levyed a Fine [d] thereof to *Eliz. Onely* widow in 3 E. 6. But I have heard, that *Roger Wigſton*, ſon and heir to the ſaid Sir *William* ſold it to one *Thomas Lee*: which *Thomas* in 14. *Eliz.* by the name of *Tho. Lee* of **Clatercote** *in Com. Oxon.* eſquire was certified [e] to dye ſeized thereof, leaving *William Watſon* ſon of *Anne Watſon* (one of his ſiſters) his next heir. Which *William* ſold [f] it to *Tho. Wilcox*, who paſſed it to *Robert Clerke* late owner thereof.

a Inſc. 10. 12.

b Ex autog. penès S. A. Baron.

c levat. Trin. 31. 31.

d Perm. P. 5. 3. 4 l.

e de depoſ. incert. penès Arg. eq.

f Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 3.

Sawbridge.

THIS, being written **Salebrugge** in antient Records, makes me imagine, that the name was at firſt occaſioned from the Bridge, here, over **Leame**; and that the ſyllable **Sal**, which by corrupt pronuntiation is now called **Saw**, proceedeth from the old Britiſh word **Sal** or **Salw**, *id eſt vilis, ſive parvæ eſtimationis*. But it was originally a member of **Wolfhamcote**, and continued in the family of *Ardern* till King *John*'s time, that *Thomas de Arderne* granted [x] it to the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridge-ſhire**, who in 19 E. 1. were certified [y] to hold in this place one carucate of land rated at xxx *s.* and iv *li.* xii *s.* rent of Aſſiſe; at which time the value of thoſe cuſtomary works due to the Monks from hence were rated at 26 *s.* 8 *d.* and the pleas and perquiſites 6 *s.* 8 *d.* They had then alſo a Mill of 4 *li. per annum* and a ſtock upon the ground, worth xx *s.* by the year. The totall viii *li.* xix *s.* iv *d.*

This continued in the Crown, after the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, til 2 *Eliz.* that the Q paſt it [z] away to ..... *Gerard* and others, by the name of the Mannour of **Salwbridge**. How it came again to her hands I know not; but in 4. of her raign, by her Letters Pat. dated 28. *Oct.* ſhe granted [a] it to *Randulph Crew* eſq. and *Richard Cartwright* gent. and their heires, together with a water-mill in **Ryeton**, to be held in Feeferme, paying xx *li.* yearly into the Exchequer. Which *Randulph* and *Richard* by their [b] deed dated the 10. of *Nov.* following paſt it to *Edward Brook* of **Flekenho** gent. *Roger Tibbots* of **Southam** gent. *Robert Clark* of **Wolfhamcote** Yeoman, *Thomas Chiles* of **Salwbridge** Yeoman, and *Richard Roberts* of **Nethercote** Yeoman, and their heires.

x Rot. Fin. 19. E. 1. m. 4.

y Rot. de Dom. p. 2. c. 4.

z Pat. 2. E. 6. p. 13.

a Pat. 40. Eliz. p. 16.

b Ex autog. penès Rob. Clarke.

Shuckborough-ſuperior.

SOuthweſt from **Wolfhamcote** ſtands **Shuckborough ſuperior**, part whereof lyes within **Kineton-Hundred**. In the Conq. time, the Earl of **Mellent** held four hides here, as appears by the generall Survey [c] then made; and *Turchill de Warwick*, half a yard land: All which being valued at lv *s.* were poſſeſt [d] by the ſame *Leuvinus* before the Norman invaſion, of whom I have made mention in **Monkskirby** and **Flekenho**: But in that [e] Record it is written **Socheberge**; whence I conjecture, that the originall name was at firſt compoſed of a Britiſh as well as a Saxon word, **Swch** in that language ſignifying a Plow, and **berge** in the other, a Hill, which is not unſutable to the nature of the ground (*viz.* arable) and the ſituation thereof.

c Domeſd. d Domeſd. l.

That the greateſt part of the Earl of **Mellent's** lands, and likewiſe of the before ſpecified *Turchill's* came ſoon after to the antient Earls of **Warwick**, I have often obſerved; yet it when it was, or whom, that thoſe Earles firſt enfeoft of this place doth not directly appear: but plain it is, that Earl *Roger* (who dyed in King *Stephen*'s time) [f] gave the Church to the Nunns of **Wroxhals**; and confirmed [g] the grant which *Robert* then Lord of this Mannour, had made of 4. yard land, and xx. acres of Incloſure to the ſame Religious houſe. But after this *Robert* the next that I find to have been Lord of it, was *Osbert de Lemintone*, who granted [h] an Oxe-gang of land, lying within the precincts thereof to the Abby of **Leiceſter**. Which Oxe-gang, being [i] half a yard land, and confirmed [k] by King H. 2. was within a ſhort ſpace given [l] by the Canons of that Houſe to *Thomas* the ſon of *Oliver de Shukborow* and his heires, for ix *s.* yearly rent to be payd to the ſaid Monaſtery.

e Cart. 1. E. 3. n. 1. per Inſpex. f Cart. 1. E. 3. n. 1. per Inſpex.

g Cart. 11. E. 2. n. 10. per Inſpex.

h Reg. Abb. Leic. in bibl. Cotton. f. 18. b.

i Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 4. m. 20. per Inſpex.

From this *Thomas* did deſcend, as 'tis like, that family, which, long continuing here, bore the ſirname of *Oliver*, whereof was *Thomas Oliver*, who in 7 E. 1. held [m] 7. yard land in this place; *viz.* 3. yard land and a half of *Henry de Berchesdone*, by the 4. part of a Knights fee, which the ſaid *Henry* held over, of the Prior of **Coventre**; and the reſt of *Jordan de Say* by the like ſervice. This *Thomas Oliver* had at that time 2. yard land in demeſn, and 2. ſervants holding the reſidue under particular Rents, and performance of ſervile labour. It was then alſo certified, that *William Chatere* held 8. yard land here, of the Prior of **Coventre**, whereof three parts of a yard land he had in demeſn. Which intereſt ſo belonging to the Monks of **Coventre**, here, was in right of their Mannour of *Priors-Pertton* that extended into it, for no leſs doth the Record [n] of 9 E. 2. import.

k Reg. Abb. de Leic. ut ſupra.

l Inq. per H. Nott. & 6. f. 79. b.

m Nom. Vill.

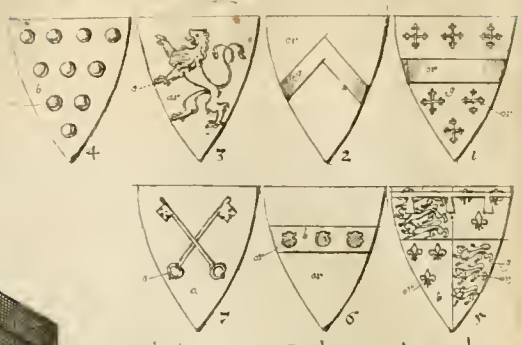
But as the Earls of **Warwick** were ſuperior lords of a part thereof, ſo were the *Cantilupes* (lords of

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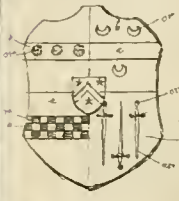
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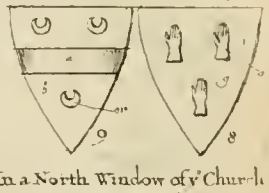
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In a South window of the Church

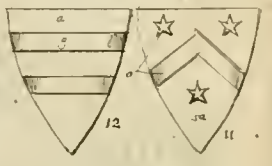


In the South Window



In a North Window of y^e Church





1 Beauchamp
2 Stafford
3 Montfort
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5 Earle of Lancaſter
6 Napton
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8 Dylsert
9 Lunell
10 Shukburgh 1st quarterly
11 Shukburgh.
12 Foxley
13 Shukburgh 1st quarterings impaling Skeffington

Here lyeth interred the body of Iohn Shukburgh Lord of this mannour, sonne of Anthony Shukburgh Esquier who departed this life the 20 day of March Anno Domini 1631 being about the age of 68 yeares; and Margerie his wife daughter of Richard Middlemore of Edgbaston Esquire, by whome he had 10 Children, which Lade Margerie departed this life the 22th day of March Anno domini 1620.



hic iacet Margareta Cotes dr. Johis Cotes filii et heredis
Thome Cotes de Honingham armigeri quondam filii Thome Shukburgh
senioris de Shukburgh armigere cui aie ppitietur deus amen.



here ly buried the bodies of Anthony Shukburgh, esquier
And Anne his Wife the said Anthony departed this life the
first of April in the yeare of our lord god 1594.
MORS mortem vincit. et per mortem post mortem vivimus.



hic iacent Thomas Shukburgh armiger et Elizabeth uxor eius quondam
filia et patronus de superiori Shukburgh, qui obiit anno domini
millesimo quingentesimo ly primo die mensis
Octobris. Quorum animabus propitietur deus amen.

Aston-Cantilupe) of the rest, as appears by that claim [n] in 13. E. 1. made by *John de Hastings*, for a **Court-Leet** and weyfs in this village by prescription. Which title, as I guess, accrued to them from the posterity of *Osbernus filius Ricardi* (of whom I have spoke in **Aston-Cantilupe**;) and is the more probable, foramuch as we see, that *Jordan de Say* (a branch of that family, as in **Farnborough** is manifested) held the 4. part of a Knights fee here: and that, upon the extent [o] of **Aston-Cantilow** in 39 H. 3. there is a Rent of viii *s.* ix *d. per annum* certified to have been due from the Freeholders here.

The substance of which lands so held by *Hastings* came in tract of time to one *Simon de Shukborow*, and *Raph Chatere*: for in 6 E. 2. It was found [p], that they two held no less than a Knights fee here, of the same *John de Hastings*. From which *Simon* descended *John de Shukborow*, who in [q] 20 E. 3. held of *Hasting*'s heir the third part of a Kts fee in this place; And from him *John Shuckborough* esq. who in 10 H. 6. was certified [r] to hold a Mannour here, by the 4. part of a Knights fee.

But another Mannour there was also, and that very antient, which belonged to the family of *Dive*, the inheritance whereof in 27 E. 3. *Margaret* the widow of *Richard Hastang*, daughter and heir to *Raph Dive*, and cosin and heir to *John Dive* of **Ducklington** *in Com.* **Oxon**, granted [s] to *Will. Catesby* and *John* his son; wherein *Emme* the Widow of the said *John* in 13 H. 4. obtained a Charter [t] of **Free-warren**, in the behalf of herself and *John* her son. Which Mannour, afterwards coming to the hands of *Richard Collyng* of *Wavers*-**Merston** gent. was in 32 H. 8. past [u] from him unto *Thomas Shuckborough* esq. and his heirs (Lord of the other Mannour by descent from *Thomas* his ancestor before specified) whose great-grandchild Sir *Richard Shuckborough* Knight now enjoys it.

That these *Shuckboroughs* were very antiently possest of lands here, there is no doubt: for I find [w] one *William de Suckeberge* in 3. *Joh.* which might be the first assumer of this denomination (there being many good and great families whose ancestors fixt not their surnames till afterwards.) But little have I seen memorable of them in those elder times, other than the bare mention of their names: neither am I able of a long time after by the advantage of Records to deduce their descent in a lineall succession; I shall therefore briefly mention what I have met with, as remarkable, touching any of them, and so pass on to the next.

In 1 E. 3. I find [x], that *John de Shukburgh*, having been one of the Coroners in this County (an office in those days of great account) had his *Quietus est*, the Shiriff being commanded to cause another to be chosen in his room: But it seems the Kings command was not thereupon pursued, because the next year after, he directed another Precept [y], dated from **Pontfract** 19 *Aug.* to the same purpose. In 6 H. 4. *John Shukkeburgh* and *Thomas Shukkeburgh* were, [z] with the Shiriff and other Commissioners, assigned to collect a Subsidy in this County then granted to the King in Parliament: And in [a] 7 H. 5. *William Shukburgh* of **Shukburgh**, being rank't amongst those Knights and other Esquiers of this County, who bore antient Armes from their Ancestors, had warning by the Shiriff to appear before the Councell, there to receive order for serving the King in his proper person for the defence of the Realm. In 6 H. 6. he was [b] one of the Commissioners appointed for the Collecting a subsidy of vi *s.* viii *d.* from certain Inhabitants residing within the Cities and Boroughs of this County. And departed [c] this life in 11 H. 6. being [d] at that time one of the Coroners for this Shire.

From whom descended *Thomas*, who was [e] in Commission for conservation of the peace from 18 H. 7. to the end of that Kings raign; and for many years in H. 8. time.

This family do bear for their Armes *Sable a Cheveron betwixt three Mullets argent*; relating, as tis observable, to those little stones called *Astroites*, which are very like a *Mullet*, and frequently found in the plowed fields hereabouts.

The Church (dedicated to S. *John Baptist*) being given to the Nuns of **Wroxhall**, as I have already shewed, was antiently appropriated [f] to their use, and in 26 H. 8. valued at viii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* the *Procurations* [g] and *Synodalls* yearly payable to the Archdeacon of **Coventre** for the same, being x *s.* vi *d.* But here was never any Vicar endowed, the Cure having been served by a stipendary. Which Rectory, after the dissolution of the Monasteryes, was granted [h] to Sir *John Williams* Knight in 32 H. 8. who had license [i] the year following to alien it unto *Thomas Shukborough* esq. from whom it descended to Sir *Richard Shuckborough* before mentioned.

Granborough.

I Now return somewhat neerer to the bank of **Leame**, where I behold **Granborough**, within which parish is **Wolscote**, **Walcote**, and **Calcote**. This is one of those 24. townes that *Leofrik* Earl of **Mercia** gave [k] to the Priory of **Coventre** at his foundation thereof in 1 *Edw.* Conf. And wherein, by the Conq. Survey, that Monastery was certified to hold 8. hides and 1. virgate of land, there being then a Mill, rated at xvi *d.* and the value of all recorded at viii *li.* At the same time it was also found that *Richard Forestarius* held of the King 2. hides in this place, then valued at fifty shillings, which, before the Conquest, were the freehold of one *Ramdi*: But in *Domesday-book* it is written in one place **Granneberge**, and in the other **Granneberge**, whereby it appeares, that the name did originally proceed from its situation on a rising ground.

A great part hereof was in K. H. 1. time [l] given by *Laurence* then Prior of **Coventre** & the Monks of that House unto *Robert* the son of *Noel*; which grant K. H. 2. confirmed [m] to *Thomas Noel* (his son) who wedded [n] *Margaret* one of the sisters and coheirs to *Raph Strange* of **Knockin** in **Shropshire**; which *Margaret* held [o] the same land in dower: After whose death *Alice* and *Joan* the daughters and heirs of the said *Thomas* had livery [p] thereof, *Alice* being then the wife of *William de Harecurt*, and *Joan* of *Thomas Fitz-Eustace*. It should seem by what hereafter appears, that the issue of *Alice* by *William de Harecourt* carryed away the whole inheritance here; but whether by any grant from *Joan* the other sister, or that she had no issue, I am ignorant: For in 36 H. 3. *Ric. de Harecurt* was certified [q] to hold the same of the Prior of **Coventre**; which *Richard* dyed in 42 H. 3. leaving *William* his son and heir, who doing his

[n] Rot. de Q. War.
Esc. 39. H. 3.
Clauf. 7 E. 2. m. 17.
Rot. penès Clarke.
Rot. in Cacc. penes Rem. R.
Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.
Cart. de 7. 13. & 4 H. 4. n.
F. levat. Hill. 32 H. 8.
F. tenat. d. anno.
Clauf. 1 E. 3. p. 2. m.
Clauf. 2 E. 3. m. 17.
Rot. P. 6 H. 4. m. 16.
Rot. penès Comer. Acc.

[o] Ex cod. MS. in Scacc. penes Rem. R.
[c] [d] Clauf. 11. H. 6. m. 2.
[e] Pat. de iisd. an. in dorso.
[f] MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 13. a.
[g] Ibid. b.
[h] Pat. 32 H. 8. p. 4.
[i] Pat. 33 H. 8. p. 5.
[k] Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 8. per inspex.
[l] [m] Ex autog. penes Sim. Harcourt eq. aur.
[n] Rot. P. 9 R. 1. Salop.
[o] [p] Clauf. 6 H. 3. m. 8.
[q] Testa de Nevill.

homage had livery [r] of all his fathers lands.

In 47 H. 3. this *William* had summons [f], amongst divers other great men, to be at **Worcester** sufficiently furnisht with Horse and Arms on the Feast-day of S. *Peter ad vincula* (commonly called *Lammas*) to resist the power of *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**, then in Rebellion: And the next year following received command [t] to attend the King at **Oxford**, in Mid-lent, with Horse and Armes, there to give him Counsell, and to march along with him against the said *Lewelin*. Which *Will.* or *William* his son past away this Lordship unto *Hugh de Brandeston*; for in 21 E. 1. the said *Hugh* had **Free-warren** [u] granted to him in all his demesn lands here. Unto whom succeeded *Henry de Brandeston*, who in 6 E. 2. aliened [w] it to *Will. de Bereford*, and *Edmund de Bereford* his son, and to the heirs of the said *Edmund*; entayling it, for want of issue by *Edmund* on *John de Bereford* his brother, and the heirs of his body: for better confirmation of whose title *William de Harecourt*, son and heir of Sir *John de Harecourt* of **Bolworth** in **Leicestershire**, in 3 E. 3. [x] released unto the said *Edmund* all his right therein.

Which *Edmund* in 3 E. 3. granted [y] it to the Monastery of **Chaucumbe** in **Northampton-shire** but without license; for it appears [z], that in 39 E. 3. it was charged with xx *s.* annuity to the Monks of **Coventre** and their successors, as being held of that Monastery, and so purchased: yet it seemes that the Canons of **Chaucumbe** did not long possess it, but that the heirs of *Brandeston* had it again: for by a Fine [a] levied 46 E. 3. between *Philip de Aylesbury* and *Agnes* his wife, and *Richard Montfort* and *Rose* his wife, it was concluded, that the said *Richard* and *Rose* should hold the moytie thereof during their naturall lives, but that afterwards it should revert to the same *Philip* and *Agnes*, and the heirs of *Agnes*. Which *Rose* and *Agnes* were daughters and heirs of *Hugh de Brandeston*, grandson to the before mentioned *Hugh*, (as in **Lapworth** I shall shew) and held [b] that part of this town, called *Harecourts-fee* of the Monks of **Coventre**, by the service of half a Knights fee, and ii *s. per annum*, as also two appearances at the Court held at **Southam** every year by themselves and their tenants; with Ward, Marriage, Relief, and Scutage when it happeneth.

After which, *scil.* in 14 R. 2. *Roger Aylesbury* of **Lapworth** (son to the aboveSaid *Philip* and *Agnes*) granted [c] to *Will. Montfort* of **Thonewrth** and *Agnes* his wife, and their heirs, the reversion of all his part therein, after the decease of *Agnes* his mother. Which *William* upon the marriage of *Margaret*, one of his daughters to *John Catesby* of **Ashby-Leggers** in **Northampton-shire** (as in **Lapworth** appeareth) by his deed [d] dated the Munday after the Feast of S. *Faith* the Virgin 6 H. 5. granted his reversion expectant, after the death of *Royse* his mother, unto the said *John Catesby* and his heirs; to which grant the said *Royse* atturned.

In the line of *Catesby* it continued till 23 H. 8. but then was it conveyed [e] to Sir *Valentine Knightley* Knight, who by his last Will [f] and Testament bearing date 26 *Dec.* 7. *Eliz.* gave it to *Edm.* his second son, and the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue to the heirs male of the body of the said Sir *Valentine*, the remainder to his right heirs. Which *Edmund* leaving *Richard* his son [g] and heir, who dyed without issue male, it reverted [h] to Sir *Richard Knightly* of **Norton** *in Com.* **Northampton** Knight, as son and heir male to the said Sir *Valentine*. Which Sir *Richard* by his deed [i] dated 7. *Oct.* 9. *Jac.* sold the same to *Laurence Bolton*; from whom *Hugh Audley* esquire, one of the Clerks in the Court of Wards, purchased it in 6 *Car.* *anno scil.* 1629.

As for that part of **Granborough** which *Richard Forestarius* held in the Conq. time, it [k] descended to *Walter Crok* as **Chesterton** did. Which *Walter* enfeoft *Gilbert Crok* therewith, by the service of x *s.* and the Sergeanty belonging thereto, whose sister and heir, *Alice*, held [l] it in 20 H. 3. But from this *Alice* it came, ere long, unto *Henry de Bray*, who in 17 E. 1. setled [m] it upon *Thomas de Farendone* and *Emme* his wife, and the issue of the said *Thomas* and *Emme*; and in case of their departure without issue, that then the said *Henry*, (who was a Priest it seemes) should hold it during his life; but after his decease to remain unto *Thomas de Bray* and *Sarrah* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes, by the service of a Clove Gillofer, to be yearly payd at Easter for ever.

From which family of *Bray*, it came to *Hastang*, though how I have not seen; For it appears [n] that in 20 E. 3. *John de Hastang* held it of the heirs of *Loges*, by half a Knights fee. Which *John* left two daughters his heirs, whereof the younger was married to Sir *John Salisbury*, who in her right [o] dyed seized of the moytie of this Mannour in 12 R. 2. being attainted [p] in the Parliament then held: and *Maud* the other married to *Raph Stafford*, against whom *Thomas Bray* commenced suit [q] for this Mannour, called *Bray's*, and in 1 H. 4. recovered it: But it should seem, that by some composition *Bray* quitted his title therein to the said *Raph Stafford*; for I find [r] that the said *Raph* dyed seized thereof in 11 H. 4. leaving *Humfrey* his son and heir 26. years of age. From whom descended Sir *Humfrey Stafford* of **Blatherwick**, who dying [s] seized thereof 17 *Eliz.* as the Record expresseth, left issue *John* his son and heir, then of full age. But I have heard, that the same Sir *Humfrey* sold it to one *Richard Rowley*, and he to Mr. *Thomas Bradgate*, who had issue *William*, and he a daughter called *Alice*, married to Mr. *John Hill*, the present owner thereof.

I now returne to that Mannour which belong'd to the Priory of **Coventre**. This continued with the Monks till the dissolution of that House in 30 H. 8. and issued not out of the Crown till that *Edward Aglionby* of **Balshall** and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** Gent. had a grant thereof by Patent, [t] dated 26. *Maii* 7 E. 6. Who forthwith past [u] it, (*viz.* 12. *Junii* the same year) to *Valentine Knightley* esquire, and his heirs. Which *Val.* (afterwards Kt.) setled it, as it seems, on *Edmund* his younger son: for in 38 *Eliz.* the said *Edmund* was found [w] to dye seized of it, leaving *Richard* his son and heir 28. years of age: who dying without issue, (as in *Caresbye's* Mannour I have observed,) it came to Sir *Richard Knightley* of **Norton**, and so to *Hugh Audley* the now Lord thereof, as that did.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Paul*) hath been very antiently appropriated to the Priory of **Ronton** in **Staffordshire**. Which makes me believe, that *Robert Noel*, the founder [x] of that Monastery, first builded and endowed it: but whether it were given thereto before the *Harecourts* became Lords of this Mannour by Marriage of *Noels* heir before specified, I am yet to learn. Besides the Church, there are lands of good value here in

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r Rot. F. 42. H. 3. m. 11.
f Clauf. 47. H. 3. in d. m. 7.
t Clauf. 48. H. 3. in d. in cedula.
u Cart. 21 E. 1. n. 32.
w Clauf. 6. E. 2. in dorso m. 29.
x Rot. de Cart. irrot. inter Plac. de B. Term. Mich. 5. E. 3.
y Pat. 3. E. 3. p. 1. m. 4.
z Pat. 39. E. 3. p. 1. m. 25.
a Off. Hill.
b Reg. Priorat. de Coventre f. 247. b.
c Ex autog. penès Camer. Scacc. inter evident. R. Catesby.
d Hill. R. 5. Car. Rot. ....
e F. levat. T. Mich. 23. H. 8.
f Esc. 9. Iac. post mortem Ric. Knightley.
g
b
i Hill. R. Car. R. ....
k
l
Teste Nevil.
m F. les. 3. Sept. Pasch.
n Rot. pet. S. Clar. B.
o Clauf. R. 2. m. 4.
p Esc. 12 R. 2. n. 92.
q Assis. in Com. War. 1 H. 4. 39.
r Esc. 11 H. 4. n. 38.
s Lib. 3. dul.
t Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 1.
u Ib. p. 1.
w Esc. 39 Eliz.
x Lel. Co

Granborow heretofore belonging to that Religious house; which long since, if not as antiently, were given thereto: For in *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was certified [y], that the Prior of Ronton had here three yard land and a half, then valued at 24 *s.* xxv *s.* iv *d.* yearly Rent of Assise, and of the profit of their store, yearly, x *s.* At which time the Church, appropriat to that Monastery, was valued [z] at xxx. marks, and the Vicaridge at vi. But the Vicaridge was again endowed [a] by *Walter Langton* Bishop of Coventre and Lichfield, xvi. *Kal. Maii An.* 1321. 14 E. 2. Which it seemes was more enlarged than the Canons of Ronton well lik't; for in 2 H. 4. they obtained License [b] to appropriat the same, wholy, to the use of their Monastery: by which Appropriation it was provided, that the Bishop should appoint a competent sum out of the fruits thereof to be distributed yearly to the poor of this Parish, according to the Statute of xv. R. 2. *Cap.* 6. But what was done therein I know not. Which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued [c] at C *s.*

[y] MS. in Scacc.

[z] Langt. f. 79. b.

[a] Pat. 2. H. 4. p. 4. m. 11.

[b] MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 41. c.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institut.
Prior & Conv. de Ronton.	*Rob. de Calk Pbr*, 7. *Apr.* 1305.
	Galfr. de Caldecote Prid. Id. Aug. 1305.
	Henr. Hamond Pbr. 4. *Id. Jan.* 1328.
	Joh. de Plumpton Pbr. 1. *Maii* 1375.
	Ric. atte Brugg Pbr. 18. *Apr.* 1383.
	Rob. de Polleſworth Pbr. penult. Jan. 1384.
	D. Will. Perbyn Pbr. 13. *Oct.* 1388.
	D. Will. Pyrbin Cap. 7. *Apr.* 1403.
	Joh. Hyldes Cap. 2. *Oct.* 1407.
	Will. Screyſeyld Cap. 8. *Oct.* 1417.
	Henr. Coventre Pbr. 8. *Oct.* 1445.
	Joh. Parkyns Cap. ult. Feb. 1451.
	Nich. Ruſhall Cap. 15. *Oct.* 1458.
David Poole Decret. Dr. ratione conceſs. Pr. & C. de Ronton.	*D. Edw. Jurdeyn Cler.* 19. *Julii* 1558.
D. Regina.	*Jac. Fundernell* 20. *Nov.* 1571.
	Thom. Davies Cler. 12. *Aug.* 1581.
Tho. Davyes de Greneborough gen.	*Petrus Gibſon* 2. *Sept.* 1611.
Jac. Rex.	*Joh. Reaſon Cler.* 4. *Dec.* 1611.
Joh. Dormer miles.	*Georgius Beale Cler.* 20. *Julii* 1615.

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

Argent semé of Croſſes Croſlets fiché, with three Liberds heads jeſant flower de Luces, ſable. } Bereford.

Woſcote.

THIS is a small Village, and hath had its name from one *Wulf*, an antient Inhabitant or poſſeſſor thereof in the Saxons time; for in old Records it is written Wulveſcote, but accounted a member of Granborough, for as much as the Prior of Coventre's, and *Catesby's* Lordship there; as also certain lands belonging heretofore to the Canons of Raunton in Staffordshire, extended into it: The greatest part of which lands, having come by purchase, as it seemes, to the *Fardons*, were by *Margaret* daughter and heir to the last of that name (who took † to husband one *John Bishop* of Bayles in this County) in her widowhood setled * upon *Thomas* her son and heir 27. *Oct.* 3. & 4. *Ph.* & *M.* by the name of Fardons-place, &c. which *Thomas* had issue *John*, who together with *James* his son and heir, by their Deed [d] bearing date x. *Febr.* 39 *Eliz.* aliened it to *Thomas Burman*, whose son and heir, *scil. John Burman*, now enjoys it.

† * ‡ Ex ipsis autog. penes Joh. Burman gen.

Walcote.

OF this place (now consisting of no more than 3. Houses, and called Walcote-end) I find [e] mention in the Conq. time, one *Ordric* being certified to hold certain lands here, of *Turchill de Warwick*. From which *Turchill* it came to the Earls of Warwick as it seems; for in 20 H. 3. it was held [f] of them by the 5. part of a Knights fee. Which in 36 H. 3. one *Warine de Walcote* held [g] of *Thomas de Arden*, and he of the Earl of Warwick: and afterwards; *viz.* in [h] 9 E. 2. *Will. Reymund.* But in 20 E. 3. this 5. part was shrunk to a sixt, at which time *Thomas de Flamvill* held [i] it of the then Earl.

Out of this village there was a yard land and quarter, antiently given [k] to the Hospitall of *S. John* situat without the East-gate at Oxford by one *Gricia de Wellecote*. And further, I have not met with any thing memorable of this place, other than the mention of particular lands, which are reputed part of those other Lordships in Granborow before specified.

[d] Domes. day *l.*

[e] [f] Testa de Nevill.

[g] Clauſ. 9 E. 2. *m.* 13.

[h] Rot. penes S. Clarke B.

[i] Cart. 30. H. 3. *m.* 5.

Caldecote.

THIS is now a depopulated place, and hath been [l] so a long time. In the Conquerors days *Turchill de Warwick* possest it, and had severall tenants that held it of him, the extent thereof being somewhat more than one hide. But with the rest of *Turchil's* lands it came to the E. of Warwick; for Earl *Roger* in 23 H. 1. gave [m] to his Collegiat-Church at Warwick, then newly founded, half a hide in this village. Of the rest I find not who was enfeoft; but it seemes that the heir female, to whom it descended, became the wife [n] of *Will. Pludio*; which *Will.* gave [o] half a yard land of this her inheritance to the Monks of Cumbe.

Part of that which *Richard Foreſtarius*, in the Conq. time, held in Ozeneberge extended into this village: For *Gilb. de Crok* (of whom I have there made mention) enfeoft [p] *Adam de Crok* therein. But it seems that the family of *Verdon* had also some intereſt here: for in 36 H. 3. *Geffrey de Simely* was certified [q] to hold half a Knights fee lying in Ashes and this place, of *Roes de Verdon*,

[k] Hiſt. MS. J. Rous p. 144.

[l] Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. f. 12. a.

[m] [n] Reg. de Cumba f. 121. a.

[o] [p] Testa de Nevill.

which ſhe held over of the Earl of **Warwick**, whereof there is frequent mention in Records, the heirs of the ſame *Geffrey* anſwering for it.

Other matters memorable I have not found thereof till 6 E. 6. that Sir *Thomas Newnham* Kt. ſold [q] it to *Will.* Marqueſs of **Wincheſter**, then Lord Treaſurer of **England**, who ſetled [r] it upon the Lord *Giles Poulet* one of his younger ſons. Which Lord *Giles* by ſeverall conveyances, dated about the 15. and 20. of Queen *Eliz.* raign, paſt it to *Thomas Stapleton* Gent. and his heirs; from whom or his ſon, the Lord *Stanhop* of **Harington** hath ſince purchaſed it.

[q] Fin. levat. T. Paſch. 6. E. 6.
[r] Fin. levat. 5. & 6 Ph. & Ma.

Lemington-Haſtang.

THIS, containing the villages of **Hill**, **Herdwick**, and **Bradwell** was [s] in the Conquerors time poſſeſt by *Haſculf Muſard*; the extent thereof being then certified at xii. hides and a half, with half a virgat, whereunto belonged a Mill rated at ii *s.* and a Church. All which were valued at xii *li.* having been the freehold of *Azor* in *Edward* the Confeſſors time. In that Survey [t] it is written **Luntintone**, not without ſome miſtake by the tranſcriber (as I think) for there is no queſtion but that it had its name originally from the River **Leame** on whoſe Southern bank it ſtands.

[s] Domeſ. day *l.*
[t]

This *Haſculf Muſard* was a great man in thoſe days, and beſides this Lordſhip had [u] **Whitnash**, **Newbold-Cumin**, and **Haſeley**, in this County, with vaſt poſſeſſions in **Glouceſter-ſhire**, **Berkſhire**, **Oxford-ſh.** and **Derby-ſhire**: but his principall ſeat being at **Mulardere**, in **Glouceſter-ſhire**, they were, in that reſpect, all comprehended under the title of *Baronia de* **Mulerdere** as appears by ſeverall Records of after times. Neither was he leſs eminent for his vertue and piety than ſo opulent an eſtate; for the Regiſter [w] of **Ely** calls him *bonus decurio, & apud Dominum ſuum Regem valdè honoratus*, alleadging his devotion to be ſuch unto S. *Æthelred*, as he became at length a Monk in that Monaſtery, giving [x] thereto the Mannour of **Eſtune** in **Glouceſterſhire**, whereunto King *William* added his [y] confirmation: But this Lordſhip and his other lands in **Warwick-ſhire** being by him enfeoft upon one *Unfridus*, progenitor to the *Haſtangs*, I ſhall onely obſerve [z], that his heirs female were in E. 1. time link't by Marriage to the families of *Freſcheville*, *Ireland*, and *Chelardeſton*. And [a] that of *Richard* in H. 2. time, deſcended *William*, a younger ſon, ſirnamed de *Rubra Spata*, and *Rougeſpe*; from whom, through contraction of the name, the *Ropers* of **Wineley**, **Turndich**, and other places of **Nottingh.** and **Derby-ſhires**; which continued till H. 6. time did deduce their originall. As alſo, that *Richard Furneaux*, then of **Beighton** *in Com.* **Derb.** eſq. marrying his eldeſt ſon *Richard* to *Iſold* the onely daughter of *John Roper* of **Turndich** (by Indent. dated 7 H. 6.) covenanted, that his ſaid ſon and all his iſſue by the ſame *Iſold*, ſhould thenceforth forſake their paternall name, and aſſume that of *Roper*, which they have for the moſt part ever ſince done, as by thoſe of **Heanoure** in **Derby-ſhire** appeareth; from whence the Viſcounts **Baltinglaſſe**, Barons of **Bantre** in **Ireland**, and the *Ropers* of **Hull** in **Yorkſhire** are lately deſcended; And, about E. 1. time, as by ſome antient evidence may ſeem, they of **Kent**.

[u] In bibl. Bodl. f. 39. b.
[w]
[x]
[y]
[z] Ex autogr. penes Sam. Roper ar.
[a]

But I return to the before ſpecified *Unfridus*, who beſides this Lordſhip held [b] of the ſaid *Haſculf* thoſe Mannors of **Whitnash**, **Newbold** and **Haſeley** with other lands elſwhere, of his grant by the ſervice of 5. Knights fees, as was certified [c] by *Haſcuil Muſard*, grandchild to the ſaid *Haſculf* in 12 H. 2. The poſterity of which *Unfridus*, ſirnamed *Haſtang*, continued Lords of this place till 39 E. 3. that by an heir female it divolved to the *Staffords* of **Grafton** and **Blatherwick**, as the deſcent here inſerted doth manifeſt. Touching both which familyes in reſpect of an eminent ſeat they had here, and many employments of note in this County I ſhall ſay ſomething hiſtorically.

[b] Dom. ſ. day *l.*
[c] *Lib. b. f.* 107.

Humfridus remp. Leſcelina. W. Conq.

Humfridus Haſtang. — Attropus Haſtang.

Attropus Haſtang-Avicia. defunctus 6. Ioh.

Humfridus Haſtang 1 H. 3.

Rob. Haſtang-Iohanna filia & cohæres Will. de Curly. — miles 52 H 3.

Rob. Haſtang miles 2. E. 1.

Ioh. Haſtang 33. E. 1.-Eva, 2. E. 2.

Thom. Haſtang miles-Eliz. 19 E. 2. 6. E. 3.

Blanchia-Ioh. Haſtang miles-Matilda filia Warini Truſſell mil. 17. E. 3. 17. E. 3.

Rad. de Stafford- 49. E. 3. — Matilda filia & cohæres. — Iohanna uxor Ioh. Salisbury mil.

Humfr. Stafford de Grafton miles 21 R. 2.

Humfr. Stafford miles obiit 7. H. 5. — Eliz. filia & hæres Ioh. Burdet de Huncote mil.

Ioh. Stafford fil. & hær. ob. s.p. 10 H. 5. — Humfr. Stafford-mil. 9 H. 6. — Alicia filia Thom. Aylesbury mil. & hæres Ioh. fratris.

Thomas, attinctus cum fratre 1 H. 7. — Humfr. Stafford-miles attinctus 1 H. 7. — Eliz ux. Ric. fil. Ioh. Beuchamp de Powik mil. 25. H. 6.

Humfr. Stafford, reſtit. miles 37 H. 8.

Humfr. Stafford-Margar. ſoror & cohæres Edm. mil. obiit 2 E. 6. — Tame mil.

Humfr. Stafford miles ob. 17. Eliz.

Ioh. Stafford ar.

Humf. plenæ ætat. 38 Eliz.

Humfrey, the firſt after the Conqueſt of this ſtock

stock, was a benefactor to the Monastery of S. *Oswald* at **Nostell**, founded[d] by *Robert de Lacy* (son to *Hildebert*, who came into **England** with the Conqueror, and built the Castle of **Pontfract** in **York-shire**) whereunto he gave[e] his Mill of **Saldefozd**: But his son and heir, *sc. Attrop Hastang*, exceeded his father in bounty to the Canons of that House, bestowing[f] on them the Churches of this **Leminstone** and **Newbold** before specified; as also of **Chebsese** in **Staffozd-shire**. Which *Attrop*, his son, confirmed, giving[g] likewise to the Canons of **Kenilworth** the Church of **Whitnash** in this County, and to[h] the Canons of **Oseney** (neer **Oxford**) half a hide of land lying also in the same **Whitnash**; which half hide contained two virgats: And to[i] the Nuns of **Wrokshall** certain lands in **Haseley** (in this shire) for the health of the soul of *Cecilie* his wife.

To *Attrop* succeeded *Humfrey* his son and heir, who was in[k] that rebellion against King *John*, towards the end of his reign, for which his lands were seized; but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience had them again restored[l]. This *Humfrey* had issue *Robert*, who in confirmation of his Ancestours grants to the Canons of **Nostell** above mentioned, levied[m] a Fine thereupon in 6 H. 3. in consideration whereof, they released[n] to him all their interest in the patronage of the Church at **Chebsey** before specified; and wedded[o] *Joan* the daughter and coheir to *William de Curly*, by which means a fair addition of lands came to this family. In 41 H. 3. he gave[p] the King half a mark in gold to respite his Knighthood; but being of a turbulent Spirit, like his father, took[q] part with the Barons against King H. 3. and was one of those that held out **Kenilworth**-Castle so long against the King, though the name of that *Hastang* (as in my story concerning that seige appeareth) be called *John*; which might very well be mistaken by the Monk of **Stoneley**, who made that observation: for this *Robert*'s lands, being then seized[r] for his activeness in that war, were given[s] away to Sir *James de Aldithelege*, and Sir *Hugh de Turbervill*: But taking advantage of the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** (whereof I have formerly spoke) he came to Agreement[t] with them, laying this Lordship to pawn for the payment of 300. marks sterling unto the said Sir *Hugh de Turbervill* upon the feast day of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist* 52. H. 3.

The last mention I have met with of him, is[u] in 53 H. 3. at which time, it seemes, he was a Knight and left issue *Robert*, who in 2 E. 1. was constituted[w] one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**: but of this *Robert* do I find little more that is memorable, other than a confirmation[x] of the Fine so levied by his father to the Canons of **Nostell**, touching the advouson of this Church, he being then a Knight. The next of this line, was *John*, to whom King E. 1. by his Charter[y] dated 7. *Martii* 33. of his raign, granted **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here. Which *John*, having in 2 E. 2. entayled[z] this Mannour then called **Ct-Leminton**, upon his descendants by *Eva* his wife, left[a] issue *Thomas*, who had the custody[b] of **Bishops-Castle** in **Shzopshire** committed to his charge in 15 E. 2. and in 18 E. 2. was constituted[c] one of the Commissioners appointed for choosing out *Cccc.* footmen in this County, excepting **Warwick** and **Coventre**; as also to arme them for defence of the Kingdom.

In[d] 16 E. 3. he was a Knight, and in 12. in[e] Commiss. both for conservation of the Peace in this Shire, and arraying of men according to the Stat. of **Winchester**. In the time of this Sir *Thomas* I meet with a *Richard Hastang*, whom, being often and eminently imployed in this County (and his brother, as by some circumstances may be deemed) I may not pass by. In[f] 15 E. 2. he was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held; and in 17 E. 3. in[g] Comiss. with other persons of quality, to find out and arrest such Proctors as were imployed by the two Cardinalls, then sent into **England** for disposing of Ecclesiasticall benefices, that were or might become void, and to bring them before the King and his Councell. Concerning which business the King then wrote an excellent Epistle[h] to Pope *Clement* the vi. Wherein he complaineth of the great injury done to the Church and Kingdom by those Cardinalls, and such as they imployed by authority from his Holiness; which, with the Popes answer thereunto is well worth the reading. In[i] 19.[k] and 20 E. 3. he was in Comiss. for arraying of Archers in this County; and in 21. for[l] levying the Subsidy imposed upon Woolls, and granted to the King in Parliament, for the maintenance of his Warrs in **France**.

But I return to Sir *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *John Hastang*, a Knight[m] in his fathers life time: which Sir *John*, whilst his father lived, bore for his Armes *A Lion rampant with a Labell of five points*, as appeareth by his Seal[n]; but afterwards[o] *a Chief with a Lion rampant over all*. And having 2. wives, *viz. Blanch*[p] daughter of ..... and *Maud* of[q] Sir *Waryn Trussell* Knight, dyed[r] in 39 E. 3. leaving *Maud* and *Joan* his daughters and heirs, both within age; the Custody of whose lands were by Pat. bearing date 7. *Maii* 44 E. 3. granted[s] by the King to *John de Beauchamp* and *John Rous*; who, by their Deed[t] dated 20. *Oct.* 45 E. 3. past the same over to *Raph* Earl *Stafford*, which perhaps might be the reason that *Maud* the elder of them was afterwards wedded to *Raph de Stafford*, descended[u] by the *Staffords* of **Sandon** and **Bzomhull** in **Staffozdshire** from the antient Barons of **Staffozd**.

Which *Maud* in 49 E. 3. had livery[w] of her lands, at that time proving her age, her said husband then doing fealty for them; and had for[x] her part, *inter alia*, this Mannour of **Lempnton**, with the Mannour of **Bzakton** in **Wozcestershire**. Her sister *Joan*, wife[y] to Sir *John Salisbury*, having[z] the Mannours of **Upton-waryn** *in Com. Wigorn* and **Chebsey** *in Com.* **Staff.** for her part.

To this *Raph* and *Maud* succeeded[a] Sir *Humfrey Stafford* of **Bzakton** Knight, their son and heir, who being[b] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. begun at **Westminster**, the munday before the Feast of *All-Saints* 7 R. 2. was in *Dec.* following constituted[c] Shirift of **Staffozdshire**, which office he also bore in[d] 12 R. 2. This Sir *Humfrey* marryed[e] *Eliz.* the daughter to Sir *John Burdet* of **Yuncote** *in Com. Leic.* by whom he had a fair inheritance; and dyed[f] seized of this Mannour in 7 H. 5. leaving *John* his son and heir xx. years of age, afterwards a Knight. Which *John* dyed 10 H. 5. without issue, whereupon his brother Sir *Humfrey* became his heir, who underwent[g] the Shiriffalty of **Staffozdshire** in 5 H. 4. as also[h] for this County and **Leicestershire** in[i] 2. 9. and 17 H. 6.

In 18 H. 6. he was[k] one of the Knights for this County in the Parliament then held. In[l] 21, 22. and 23. in Comiss. for conservation of the peace

d *Plac. coram R.T. Trin. 44 E. 3. Rot. 21. Ebor.*
e *Cart. 17. Joh. m. 6.*
f *Cart. 8 E. 1. n. 9.*
g *Reg. de Kenill. p. 57.*
h *Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.*
i *Cartul. warw. com. f. 88. a.*
k *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. m. 14.*
l *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. m. 14.*
m *Regiſt. de Noſtell f. 8. b.*
n *Regiſt. de Noſtell f. 8. b.*
o *Clauſ. 37. H. 3. m. 15.*
p *Rot. F. 41. H. 3. m. 12.*
q *Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 16.*
r *Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 16.*
ſ *Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 16.*
t *Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 16.*
u *Ex autog. penes Will. vic. Stafford.*
w *Pat. 2 E. 1. in dorſo.*
x *Regiſt. de Noſtell in bibl. Hatton. f. 143. b.*
y *Cart. 33. E. 1. n. 64.*
z *F. levat. xv. P. 2. E. 2.*
a *F. levat. Oct. Mart. 19 E. 2.*
b *Pat. 15 E. 2. p. 1. m. 21.*
c *Pat. 18 E. 2. p. 1. m. 21. d Horl. vol. 1 f. 28. a.*
e *Pat. 12 E. 3. p. 2. m. 16. in dorſo.*
f *Clauſ. 15 E. 2. m. 34. in cedula.*
g *Clauſ. 17 E. 3. p. 2. m. 37. in d.*
h T. Walſ. *hiſt. Angl. p. 150.*
i *Rot. Franc 19 E. 3. m. 27.*
k *Rot. Fr. 20 E. 3. m. 29.*
l *Rot. F. 21 E. 3. m. 43.*
m *F. de diverſ. Com. levat. xv. P. 17 E. 3.*
n *Penès S. A. eq. aur.*
o *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy eq. aur.*
p *F. diverſ. Com. ut ſupra.*
q *Ex vet. membr. penes Ran. Crew. eq. aur.*
r *Eſc. 48 E. 3. n. 40.*
ſ *Exautog. penes Edw. Peto eq. aur.*
t *Exautog. penes Edw. Peto eq. aur.*
u *Ex autog. penès Grev. Verney eq. aur.*
w *Clauſ. 49 E. 3. m. 42.*
x *Clauſ. 49 E. 3. m. 42.*
y *Eſc. 48. 3. n. 40.*
z *Clauſ. 49. E. 3. m. 42.*
a *Eſc. 11. H. 4. n. 38.*
b *Clauſ. 7. R. 2. in dorſo m. 23.*
c *Rot. F. 7. R. 2. m. 27.*
d *Rot. F. 12. R. 2. m. 26.*
e *Ex autog. penes T. Burdet B.*
f *Eſc. 7. H. 5. n. 19.*
g *Rot. F. 5. H. 4. m. 15.*
b *Rot. F. de iiſd. ann.*
i *Rot. F. 18 H. 6. m. 16.*
k *Pat. de iiſd. ann. in dorſo.*

in this shire. And having [l] wedded *Alianore* one of the sisters and heirs to *John* the son of Sir *Thomas Aylesbury* Knight (by whom the Mannour of **Blatherwike** in **Northamptonshire** came to this family) was slain [m] by the Commons of **Kent** in that insurrection of *Jack Cade* 28 H. 6. (with his brother *William*) the Lady *Alianore* his wife surviving him, who at length became one of the coheirs also [n] to *John Cressy*; and in 16 E. 4. founded [o] a Chantry for one Priest to sing Mass daily at the Altar of our blessed Lady in the Church of **Bromesgrove** *in Com. Wigorn.* for the good estate of King E. 4. *Eliz.* his Queen, her self, *Thomas* her son; and for the health of the soul of Sir *Humfrey Stafford* of **Grafton** her late husband, and all the faithfull departed.

To the last mentioned Sir *Humfrey* succeeded Sir *Humfrey* his son and heir; who together with *Thomas* his brother joyned with the Lord *Lovell* and others in that Insurrection of 1 H. 7. begun in **Worcestershire**, as our Historians [p] doe observe. But the Lord *Lovell* hearing that the King had set out a Proclamation of Pardon mistrusted his men, and fled [q] privately into **Lancashire**; which so disheartned these two brothers, that despairing of success they took Sanctuary at * **Colnham** neer **Abingdon**; out of which place, their priviledge being viewed in the Kings Bench, and judged not sufficient, they were taken, whereupon *Humfrey* suffered death at **Tiburn**, and was buried [r] in the Chapell of our Lady within the *Gray-fryers* Church neer **Newgate**; but *Thomas*, as being seduced by him had pardon: Shortly after which, ensued the attainder [s] in Parliament of the said *Humfrey*, whose lands being so forfeited were given away by the K. **Grafton** *in Com. Wigorn.* one of their chief seats, with the Mannour of **Upton**-*Waryn* in that County to [t] Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Knight and the heirs male of his body; (from whom the present Earl of **Shrewsbury**, who now enjoys them is descended) And this of **Leminton** to [u] Sir *Edward Poynings* Knight, and to the heires male of his body.

But, Sir *Humfrey Stafford* Kt. son and heir of this *Humfrey*, being afterwards restored [w] repossest this Lordship; and departing [x] this life 37 H. 8. lyeth buried at **Blatherwik** before specified. From whom descended, (as the Pedegree before inserted sheweth,) *Will. Stafford* of **Blatherwik** esquire, who in 5 *Car.* sold [y] this Lordship to Sir *Thomas Trevor* Knight, then one of the Barons of the Exchequer, descended of a very antient family of that name in the County of **Denbigh** (in **North-wales**) where it hath flourished for many ages, and still continueth inricht with ample possessions.

The Church (dedicated to *All-Saints*) having been given to the Canons of **Nostell** by *Attrop Hastang* in H. 1. time (as I have already shewed) was appropriated to that Monastery by *Alexander de Savensby* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, *temp.* H. 3. the Vicaridge being then endowed [z] with all the fruits, and charged with a *Pension* of xv. marks *per annum* to those Canons, and as much to the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield** and their successors. In *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [a] at x. marks, over and above the said *Pensions*, and in [b] 26 H. 8. at xx *li.* besides 9-*s.*-6 *d.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.	
Prior & Conv. S. Oswaldi de Nostell.	*Nich. de Duneschurch Cap. 7. Id. Jan.* 1298.	*Langt. f. a.*
	Nich. de Hastang Diac. 10. Cal. Julii 1328.	*Northb. 22. a.*
	Ric. de Dewesbur Pbr. 5. Id. Oct. 1333.	*Ib. f. 27.*
	Will. de Emleye Pbr. Non. Julii 1337.	*Ib. f. 31.*
	Adam de Haselbech Pbr. 2. Id. Sept. 1349.	*Ib. f. 51.*
	Ric. fil. Albini, de Nayleston Pbr. 3. Non. Oct. 1352.	*Ib. f. 56.*
	Adam de Pencrich Pbr. 13. Cal. Martii 1377.	*Strett. f. b.*
	Will. Shirwood Pbr. 2. Martii 1380.	*Ib. f. 28.*
	Joh. Dalton Pbr. 18. Febr. 1391.	*Sk. f. 6. b.*
	Henr. Morton Cler. 17. Dec. 1505.	*Bl. f. 4.*
Will. Hygden gen. ratione conceff. Pr. & C. de Nostell.	*Rob. Holme art. Magr. ult. Aug.* 1558.	*Sampf. & B. f. 11. b.*
D. Regina.	*Math. Holme Cler. 18. Junii* 1570.	*Ib. f. 43. b.*
Jana Lock-smyth Vidua.	*Thom. Lever art. Bacc. 3. Julii* 1619.	*Morton bund. insert.*

In a Window of the Church these Armes,

Arg. upon a Chief Azure two Mullets Or. } Clinton of **Parlok.**

Azure, a chief gules, with a Lyon rampant Or. } Hastang.

Hill.

THIS place, antiently written **Hulle**, hath its name from the high situation thereof, and belong'd to the Monks of **Abingdon** in the Conq. time, being given [c] to them by *Turchil de Ardene* (who is commonly called in *Domesday*-book *Turchil de Warwic*) and confirmed by King *William*. The extent thereof in the said confirmation is said to be two hides; and so much doth the generall Survey then made record it to be, valuing it at xl *s.* Nevertheless by another Authority [d] I find, that the Conquerour granted four yard land lying in this place to the Abby of **Abingdon** for service of Castleward to be done at his Castle of **Windsor**; which [e] expresseth, that one of the Abbots did enfeoff *Henry* his servant of all the said four virgats, [f] to perform the above mentioned service of Castleward; and that from the said *Henry* it descended to *Hugh* his son and heir, who sold it to *Robert de Hastang*. But in 2. *Joh.* the Abbot of **Abingdon** recovered [g] the hide of land against *Raph* the son of *Wigan* (of whom I have spoke in **Willoughby**.) Which *Raph* alledged, that King H. 1. gave it to *Wigan* his Marshall, with other lands eschaeted to the Crown, by reason that *Roger de Causton*, the owner of it had committed Felony.

After which, *viz.* in 6. *Joh.* the said Abbot levied a Fine thereof to the before mentioned *Henry*, who is therein stiled *Henricus filius Pagani*. To this

[l] *Rot. F. 7. H. 6. m. 1.*
[m] *Stow's Annals.*
[n] *Rot. F. 36. H. 6. m. 6.*
[o] *Pat. 16. E. 4.*
[p] *Hist. of H. 7. by Sir* F. Bacon *p. 17.*
[q] *Ib. p. 18.*
* *Cowle* an obscure Sanctuary, neer *Abingdon*. *Lel. Itin. vol. 6. f. 18.*
[r] *Ex Cod. MS. in bibl.* Cotton. *sub effigie Vitellii F. 12.*
[s] *Rot. Parl. 1 H. 7. m. 6.*
[t] *Pat. 1 H. 7. p. 4.*
[u] *Pat. 4. H. 7. m. 29.*
[w] *Hill. R. 6 H. 8. Rot. 53.*
[x] *Alen. Q. 14.*
[y] *Ex autog. penès eundem* T. Trevor.
[z] *Ex Regist. D. & Cap. Lich.*
[a] *MS. in Seace.*
[b] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f. 40. b.*
[c] *Ex Regi. de Abben. in bibl.* Cotton. *f. 122. b.*
[d] } *Testa.*
[e] } *de Ne Lvill.*
[f] } *Plac. de an.*
[g] } *2. Joh. Rot. 26. in dorso.*

this *Henry* succeeded *Hugh*, sirnamed *de Abendon*, who in 36 H. 3. was certified [s] to hold the sixt part of a Knights fee here, of the said Abbot (which was, doubtless, the same hide before specified;) and *Will. de Curly* another 6. part; which argueth that the rest of those lands in this place belonging to the said Abby were granted to the Ancestor of the said *William de Curly* by the like service of Castle-ward at **Windsore**; for in 18 H. 3. *Robert* then Abbot of **Abendon** came to an Agreement [h] with the said *William* for those services, it being then concluded, that the same *William* should pay xl *d. ob.* to the Abbot in lieu thereof.

This *Hugh de Abendon* sold all that he had here, to *Robert de Hastang*, Lord of **Leminton-Hastang**, as I have there shewed. Which *Robert* wedded one of the daughters and coheirs of the before recited *William de Curly*, whereby he and his posterity enjoyed a great part of *Curlye*'s lands, and so consequently this, (I presume:) for upon the partition [i] made betwixt *Maud* and *Joan*, the the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John de Hastang* in 49 E. 3. this Mannour of **Hull**, (for so it is there called) was with **Leminton** assigned to *Maud*, who marryed to *Raph de Stafford* (as in **Leminton** I have declared,) and hath since continued in the family of those *Staffords*, (Sir *Humfrey Stafford* Knight dying [k] seized thereof 17 *Eliz*, leaving *John* his son and heir then of full age) till with **Leminton** it came by purchase to Baron *Trevor*.

[s] *Inf. levat. Trin. 3 H. 3.*

[h] *Fin. 49 H. 3. m. 42.*

[i] *Claus. 49 E. 3. m. 42.*

[k] *Escheat. 17 Eliz. num. 3.*

Herdwick.

THIS was originally a member of **Leminton**, and involved therewith in the Conquerors time, as will appear by what I shall say anon: But I cannot ascend so high as to shew which of the *Hastangs* it was that enfeoft him thereof who first assumed his sirname from hence; yet I believe it was very antient: for in [l] 20 H. 3. I find that *Robert de Hastang* had suits with *William de Herdewic* for certain Customes and services which he claymed from him for the lands he held here. And in 21 E. 3. *John de Herdewic* of **Lynleye** *in Com. Leic.* was sued [m] by the Vicar of **Leminton** for certain lands in this place; Howbeit, in 12 R. 2. Sir *John Salisbury* was found [n] to dye seized (*inter alia*) in right of *Joan* his wife one of the daughters and coheirs of *John de Hastang*, of certain Rents due from the Freeholders and tenants at will in this place, which was then, as the Record expresseth, a Hamlet of **Leminton** before mentioned.

But the family of *Herdwick*, who had their principall seat at **Lynleye** aforesaid, continued Lords of this village as long as their male-line lasted, as by sundry instances I could manifest; and some of them resided here, as I guess: For *John de Herdwik* before specified was in 23. 26. and 31 E. 3. in [o] Commission with certain other persons of worth, for the assessing & collecting a xth. & xv. in this shire; and in [p] 33 E. 3. had the custody of the Mannour of **Watmynton** in this County committed to his charge, which belonging to the Priory of **Toftes** was seized into the Kings hands by reason of the warrs with **France**. The same year he was one [q] of the Commissioners for arraying of all men in this County sutable to their estates and degrees, according to the Stat. of **Winchester**, in the Kings absence. And in [r] 1 R. 2. one of the Justices of Peace for the town of **Coventre**. But of his descendants, because they resided in **Leicester-shire** I have no more to say, than that *John de Herdwike* dying without issue male in H. 8. time, and partition [s] being made of his lands 20 H. 8. it appears thereby, that this Mannour (there called by the name of **Herdwick-Grimbald**) was before the said partition assigned to *William Dingley* esquire, and *Alice* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs to the said *John*, and to the heirs of the said *Alice*: from which *William* and *Alice* descended *Francis Dingley* of **Shrevelench** *in Com. Wigorn.* who in *Dec.* 32 *Eliz.* past it [t] to *Richard Clever*, whose grandson *William* now enjoys it.

[l] *Claus. 20 H. 3. m. 13.*

[m] *Stat. 21 E. 3. p. 2. in dorso m 29.*

[n] *Esc. 12 R. 2. n. 92.*

[o] *Pat. F. de iij an.*

[p] *Pat. F. 33 E. 3. m. 9.*

[q] *Pat. 33 E. 3. m. 4. in dorso.*

[r] *Claus. 1 R. 2. m. 35. in dorso.*

[s] *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton *de Lindley ar.*

[t] *Ex autog. penès* W. Clever.

Bradwell.

THIS village stands at a larger distance from **Leminton** than the other Hamlets within the Parish, and taketh its name from the breadth of the Spring which riseth there: But of it I have not seen any mention in Record till [u] 49 E. 3. that upon the assignation of what *Maud* the daughter and coheir of *John Hastang* had of her fathers inheritance, it was reserved in the Kings hands, in respect of the minority of *Joan* the other sister and coheir; which *Joan* became the wife [w] of Sir *John Salisbury* Knight, attainted [x] in the Parliament of 12 R. 2. But afterwards of [y] Sir *Rustine Villenoef* Knight, and dyed [z] seized thereof 7 H. 5. leaving *Joan* the wife of *Henry Delves* esquire her daughter and heir.

[u] *Claus. 49 E. 3. m. 42.*

[w] *Claus 12 R 2. m. 44.*

[x] *Esc. 12 R. 2. n. 92.*

[y] [z] *Esc. 7 H. 5. n. 6.*

Birdingbury.

LOwer yet on the same side of **Leame** lyes **Birdingbury**, being one of those towns that E. *Leofrik* gave [a] to the Monks of **Coventre** upon his foundation of that Monastery; and, probably, was so called at first, from its situation so neer the brink of the River, *Bord* in the French signifying a shore. Which Monks had here in the Conquerors time two hides valued at xxv *s.* as appeareth by the generall Survey [b] then made: But through mistake of the transcriber, the **D.** is put in the place of the first **B.** and a **G.** for the later; so that in stead of **Berdingberie**, as it should have been recorded, it is written **Derbingerie**. At the same time it was certified [c], that *Turchill de Warwick* held one hide and half a yard land in this place, by *Goslinus* his under-tenant, then valued at xl *s.*

How long those Monks of **Coventre** held their interest here, I have not seen; but by what I shall say by and by, it will appear, that it was granted by them to one of the *Hastings* of **Allesley** in this County, and to hold [d] by the service of one Knights fee. And for that which *Turchill de Warwick* had, it seems it came to *Henry de Armentiers* (of whom I have spoke in **Wotton**:) For in 7. *Joh.* *Henry Travers* being impleaded [e] by the said *Henry de Armentiers* for the service of a Knights fee, which he held of him in this place, confest the action, and gave him a Fine in consideration of the arrerages then due. Which part so belonging to *Armentiers*, amounting to half a Knights fee was in 36 H. 3. certified [f] to be held by *Thom. de Clinton*

[a] *Regist. de Coventre f. 75. a.*

[b] [c] *Dome-day lib.*

[d] *Esc. 18 E. 2. n. 83.*

[e] *Plac. de an. 7. Ioh. Rot. 5.*

[f] *Testa de Nevill.*

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of the Earl of **Warwick**. But the Mannour belonging to *Haſtings* was about that time committed to[g] the cuſtody of *Stephen de Wautham*, after the death of *Henry de Haſtings*, in reſpect of the minority of *Henry* his heir. Which laſt mentioned *Henry* being an active man in that great rebellion againſt King H. 3. (as in **Alleſley**, and **Kenilworth** I have ſhewed) forfeited all his lands: yet ſuch was the favour that the King ſhew'd unto *Joan* his wife, as that he aſſigned[h] divers Lordſhips of her ſaid husbands, amongſt which this was one for her maintenance, even at that time when he moſt obſtinately held the Caſtle of **Kenilworth** againſt him; which alſo by vertue of the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** came to his poſterity: For *John de Haſtings*, ſon to the ſaid *Henry*, poſſeſt it, and in 13 E. 1. claymed[i] a **Court-leet** and other priviledges therein, which were allowed.

[g] Pat. 35 H. 3. m. 9.

[h] Clauſ. 49 H. 3. m. 3. in dorſo.

[i] Rot. de Q. Warr.

And afterwards granted it to Sir *John Paynel* Knight, who in 28 E. 1. ſtiling himſelf *Dominus de* **Burdingbury** preſented[k] to the Church; and in 6 E. 2. obtained a Charter[l] of **Free-warren** in all his demeſn lands here, and at **Alcheye** in **Norff**. But it ſeems the eſtate he had therein was only for terme of life; for ſo was it certified upon the Inquiſition taken 6 E. 2. after the death of *John de Haſtings*.

[k] Ex Autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

[l] Cart. 6 E. 2. n. 61.

This *John Paynel*, was no leſſe than a Baron, having been ſummoned[m] to the ſeverall Parliaments from 27 E. 1. to 12 E. 2. But **Dyar** in **York-ſhire** being his principall ſeat, I ſhall ſay no more of him than that he bore for his Armes[n] *two barrs with an Urle of Martlets*, and dyed[o] before the 19. of E. 2. Whereupon this Mannour was aſſigned[p] to *Julian* then the wife of *Thomas le Blount* as part of her dowrie from *John de Haſtings* her former husband: but the inheritance thereof belonging to *Laurence de Haſtings* E. of **Pembroke**, ſon and heir of the before ſpecified *John*, came at length by force of an entayle, together with **Fillongley**, (as I have there at large diſcovered) unto *William Beauchamp*, ſecond ſon to *T. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**; who in 16 R. 2. granted[q] it unto *John Olney* Receiver generall of all his lands, in conſideration of his good and faithfull ſervice, to hold during life, paying to the ſaid *William* xl *s. per annum*. Which *John* (then[r] Lord of **Weſton-Underwood** *in Com.* **Buck.**) was, in 2 H. 4. certified[s] to hold half a Knights fee in this place of the E. of **Warwick**.

[m] Clauſ. de iiſd. ann. in dorſo.

[n] Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

[o] Clauſ. 19 E. 2. m. 29

[p]

[q] Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.

[r] Eſc. 2 H. 4.

[s]

It ſeemes that the inheritance of it was afterwards granted to the ſame *John*: For[t] *Margaret* the daughter[u] and heir of *Robert Olney*, ſon to the ſaid *John* being wedded[w] to *Thomas Throgmorton* (of **Coughton** in this County) brought it to that family: whoſe grandſon, Sir *George Throgmorton* Knight, together with *Robert* his ſon and heir, by their deed[x] dated 27. *Martii* 32 H. 8 paſt it to *John Hylmer* Citizen of **London** and his heirs. But the next poſſeſſor thereof, that I find, was *Jaſper Leek* of **Grays-Inne** *in Com. Midd.* Gent. which *Jaſper*, 16. *Dec.* 10 *Eliz.*[y] granted it to *Henry Goodeere* of **Bagington** eſquire, who in June next following ſold it[z] to *John Shukburgh*, then of **Napton** Gent. (one of the 6. Clerks in Chancery) whoſe great grandchild, *Thomas*, now enjoys it.

[t] Eſc. 12 E. 4 n. 33.

[u] Ex autog. penès Rob. Throghmorton ar.

[w] Eſc. 12 E. 4. n. 33.

[x] Ex autogr. penès T. Shukburgh gen.

[y]

[z]

There was certain land lying in this place, very antiently given to * the Nuns of **Poleſworth** by *Edelina* the ſiſter to *Robert Boteler* of **Engleby**, for the health of the ſoul of *Walter de Sumervile*, and of *Roger de Sumervile*; as alſo of her own ſoul, and the ſouls of all her Anceſtors and Succeſſors, to perform the Anniverſary for the ſaid *Walter* on the feaſt day of S. *Mary Magdalen*. In conſideration of which grant the ſaid Nuns promiſed, that whenſoever ſhe ſhould happen to depart this life they would cauſe her body to be carryed to **Poleſworth**, and bury it honourably in their Cloyſter with due Exequies.

* Ex autog. penès Fr. Netherſole eq. aur.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Leonard*) was in *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued[a] at vi. marks, and in 26[b] H. 8. at vii *li.* x *s.* over and above viii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

[a] MS. Scacc.

[b] MS. penès S. eq. aur

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inſtit.	
D. Joh. Paynell miles.	*Ingeramus de Yerdle Cap. prid. Cal. Sept.* 1301.	Langt. a.
	Thom. de Herdwik Pbr. 3. *Id. Febr.* 1301.	Ibid.
Thom. le Blount mil.	*Thom. le Blount ſubdiac.* 5. *Id. Martii* 1327.	Northb 21. a.
D. Will. de Clinton mil.	*Rad. de Melbourn Cler.* 14. *Cal. Nov.* 1334.	Ib. f. 28
D. Will, de Clinton Comes Huntindon.	*Thom. de Wyleby Pbr.* 13. *Cal. Junii* 1342.	Ib. f. 39
	Adam de Whytington Pbr. Non. Dec. 1353.	Ib. f. 57
D. Juliana de Haſtings Comitiſſa Huntind.	*Will. Sacry Cap. 4. Cal. Apr.* 1361.	Strett. a.
	Will. Whiteheved Pbr. 23. *Aug.* 1361.	Ib. f. 11
	Ric. de Saldeford Pbr. Non. Nov. 1366.	Ib. f. 13
D. Rex, ratione cuſtod. terr. Joh, nuper Comit. Pembr.	*Thom. Chapman Cap.* 12. *Novemb.* 1391.	Sk. f. 6.
Joh. Hervy. Joh. Styvecle, & Will, Wenlok.	*Benedictus Nichole.* 20. *Maii* 1393.	Ib. f. 8.
Joh. Prat, Joh. Grant Cler. & alii, hac vice.	*Will. Baron Pbr.* 1. *Junii* 1397.	Ib. f. 13.
Margeria Olney de Weſton Underwood.	*Thom. Beale Pbr.* 7. *Oct.* 1434.	Heyw. 33. a.
	Joh. Reynald Pb. 27. *Jan.* 1441.	Ib. f. 40
Reb. Olney D. de Burdingbury.	*Joh. Lyke Pbr.* 12. *Febr.* 1443.	Ib. f. 42.
Rob. Throgmorton ar.	*Roulandus Addyſon Pbr.* 15 *Apr.* 149[illegible].	Bowl. f 142. a.
	Chriſtoph. Maſſe Pbr. 1. *Aug.* 1497.	Ib. f. 2[illegible]
Will. Middilmore & alii, ratione conceſſ. ſtrenui viri Rob. Throgmorton mil.	*D. Joh. Becheton Cap.* 24. *Oct.* 1539.	Stret. C f. 17. a.
Immina Ogyll, vidua.	*D. Jac. Perſyvall Cler.* 12. *Aug.* 1549.	Sampſ. 42. b.
Jaſper Leeke gen.	*Will. Clever. Cler.* 8. *Aug.* 1566.	Sampſ. B. f. 42.
Ric. Cotton, hac vice, ex conceſſ. Jaſp. Leeke.	*Mauritius Roulands* 18. *Aug.* 1570.	Ib. f. 43.
Joh. Shukborow.	*Hugo Conwaie Cleric.* 12. *Sept.* 1573.	Ib. f. 45
D. Eliz. Regina.	*Cuthert Teryе Cler.* 11. *Nov.* 1581.	Bund. in cert.
. . . . Shukborow ar.	*Ric. Criſpe Cleric.* 1. *Maii* 1604.	Overton bund. F.

Marton

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ABout a mile below **Birdingbury** ſtands **Marton**, which I conceive had its name originally from the Moore, or Mariſh-ground adjoyning, (the D by antient uſe in pronuntiation being changed into A, as in the North parts of this Kingdom, where the *Veſtigia* of our old Engliſh are yet moſt plain to be found, is yet very uſuall;) and whereof there is frequent mention in the Conquerours Survey, one of the Hundreds then in being (as I have already ſhewed) bearing the title thereof: yet do not I find any particular mention of it, unleſs it be that which is there certified to be held by *Richard Foreſtarius*, and written **Mortone**, whereof the value is certified at xx *s.* having been the freehold of one *VViching* before the Norman invaſion.

It ſhould ſeem that *Robert de Craſt* was owner of it in H. 2. time, and that he held it, partly of *Hugo filius Ricardi* (of whom I have ſpoke in **Wroxhale**, and partly of *VVilliam* Earl of **Warwick**: For upon the Kings confirmation [a] of the Church to the Nuns of **Eaton** in this County, it is expreſſed to be of the gift of the ſaid *Robert de Craſt*, and of the fee of the ſame *Hugo fil. Ricardi*, and *VVilliam* Earl of **Warwick**. Whereby I may conclude, that the ſaid *Robert de Craft* was Lord of the Mannour. But for want of further light from Record I ſhall not be able to diſcover, who were owners of it in a perfect Series; and therefore, by that little glimpſe I have, will adventure to gueſs.

In 12 *Joh. VValter VValerand* held [d] half a Knights fee here: but it ſhould ſeem that the Canons of **Chaucumbe** in **Northampton-ſhire** had all or the greateſt part of the Mannour before the Rebellion in King *John*'s time: for in 1 H. 3. the Shiriff had command [e] to give them the like poſſeſſion thereof as they had before that warr, and of which they alleaged, that they were unjuſtly diſſeiſed by *VVilliam Baſſet*. In 20. H. 3. it was certifi.d [f], that *Raph de Marchaineleg* held a Knights fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**; and in [g] 36 H. 3. that *Thomas de Clinton* held the ſame of thoſe Earls.

Shortly after which, *viz.* in 50 H. 3. I find [h], that *Raph Baſſet* of **Sapcote** (one of the vanquiſht Rebells in the battail of **Eveſham**) had xl *s.* Rent here: But what that was to the Mannour, or part thereof I am not able to ſay; yet this ſubſequent particular which I have noted may perhaps, by the help of other authorities, when they ſhall be found, give ſome light therein; *viz.* that in [i] 18 E. 1. *VVilliam de Hamelton* had one meſs: and one carucat of land in this village, which meſs: was held of *John Engayne* and *Joan* his wife, who held it over of *Nicholas Charnells*, and he of *Simon Baſſet*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**. Now that *Charnells* had ſome relation to *Craft* by deſcent, I have in **Bilton** ſhewed ſome probability; but to draw any abſolute concluſion from theſe premiſſes I ſhall not adventure.

One thing I meet withall, which inclines me to think, that whereas it is recorded in the Conquerors Survey, that the Earl of **Bellent** held half a hide in **Morton**, unto which one *VValleſ*, whoſe freehold it was before the Conqueſt, was then his tenant, it is meant this **Marton**: for upon the extent [k] of the lands of *Edmund* Earl of **Lanc.** in 25 E. 1. it appears, that *John de Biſhopſdon* held in **Merton** (which I take to be no other than this place) the fourth part of a Knights fee; as alſo that his tenants came to the **Court-leet** held for the Honour of **Leiceſter**. And that which makes it more probable, that this place or the greater part of it was antiently of the old Earls of **Leiceſters** fee, is not onely the grant of the Church to the Monaſtery of **Nun-Eaton**, as I have already obſerved (which was of their foundation) but that thoſe Nuns (at length) were reputed to have the Seignory here, as appears by the certificat [l] in 9 E. 2. At which time [m] I alſo find, that *Raph Baſſet* of **Sapcote** held half a Knights fee therein, of the Earl of **Warwick**. Which half Knights fee was in 20 E. 3. certified [n] to be held of the ſame Earls by *Guy Bretton*, *VVill. la Zouch*, and *John de Tewe*: which *VVill.* gave [o] part of what he ſo had to the Canons of **Studley**.

But further than what I have ſaid, can I find little relating to this place, till *John Gold* of **Welton** *in Com. Northampt.* gent. by his deed [p] dated 2 *Nov.* 38 H. 8. paſt a certain Mannour here unto *Thomas Oldfield* and his heirs: from whom deſcended (as is like) *Roul. Oldfield* of **Twyford** *in Com. Sutht.* gent. which *Roul.* 1. *Maii* 4. *Jac.* ſold it [q] to *John Davies* of **Watford** *in Com. Northampt.* Clerke, who 30. *Sept.* 14 *Jac.* alienes [r] it to *Ric. VValter*, father of *John VValter* the preſent owner thereof. As for that Mannour and lands, which the Nuns of **Eaton** had, they were 26. *Iulii* in 4. & 5. *Ph.* & *M.* paſt out [s] of the Crown to *Peter Temple* and *Mich. Cameſwell*: which *Peter* and *Mich.* 15. *Sept.* the ſame year, conveyd [t] the greateſt part of the lands (but excepted the ſite of the Mannour) unto *John Whood* and others; whoſe ſon *Tho. Whood*, together with one *T. Wilcox*, 3. *Nov* 44 *Eliz.* granted [u] them to *Ric. VValter*, and he to *Thomas VValter*, his ſecond ſon, that now enjoys them.

There was very antiently (as yet is) a Bridge here at **Marton**, over **Leame**; at which, it ſeems, paſſengers uſed to pay *Toll*: for in 7 H. 3. the K. committed [w] the charge of receiving it, to the Abbot of **Sulby**, who gave ſecurity for payment of a certain Rent to him for the ſame. After which the Prioreſs of **Catesby** had the cuſtody thereof: For in 4 E. 1. ſhe was preſented [x] for withholding 2. of the 5 *s.* due from her for the ſame. But in K H. 5 time *John Middilton*, a wealthy Mercer [y] of **London**, born in this town, conceiving it to be a good and charitable worke to disburthen the people from further payment of that *Toll* for the repair and ſupport thereof, built [z] a fair Bridge here of lime and ſtone, and obtained thereupon the Kings Precept to the Shiriff, requiring him to forbear any more to demand thoſe cuſtomary payments from ſuch paſſengers as ſhould have occaſion to go that way.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Eſperit*) hath been very antiently appropriated to the Monaſtery of **Nun-Eaton**; but the certain time when, appeareth not. In *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [a] at 7. marks; and in [b] 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge at vii *li.* xiv *s.* viii *d.* over and above xviii *d.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

[k] *Eſc.* 25. E. 1.

[l] *Nom. vill.*

[m] *Eſc.* 9 E. 2.

[n] *Rot. pones* S. Clarke B.

[o] *Pat.* 20 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 11.

[p] [q] [r] *Exam. pones* T. Walter.

[s] *Pat.* 4 & 5. *Ph.* & *M. p.* 11.

[t] [u] *Exam. pones* T. Walter.

[w] *Rot. F.* 7 H. 3. *m.* 3.

[x] [y] *Inq. per Hundr. in baga de Ragman.*

[z] *Clauſ.* 2 H. 5. *m.* 23.

[a] *MS. in Scacc.*

[b] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 42. *a.*

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institt.
Langl.f.5. a.		*VVill. Prud. Cler.* 3. *Cal. Maii* 1296.
Ib.f.40.b.		*Joh.de Honygham Cap.*17. *Cal. Junii* 1316.
Northb.f. 27.b.		*Will.de Wappenbury Pbr.Id. Oct.* 1333.
Strett.f.11. b.		*Hugo de Grendon Pbr.Cal. Dec.* 1362.
Sk.f.10.b.		*Joh. Newcumbe Pbr.1.Dec.* 1395.
Burgh.f.7. b.		*VVill. Trendale Pbr.* 19. *Julii* 1400.
Ib.f.15.a.		*Joh. Denes Cap.* 23. *Dec.* 1404.
Ib.f.21.a.		*VVill. att Tryn Cap.* 30. *Aug.* 1408.
Heyw. f. 14. a.	*Prioriſſa & Conv. de Nun-Eaton.*	*Joh. VVeſtley Cap.*24.*Oct.* 1424.
Ib.f.25.a.		*Joh. Gerrard Pbr.* 2. *Jan.* 1430.
Ib.f.33.b.		*Joh. Herford Pbr.* 2. *Junii* 1435.
Ib.f.35.b.		*Sym.Bylyngey Pbr. penult. Jan.* 1436.
Bo.f.12.b.		*Rad. Woae. Cap.* 29. *Oct.* 1451.
Bowl.f. 203 a.		*Joh. Baker art. Magr.*23. *Sept.* 1499.
Bl.f.6.b.		*Ric. Jackſon Cap.* 24. *Maii* 1513.
Ib.f.17.b.		*D.Rob. Mylner . . .* 1530.
Morton bund. incert.	*Rob. Fyſher miles & Bar.*	*Thom. Sybley Cler. in art. Magr.* 17. *Oct.* 1623.

Hodnell.

LEame being here augmented with **Ichene**, which riſeth at the skirt of thoſe Hills neer **Hodnell**, I ſhall aſcend to the head of that Brook, and firſt take notice of all thoſe places that lye on the North-East part of it. But before I begin ſo to do, it will not be amiſs to obſerve the cauſe of its name; which, without all doubt, was occaſioned by the ſubterranean paſſage thereof. For at **Over-Ichington**, upon a Common, within little more than two miles of the head thereof, is there a pool upon the Heath, from which paſſeth a petty ſtream that enters the ground, and running through certain intricate paſſages, or Clefts in the earth, for the ſpace of about half a mile, at laſt findeth an iſſue, and taketh its courſe into the brook before ſpecified; for which reaſon the name thereof, *ſcil.* **Ichene**, being derived from the Greek word *ἰχνεύω* (which language was doubtleſs the mother of our old Engliſh-Saxon) that ſignifyeth to try or ſearch out diligently, was not unfitly applyed thereto.

Consonant to this hath *Ichcham* neer *Windſor* its appellation, being ſituat neer a brook which hath the like paſſage.

Neer to the head of this little ſtream ſtood **Hodnell**; which, as it is of a large extent, ſo was it antiently well inhabited, and had a Church, whereof, now, the ruines are ſcarce to be ſeen. In the Conquerors time the Earle of **Pellent** held[b] four hides in this place by *Giſlebertus* his tenant, then valued at lx *s.* and poſſeſt by one *Ordric* before the Norman invaſion. At the ſame time alſo *Turchill de Warwick* held 5. hides here, then rated at lx *s.* and which were the freehold of the ſame *Ordric*, and one *Ulnod* before the Conqueſt. And *Will. fil. Corbucion* 1. hide, then likewiſe rated at xx *s.* In the generall Survey[c] it is written, in 2. places **Hodenelle**, and in the third **Hodenhelle**, the originall, of the name being, as is moſt probable, from ſome antient poſſeſſor thereof in the Saxons time, perhaps *Odo*, which then was an uſuall appellation; for the H. is indifferently received or omitted, as we experimentally find in many caſes; the later part, *viz.* **Hulle, Hille,** or **Helle** all ſignifying the ſame, which is the high ſituation thereof.

b Domeſ. c day l.

But though it was thus in ſeverall hands at that time, as hath been ſaid, yet came it ſoon after to be united, and poſſeſt by the firſt Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, who enfeoft *Hugo fil. Ricardi*, as it ſeems, thereof; and he *Ric. de Burton* (of whom in **Burton** *juper* **Dunſmore** I have ſpoke;) for it appears[d] that the ſaid *Hugo fil. Ricardi*, and *VVill.* Earl of **Warwick** confirmed to the Nunns of **Eaton** all that which was then called Great-**Hodenhull**, being given to them by the ſaid *Ric. de Burton* ſoon after the foundation of that Monaſtery. d Rot. Pat. D. & A. Lich.

Howbeit, of ſome other part of this place, was one *VVill. Angevin* antiently enfeoft by *Robert de Tayden*: which *VVill.* in H. 2. time gave[e] the total of what he had here, to the Monks of **Combe**, excepting two yard land reſerved for his own uſe, afterward beſtowed[f] on them by *Nigell Angevin*, ſon of the ſame *VVill.* All which was confirmed by the ſaid *Rob. de Tayden*, and *Henry* his ſon. Divers other grants of land in this place, to thoſe Monks were made by ſeverall perſons of mean rank; but becauſe they were ſmall quantities I have paſt them by. e f Pl. Cr. f. a.

After the Nuns of **Eaton** and Monks of **Combe** were thus poſſeſt of the greateſt part of **Hodenhull**, there grew ſome queſtion betwixt them touching the payment of Tithes: for the Nuns, having the Church to which they were due, required them accordingly: But the Monks inſiſted upon their priviledge, being of the *Ciſtercian* Order; howbeit this difference laſted not long; for the Monks were contented to wayve their priviledge, and by an Agreement[g] concluded, that thoſe Tithes ſhould be aſſigned unto them for the enlargement of their Dyet yearly, upon Tueſday in the third week of Advent. For which favour it was then determined, that *VVill.* the then ſecond Abbot of **Combe**, ſhould have the day of his death recorded in their Martyrologe at **Eaton**, yearly to be recited in their Chapter; and that after ſuch his deceaſe, the ſaid enlargement of Dyet for the Nuns ſhould be changed from the before mentioned Tueſday, to the day of his *Obit*. g Ib.f. a.

But theſe **Hodenhulls** came in proceſs of time to be diſtinguiſht otherwiſe than they were at firſt; the one being called **Hodenhull-***Gurmund*, by reaſon that one *Gurmundus* held[h] the 5. part of a Knights fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**; and the other **Hodenhull-***Osbert*, from one *Osbert* who held[i] the fourth part of a Knights fee of thoſe Earles: which family of *Gurmund* continued here for ſome deſcents: for it appears[k], that in 36 H. 3. *Thomas Gurmund* held the ſaid 5. part of a Knights fee of the Earl of **Warwick**, at which time one *Simon de Hodenhull* anſwered[l] for half a Knights fee in the other, then called *Schiten-***Hodenhull**. h i Teſt. k Nev. l i Rot. de Warr.

Touching that which the Monks of **Combe** poſſeſt here, I find, that it had antiently the reputation of a Mannour; for by that name in 13 E. 1. they claymed[m] a **Court-Leet**, and

and other priviledges therein, and had allowance of them, as I have seen by the testimony of an antient Roll, being vi mess. with vi yard land and a half, 48 acres going to a yard land: which part was also called [a] *Schiten-*Hodenhull. But the Monks of Combe continued not owners thereof till the general dissolution of the Religious Houses: For in 16 E. 4. *Will. Catesby* Esq; son of Sir *Will. Catesby* Kt. obtained [b] the same, together with the Mannour of Rodburne, and what they had in Ascote, to himself and the heirs male of his body, from the Abbot and Covent of that House.

Other persons there were also that held lands in this place, *viz.* in [c] 20 E. 3. *John Burnell* the 8 part of a Kts. fee; *Simon Gurmund* [d] the 4 part. And about the 44 E. 3. *Rob. Burnell*, by marriage of the heir, the [e] 4 part of a Kts. fee in Hodinhull-*Bruiz*, and *Ric. Gurmund* a 5 part in Hodenhull-*Gurmund*; which 5 part *John Harryes* was found [f] to hold in 2 H. 4.

But the Mannour which belong'd to Nun-Eaton, continued to that Monastery till 30 H. 8. that all the great Houses went to wrack. After which it was purchased from the Crown, as I have heard [g], by *John Spenser* (whose ancestours had their residence [h] here, in H. 7. time) and one *Tho. Brauncefeild*. Which *John* and *Thomas* sold [i] it to *Thomas Wilkes*, a Merchant of the Staple, who dying without issue, it divolved to *Will. Wilkes*, his brother; and so, by reason that *Robert* his onely son dyed [k] without issue, to his daughters and heirs; whereof *Anne*, the eldest, was married to Sir *Will. Kingsmill* Kt: *Frances*, the second, to *Erasmus Dreyden* Bar. and *Margaret*, the third, first to *Francis Dimock*, and afterwards to *Thomas Gibbs*: whereupon partition [l] being made, Old-Hodnell (being that part thereof where the Mannour-house sometime stood) fell to the said *Erasmus Dreyden*, whose son and heir, Sir *John Dreyden*, now of *Canons-*Ashby *in Com. Northampt.* enjoys it: Ascote, another part of it, to Sir *Will. Kingsmill*, who had issue Sir *Henry Kingsmill* of Sydmenton *in Com. Sussex.* Kt. and he Sir *Will.* the present owner thereof: And Watergall (likewise parcel thereof) to *Thomas Gibbs*, whose son *Edward* still hath it.

Touching the depopulation here, I find [m], that in 18 H. 6. there were but 4 Housholders, yet the Church was standing in 23 H. 8. for *Tho. Spenser* before specified, by his last Will [n] and Testament made at that time, bequeathed his body to be interred before the Image of our blessed Lady in the Chancel thereof, near to the place where his father was buryed: and over and above xl marks that he gave by his said Testam. to this Church (dedicated to S. *Helene*) appointed, that his Executors should cause the Church-yard to be paled round, and to be so kept. Which *Thomas* gave also *C* marks to a *C* poor mens daughters, such as dwelt neerest to Hodenhull, to buy them Kyne at their marriages, and entailed his lands upon *Thomas*, son and heir to *Will. Spenser* of Badby.

The Church (in old time but [o] a Chapel) had a mark *per ann.* and a Stone of Wax granted [p] out of it to the Canons of Kenilworth by *G. Muschamp* B. of Cov. in K. *John*'s time; and being appropriat [q] to the Monastery of Nun Eaton very antiently, was *in ann.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued [r] at v marks, but never any Vicar endowed. Neither in 26 H. 8. upon the valuation [s] of the Church-livings doth it appear, that here was so much as a Curat, the Tythes being then let by the Nuns of Eaton to *John Audley* Esq; for xi *l.* xiii *s.* 10 *d. per ann.*

Ascote.

THis was originally a member of Hodenhull, but antiently written Astanescote, and Estanescote; which shews, that the name at first sprung from some possessor thereof in the Saxons time; perhaps *Estanus*, for that was an appellation then in use.

I find that the Monks of Combe had divers petty parcels of land granted [t] to them by sundry persons of mean rank; all which *Will. de Ludinton* confirmed. But there is little further memorable of this place in particular, considering that the several Mannours in Hodenhull extended into it, other than that it hath been long since a [u] Village of many Inhabitants, though since depopulated [x], with Hodenhull; and that there was a large quantity of land lying within it, granted [y] by K. H. 7. to Sir *John Risley* Kt. with the Mannours of Lodbroke and Rodburne, 3 H. 7.

Rodburne.

THis also, from a Village of divers Inhabitants, and having a Church, is now by depopulation shrunk into one dwelling; and had its original name from the little Brook near which the town was seated, and the road from Southam towards Daventre, over it; burne in our old English signifying a petty rivulet, and Rode a passage where people ride and travel, as is commonly known.

All the mention that I find of it in the Conq. time, is [z], that *Turchill de Warwick* held something here; but it being in the Survey (then made) joyned with Lodbroc, I cannot distinguish the exact proportion thereof. Whatever it was, more or less, his posterity possest it; yet, with the rest of his lands that the Conq. was pleased that they should enjoy, to be held [a] of the Earls of Warw. by the x part of a Kts. fee. Of which line *Will. de Arden*, great grandchild to *Turchill* (*viz.* son of *Henry*, son of *Siward*, as in Curdworth I have manifested) was the first that made it their seat. This *Will.* being a good Benefactor to the Nuns of Henwood, besides the grant [b] of one yard land lying here, which *Walt. Durdent* B. of Cov. in H. 2. time confirmed [c], gave [d] them the Church of this Rodburne, which *G. Muschamp*, his successor, in K. *John*'s time, ratified, with allowance that they should receive the fruits thereof to their proper use. Neither was he less liberal to the Monks of Combe, as appears [e] by what they had of his gift in this place.

To him succeeded *Will.* his son and heir, who exceeded his father in bounty to those Monks; for he bestowed [f] on them above *CC* acres, and half a yard land, with pasture for 600 Sheep, five Sows with their Pigs, one Boar, 2 teams of Oxen, 5 Kyne with their Calves, and one Bull, 2 young Heifers with their Calves, and his Sheep-cotes on the Hills for their Sheep, all in this his Lordship of Rodburne. Neither was *Michael* [g] his son

[a] *Esc.* 9. E. 2. *Testa de* Nevill.
[b] *Ex autog. penes* I. Hugford *ar.*
[c] *Ex autog. penes* I. Hugford *ar.*
[d] *Ex autog. penes* I. Hugford *ar.*
[e] *Ex autog. penes* I. Hugford *ar.*
[f] *Reg. de Cumba, f.* 65. *a.*
[g] *Ib. f.* 122. *a.*
[h] *Ib. f.* 123. *b.*
[i] *Regist. de Cumba, f.* 133. *a.*
[k] *Hist. MS* I. Rous, *p.* 144.
[l] *Pat.* 3. H. 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.
[m] Domesday *lib.*
[n] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[o] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[p] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[q] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[r] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[s] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[t] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[u] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[x] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[y] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[z] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
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[e] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[f] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.
[g] *Esc.* 9. E. 2.

streight-handed to them, nor almost any other that had Free-hold in this place, as may appear by their particular [t] grants of several parcels of land; some of them therewith bequeathing their bodyes to sepulture in that Monastery. Which Monks obtained divers priviledges [u] here, *viz.* **Court-leet**, Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, *&c.* as appeareth by their claim [w] in 13 E. 1. whereunto K. E. 1. added his Charter [x] of **Free-warren**, dated at **Westm.** 18 *Febr.* 18 of his reign. But the posterity of *Arden* who were Lords of this Mannour, having their seat here, sometimes called themselves *de Rodburne*, as by divers Records [y], besides these which I have in the margent pointed at, might be instanced; yet the last of them, *scil. William*, assumed the name of *Arden* again, and in 43 E. 3. sold [z] all the interest he had here, to *John* the son of *Will. Catesby*: at which time *Hugh de Prestwode*, and *Agnes* his wife, past their whole right therein to the said *John*, by a Fine then levyed, with warranty against the heirs of the said *Agnes*: So that it seems she was an heir, and probably of the same *Will. de Arden*.

Which *Catesbyes* were of **Abbp** *Legers in Com. Northampt.* and afterwards had the Mannour of **Lapworth** in this Shire, where I purpose to speak historically of them.

In 13 H. 4. after the death of *John de Catesby* the purchaser, I find, that *Emme* his widow, and *John* his son, had [a] Charter of **Free-warren** granted to them (*inter alia*) in all their demesn lands here. And that in 21 E. 4. the Monks of **Combe** quitted [b] all their interest here, by the name of the Mannour of **Rodburne-grange**, to *Will. Catesby* Esq; son and heir of Sir *Will. Catesby* Kt. for which alienation K. H. 7. granted his pardon [c] to the said Monks in 13 of his reign. But this *Will. Catesby* having been a great Favourite to K. *Ric.* 3. was attainted [d] in the Parl. of 1 H. 7. whereupon his lands eschaeting to the Crown, this was by the K. given [e] away to Sir *John Risley* Kt. and the heirs male of his body. Whether it came again to the Crown for want of issue male by the said Sir *John Risley*, I cannot say: but in 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.* the Q. granted [f] it to *Thom. Wilkes*, Merchant of the Staple, and his heirs; whose brother and heir, *viz. Will. Wilkes*, dyed [g] seized thereof, 27 *Sept.* 15 *Eliz.* leaving *Robert* his son and heir, then aged 12 years. Which *Rob.* dyed 26 *Julii*, 19 *Eliz.* without issue; whereupon his 3 sisters became his heirs, as in **Hodnell** I have shewed.

But that part of this place, which is called **Little-Rodburne**, did heretofore belong to the Priory of **Coventre**, and coming to the Crown at the general dissolution of the Religious Houses, was in 6 *Eliz.* granted [h] by the Q. to *Henry Goodere* of **Polesworth** Esq; and *Clem. Throgmorton* Esq; and their heirs. Which *Henry* by his Deed [i] bearing date 26 *Nov.* 8 *Eliz.* released all his right therein to the said *Clement*, and his heirs: who in 15 *Eliz.* sold [k] the same to *Will. Catesby* of **Abbp**-*Legers in Com. Northampt.* Esq; and his heirs. After which, *viz.* in 43 *Eliz. Rob. Catesby*, *Thomas Leigh*, and others (all Feoffees in trust of *Catesby*'s lands, as it seems) by their Deed [l] of bargain and sale past it to *Randulph Crew* Esq; (afterwards Kt. and chief Justice of the K. Bench) whose grandchild *John Crew* (son and heir to Sir *Clipsby Crew* his eldest son) in Easter Term, *ann.* 1650. sold the same to Sir *John Dreyden* of **Canons-Abbp** before mentioned.

That the Church was very antiently appropriated to the Nuns of **Henwood**, I have already shewed; but how long they took benefit thereof, I know not: for it appears, that the *Catesbyes* presented thereto as a Rectory; and [m] that in 26. H. 8. the Parson received onely iiii *l.* xvi *s.* ii *d.* yearly, besides ix *s.* vi *d.* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, from *Ric. Catesby* Esq; then his Patron; whereby it seems, that there was no Church then standing; but how long it had been down, I am not yet certain; for our Countryman *Rous* complains [n] of the depopulation here amongst the rest of the Villages in this County, which in his time were ruined by inclosure.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.	
Joh. Catesby, ar.	*D. Joh. Steward, Cap.* 27. *Apr.* 1417.	*Bull. f.6.*
	Joh. Watson, Pbr. 22 *Nov.* 1431.	*Heyw. 26.b.*
Will. Spenser, mil. ratione custodiæ & gard. Ric. Catesby, fil. & hær. Georgii Catesby.	*D. Thom. Palmer, Cap.* 24 *Maii*, 1527.	*Bl. f.12.*
Venerab. vir Ric. Catesby, ar.	*D. Rob. Holme, Cap.* 20. *Jan.* 1540.	*Str. & f.17.b.*
Henr. Philips, ar. & D. Eliz. Catesby, ux. ejus.	*Tho. Thackam, art. Magr.* 20 *Julii*, 1573.	*Bund. in cert.*
Edw. Onley, ar.	*Gryffin Lhoyde, Cler.* 16. *Dec.* 1573.	*Sampf. B. f.45.*
Ran. Crew, miles, capit. Justic. ad Plac. & Tho. Wilbraham jure Eliz. ux. ejus.	*Sym. Venables, Cler.* 6 *Martii*, 1625.	*Morton bund. in cert.*

Ladbroke.

ABout 2 miles lower, on the Northern bank of the same Torrent, stands **Ladbroke**, which (I suppose) had its name originally from the dirty soyl and clay where the stream runneth, **Llaid** in the old British signifying the same with *lutum* and *limus*: but it is frequently written in all antient authorities **Lodebroc**, the **a** being changed into **o**.

In the Conq. time the E. of **Mellent** had [o] two hydes here, then valued at 50 *s.* *Turchill de Warwick* 3 hydes, with 4 yard land and better, whereof one the Priest held, and the other two one *William*, whom I suppose to be progenitor of the family which afterwards assumed this place for their firname: And *Hugh de Grentmaisnill* three yard land, with a Mill of iii *s.* That *Turchill*'s lands, for the most part, came to *Henry* E. of **Warwick** before the end of the Conq. reign, I have in **Warwick** sufficiently manifested: but of what family he was, whom the succeeding Earls enfeoft of this place, I cannot certainly discover: but *Will. de Lodbroch*, the first that I find to have assumed his firname from hence, in 11 H. 2. was certified [p] to hold a Kts. fee of *Will.* then Earl of **Warwick**, *de veteri feoffamento*; that is to say, whereof himself or his ancestor was enfeoft in H. 1. time; so that I am induced to believe, that the brother of this *Will.* became so enfeoft: For in the Confirmation, which the said *Will.* made to the

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t *Ib. f.* 123. *a, &c.*

u *Pat.* 20. E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 9. *per Inspex.*

w *Rot. de Quow.*

x *Cart.* 18. E. 1. *n.* 89.

y { *Esc.* 9. E. 2. *Rot. penes* S. Clarke *B.*

z *F. levat. mens. Mich.*

a *Cart.* 13. H. 4. *n.* 4.

b *Ex autog. penes Camer. Scac. in baga de* Catesby.

c *Pat.* 13. H. 7.

d *Rot. parl.* 1. H. 7. *m.* 6.

e *Pat.* 3. H. 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.

f *Pat.* 2. & 3. *Ph. & M. p.* 5.

g *Esc.* 16. *Eliz.*

h { *Ex autog. penes* Ran. Crew *eq. aur.*

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k

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m *MS. nes S.A. aur.*

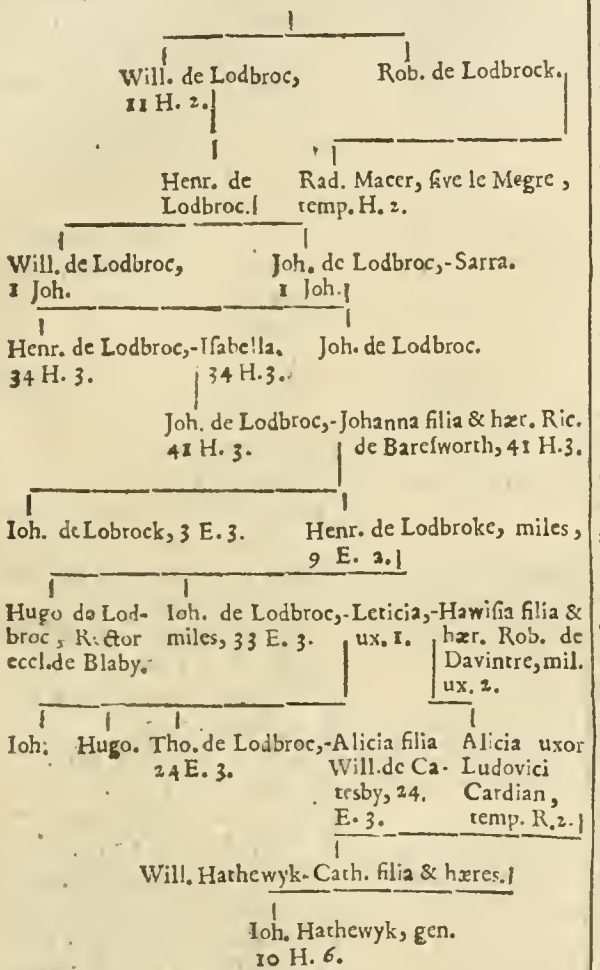
n *Hist. p.* 144.

o *Domday lib.*

p *Lib. f.* 104.

Canons of **Kenilworth** of the Church of **Herberbury**, given [r] originally unto them by *G. de Cumton*, Founder of that Monastery, he there makes mention [s] that his brother (whose name is not expreſt) was his predeceſſor.

That which the E. of **Pellent** had here, was alſo granted by ſome of the old Earls of **Leiceſter** to one of thoſe *Lodbrokes*, to hold by the fourth part of a Kts. fee; for the ſame was held [t] by their poſterity of the Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby**, who by *Quincy* deduceth his deſcent from a co-heir of thoſe Earls.



In 5 *Joh. John de Lodbroc* (granchild of *Will.*) being diſtrained by the E. of **Leic.** for the ſervice of a Kts. fee held of the ſaid Earl, unpleaded [u] *Tho. de Arden* for not diſcharging him thereof. Which Kts. fee lay in **Leiceſterſh.** as I gueſs; for this Mannour was held [w] of the E. of **Warwick** by the ſervice of a Kts. fee. This *John de Lodbroke* in H. 3. time, was often in [x] Commiſſ. for taking Aſſizes of *Novel diſſeiſin* and [y] Goal-delivery, and for other affairs of great importance in this County, as I ſhall here inſtance, *viz.* in 16 H. 3. he, with *Will. de Beſſepoſton* had the cuſtody [z] of the Kings Eſchaets and Wards committed to them; and the ſame year was appointed [a] one of the Commiſſioners, for aſſeſſing and collecting a xl. part of each mans movable goods for the Ks. uſe. In 19 H. 3. he was conſtituted [b] one of the Commiſſioners for gathering of *Tallage* upon the K. demeſn lands; and in 21 H. 3. for the collecting [c] of a xxx. part of all mens perſonal eſtates then granted to the K. In 25. he was one [d] of thoſe, who with the Shiriff had appointment to view all the Caſtles in this County, and to certifie under their Seals what defects they found in the ſtrength of them.

To him ſucceeded *Henry*, his ſon and heir, who in 26 H. 3. was certified [e] to hold 3 Kts. fees of the E. of **Warwick**; and the next year following was one [f] of the Juſtices for Goal-delivery at **Warwick**. That this *Henry* and *Joan* his father were Benefactors to the Monks of **Combe**, the particular parcels of land in this Village, given [g] to that Monaſtery by them, do ſufficiently declare; which were received with ſuch grateful reſpect, as that *Will. de Chelre* the then Abbot, with the Covent of that Houſe, by their publick Inſtrument, [h] dated on the *Octaves* of the holy *Trinity*, *an.* 1250. (34 H. 3.) granted to the ſaid *Henry*, and his heirs, the choyce of a fit Clerk to be preſented in that Monaſtery, and there ſhorn a Monk ſucceſſively for ever, for the health of the ſouls of *John de Lodbroch* his father, *Sarra* his mother, and of his the ſaid *Henry* and *Iſabell* his wife.

In 39 H. 3. he underwent the Office of Eſchaetor [i] in this County, and had iſſue *John*, who wedded [k] *Joan*, the daughter and heir of *Ric. de Bareſworth*, widow [l] of *Ric. de Bray*. This *John*, in 56 H. 3. received pardon [m] from the King for payment of xl *s.* at which he was amerced by the Juſtices Itinerant for not being then a Kt. and in 28 E. 1. being conſtituted [n] one of the Juſtices of peace in this County, had the next year following Summons [o], with divers other great men, to attend the K. at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feaſt-day of the *Nativity* of *S. John Bapt.* well and ſufficiently provided with Horſes and Arms to march againſt the Scots. I am of opinion, that he was Knighted in that expedition; for in 32 E. 1. I find him ſo ſtiled [p]. In 1 E. 2. he was again in [q] Commiſſion for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick**; and left iſſue [r] *Henry de Lodbroke*, who in [s] 9 E. 2. was a Kt. and in 17. in the Liſt [t] of thoſe Kts. and men at Arms, whoſe names were then returned into the Chancery.

Which *Henry* had iſſue [u] *John*, who in 10 E. 3. had his Knighthood reſpited [w] for 2 years. Againſt this *John*, and his brother *Hugh*, did the Earl of **Warwick** commence ſuit [x] in 17 E. 3. alledging, that they went about fraudulently to avoid him of the ſervices due for the Mannor of **Cuntaſthorpe** *in Com. Leic.* held of his fee. Which *John* took to wife [y] *Hawiſia*, the daughter and heir of Sir *Rob. de Davintre* Kt. and of *Hawiſe* his wife, daughter of *Will. de Keynes*; and by his Deed [z] bearing date the Tueſday next before the Feaſt of S. *Barnabe* the Apoſtle, 21 E. 3. paſt this Mannour unto certain Feoffees, for the uſe of himſelf during life, & after to *Thomas* his eldeſt ſon and his heirs; (who had wedded [a] the daughter of *Will. de Catesby*) the remainder to *Hugh*, brother to the ſaid *Thomas*, and his heirs; and ſo to *John*, brother of the ſaid *Hugh*, and to his heirs; and for default of iſſue by *John*, to the ſaid *Will. de Catesby* and his heirs.

Which firſt mentioned *John*, being a Kt. in 23. E. 3. by his Deed [b] dated at **Tonewoth** the ſame year, releaſed to the ſaid *Will. de Catesby*, and *Nich. Woodward* of **Itchington**, and their heirs, all the right he had in this Mannour, granting [c] to them and their heirs the advouſon of the Church, and bore for his Arms *Azure a Cheveron ermine*, as by his Seal [d] appeareth. After which, *viz.* in 46 E. 3. *Tho. de Lodbroke*, ſon to the ſaid Sir *John*, quitted [e] all his intereſt in this Mannour to the before ſpecified *Will. de Catesby*: which *Will.* had iſſue *John*, who in 7 R. 2. (his father being then dead) did his homage [f] to *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby** for

[r] *Reg. de Kenil. p. 167.*
[s] *Eſc. 17. R. 2. n. 29.*
[t] *Ex autog. penès Wil. Palmer eq. aur.*
[u] *Ex. ot. P. 5.*
[w] *levat. Joh.*
[x] *11. 12. 3. H. 3.*
[y] *11. 15. 7. H. 3.*
[z] *Clauſ. 16. H 3. in d.*
[a] *Ex. F. 1 H. 3. m.*
[b] *auſ. 21. H. in d.*
[c] *auſ. 25. H. in d.*
[d] *Ex autog. penès præfat. W. Palmer.*
[e] *Eſc. 26. H. 3.*
[f] *Plat. 27. H. 3. in d.*
[g] *Reg. de Cumba, f. 136. a. &c.*
[h] *Ex autog. penès Wil. Palmer eq. aur.*
[i] *Clauſ. 39. H. 3. m. 6.*
[k] [l] *Rot. F. 41. H. 3. m. 4.*
[m] *Com. de T. Mich. 56 H. 3. Rot. 2.*
[n] *Pat. 28. E. 1. m. 1.*
[o] *Clauſ. 29. E. 1. in d. m. 13.*
[p] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[q] *Pat. 1. E. 2 p. 2. in d. m. 21.*
[r] *Clauſ. 9. E. 2. m. 13.*
[s] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[t] *Ex col. H. Ferrers.*
[u] *Ex autog. penès præfat. W. Palmer.*
[w] *Pat. 10. E. 3. p. 1. m. 40.*
[x] *Clauſ. 17. E. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 7.*
[y] *Ex vet. membr. penès Camer. Scac. in bagâ de Catesby.*
[z] *Ex autog. penès præfat. W. P.*
[a] *F. levat. craſt. Aſcenſ. 24 E. 3.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès Camer. Scac. &c.*
[c] [d] [e] [f] [g] *Ex autog. penès præfat. W. Palmer.*

for those lands that he held in **Lodbroke** of him, *viz.* the fifth part of a Kts. fee (which were of the Fee of **Leicester.**) In K. *Ric.* 2. time, there were great suits[b] betwixt *Alice*, the wife of *Lewes Cardian*, and him the said *John*, for this Mannour, as appeareth by several Bils of complaint exhibited in the K. Court by her against him: she pretending an Entail made by Sir *Henry Lodbroke* Kt. her grandfather, by force whereof she claimed: But *Catesby* alledged, that his father purchased it from Sir *John Lodbroke* Kt. (father to *Alice*) and that the said Deed of Entail was counterfeited by one *Thomas Bromle* of **Coventre**, whom he indicted for so doing. In short, after much time and money spent therein, I find, that the said *John de Catesby*, and *Lewes Cardian* (together with *Will. Hathewyk*, husband to *Catherine*, daughter and heir to the same *Lewes* and *Alice*, as the Descent sheweth) entred into *C l.* bonds apeice to each other, to stand to the Award of the Dukes of **Surry** and **Exeter**, for a final end of the business; which Dukes referred the examination of the evidence on both sides to *Will. Gascoin*, *Rob. Tirwhit*, *John Rede*, and *Will. Skryne* (great Lawyers of that age) who taking to their assistance Sir *Walt. Clopton*, Sir *Will. Thirnyng*, Sir *John Cassy*, Sir *John Hulle*, Sir *Will. Rikhull*, *Will. Hankford*, and *Will. Brencheſle*, at that time Justices of both Benches, and fully weighing the same, made Report on the behalf of the before specified *John de Catesby*, as by their Instrument* under their Seal, bearing date 20 *Junii*, 22 R. 2. appeareth. So that there is no doubt, but that those Dukes determined thereof accordingly: for certain it is, that the said *Iohn de Catesby* continued the possession. From whom it descended to his son *Will.* who in 6 H. 4. did his homage[i] to *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** for the Kts. fee which he held here.

But this *Will.* departing the world without issue, his brother *Iohn* became[k] heir, who dyed before the 13 of H. 4. for in that year did the K. grant **Free-warren**[l] to *Emma* his widow, and *Iohn* his son, in all their demesn lands here, and divers other places. To which last mentioned *Iohn* succeeded Sir *Will. Catesby* Kt. and to him another *Will.* who being attainted[m] in 1 H. 7. (as in **Lapworth** I have shewed) this Mannour eschaeted to the Crown, and in 3 H. 7. was granted[n] by the K. to Sir *John Risley* Kt. and the heirs male of his body: but by a special Act[o] of Parl. in 11 H. 7. being restored unto *George Catesby*, son and heir of the said *Will.* together with the rest of his fathers forfeited lands, continued in this family till 38 *Eliz.* that *Iohn Throgmorton* and others, by an Indenture[p] tripartite betwixt Sir *Will. Catesby* and Sir *Thom. Leigh* Kts. of the first part, *Robert Catesby* son and heir of the said Sir *Will.* on the second, and *Iohn Throgmorton* and *Thom. Thornton* on the third part, were enfeoft thereof.

Which *John* and the rest did by their Deed[q] of bargain and sale, dated 8 *Febr.* 40 *Eliz.* pass the same to Sir *Rob. Dudley* Kt. and Dame *Alice* his wife (daughter of the above mentioned Sir *Thom. Leigh*) and to the heirs of the said Sir *Robert.* Which Sir *Robert* having issue onely 4 daughters, *viz. Katherine* wife of Sir *Ric. Leveſon* Kt. of the Bath, *Douglasse*, *Anne*, and *Frances*, they, together with *Will. Wise*, conveyed the same to *Will. Palmer* Esq; and his heirs, by their Deed[r] bearing date 16 *Maii*, 9 *Car.* Which *Will.* setled it upon *Will. Palmer* his second son, 1 *Iunii*, 12 *Car.* who afterwards, *scil.* 1 *Apr.* 18 *Car.* passed the same to Sir *Will. Palmer*, now of **Clerkenwell** *in Com. Midd.* Kt. a branch of those *Palmers* of **Yorkſh.** (by a younger son that setled at **Sperton** in **Staffordshire**) who bear for their Arms *Argent upon 2 barrs gules, 3 trefoils of the first, with a Greyhound in chief sable.*

There was antiently a Bridge over the river betwixt this town and **Yerberbury**, which in 21 R. 2. being out of repair, was presented[s] to be in the default of those two Villages; but upon proof made, that the same had been first built by one of the Lords of this Mannour, upon his own soyl, and for the benefit of himself and his own servants, the said towns were discharged.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued[t] at xv marks, and in[u] 26 H. 8. at xiii *l.* x *s.* over and above ix *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inſt.	
D. Joh. de Lodbrok.	*Joh. de Pavely*, 13 *Cal. Apr.* 1298.	*Langt. f. b.*
	Will. de Daleby Pbr. 4 *Cal. Nov.* 1303.	*Ib. f. 6. b.*
Hugo fil. D. Joh. de Lodbrok.	*Rog. de Lodbrok*, 4 *Id. Junii*, 1319.	*Ib. f. 78.*
Hugo de Lodbrok Cler.	*Rog. de Clifton Cap.* 4 *Cal. Junii*, 1340.	*Northb. 36. b.*
D. Hugo de Lodbroc. Rect. eccl. de Blaby.	*Will. de Shulton Cler.* 2 *Id. Junii*, 1349.	*Ib. f. 48.*
	Rad. de Bereford Cler. 9. *Cal. Oct.* 1349.	*Ib. f. 51.*
	D. Petrus Bertholmew, 7. *Id. Martii*, 1358.	*Stret. f. b.*
Thomas de Lodbrok.	*Will. de Southam Pbr.* *Cal. Sept.* 1362.	*Ib. f. 11.*
Joh. de Catesby.	*Joh. Parker*, 6 *Febr.* 1388.	*Sk. f. 3.*
	Nich. Derby, 1 *Julii*, 1409.	*Burgh. 22. a.*
	Ric. Norton Cap. 2 *Julii*, 1413.	*Ib. f. 33*
Joh. Catesby ar. & Margar. ux. ejus.	*Ioh. Grantham Pbr.* 4. *Maii*, 1433.	*Heyw. f. b.*
Will. Catesby ar.	*Ioh. Verney Pbr.* 20 *Dec.* 1440.	*Ib. f. 39.*
Joh. Rysley miles.	*Will. Darley, in art. Bacc.* 1 *Maii*, 1506.	*Bl. f. 4.*
Ric. Catesby gen.	*D. Thomas Barret*, 26. *Maii*, 1529.	*Ib. f. 15.*
Anth. Throgmorton de Com. Oxon. ar. & Cath. ux. ejus.	*Rob. Lancashire Cler.* 20. *Febr.* 1553.	*Sampſ. B. f. 1. a*
	Thom. Williams Cler. 23. *Apr.* 1564.	*Benthall bund. I*
	Rog. Inkforbie, S. Theol. bac. 5 *Iunii*, 1582.	*Sampſ. B. f. 48.*
Edm. Tomkins gen.	*Ric. Par, S. Theol. bac.* 25. *Aug.* 1626.	*Morton bund. ii cert.*
D. Alicia Dudley.	*Edw. Brounker S. Theol. professor*, 5 *Feb.* 1628.	*Ibid.*

b *Ex vet. Rot. penes S. Archer eq. aur.*

* *Ex autog. penes præfat. W. Palmer.*

i *Ex autog. penes præd. Will. Palmer*

k *Cart. 13. H. 4. n. 4.*

l *Rot. parl. 1 H. 7. m. 6.*

m *Pat. 3 H. 7 p. 1. m. 5.*

n *Pasch. R. 11 H. 7. Rot. 13.*

o *Ex autog. penes præd. W. P.*

p *Ex autog. penes præd.*

q *Plac. de T. Mich. 21 R. 2. Rot. 19.*

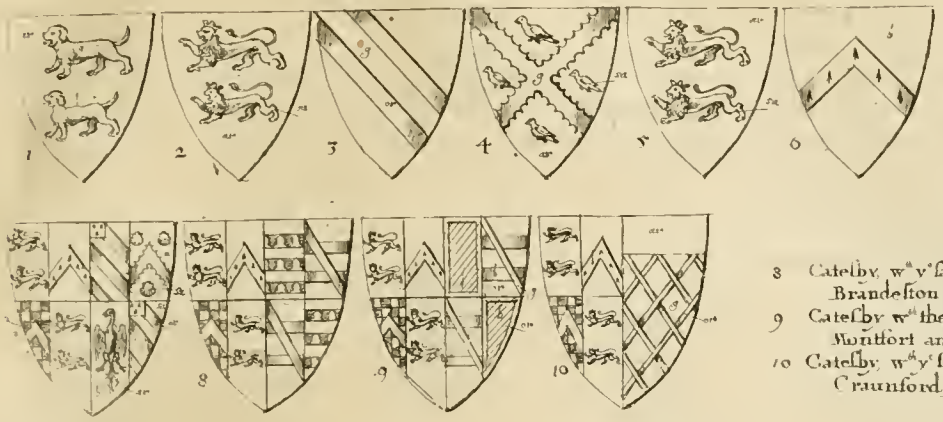
r *MS in Scac.*

s *MS penes S. Archer eq. aur.*

t *40. b.*

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Lodbroke,
Armes in the windows of the Church,



1 Breton.
2 Cateſby
3 Fitzwith
4
5 Cateſby
6 Lodbroke
7 Cateſby quartering Lodbroke and Arden, empaling Biſhopſdon, quartering Trillow and Williamſcote,
8 Cateſby, w^th y^e ſame quarterings, empaling Brandeſton quartered w^th Feynes
9 Cateſby w^th the like quarterings, empaling Montfort and Brandeſton quartered,
10 Cateſby, w^th y^e ſame quarterings, empaling Crumford,

Napton.

BEneath **Lodbroke** more than a mile, there falls another torrent into **Ichene**, which hath its head within the precincts of **Napton**, whereof I am next, in purſuance of my method, to ſpeak. This town ſtands upon a very eminent aſcent, of which originally its name was taken, **cnap** in the Britiſh language ſignifying the ſame with *gibbus* or *tuber*, for ſuch we know all Hills are in reference to the plains and flats whereon they ſtand: Neither is the word in that ſenſe yet worn out of uſe amongſt us; for we commonly call the top or higheſt part of a notable aſcent, the **knap** of a hill; the **c** and **k** being omitted in the name of this place for facility of pronunciation.

In the Conquerors time the E. of **Pellent** held [w] 3 hydes and 3 virgats here, valued at iii *l.* one *Robert* being his Tenant thereto; and whereof *Levenot* and *Bundi* were poſſeſſors before the Norman invaſion; but in the Survey [x] then made, it is written both **Neptone** and **Eptone**. At the ſame time one *Ulchetel* (whoſe inheritance it had been in *Edw.* the Conf. time) held of the ſaid *Turchil* half a hyde, valued at xxx *s.* And the ſame *Robert* 3 virgats, valued alſo at xxx *s.* which before the Conqueſt belonged to the ſaid *Edwinus*, of whom I have made mention in **Flekenho**. Which *Robert* being enfeoft of certain lands here by the ſaid E. of **Pellent** (as he was alſo of **Weſton** *ſubt.* **Wethele**) made this the place of his reſidence, his poſterity continuing it for their habitation, and hence aſſuming their ſirname.

There are ſome [y] of opinion, that he was a branch of the *Vernons*, Barons of **Shipbroke** in **Cheſhire**; which may very well be, for the Arms of this family do differ no otherwiſe in the ordinary from that, than by the *Eſcalops upon the feſſe*, taken, as 'tis like, in reſpect that in ſome parts of this Lordſhip there are ſtones of that kind (I mean like unto *Eſcalops*) found, as in the next (*viz.* **Shukborough**) be thoſe called *Aſtroites*. Which uſage in aſſuming ſuch particulars for their bearing in Arms, as the place where the perſon hath reſided was famous for, hath been very antient; witneſs the *Ermines* by the Dukes of **Britanny**, being a furr wherewith that Country much aboundeth, by reaſon of thoſe little Beaſts ſo called, which are in thoſe parts: As alſo the *Maſcles* by the Dukes of **Rohan**, in regard the Carps in that Dutchy have ſuch marks upon their ſcales, as that learned Gentleman, my ſingular friend, and furtherer of this preſent work, *Edw. Biſhe* Eſq; in his judicious obſervations [z] upon *Upton* hath manifeſted.

But I return to the before ſpecified *Robert*. That which he had here, with **Weſton**, was held [a] of the ſame Earls poſterity, by the ſervice of two Kts. fees, they having the **Leet** [b] and divers other priviledges in both theſe places, as appertaining to the Honour of **Leiceſter**. But beſides what the family of *Napton* had in this place, there was much that other perſons held, though a perfect ſucceſſion of their ſeveral intereſts I cannot ſet forth. I ſhall therefore next take notice of what I have met with relating to the line of *Napton* which is hiſtorical.

Adam de Napton, 20 H. 2 |

Adam de Napton, 3 Ioh. — Agnes una filiarum & hær. Rob. de Salceto, 20 H. 3.

Adam de Napton, 40 H. 3. — Iſolda, 40 H. 3.

Adam de Napton |

Adam de Napton, miles, 13 E. 1 |

Rob. de Napton, miles, 4 E. 2. — Lucia filia Guid. de Belſocampo Com. Warr. — Joh. de Napt. duxit Alic. filiam Ric. de Miſterton. [r]

Adam de Napton, def. † 44 E. 3. — Agnes ux. Galf. Filding.

Thomaſina ux. Will. White. — Iana ux. Ioh. de Shukburgh. — Ioh de Napton, fil. & hæres.

Ioh. White, conſangu. & hæres Ioh. Napton. — Will. de Napton.

Thom. de Napton, obiit ſine prole.

In 16 H. 3. the ſecond *Adam de Napton* was [c] one of the Commiſſioners in this County for aſſeſſing and collecting the xl. part of all movables impoſed upon the people for the K. uſe; and marryed *Agnes*, one of the daughters and heirs to *Rob. de Salceto*.

Of

[w] Dome-ſday *l.*

[x] Edit. *Lond. An.* 1654. (*p.* 61.)

[a] *Teſta de Nevill. Eſc.* 20 *R.* 2. *n.* 14.

[b] *Rot. de Q. Warr.*

[y] R. Glo-ve, *ſome-time* So-merſet *Herald.*

[z] *Exvet. membr. penès* Will. *Com. Denb.*

[c] *Clauſ.* 16. *H.* 3. *in d.*

[d] *Rot. F.* 20 *H.* 3. *m.* 8.

Of his son *Adam* I find, that in 36 H. 3. he was a Commissioner [e] for the Goal-delivery at **Warwick**, being then one of the Coroners in this Shire; from which Office he had leave to be free [f], the same year, by reason of his imployment in the service of *Raph Fitz Nicholas* (a great man in those dayes, and Steward to the K. as in **Stretton-Baskervile** I have intimated) yet the next ensuing year was he again made Coroner [g]; but, in regard of his disability to undergo it, had shortly after a discharge [h] from that Office. This *Adam* was a [i] Kt. in 13 E. 1. and left issue *Robert*: who amongst many other great men, in 29 E. 1. had Summons [k] to be at **Barwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast-day of the *Nativity* of S. *Iha Bapt.* sufficiently accoutred with Horse and Arms to march against the Scots; and the same year was constituted [l] one of the Commissioners for assessing and collecting a xv. in this County. In [m] 4 E. 2. he was a Kt. In 13. he was, with *John de Langley*, assigned [n] to levy and collect the Scutage in this County, for the expedition into **Scotland**; and in 15. he had a Charter [o] for a **Mercate** to be kept here at **Napton** weekly upon the Thursday, and a yearly **Fair** to last for 3 dayes, *viz.* the Even, day and morrow after the *Assumption* of the blessed Virgin.

This Sir *Robert* married [p] *Lucia* the daughter to *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, and had issue *Adam* his son and heir: which *Adam* being dead before the 44 E. 3. left issue *John* his son and heir, and two daughters, *viz.* *Thomasine*, married to *Will. White*, and *Jane* to *John de Shukburgh*, as the descent sheweth: But that this Mannour of **Napton** divolved to the *Shukboroughs* by reason of that marriage, though the said *Jane* or her descendants at length became heirs, or coheirs to the family of *Napton*, I make a question: For in 1 H. 4. *John Napton* and *Eliz.* his wife past it to *Ric. Cosford* and *Ric. Geydon* Priests; and in 12 H. 4. *Will.* the son of *Alice Betons* of **Napton**, and *Agnes* his wife, levyed a Fine [s] thereof to *Will. Shukburgh* and others, and to the heirs of the said *W. Shugburgh*, with warranty against Himself and his heirs. Which *Will. Shukburgh*, of **Shukburgh** (for so he is termed) was certified [t] to be Lord thereof in 10 H. 6. from whom it is by inheritance come to Sir *Ric. Shukburgh*, now of **Shukburgh** K^t. the present owner thereof.

And from an heir female to a younger branch of these *Naptons*, are the *Feildings* of **Newnham** likewise descended, as not onely by certain old quarterings in their Arms, but by the Pedegree on the last page, appeareth; through whose right they heretofore possest [u] the Mannour of **Pitterton** *in Com.* **Leic.** out of which a Rent is still paid to them.

It should seem that those lands which *Turchill de Warwick* held here in the Conq. reign, continued for some time to his posterity; for in 52 H. 3. *Thom. de Ardern*, lineal heir to *Turchill*, was certified [w] to hold the x. part of a Kts. fee in this place of the E. of **Warwick**. In 20 H. 3. I find, [x] that *Rob. de Aldeto* held half a Kts. fee here of the Prior of **Coventre**; and in [y] 9 E. 2. *Raph Basset* of **Sapcote** the v. part, lying on that side of **Napton** anciently called [z] **Napton-Boscher**; for which in 44 E. 3. *Ric. de Compton* and his tenants did [a] answer: but in whom these are now, or to shew any thing more of them, is past my skill.

Besides this Mannour, whereof I have already spoke, there are two other within the precincts of **Napton**; the one commonly called *Vaux* his Mannour, and the other *Brownes*; of which I have here added what I have found in Record, or otherwise. The first of these was by a Fine, [b] levyed 9 E. 2. between *Rob. de Harwedon* Pl. and *John de Wileby* Deforciant, setled upon the said *Rob.* for life, the remainder to *Rob.* the son of the said *John de Wileby*, and *Emme* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes; and for default of such issue, to the right heirs of *John de Wileby*. Of this in 6 H. 6. did *Thom. Chaumbre* and *Elianore* his wife levy a [c] Fine, together with other Mannours *in Com.* **Leic.** and **Berks.** to *Ric. Buckland* and his heirs, with warranty against the heirs of the said *Elianore*, which argues that she was an Inheritrix: but it seems the uses were to the said *Tho. Chaumbre*; for in 10 H. 6. the said *Thomas*, by the name of *Thom. Chaumber* of **Spretton** *in Com.* **Northampt.** Esq; was certified [d] to hold the same by the 4 part of a Kts. fee.

How it came from *Chaumber* to *Vaux*, I have not yet seen; but in 1 E. 4. it eschaeted [e] to the Crown by the attainder of Sir *Will. Vaux* Kt. and the same year was given [f] away by the K. to *Raph Hastings* Esq; and his heirs; which grant K. *Ric.* 3. by his Letters Pat. [g] dated 10 *Aug.* 1 of his reign, confirmed. Neither can I say any more thereof, than that 3 parts in 4 of it were sold [h] to *Thom. Deacons* of **Napton** Gent. 15 *Nov.* 36 *Eliz.* by *Laurence Eyton* of ..... *in Com.* **Northampt.** Gent. and *Edw. Eyton* his son: which *Thomas*, upon the marriage of *Will.* his son with *Grace*, one of the daughters of *Hugh Beresford*, late of **Slateley** in this County, by his Deed [i] dated 20 *Junii*, 12 *Jac.* entailed it on the said *Will.* with divers remainders.

And of *Browns* I find [k], that the family of *Brown* being possest of several parcels of land here, that came in time to have the reputation of a Mannour, at length by *Joane* the daughter of *Henry Browne*, wife to *John Cranow*, they descended to *Christopher Cranow* their son and heir: which *Christopher*, by his Deed dated 10 *Martii*, 24 H. 7. past all his right therein unto *Ric. Willys* and his heirs; from whom descended *George Willys* late of **Fenni-Compton** Gent. who in 16 *Car.* alienated the greatest part, if not all of them, to *Ric. Shukburgh* Esq; (but now Kt.) the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) was in *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued [l] at xxv marks, the perpetual patronage whereof Sir *John de Pulteny* Kt. obtained; procuring *Ric. de Napton*, Rector of the Church of **Whelton** *in Com.* **Northamp.** 22 E. 3. to release [m] unto him all his title therein: and thereupon the same year had license [n] of the K. to bestow it on the Church of S. *Laurence* in **Candlewyk-street London**, by him the said Sir *John* then newly founded. But before it was appropriat thereto as he intended, *John Stratford* Archb. of **Cant.** got it [o], with intent to annex it to the Chapel of S. *Thomas* the Martyr, then also newly by him founded at **Stratford** *super* **Avon** in this County: Howbeit this purpose of the Archb. was not effected; for it appears, that *Rob. de Stretford*, Bishop of **Chichester** (brother and heir to the Archbishop of **Canterbury**) granted it to *Will. de Shareshull* and others, in 35 E. 3. who by the K. Letters Pat. dated 4 *Dec.* the same year, had license [q] to bestow it on the Monks of **Combe**; which they did not accordingly do: but in 37 E. 3. passed

[e] Pat. 36. H. 3. in d.
[f] Clauſ. 36. H. 3. m. 5.
[g] Clauſ. 37. H. 3. m. 1.
[h] Clauſ. 38. H. 3. m. 4.
[i] Pl. de Jur. & Aſſ. apud Warr. craſt. Hill. 13 E. 1.
[k] Clauſ. 29. E. 1. in d. m. 13.
[l] Pat. 29. E. 1. m. 1.
[m] Ex autog. penès Will. Com. Denbigh.
[n] Rot. F. 13 E. 2. m. 9.
[o] Cart. 15 E. 2. n. 32.
[p] Rot. 1. Rous.
[q] Clauſ. 14. E. 3. in d. m. 49.
[r] F. levat. craſt. Aſcenſ. 1 H. 4.
[s] Menſ. Paſch. 12 H. 4.
[t] Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.
[u] Ex autog. penès Will. Com. Denb.
[w] Eſc. 52. H. 3.
[x] Teſta de Nevill.
[y] Eſc. 9. E. 2.
[z] Eſc. 2. H. 4.
[a] Cartul. Warwici Com. f. 187. b.
[b] xv Mich.
[c] xv Iob. E.
[d] Rot. penès Rem. R. in Scac.
[e] Pat. 1 E. 4. p. 1. m. 5.
[f] Pat. 1 E. 4. p. 1. m. 5.
[g] Pat. 1 3. p. 5.
[h] Ex autog. penès Will. Com. Denbigh.
[i] Ex autog. penès Will. Com. Denbigh.
[k] Ex autog. penès Ric. Shukburgh eq. aur.
[l] MS. in Scac.
[m] Clauſ. E. 3. p. m. 18.
[n] Pat. E. 3. 2. m.
[o] Pat. E. 3. 2. m.
[p] Ex [illegible] men. in bi Arm. dell.
[q] Ex [illegible] men. in bi Arm. dell.
[r] Ex [illegible] men. in bi Arm. dell.

passed [r] it to *Ric.* Earl of **Arundell**, and his heirs, whereby at length it came to the said Coll. Church of S. *Laurence-Pultney*, and was incorporate thereto by Pope *Urban* the vi. the Vicaridge being endowed in 11 R. 2. by *Ric. Scroope* Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued [s] at ix *l.* xiiii *s. per ann.* over and above viii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Within the precincts of this parish was there a Chapel of S. *Laurence*, as appears by a License [t] in 16 R. 2. granted by the B. unto one *John Odams* of **Napton**, that he might have divine service celebrated therein.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Inst.
Will. de Peyto, hac vice.	*Tho. de Morhall*, 5 *Cal. Junii*, 1358.
D. Will. de Shareshull mil. Tho. de Ludlow, & Will. Banaster, hac vice.	*Joh. Reynald Cap.* 7 *Id. Sept.* 1361.
Ric. Comes Arundell & Surr.	*Ric. de Tysho*, 15 *Cal. Junii*, 1367.
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Joh. atte-Well Pbr.* 8 *Maii*, 1388.
	Joh. Almonbury Cap. ult. Junii, 1428.
Magr. & Cap. Collegii S. Laur. Pultney.	*Henr. Villers Pbr.* 2 *Sept.* 1430.
	Will. Wattus Pbr. 18 *Sept.* 1436.
	Rog. Crispe Cap. 10 *Jan.* 1452.
	Joh. Scoley Cap. 17 *Junii*, 1541.
Edw. Napper gen.	*Joh. Wilks Pbr.* 28 *Apr.* 1556.
D. Eliz. Regina.	*Joh. Bell Cler.* 24 *Nov.* 1569.
	Tho. Hancock Cler. 22 *Jan.* 1572.
Jacobus Rex.	*Tho. Fosset Cler.* 3 *Oct.* 1604.
	Henr. Tayler Cler. 22 *Jun.* 1608.
	Joh. Bowyer Cler. 3 *Maii*, 1619.

Arms in the Church windows.

Sable a Cheveron betwixt 3 mullets Arg. (quartering *Napton* and *Lunel.*) } Shukburgh.

Or, upon a fesse azure 3 Escalops Arg. Napton.

Gules 3 hands couped Argent. Dyssart.

Southam.

FOllowing this little stream, I come next to **Southam**, situate on the North side thereof. This, with a great part of **Lodbroke** and **Rodburne**, was given by K. *Ethelred* (about 80 years before the Norman Conquest) unto Earl *Leofwyne*, as by his Deed [x], where the metes and bounds in the Saxon language are set forth, may appear; and by Earl *Leofrik*, son to the said *Leofwyne*, bestowed [y] on the Monks of **Coventre** upon his foundation of that Monastery in *an.* 1047. (1 *Edw.* Conf.) By the Conq. Survey I find, that it contained 4 hydes, having 2 Mils rated at iiii *s.* and woods of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, which were in the K. hands at that time; but where those woods stood, is hard to find out, for now there is scarce a tree left. In that Record [a] it is written **Sucham**, the t being mistaken, as is usual, for c. which name (doubtless) it had, by reason of its Southern site from some former plantation, the word **ham**, with our ancestors signifying the same with *habitatio*. Dom a day *l*

To the Monks of **Coventre** it continued even till the dissolution of that Monastery, and had a weekly **Mercate** on the Wednesday, first granted [b] thereto in 11 H. 3. with a **Faire** yearly to last for 8 dayes, beginning on the day of S. *Leodegarius* the Martyr, (which falls out 2 *Oct.*) But these dayes for the **Mercate** and **Faire** being not found so fit for this place, in 23 H. 3. they were by a new Charter [c] altered, *viz.* the **Mercate** to the Monday, and the **Faire** to S. *George* his day, and 7 dayes after. *b Cart.* 11. H. 3. *m.* 32. *c Cart.* 33. H. 3. *m.* 5. *in cedula.*

Divers priviledges had the said Monks here, as well as in other their lands, which I shall forbear now to mention, in regard that I have in **Cov.** taken notice of them at large. But upon the dissolution of that Religious House, this Mannour was in 34 H. 8. granted [d] to Sir *Edm. Knightley* Kt. and his heirs, 25 *Apr.* 34 H. 8. whereof he dyed seized 12 *Sept.* following, leaving *Joan*, the wife of *John Knotsford* Sergeant at Armes, *Susanna Knightly*, *Anne* the wife of *George Throgmorton* Esq; *Mary* the wife of *Bartholomew Hussey*, and *Frances Knightly*, his Cosins and next heirs, viz. daughters and heires to *Richard Knightly* late of *Upton in Com. Northampt.* Esq; brother and heir to the said Sir *Edmund*: By which means it came to be divided into 5 parts, whereof one was sold [f] by *James Duffeild* and *Frances* his wife (one of the said coheirs) in 3 E. 6. to *Will. Est* and others. *d Pat.* 34. H. 8. *p.* 1. *e Esc.* 34 H. 8. *f F. leval. T. Trin.* 3. E. 6.

To trace down the succession of the rest, would be a work both intricate and troublesome; therefore all that I will here further observe touching these parcels, is, that *Anne* the wife to *George Throgmorton* before mentioned, afterwards of *Tho. Porter* of **Etyndon** in this County, and lastly of *Will. Cecill* Esq; dyed [g] 12 *Junii*, 7 *Eliz.* seized of the 4 part of this Mannour, leaving *Fulke Porter*, her son and heir, 15 years of age. And that *Clem. Throgmorton* of **Haseley** Esq; was found [h] to dye seized of a 5 part in 16 *Eliz. Job* his son and heir being then 28 years of age. *g Esc.* 7. *Eliz.* *h Esc.* 17. *Eliz.*

In 21 R. 2. the Prior of **Coventre** was presented [i] for not repairing a Bridge upon the River **Ichene**, lying in this parish, and on the road-way betwixt **Southam** and **Warwick**; but it being proved that the said Bridge was originally made out of the devotion of some well minded people for the benefit of passengers; and that one *John Bayliff* of **Southam**, and divers other charitable persons, had repaired the same, of their voluntary dispositions, the Prior was discharged. *i Plac. coram R. T. Mich.* 21. R. 2.

The Monks of **Coventre** being Lords of this Mannour, were also Patrons of the Church, out of which by an Agreement [k] betwixt the B. of this Diocess, and the said Monks, in 32 H. 3. there was assigned xxx marks yearly to be paid to the Cathedral of **Lichfeild** for ever, at the Feasts of S. *Mich.* and *Easter* by even portions, in lieu of the like sum of xxx marks, which the said Monks *k Regist. de Cumba, f.* 48. *a. b.*

had used to pay out of the Church of S. *Mich.* in **Coventre** yearly, as in my discourse touching the same I have more fully shewed.

In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. this Church (dedicated to S. *James*,) was valued [l] at x marks, over and above the said *Pension* of xxx marks, then paid yearly out of it to the Dean and Chapter of **Lich.** which annuity of xxx marks in 11 R. 2. was seized [m] into the K. hands, in regard it appeared, that the said Dean and Chapter had purchased the same from the Monks of **Coventre** without license from the Crown. But in 30 H. 6. the Prior and Covent of **Coventre** had license [n] from the K. to appropriat it to the use of their Monastery; whereupon it was accordingly effected by *Will. Bothe*, then B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** his Instrument [o] for that purpose bearing date 15 *Julii* the same year, reserving an yearly *Pension* of ii *s.* to himself and his successors, and xx *d.* to the Arch-deacon of **Coventre**, to be paid on the Feast-day of S. *Mich.* the Arch-Angel for ever: at which time there was a Vicar endowed [p] with xii marks *per ann.* and a convenient habitation. Howbeit this Appropriation did not long hold good, as it seems; for in 26 H. 8. there was no Vicaridge here, but the then Rector certified [q], that the Parsonage was worth xx i *l.* xvii *s.* iiii *d. per ann.* over and above the annual *Pension* of x *l.* paid to the Cathedral of **Lichfeild**, and viii *s.* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

[l] MS in Scac.

[m] Esc. 11. R. 2. n. 63.

[n] Rot. P. 30 H. 6. m. 2.

[o] Bo. f. [p] 82. a.

[q] MS penes S. S. eq. aur. f. 42. a.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inst.
	Gilb. de Hamelhamste Subdiac. Non. Apr. 1296.
	Rob. de Loggovere prid. Cal. Nov. 1305.
	Thom. de Langton Pbr. 5. *Cal. Dec.* 1313.
	Joh. de Schulton Pbr. 19. *Cal. Feb.* 1319.
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Thom. de Marston Pbr.* 4. *Id. Apr.* 1331.
	Joh. de Wentebrigg 4 *Nov.* 1337.
	Will. de Charwelton Pbr. 11 *Cal. Jan.* 1355.
	Joh. de Bereford, 2 *Id. Dec.* 1378.
	Thom. de Baddeby Pbr. 5. *Julii*, 1382.
	Will. Mimworth Pbr. 4. *Sept.* 1398.
Mr. Will. Clyme vicar. eccl. S. Mich. Coven. hac vice.	*Rob. Sturdy* 10 *Sept.* 1417.
	Will. Sugge Pbr. 24 *Junii*, 1423.
	D. Joh. Hall Pbr. 12 *Nov.* 1430.
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Rob. Rowthall legum Dr.* 12 *Nov.* 1540.
	Mr. Henr. Tarbott legum Dr. 5 *Apr.* 1538.
Joh. Oliver legum Dr. hac vice, ratione conces. Pr. & C. de Cov.	*Mr. Will. Leson legum Dr.* 20 *Julii*, 1541.
Edw. 6. Rex Angl.	*Joh. Boole Cler.* 1 *Febr.* 1549.
Clem. Throkmorton, & Roul. Litton, hac vice, ratione conces. Pr. & C. de Coventre.	*D. Joh. Boole Cler.* 24 *Nov.* 1551.
Clem. Throkmorton ar. & Will. Gent, ratione ut supra.	*Oliverus Clerke*, 7 *Nov.* 1554. / *Nich. Tomson Cler.* 22 *Apr.* 1559.
Will. Gent gen. hac vice, ratione ut supra.	*Bartholl. Greene art. Mr.* 19 *Apr.* 1566.
Edw. Littleton de Pillaton-hall jun. in Com. Staff. miles, ex conces. Dorotheæ Throgmorton vid. & Clem. Throgmorton mil.	*Franc. Holliok Cler.* 22 *Feb.* 1604.

Langt. f. 5. a. — Ib. f. 7. b. — Ib. f. 38. a. — Ib. f. 78. b. — Northb. f. 24. b. — Ib. f. 30. b. — Ib. f. 60. a. — Strett. f. 25. b. — Ib. f. 29. b. — Pat. rgh. f. 3. b. — Bull. f. 5. b. — Heyw. f. 11. a. — Ib. f. 25. a. — Bowl. f. 205. b. — Stret. & P. f. 15. b. — Ib. f. 18. a. — Sampf. f. 42. b.

Samps. B. f. 8 — Ib. f. 1 — Ib. f. 4 — Ovest. bund.

In the West window of the North Ile are these Arms, *viz.*

Quarterly Or a manch gules. Hastings *E. of* **Pembr.**
Barry of 6. Arg. and azure, with an urle of martlets gules. } Valence.

Stockton.

NOrtheast from **Southam** lyes **Stockton**, taking its name from the word **Stoke**, which signifieth a place of habitation: but thereof do I find no mention in the Conq. Survey. That it was therefore a member of **Long-Ichinton**, and then involved therewith, if we consider these circumstances, there can be no doubt; first, that **Long-Ichinton**, whereunto it adjoyneth, is certified in *Domesday-book* to contain so large a number of hydes, as there I shall shew; and next, that it was held [r] of the Lords of **Ichinton**; by which consequently may be inferred, that some one of them past it away, reserving such services to himself and his heirs as were usual in those elder times to be performed. And though I have not seen any expres Record plainly to discover the like grant thereof; yet when I consider, that the family of *Limesy* were owners of **Ichinton** soon after the Conquest and that *Walter de Sumerville*, who lived in H. 2. time, took to wife *Cecelia de Limesi*, it will be no great rashness to conclude, that the same *Walter* had it with her in Frank-marriage, she being a daughter of that House. To whose posterity it continued till E. 3. time; and then, by a daughter and co-heir, came to *Griffith*, as the descent here drawn will shew.

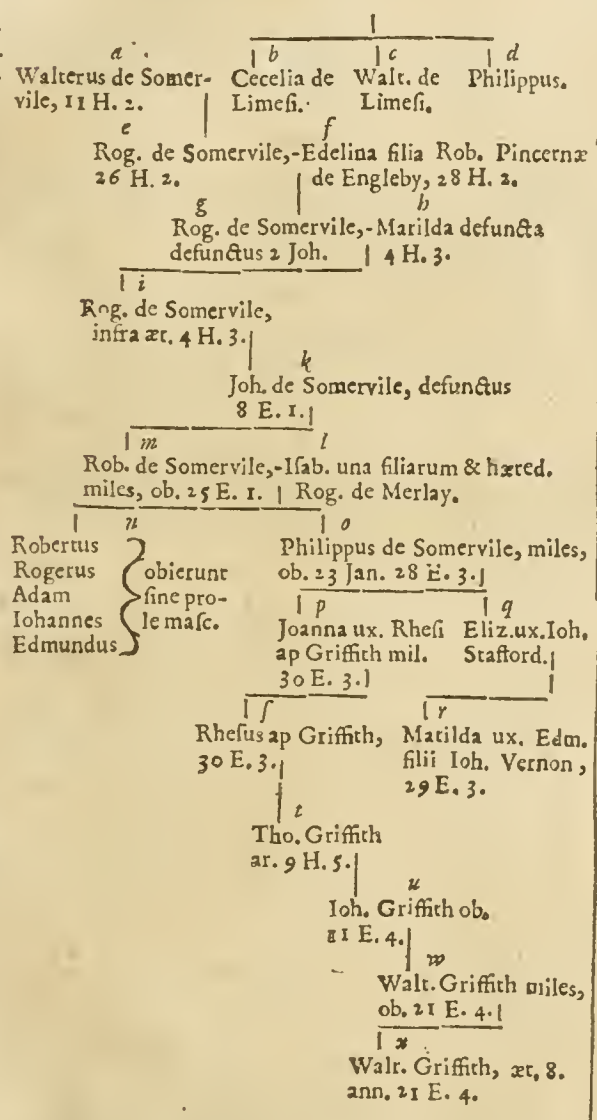
[r] E. 2. R. 3. 4. C. 4. m.

The principal seat of these *Somervile's*, was at **Whichnoure** *in Com.* **Staff.** which, with **Barton** (adjoyning thereto) K. *Will.* the Conq. gave [s] unto Sir *Gualtier de Somervile*, a Norman: from whom descended the before specified *Walter*, that wedded *Cecelie de Limesi*; and from him (the fifth in descent) *John* (as the Pedegree sheweth) who questioned the Prior of **Hertford** for [t] the advouson of the Church here at **Stokton** in 27 H. 3. deducing his right thereto from *Roger* his great grandfather: Unto whom the Prior pleaded, that he was at the disposal of the Abbot of S. *Albans*, and could not without him give answer thereto: But

[s] Ex Rot. Ioh. rers Tam castro

[t] Placit. Westm. R. Hill. 2 E. 3.

But *John* replyed, that the said Prior, upon a former suit for this advouson, impleaded him by a Writ of *Quare impedit*, as Prior of **Hertford**, without naming the Abbot of S. **Albans** therein, and recovered it: And further alledged, that the Priors of **Bingham**, **Tinmouth**, and other Cels belonging, as this of **Hertford** did, to S. **Albans**, alwaies used to plead in their own names, yet so as the said Abbot should have Summons to joyn with them if he pleased. What the success of this suit was, I have not seen; but it seems the Prior thought fit to strengthen his title; for I find, that in 56. H. 3. he procured the said *John* to levy a Fine [a] thereof to the use of him and his successors; for which, besides a C *l.* in money given him for so doing, he was made partaker of all their prayers, and other devout exercises.



Whether this Church was originally granted to the Monks at **Hertford** before mentioned, by *Rob. de Limesi*, Founder [w] of that Cell in H. 1. time; or whether by *Cecelia de Limesi*, and *Walter de Somervile* her husband (he having a more than ordinary respect to those Monks for her ancestors sake) I cannot positively affirm; but that it was so given by one of them, is not to be doubted. To this *Iohn* succeeded Sir *Rob. de Somervile* Kt. who in 18 E. 1. had a Charter [x] of **Free-warren** (*inter alia*) in this his Mannour of **Stokton**. Which Sir *Rob.* left issue divers sons, whereof *Adam* was [y] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. of 1 E. 3. But all dying issueless, *Philip*, the youngest (a Kt. like-wise in 11 E. 3.) enjoyed the estate; and in 12 *Edw.* 3. entailed [a] this Mannour upon the heirs male of his body by *Margaret* then his wife; but for lack of such issue, on *Rese ap Griffith*, and *Ioan* his wife, for the life of the said *Ioan*; and after her decease, on *Thomas* the son of the said *Rese*, with divers remainders.

[a] F. levat. xv Trin.

Which Sir *Philip* dyed [b] 23 *Ian.* 28 E. 3. leaving issue [c] *Ioan* his eldest daughter, wife of Sir *Rese ap Griffith* Kt. above mentioned, and *Eliz.* of *Iohn Stafford*. Betwixt whom partition being made, the inheritance of this Lordship went with *Ioan*, and so came by descent to Sir *George Griffith* Kt. who in 35 H. 8. alienated it [d] to Sir *Walt. Smyth* Kt. which Sir *Walter* sold [e] it to *Nich. Purefey* in 1 E. 6. From whom descended *George Purefey* of **Drayton** *in Com. Leic.* Esq; who in our memory past it to *Iohn Clapham*, one of the six Clerks in Chancery: which *Iohn*, dying without issue, left *Iohn Clapham* late of **Wilnall** *juxta* **Coventre** his heir.

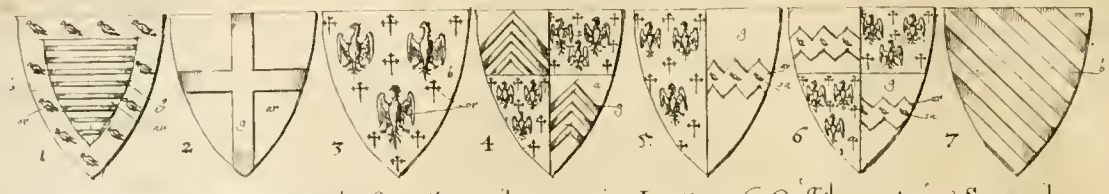
[b] Esc. 29. E. 3. n. 46.
[c] Esc. 30. E. 3. n. 49.
[d] F. levat. T. Mich. 35 H. 8.
[e] F. levat. T. Pasch. 1 E. 6.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) belonged to the Priory of **Hertford** (as I have already shewed) and *in ann.* 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued [f] at ix marks; but in [g] 26 H. 8. at x *l.* vii *s.* over and above xxx *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. But what the said Priory of **Hertford** had here in **Stokton**, was after the dissolution of that Religious House, together with the site thereof, granted [h] in 29 H. 8. to *Anthony Denny* and his heirs.

[f] MS in Scacc.
[g] MS penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 41. a.
[h] Pat. 29. H. 8. p. 2.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institut.	
Ysabella de Sumervill Domina de Stocton.	*Magr. Ric. de Lynton. Anno* 1249.	
Prior & Monachi de Hertford.	*Ric. de Kilkenny. s. date.*	*Ex ipsis autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
	Elias de S. Albano Cleric. Anno 1315.	
Jo. de Odingsells miles.	*Joh. de Wapingbury Anno* 1315.	
	D. Will. de Brymmesgrave Pbr. Anno 1315.	
Prior & Conventus de Hertford.	*Petrus de Hercle* 14. *Cal. Junii* 1316.	*Langt. f.* 40. *b.*
	Will. Sars accolitus 5. *Nov.* 1320.	*Ib. f.* 79. *b.*
	Ric. de Meere Pbr. 4. *Id. Nov.* 1358.	*Strett. f.* 4. *a.*
	Joh. Plumbe Pbr. 18. *Mar.* 1396.	*Sk. f.* 12. *b.*
	Philippus Polton 6. *Sept.* 1414.	*Arund. f.* 141. *b.*
	Joh. Bote Cap. 16. *Nov.* 1417.	*Bull. f.* 6. *a.*
	D. Ric. Bredrod Cap. 16. *Aug.* 1424.	*Heyw. f.* 13. *a.*
	Joh. Byrtley 1. *Apr.* 1435.	*Ib. f.* 33. *b.*
	Ric. Ricards Pbr. 21. *Apr.* 1436.	*Ib. f.* 34. *b.*
	Thom. Hayward Cap. 20. *Apr.* 1458.	*Bowl. f.* 26. *b.*
D. Anth. Denney miles.	*Will. Crooke Cap.* 3. *Maii* 1545.	*Sampf. f.* 41. *a.*
Gerv. Lassells de Collingham in Com. Nott. ar.	*Nath. Baxter Cler.* 14. *Aug.* 1590.	*Overton bund. E.*
Thom. Davies gen.	*Thom. Lever Cler.* 26. *Martii* 1628.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Stockton.
Armes in the Windows of the Church.



1 Merley
2 S^t George his Crosse
3 Somervile of Whichnoure
4 Somervile quartering Langton
5 Somervile empaling Gresfith.
6 Griffith quartering Somervile.
7 Mountfort.

Long-Ichington.

THis, containing the Hamlets of **Bastoke** and **Stonithorpe**, had its name originally from the River **Ichene** on the banks whereof 'tis situat. In the Conquerors time, being possest by one *Cristina*, who had it of the same Kings gift, it was by the Survey, then made, certified to contain 24. hides, and is there written **Icentone**. At that time it had a Church; for there were then two Priests; as also two Mills rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* with woods of two furlongs in length and one in breadth, all being valued at xx *li.* But when the King gave it to the said *Cristina*, it yielded xxxvi *li.*

This, with the other lands belonging to the said *Cristina* came to the family of *Limsie*, antiently men of great note, having their principall seat at **Wulverle**, whereof they were called Barons, as when I come to **Solihull** shall be manifested: but whether this *Cristina* marryed to *Raph de Limesie*, an eminent man in the Conquerours time, having fair possessions in the Counties of **Norff. Suff. Hertford, Northampt. Nott. Somerset, Devon:** and **Warwick**, I cannot affirm: howbeit, that his posterity enjoyed her lands, is sure enough, flourishing in great honour till King *John*'s time, that the male line extinguished, and the Barony of *Lymsie* (for so it is called) was divided[i] betwixt *Hugh de Odingsells* a Fleming, and *David de Lindesey* a Scot, husbands to the coheirs of *John de Limesy*, as the descent here inserted will shew.

[i] *Plac. de B. T. Trin. 27 H. 3. Rot. 5. Hertf.*

But before I begin to speak of the family of *Odingsells*, who had their seat here, I have a word or two to say of the *Limesies*, their ancestors; which is, that from the before specified *Raph* descended *Raph*, founder[k] of the Priory at **Hertford** in H. 1. time; which *Raph* gave[l] thereunto certain lands lying in this Lordship. To whom succeeded[m] *Alan* his son and heir, who gave[n] to that Monastery the Church of this **Ichinton**; which grant *Gerard* his son, and *John* the son and heir of the same *Gerard* confirmed[o].

[k] *Ex Reg. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. f. 123.*
[l] *Ex Reg. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. f. 123.*
[m] *Ex Reg. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. f. 123.*
[n] *Ex Reg. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. f. 123.*
[o] *Ex Reg. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. f. 123.*

But descending to *Odingsells*, I observe, that from the said *Hugh*, by *Basilia*, sprung two very eminent and worthy families; of which the chief resided here at **Ichinton**, even till our fathers memory; and that the other, which had **Solihull** and **Marstoke**, continuing not many descents, was by heirs female transplanted into other stocks. In 15. *Joh.* partition being[p] made betwixt those coheirs, the said *Hugh* and *Basilia* paid a Fine[q] of 500. marks to the King for livery of the moytie of those lands, by inheritance pertaining to her upon the death of her brother *John de Limesi* without issue, lying[r] in the Countyes of **Hertford, Oxford, Worcester, Suff.** and **Warwick**: For securing the

[p] *Rot. F. 15. Joh. p. 1. m. 4.*
[q] *Rot. F. 15. Joh. p. 1. m. 4.*
[r] *Rot. F. 15. Joh. p. 1. m. 4.*
[s] *Rot. F. 15. Joh. p. 1. m. 4.*

Rad. de Limesia, fundator Hadewisa, Priorat. de Hertford
Alanus de Limesi.
Triamus de Limesi. — Gerardus de Limesi-Amicia. 8. H. 2.
Alianora ux. Davidis de Lindsei. — Ioh. de Limesi duxit Aliciam Fil. Rob. de Harecourt. — Alanus, & Gerardus ob. s. prole. — Amabilla ob. s. prole. — Basilia ux. Hug. de Odingsels.
David de Lindsey. — Hugo de Limesi ob. s. p. — Hugo de Odingsels ob. s. p. — Gerardus de Odingsels miles 23. H. 3. — Will. de Odingsels de Solihull & Maxstoke.
David Gerard. Walt. Will. ob. s. p. — a Alicia soror & hæres, ux. Henr. de Pinkney 34. H. 3. — Hugo de Odingsels 51. H. 3. — Rad. cognom. de Limesy. — Ric. de Limesy
b Henr. de Pinkney. — Ioh. de Odingsels mil. defunctus 10 E. 3. — Petrus de Limesi ob. 18. E. 2.
c Rob. de Pinkney 13 E. 1. — Ioh. de Odingsels ob. 27 E. 3. — Amicia filia Rog. Corbet. — Ioh. de Limesi 18 E. 2.
d Thom de Pinkney ob. s. p. — e Ioh. de Pinkney miles suspensus 22 E. 1. — Ioh. de Odingsels miles ob. 4 R. 2.
Rob. de Pinkney D. manerii de Stene in Com. Northampt. 22 E. 1. — Ioh. de Odingsels miles, ob. 5 H. 4.
Edw. de Odingsels miles ob. 6 E. 4. — Margar. filia Ioh. Cokain de Bury-Hatley in Com. Bedf.
Gerardus de Odingsels 8 H. 7.
Edw. Odingsels 9 H. 7. — Anna filia Ric. Verney de Compton ar.
Edm. Odingsels obiit 2 Sept. 5 & 6 Ph. & M.
Ioh. Odingsels ob. s. prole. — Will. Odingsels. — Thom. Odingsels ob. s. p.
Thom. Odingsels, servus Will. D. Burleigh. temp. R. Eliz. obiit, cœlebs.

payment

payment whereof, *Hugh* and *Will.* two of his ſons became bound[s]. Which *John de Limeſi* dyed [t] 9 R. 4. 1. Whereupon *Alice* his widow (daughter of *Rob. de Harecourt*) marryed [u] to *Walleran* E. of **Warwick**.

This *Hugh de Odingſells* was [w] a Knight, and a man of great note in his time: for I find [x], that in 5 H. 3. he attended the King in perſon to the ſiege of **Bitham** Caſtle *in Com. Linc.* with conſiderable forces, for which he had warrant to levy Eſcuage upon all his tenants that held of him by military ſervice; and dyed in 23 H. 3. whereupon *Gerard* his ſon had livery [y] of all the lands in **Ichington**, and elſwhere, that were of the inheritance of *Baſilia* his mother, and held of the King *in Capite*, then doing his homage, and giving ſecurity to the Shiriff of this County for the payment of his Relief; *viz.* 50 *li.* whereby it appears that his eſtate was great, the Relief for a Knights fee being antiently [z] but *C s.* which *Gerard* being [a] a Knight in 26 H. 3. gave a Fine [b] of 50. marks to be freed from attendance upon the King into **Gaſcoign**, towards the payment whereof he had power to levy Eſcuage upon all the Knights fees held of him: And in 48 H. 3. had ſummons [c] with many other great men, to be at **Oxford** in Midlent, ſufficiently furniſh't with Horſe and Armes, there to give the King advice, and aſſiſt him againſt *Lewelin* P. of **Wales** and his adherents, then in Rebellion; but departed [d] this life in 50 H. 3. whereupon the cuſtody of his heir, (then not of full age) with his lands held of the King in *Capite*, were granted [e] to *Edmund* (ſirnamed *Crouchback*) the K. ſon.

It ſeemes that the year next following, his ſaid ſon and heir, *viz. Hugh de Odingſells* accompliſh't his full age; for he then did his homage and had livery [f] of his lands. which *Hugh* in [g] 16 E. 1. was a Knight, and in 21. purchaſed [h] the other moitye of this Mannour from *John de Pinkney*, to whom it deſcended by inheritance from his great grandmother, as the Pedegree ſheweth. This *John de Pinkney*, being a Knight was the next year following hang'd [i] for felony, whereupon there grew ſuits [k] betwixt the ſame *Hugh de Odingſells* and *Rob. de Pinkney*, ſon and heir of the ſaid *John*, concerning the title to that Mannour here in **Ichington**, which belonged to him the ſaid *John*: but the King minding to afford his grace and favour in an eſpeciall manner to the above mentioned *Hugh*, who at that time was to be imployed [l] into **Gaſcoign**, commanded [m] the Shiriff to permit the ſaid *Hugh* to have the preſent poſſeſſion thereof (for it was ſeiſed [n] into the Kings hands, by reaſon of that forfeiture) till the buſineſs was determined, giving ſecurity to proſecute his ſuit touching the ſame. By the Inq.[o] taken after the death of this *Hugh*, who dyed 33 E. 1. it was certified, that he held this Mannour of the King *in Capite*, with the reſt of his lands in other places by the ſervice of half a Barony, to find one ſouldier in the Kings Army for xl. days at his own proper coſts.

To him ſucceeded *Iohn* his ſon and heir, [p] then 28. years of age. Which *Iohn*, being one of thoſe that aſſiſted the Earls of **Lancaſter** and **Warwick** in the murder of *Piers de Gaveſton*, had the Kings pardon [q] for that fact in 7 E. 2. In 9 E. 2. he [r] was a Knight, and dyed 10 E. 3. leaving iſſue [ſ] *John* his ſon and heir then 24. years of age; who in 25 E. 3. being alſo a Knight, was for divers felonyes and ſeditions then outlawed, whereupon this Mannour became ſeized [t] into the Kings hands, and extended. This *Iohn* wedded *Amicia* the daughter of *Roger Corbet*, with whom he had [u] in marriage the Mannour of **Barlaſton** *in Com. Staff.* and dyed in [w] 27 E. 3. leaving *Iohn* his ſon and heir 16. years of age; who in 31 E. 3. gave a Fine [x] to the King of CC. marks for licenſe to marry whom he pleaſed, ſo that he continued in his due allegiance; at which time he did his homage, and had livery [y] of his lands. This laſt mentioned *Iohn* was a Knight in 32 E. 3. at which time he had the Kings pardon [z] for breaking the houſe of *William de Shareſhull* at **Barton-Code**, and robbing him of plate and Jewells to the value of C *li.* with certain gold in Florens, and other ready money. But after this he became of good credit; for in 51 E. 3. as alſo in 1. and 3 R. 2. was he joyned in Commiſs. [a] with *Thom. de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, and other perſons of the beſt rank, for arraying of men in this County; and in 4 R. 2. dyed [b] leaving *John* his ſon and heir xv. years of age, who in 9 *R.* 2. did his homage and had livery [c] of his lands.

Which *Iohn* was likewiſe a Kt. and [d] dyed in 5 H. 4. *Edw.* his ſon and heir being then in minority; who in 3 H. 5. accompliſht [e] his full age, and [f] being a Knight in 6 H. 5. was much honoured by that renowned King with ſeverall imployments of note; as alſo by King H. 6. in the beginning of his reign. For in the ſame ſixt year of King H. 5. I find him a Commiſſioner [g] in this Shire for arraying of men; and the next year following, one of thoſe ſelect men in this County, that bearing antient Armes was ſummoned [h] to attend the King in perſon for defence of the Realm. In 9 H. 5. 2. and 5 H. 6. he was in [i] Commiſſion for the Peace in this County; and departing [k] this life in 6 E. 4. left iſſue [l] by *Margaret* daughter to *Iohn Cokain* of **Bury-Hatley** *in Com.* **Bedf.** *Gerard* his ſon and heir 35. years of age; Of whom I find no other thing memorable than that by his Teſtament [m] bearing date *Anno* 1493. (8 H. 7.) he bequeathed his body to to be buried before the high Altar in the Chancell of the holy *Trinity* here at **Ichington**, and willed, that *Margaret* his wife ſhould for the health of his ſoul give iv *li.* to a Frier, or Prieſt to ſing a *Trentall* of *S. George*, there, for the ſpace of one year next enſuing his deceaſe.

Whoſe ſon and heir, *Edward*, accompliſhing his full age in 9 H. 7. had then livery [n] of his lands; and being a Juſtice of Peace in this County [o] from 17 H. 7. till his death; as alſo in 8 H. 8. Eſcheator [p] for the Countyes of **Warwick** and **Leiceſter**, marryed [q] *Anne* the daughter of *Richard Verney* of **Compton** eſquire, by whom he had iſſue *Edmund* his ſon and heir; which *Edmund* dyed [r] ſeized of this Mannour 2 *Sept.* 5. & 6. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving *Iohn* his ſon and heir 30 years of age: who, about the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* time, betaking himſelf to extravagant courſes, put a period to this antient and long flouriſhing family, and dyed in a miſerable condition: For, having firſt mortgaged this Lordſhip to Sir *Iohn Throgmorton*, (as I have credibly heard,) who paſt [*] his title therein to *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter**, he became ſo poor, that had not one *Harewood*, formerly his Tenant, taken him into his houſe out of pitty, he had dyed in the ſtreet. Which Earl, by his laſt Will and Teſtament gave the inheritance thereof, after the deceaſe of his Lady, unto Sir *Robert Dudley* Knight his baſe ſon (as he there calls him) of whom in **Kenilworth** I have further ſpoke.

Having thus traced down the ſucceſſion of the Mannour, I muſt not paſs by ſome other things, which

[s] Rot. P. 9 R. 1.
[t] Ex autogr. penès T. A. eq. aur.
[u] Clauſ. 5. H. 3. in d.
[w] Rot. F. 23 H. 3. m. 6.
[x] Spelm. Gloſſ. vocab. feudum Hauberticum.
[y] Ex autog. penès eund. T. A.
[z] Rot. P. 26 H. 3.
[a] Clauſ. 48. H. 3. in d. in cedula.
[b] Pat. 50 H. 3. m. 37.
[c] Rot. F. 51 H. 3. m. 4.
[d] Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
[e] F. levat. v. Paſch.
[f] Clauſ. 22 E. 1. m. 7.
[g] Plac. de Trin. 22 E. 1. Rot. 7.
[h] Eſc. 33. E. 1. n. 74.
[i] Rot. F. 33. E. 1. m. 9.
[k] Pat. 7 E. 2. p. 1. m. 15. in ced.
[l] Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
[m] Eſch. 10 E. 2. n. 11.
[n] Pl. de T. Trill. 25 E. 3.
[o] Eſc. 27 E. 3. n. 60.
[p] Rot. F. 31 E. 3. m. 3.
[q] Clauſ. 31 E. 3. m. 4.
[r] Pat. 32 E. 3. p. 2. m. 7.
[s] Pat. de iiſd. ann. in dorſo.
[t] Eſc. 4. R. 2. n. 18.
[u] Clauſ. 9 R. 2. m. 1.
[w] Eſc. 5 H. 4. n. 19.
[x] Clauſ. 3. H. 5. m. 17.
[y] Pat. 6 H. 5. p. 2. in d. m. 30.
[z] Rot. penès Camer Scacc.
[a] Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.
[b] Eſc. 6 E. 4. n. 9.
[c] Lufnam Q. 11.
[d] Vox. Q. 6.
[e] Pat. 9 H. 7. m. 27.
[f] Pat. de iiſd. ann. in dorſo.
[g] Eſc. de eodem anno.
[h] Porth Q. 27.
[i] Eſc. 1 Eliz.
[*] Pat. 14 Eliz. p. 8.

which are observable concerning this town; whereof the first and most antient is, that it was the birth-place[f] of S. *Wolstan*, the reverend Bishop of **Worcester**, whose father *Eatstanus* and his mother *Ulgeva*, being much devoted to the service of God, towards the later end of their days took upon them the habit of Religion, voluntarily severing each from other; which example incited the said *Wolstan* to the like course of life: whereupon, having his education in the Abby of **Peterburgh**, he was shorn a Monk, at length, in the Monastery at **Worcester** (in which his father had spent his later days in Gods service) by *Brithegus* the venerable Bishop of that place, and afterwards became Bishop * upon the translation of *Aldredus* to the see of **York**, *viz. Anno* 1060. (18 *Edw.* Conf.) where he continued till his death, *sc.* 10, *Will. Rufi.*

[f] *Hist. MS. J. Rous. p. 122.*

* M. Paris. *p. 19. l. 48.*

This *Eatstanus* (or rather ſlljɒtanuſ) had the grant of his habitation, here, from *Oswald* Archbishop of **York** (who was also Bishop of **Worcester**, and afterward canonized for a Saint;) the substance of whose Charter, I shall here recite, whereby it will appear, that at length it was to return again to the Church of **Worcester**.

[t] *Ex Reg. Wigorn. in bibl.* Cotton. *(sub effigie. Tiberii A. 13.) f. 59. b.*

+ *Regnante imperpetuum Domino nostro Iesu Christo, cujus incarnationis humanæ anni latercu-lo DCCCXCV. ego* Oſwaldus *Archiep. cum licentia illius familiæ quæ sita in* Weoȝeȝnaceaſtre, *unam viz. mansam ubi ruricolæ* Icenantun *dicunt* ſlljɒtano *fideli meo homini tradendo concedo, sibi dies suos perfruendum, & post se duobus hæredibus tradendum concessi; quibus defunctis Ecclesiæ Dei in* Weoȝeȝnaceaſtre *restituatur, &c.*

My next observation is, that it was anciently one of the chief towns in this Shire; first, in regard of the large number of hides it contained, as appears by the Conquerours Survey; and next for that it was ranked [u] amongst those few, which in 15 H. 2. were put under the title *De auxilio Villarum & Burgorum ad maritandam filiam Regis*, wherunto the Inhabitants hereof payd *C s.* And lastly [w] that on Satt. ix. *Julii Anno* 1575. 17 *Eliz.* the before specified Earl of **Leicester** gave the Queen a glorious entertainment here, in her passage towards **Kenilworth**-Castle, erecting a Tent of extraordinary largeness for that purpose, the Pins belonging whereto amounted to seven Cart-load, by which the magnificence thereof may be guest at.

[u] *Rot. P. 15. H. 2.*

[w] *Ex cod. cui tit.* The Princely pleasures of Kenilw. Castle.

But besides the family of *Odingsells*, there were others that had good estates in this town: for in 20 H. 3. *Robert de Colingham* held [x] here half a Knights fee; *William le Saiz*, the 4th. part, and *Nicholas le Breton* a fourth; of which last I shall say something in **Bascote** where they resided; but of the other two I am not yet able to discover any more.

[x] *F. levat. 5. Sept. Pasch. 26 H. 3.*

Of the Church (dedicated to the holy *Trinity*) the moytie, antiently belonging to the Monks of **Hertford**, was given [y] unto them by *David de Lyndesei*, and confirmed [z] by *Gerard* his brother and heir; The benefit which they received thereby being [a] two parts of the Tyth-corn throughout all the demesn-lands of this town; But the other moytie was granted [b] by the said *David* to *Will. de Odingsels*; which *Will.* past [c] it unto *Gerard* his brother. In *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was [d] valued at xxxiii. marks; yet how or when the said moytie was granted from the Monks of **Hertford** to *Odingsells* I know not, but do find, that in 13 E. 2. *Hugh de Meryngton* of **Coventre** purchased [e] the perpetuall patronage of the whole from *John de Odingsells* Which *Hugh* in 1 E. 3. dyed [f] seised thereof; leaving *John* his son and heir 28. years of age; who, the next year following past [g] it to Sir *William de Clinton* Knight. Which *William* in 6 E. 3. [h] gave it with 8. mes. six yard land, and xx *s.* Rent, in this town, to *John Lyrye* Warden of the Chantry at **Marstoke**, and his successors, for the health of his soul, and the souls of his ancestors and successors. But it was not long after, that the said Sir *William* having begun the foundation of a Priory for *Canons-Regular* of St. *Augustines* order at the same place, annexed that Chantry, with the appurtenances thereunto: whereupon the advouson of this Church, with the rest of those lands in **Ichington** were appropriated [i] to the use of the said Canons by *R. Northburgh* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** 12. *Cal. Martii Anno* 1386. (10. E. 3.) and a Vicaridge soon after endowed, which in 26 H. 8. was valued [k] at vii *li.* xviii *d.* over and above 18 *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls.* But the said Rectory, after the dissolution of that Religious house, with the lands before specified coming to the Crown, was, with the site of that Monastery, &c. past † unto the D. of **Suff.** as also from him to *Traps*, and from the coheirs of *Traps* to *Anthony Ludford* and *Thomas Fisher:* which *Anthony* and *Thomas* in 25 *Eliz.* aliened * the said lands by the name of a Mannour, with two parts of the Tithes of Corn and Hay &c. to *Robert Dudley* then Earl of **Leicester**: since which time they have attended the possession of that Lordship so sold by *Odingsells* as hath been said.

[f] *Esc. 1. E. 3. n. 72.*

[g] *Pat. 2. E. 3. p. 1. m. 3.*

[h] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Deuves.

[i] *Northb. f. 55. a. Pat. 10 E. 3. p. 2. m. 20.*

[k] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 42. a.*

† *Pat. 30 H. 8. p. 4.*

* *F. levat. xv. Pasch. 25 Eliz.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institit.	
Hugo de Odingsels miles.	*D. Joh. de Odingsels Cler. An.* 1288.	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lichf.*
D. Will. de Clinton miles.	*Rob. de Wyke Pbr.* 4. *Cal. Nov.* 1329.	*Northb. f. 23. a.*
Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.	*Rob. de Maxstoke Cap.* 11. *Cal. Nov.* 1336.	*Ib. f. 30. a.*
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.	*Adam de Wythibroke Pbr. Cal. Maii* 1337.	*Ib. f. 31. b.*
	Ric. de Bradwell Cap. 8. *Cal. Aug.* 1349.	*Ib. f. 48. b.*
	Adam de Coleshull Pbr. ....1359.	*Strett. f. 6. b.*
	Ric. de Caldecote 5. *Id. Dec.* 1375.	*Ib. f. 22. b.*
	Thom. Nassyngton Cap. 22. *Sept.* 1407.	*Burgh. f. 20. a.*
	Ric. Inderay Cap. 28. *Feb.* 1422.	*Heyw. f. 1. a.*
	Joh. D....get 17. *Aug.* 1423.	*Ib. f. 11. b.*
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Will. Sylk decret. Dr. Pbr.* 2. *Aug.* 1427.	*Ib. f. 19. b.*
Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.	*D. Ric. Whitelombe* 8. *Martii* 1428.	*Ib. 21. a.*
	Joh. Nobull Pbr. 8. *Junii* 1439.	*Ib. f. 37. a.*
	Thom. Smyth Cap. 16. *Dec.* 1529.	*Bl. f. 16. b.*
	D. Thom. Hopkyns Pbr. 9. *Maii* 1531.	*Ib. f. 18. a.*
Rich. Bartue ar. ac Cath. Ducissa Suff. ux. ejus.	*Thom. Odingsels*, 29. *Martii* 1569.	*Sampf. & B. f. 43. b.*

[a] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

[b] *F. de diversis com. levat. 3. Sept. Mich. 42 H. 3.*

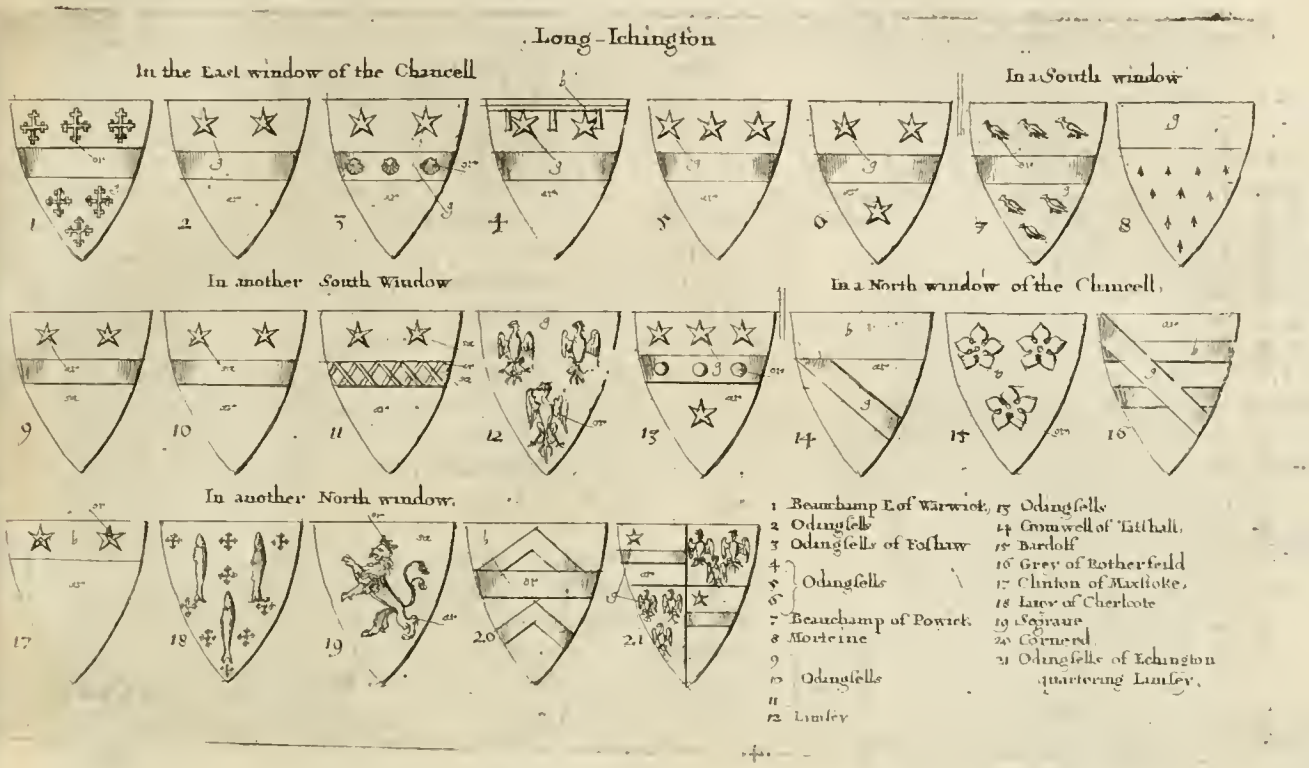
[c] *Ibid.*

[d] *MS. in Scacc.*

[e] *Pat. 13 E. 2. m. 23.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Instit.
D. Regina Eliz.	*Georgius Soden* 17. *Jan.* 1569.
Thom. Moulde Cleric. ex conceſſ. Leticiæ Comitiſſæ Leic.	*Math. Gilbert Cler.* 28. *Apr.* 1606.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Instit.
Rob. Comes Leic.	*Raphaell Pearce in art. Mgr.* 18. *Sept.* 1628. *Morton bund incert.*



Upon a Marble Graveſtone this Inſcription in a plate of braſs.

Of your charite pray for the ſoule of Edward Odingſell late of Long-Ichington in the County of Warwick eſquier, Gentleman-Vſher to King Henry the ſeventh who died ..... in the yeat of our Lord M. D. xxii.

Baſcote.

THIS Hamlet was originally a member of **Long-Ichinton**; yet I have not met with any mention of it till 7 R. 1. and then do I find [t], that *Robert Briton* had lands here: but afterwards, in King *John*'s time, that *David* the ſon of *David de Lindeſei*, (whoſe right here came by *Elianore* his mother one of the coheirs to *John de Limeſi* as in **Ichington** I have ſhewed) did confirm to *Nicholas Briton* and his heirs eight yard land lying here and in **Ichinton**, to hold by the 4. part of a Knights fee; which lands *Roger Briton* father of the ſaith *Nicholas* formerly held. After this, *viz.* in 21 E. 1. Sir *John Pinkney* Knight, having granted unto Sir *Hugh de Odingſells* all his intereſt in **Long Ichinton**, give notice [u] to *William le Breton*, that for the future he ſhould perform thoſe ſervices to the ſaid Sir *Hugh* and his heirs, as were due by the ſame *William* to the above named Sir *John Pinkney*. Which *William* was ſon to the before recited *Nicholas*, as I gueſs, but what I have ſeen worth note in relation to him or his deſcendants, I have already mentioned in **Wolſton**: for in 7 E. 2. *Guy le Bretoun*, ſon [v] to the ſaid *Will.* ſold [w] all his lands here, to *Peter de Lymeſi* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of the ſaid *Peter*: which lands in 18 E. 2. eſchaeted [x] to the Crown by reaſon that he was in the rebellion of *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaſter** (as in **Arley** I have fully manifeſted.)

The next poſſeſſor [y] thereof (of whom I have found any mention) was Sir *John Rochford* Kt. who by his deed [z] dated 8 *Oct.* 4 H. 4. paſt it unto *Thomas Seyvill*, which *Thomas* enjoy'd it [a] in 2 H. 5. But in 9 H. 5. *John Morton* a Prieſt conveyed [b] it to *Joh. Lee* of **Warwick**, *Thomas Wyrth*, and *Richard Smyth*, who were but Truſtees, it ſhould ſeem: For 6. *Sept.* 8 H. 6. the ſame *John Lee* did paſs [c] to *Thomas Moleſley* and his heirs his whole right therein; unto whom alſo *T. Wyrth* releaſed [d] his intereſt; ſo that in 10 H. 6. the ſaid *T. Moleſley*, who then wrote himſelf of **Bokkuſhull** in this County, was certified [e] to be Lord thereof. Which *Thomas* by his deed [f] of feoffment, bearing date on the day of S. *Nicholas* 30 H. 6. granted it to *William Lyle* and *Thomas Magot*, in truſt for the uſe of the town of **Walſhall**: but it ſo fell out, that the Inhabitants, being kept from the profits thereof, in the beginning of H. 8. time, by *John Lyle* ſon of *Will. Lyle* the ſurviving feoffee, who denyed any ſuch truſt, pretending it to be his own inheritance, came to **Morhull** and drove away Mr. *Lyle*'s Cattell; of which unjuſtifiable act he haſted not to take advantage, by reaſon he was lyable to their action; and ſo upon cool debate betwixt them, they grew to this concluſion [g]; *viz.* that Mr. *Lyle* ſhould ſuffer a Recovery thereof, which was accordingly done in 6 H. 8. *Richard Hurſt* and *John Forde* of **Walſhall** being the perſons to whom it was adjudged. Which *Richard* and *John* ſoon after made a New feoffment [h] thereof to ſome other of the Inhabitants to the uſe of the town; and by the like renewing

[t] *Dot. P. 7. 2 I.*
[u] *ex autog. penès S. A. Gen.*
[v] *Eſc. 18 E. 2. n. 151.*
[w] *Ex autog. penès Burg. de Walſhall.*
[x] *Rot. in Scacc. penès Rem. R.*
[y] *Ex ipſis autog. penès Burg. de Walſhall.*
[z] *Ibid.*
[a] *Ibid.*
[b] *Ibid.*
[c] *Ibid.*
[d] *Ibid.*
[e] *Ibid.*
[f] *Ex autog. penès Burg. de Walſhall.*
[g] *Ex autog. penès Burg. de Walſhall.*
[h] *Ex autog. penès Burg. de Walſhall.*

renewing of Feoffments it hath continued to the said uses untill this day.

Stonythorpe.

THIS, of a small Hamlet, is now reduc't to one House, and hath its name from the rocky condition of the ground where it stands, the word **Thorpe** in our old English signifying a petty village: But it was originally a member of **Long-Ichington**, and held [b] thereof; though when first granted away by the Lords of that Mannour I have not seen: For before 2 E. 2. I find no mention of it, and then one *Robert Sampſun* poſſeſt [c] it. Which *Robert* in 4 E. 2. sold [d] it to Sir *William de Bereford* Knight (chief Justice of the Common pleas) reserving an estate for life to himself and *Margery* his wife. From whom it descended to *Edmund de Bereford*, his son, who was seized of it in [e] 3 E. 3. and in 20 E. 3. by Fine [f] entailed it upon the heirs of his body. By vertue of which entail it came to *John de Bereford*, son of the said *Edmund* who [g] dyed seized thereof in 30 E. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his brother and heir 24. years of age, *Eva* his widow, having it assigned [h] to her in part of her dower.

After which it divolved to *Joan*, grandchild and heir to *Joan* the wife of *Gilbert de Ellesfield* one of the sisters and heirs to the before-specified *Edmund de Bereford*, then wife to *John Hore* of **Childerley** *in Com. Cantab.* as the descent in **Langley** sheweth, which *John* and *Joan* past [i] it away to *William Hore* of **Elmedon** in this County in 8 H. 4. whose posterity in the male line enjoy'd it till about the beginning of H. 8. time, that *Nicholas Hanſlap* of **Apnho** *in Com. Northampt.* had it by [k] marriage with *Joan* the daughter and heir to *Robert Hore*. From which *Nicholas* is lineally descended ..... *Hanſlap*, now owner thereof, *Anno ſcil.* 1640.

[b] *Eſc.* 3 E. 3. *n.* 63.
[c] *F. levat. xv. Mich.* 2. E. 2.
[d] *F. levat. Oct. Trin.* 4 E. 2.
[e] *Eſc.* 3. E. 33. *n.* 6.
[f] *Oct. Purif.*
[g] *Eſc.* 30 E. 3. *n.* 47.
[h] *Clauſ.* 31 E. 3. *m.* 23.
[i] *F. levat. xv. Paſch.* 8 H. 4.
[k] *Viſit. Com. Warw.* 1619.

[a] *F. levat. xv Paſch.* 8 H. 4. *Warw.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Mayn *de Elmedon ar.*
[c h] [d i] [e k] [f l] [g m] [n] *Ex coll.* H. Ferrers *ar.*

- [a] Will. Hore de Elmedon 8 H. 4. — [b] Margareta filia Will. Allesley 4. H. 5. — [e]
  - [c] Thom. Hore de Elmedon. — [d] Margar. filia & cohæres Alani Waldelue.
    - [f] Alanus Hore. — [g] ....filia Rob. Hore de Stonythorpe. — [h] Thomas. Johannes. Edmundus. — [i] } objerunt ſ. p.
      - [k] Tho. Hore occiſus, ſ. prole. — [l] Cath. ſoror & hæres ux. Joh. Boreler de Solihull.
      - [m] Joh. Hore de Stonythorpe. — [n] ....filia Benedicti Medley de Whitnash.
  - [e] Gulielmus Hore de Stonythorp.

Bishops-Ichington.

HAving now done with the Parish of **Long-Ichinton**, below which **Ichene** falls into **Leame**, I must ascend to the Southwest side of that torrent, where the first town I find, taking also its appellation from the same brook, is divided into two parts, **Ichington-*superior***, and **Ichington-*inferior***, in the later whereof the mother Church antiently stood; but was pulled down at its depopulation (as I shall further shew anon), so that the Chapell of ease in **Ichington-*superior*** is since become the Parish-Church; that village being not depopulated, though the fields were converted to pasture.

The reason why this is called **Bishops-Ichington** is, in regard it was for a long time the possession of the Bishops of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** as I shall shew by and by: but the direct time when they first had it I have not seen, though that the Monks of **Coventre** granted it to them be clear enough, being one of those xxiv. towns which Earl *Leofrick* upon his foundation of that Monastery in 1. *Edwardi* Conf. gave [l] thereunto.

In the Conq. Survey [m] it was certified to be in the hands of those Monks, and to contain 5. hides which were then valued at xii *li.* and so was [n] it in King *Stephen's* and H. 3. time; for I find it particularly mentioned in their Charters of Confirmation made to that Monastery, wherein is intimated, that the Monks had newly recovered it by the Precept of Pope *Eugenius*, though who it was that disseised them thereof be not expreſt. But the first Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** that had it, for ought appeareth to me, was *Roger Molend*, Nephew [o] to King H. 3. and elected [p] to that See, by the Monks of **Coventre**, at the earnest desire of *Richard* E. of **Cornwall**, the Kings brother, in 42 H. 3. which makes me guesse, that to him the said Monks first past it; because I find, that the next year following, the same King granted [q] him **Free-warren** here, and a **Mercate** every week upon the wednsday, with a **Fair** yearly to endure 3 days, beginning on the Even of S. *Peter* and *Paul* (commonly called *Lammas*.)

The extent of what these Bishops had here, was in 7 E. 1. certified [r] at 5. carucats of land, and a Windmill which they held in demesn, having xvi. servants who occupyed 25. yard land and a half, performing certain servile work in Harvest, and x. servants more, holding 8. yard land and a half, for which they were to Plow, Mow, and do other service there for the said Bishop. They had also xvi. Cottagers here, holding 17. Cottages, each of them paying a certain Rent, mowing at sometimes, and doing suit of Court twice a year: And likewise 8. Freeholders holding 8. yard land and a 4. part, who did suit to their 3. weeks Court, payd a certain Rent, plowed at some times, and mowed likewise for the Lord. And besides this, had *Infangthef* with divers other priviledges, which in 13 E. 3. were, upon their claym, allowed [s]: and afterwards enjoyed till 1 E. 6. that *Richard Sampſon*, the then Bishop, past [t] it, with the Mannours of **Tachebroke**, **Oepdon**, and **Chadshunt** to one *Thomas Fiſher* esquier for an C *li.* in ready money, and an Annuity of 50 *li. per annum* reserved to himself and his successors. Which grant was confirmed [u] by the Dean and Chapter, under their publique Seal 15. *Apr.* following.

But this Annuity of 50 *li. per annum* continued not long: For the same Bishop by his Deed of Release [w] bearing date 14 *Dec.* 2 E. 6. acquitted the said *Tho. Fiſher* and his heirs thereof. Which grant of these Mannours and Release so made by the Bishop, K. E. 6. by his Letters [x] Pat. dated 20. *Apr.* 3. of his reign confirmed. And moreover granted [y] to the said *T. Fiſher* and his heirs within the precinct of the said Mannours Return of Writs, so as the Kings Officers were not to meddle there; and that for

[l] *Cart.* 5 H. 3 *m.* [illegible] *per Inſp.*
[m] Dome day *lib.*
[n] *Cart.* 2 E. 3. *n.* [illegible] *per Inſp.*
[o] God[illegible]
[p] win. [illegible] *Præ[illegible]*
[q] *Cart.* 42 H. 3. *m.* [illegible]
[r] *Inq. per Nott. &* [illegible] 28. *b.*
[s] *Rot. de* [illegible] *warr.*
[t] *Ex R[illegible] giſt. [illegible] & Ca[illegible] Lich.*
[u] *Pat. Ed. p. 6*
[w] *Pat.*
[x] *Ed.*
[y] *p. 6*

for the future this priviledge ſhould be called *The Liberty of Thomas Fiſher in the County of* **Warwick**. What the reaſon was that the ſaid Biſhop paſt away this and thoſe other Mannours to the great prejudice of his ſucceſſors, I cannot certainly tell; but finding by the ſtory of him, that he had a good affection to the Romiſh Religion, notwithſtanding he had formerly aſſerted the K. Supremacy in H. 8. time, 'tis not unlike but there were thoſe that had a mind in the beginning of *Edw. 6.* raign, when Popery was aboliſh't, to heave him out of his Biſhoprick; and that he, to gain a friend in Court, parted with theſe Lordſhips to that end: For this *Tho. Fiſher* (as I have heard) was no leſs than Secretary to the D. of **Somerſet** (at that time Lord Protector to the K.) and being as greedy of Church-lands as other Courtiers in thoſe days were, ſwallowed divers large morſells, whereof this was one, and indeed ſo fair a bit, as that he was loath any ſhould ſhare with him therein; and therefore making an abſolute depopulation of that part called **Nether-Ichington** where the Church ſtood (which he alſo pulled down for the building of a large Mannour-houſe in its room,) to perpetuat his memory changed the name of it, from *Biſhops*-**Ichington**, to *Fiſher's*-**Ichington**

And after all this, the better to ſtrengthen his title procured *Raph Bane*, the ſucceeding Biſhop to levy a Fine[a] thereof in 4. & 5. *Ph. & M.* But how ſuch ſacrilegious acquiſitions do thrive, though fenc't about with all worldly ſecurity imaginable, we have manifold examples, whereof this is one and not the leaſt obſervable: for after the[b] death of the ſaid *Thomas*, which happned in 20 *Eliz.* *Edward* his ſon and heir making a ſhift to conſume all thoſe great poſſeſſions, which his father left him, excepting only this Lordſhip, and dying in priſon (as in **Warwick** I ſhall more particularly obſerve.) left it to *John* his ſon and heir, who by his deed bearing date 8 *Jac.* ſold it unto *Thom. Coxe* of **Honyngham** in this County, and after that went into **Ireland**. Which *Thomas Coxe* had iſſue *Thomas*, who convey'd it to Sir *James Enyan* of **Floze** *in Com. Northampt.* Baronet, about the xii. year of our late ſoveraign King *Charles*. Which Sir *James* by *Jane* daughter to Sir *Adam Newton* of **Charlton**, *in Com. Cantii* Baronet, having iſſue onely daughters, (whereof *Dorothe*, the eldeſt, married to *Thomas Stanley*, ſon and heir of Sir *Thomas Stanley* of **Cumberlow** *in Com.* **Hertf.** Knight, one of the chief ornaments of our time for his exquiſite learning, and other vertues) within five years after his ſaid purchaſe paſt it away to Sir *David Conyngham* Knight, ſo that the third generation never enjoyd it ſince it was thus aliened from the Biſhoprick.

The Church (dedicated to *All-Saints*) very antiently[c] belonging to the Chief Chanter of **Lichfield**-Cathedrall, and given (I preſume) by *Roger Molend* the firſt Biſhop that had the whole Lordſhip, was in 7 E. 1. held[d] appropriat by the ſaid Chanter, who then had there a carucat of land in demeſn, with 8. Freeholders occupying 4. yard land. In 19 E. 1. it, with the Chapells belonging thereto; *viz.* **Over-Ichington**, **Chadſhunt**, and **Geydon** were valued[e] at lx. marks, and the vicaridge at[f] 5. marks: but in 26 H. 8. the ſaid Vicaridge with the Chapells were rated[g] at xiii *li.* vi *s.* viii. *d.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inſtit.	
Magr. A. præcentor Eccl. Cath. Lich.	*Warinus de Walton Pbr. die Sab. prox. poſt feſt. S. M. Magd. An.* 1300.	*Langt. f.* 5. *b.*
D. Petr. de Columpna Præcentor &c.	*Will. de Neuſum Pbr.* 15. *Cal. Nov.* 1319.	*Ib. f.* 78. *b.*
Mr. Franc. de Luco Canon. Ebor. Procur. præd. Petri.	*Henr. Savage Pbr.* 2. *Non. Julii* 1322.	*Northb. f.* 17. *a.*
Mr. Mich. de Northburgh præcentor, &c.	*Adam de Hale Pbr.* 4. *Non. Junii.* 1339.	*Ib. f.* 34. *b.*
Thom. de Badby præcentor, &c.	*Adam de Hale Pbr.* 8. *Id. Maii* 1342.	*Ib. f.* 39. *b.*
	Hugo Adam Pbr. 16. *Cal. Oct.* 1361.	*Strett. f.* 10. *a.*
D. Rob. Wolnedon Præcentor, &c.	*Joh. Careſwall* 24. *Dec.* 1407.	*Burgh. f.* 20. *a.*
Præcentor Eccl. Cath. Lich.	*Rob. Paneſhall* 4. *Aug.* 1410.	*Ib. f.* 25. *b.*
	Joh. Raulins 27. *Maii* 1412.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
	Thom. Fleſher Cap. 1. *Sept.* 1416.	*Bull. f.* 5. *a.*
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*Joh. Probus Pbr.* 22. *Julii* 1426.	*Heyw. f.* 18. *b.*
Præceptor Eccl. Cath. Lichf.	*Joh. Ralſham. Pbr.* 26. *Oct.* 1442.	*Ib. f.* 41. *a.*
	Will. Mylde Pbr. 5. *Nov.* 1444.	*Ib. f.* 42. *b.*
	Joh. Ingelmels 15. *Martii* 1446.	*Ib. f.* 44. *b.*
	Joh. Probus Pbr. 10. *Dec.* 1446.	*Ib. f.* 45. *a.*
	Will. Buſtarde Diac. 15. *Martii.* 1492.	*Bowl. f.* 140. *a.*
Mr. Thom. Fitzherbert Præcentor, &c.	*D. Will. Betham penult. Martii* 1530.	*Bl. f.* 17. *b.*
Mr. Hugo Palmer. S. Theol. Bacc. Præcentor, &c.	*D. Ric. Iudſon Cap.* 12. *Julii* 1546.	*Sampſ. f.* 41. *b.*
Henr. Comberford Præcentor, &c.	*Edw. Keble Cler.* 9. *Maii* 1558.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 11. *a.*
Edw. Leedes Præcentor, &c.	..... 1568.	*Bentham bund. F.*
D. Eliz. Regina.	*Will. Wigan Cler.* 4. *Nov.* 1586.	*Bund. B.*
Thom. Coxe gener.	*Ric. Hunte. Cler. in art. Magr.* 8. *Julii* 1621.	*Morton bund. inſert.*

Geydon.

OF this place, originally a member of **Chadſhunt**, and involved therewith in the Conq. Survey, I have not ſeen any mention in Record till 7 R. 1. where there is no more ſaid than that *Will. le Butler* gave[h] 1. mark to have ſeiſin of his freehold therein. After which; *viz.* in 7 E. 1. it was certified[i], that the B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** (antiently called B. of **Cheſter**) had xxiii. tenants here, who performed divers ſervile labours, as Plowing, Sowing, Mowing, Reaping, &c. And ten Freeholders, whereof one, *ſc. Will. le Boteler* had 4. yard land. To whoſe ſucceſſors it continued with the like priviledges[k] as they had in **Chadſhunt** till 1 E. 6. but was then granted to *Thom. Fiſher* together with **Itchington**, and confirmed by the K. in 3 E. 6. As alſo in 4. & 5. *Ph. & M.* by *Raph Bane* the ſucceeding Biſhop; and deſcended to *Edward Fiſher* ſon and heir of the ſaid *Thomas*; (for proof of all which

h Rot. P. 7 R. 1.

i Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 67. b.

k Rot. de Q. Warr.

I have cited authorities in **Itchington**:) which *Edward* by his deed[l] bearing date 6. *Nov.* 27 *Eliz.* sold the greatest part of what he had here, being nineteen yard land to one *John Askell* and his heirs, whose posterity enjoy it till this day; and the rest, being 5. yard land to others. Which xxiv. yard land was all that the Bishop had here, for the other xviii. partly belonged to the antient Freeholders and partly to the Vicars of *Bishops*-**Itchington**, being of the Glebe to that Church.

[l] *Ex autog. penès*.... Askell.

The Chappell here, was dedicated to S. *Giles*, but hath no Armes in it.

Chadshunt.

THIS is one of those 24. towns given[m] by E. *Leofrike* to the Monastery of **Coventre** at the foundation thereof, above xx. years before the Norman Conquest, and is in that Charter called **Chaddesleyhunte**, but in *Domesday*-book written **Cedeleshunte**, and there valued at vii *li.* As for the name there is no question but that it proceeded originally from one *Cedde* or *Ceadde* (which we now call *Chadde*,) for in the Saxons time that appellation was usuall.

[m] *Cart.* 51 *H.* 3. *m.* 8. *per Inspex.*

Upon the confirmation[n] made by K. *Stephen* to the Priory of **Coventre** of the lands which were the antient possession of those Monks, it is mentioned to be one of those places that they had then newly recovered, and recorded by the name of **Chadeslesfont**: but with *Bishops*-**Itchington** it past from the Monks of **Coventre** to the Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** and in 7 E. 1. was certified[o] to be in the possession of the Bishop of **Chester** (for so was the Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** then called) who at that time held 6. carucats of land here in demesn, and had xvii. servants occupying severall proportions: as also two Cottiers and three Freeholders: which Freeholders held other tenements by a certain Rent and performance of some services.

[n] *Cart* 22 *E.* 3. *n.* 6. *per inspex.*

[o] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f* 67. *b.*

In 13 E. 1. *Roger Molend*, then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, clavmed[p] the like priviledges here as he did in **Itchington**-*Episc.* which were allowed. Whose successors enjoyd it till 1 E. 6. that *Richard Sampsun*, the then Bishop, alened it, with **Itchington** to *Thomas Hawkins*, *alias Fisher*, as I have there shewed. From which *Fisher* it past[q] in exchange 6 E. 6. to *Thomas Newsam* gentleman for xiii. yard land lying in *Over* and *Nether*-**Itchington** and the sum of Cxl. *li.* in money; whose great-grandchild, *scil. Thomas Newsam* now enjoys it.

[p] *Rot. de Q. Warr.*

[q] *Ex autog. penès* Tho. Newsam *gen.*

Within this Mannour so belonging to the Bishop, the chief Chanter of **Lichfield**, it seems, had antiently also certain possessions: for I find that in 16 H. 3. *Richard de Hauton* (then chief Chanter) recovered against one *Thomas Mathew* 41. acres of land, and three messuages, whereupon a Fine[r] was then levied, and the said mes. and land acknowledged to be the right of the same chief Chanter as belonging to the Cathedrall of **Lich.** And besides these mes. and lands had he also a title to eight yard land in **Radway**, as an Agreement[s] made in *An.* 1275. (3. E. 1. betwixt *Thomas de Wymundham*,) then chief Chanter, and the Monks of **Stoneley** manifesteth; by which it was concluded, that the said chief Chanter and his successors should thenceforth accept of xiii *s.* iv. *d. per annum* payable on the morrow after Easter, and the feast day of S. *Matthew* the Apostle by even portions, in lieu thereof.

[r] *Cart.* Ioh. Bapt.

[s] *Ex vet. cod. MS. penès* Tho. D. Leigh.

The Chapell here, was dedicated to *All-Saints*, in the windows whereof are no Armes; neither are there any Monuments in it but of a late erection, as the Epitaphs I have here added doe manifest.

On the South Wall.

Here lyeth buried the Predecessors of Walter Newsam, *Lord of Chadshunt in the County of Warwick. He wedded the daughter of* Anthony Aylworth *of* Aylworth *Com.* Glouc. *Esquier, who lived the severall ages of 76. years, and had issue* Thomas, John, George, Edward *and* Anne. 1621.

Upon the said Monument are these Armes; *viz. Arg. upon a fesse sable* 3. *Crosses Crosslets of the first, and a Mullet in chief of the second.*

On a plate of brasse in the said South-wall is the picture of a man with this Inscription.

Here lyeth the body of William Askell *gent. who deceased the* 6. *of Febr. Anno Dom.* 1613. *ætat. suæ* 48.

On a flat stone, in a plate of brass, towards the East end of the Chappell.

Here lyeth buryed the body of Theophilus Wilkyns *late of* Chadsunt. *who dyed on the first of August.* 1613.

And in the Chapell yard there hath been an antient Oratory, as the Inhabitants report, in which was the Image of S. *Chadde*, whereunto Pilgrimages had wont to be made; for by an Inquisition taken in 4 *Eliz.* it appears, that the Offrings brought thither upon that occasion did amount to xvi. *li. per annum* one year with another.

Herberbury.

FOllowing the course of **Icheno** I come next to **Herberbury**, wherein I find that divers persons had shares in the Conq. time; *viz.* the Monks of **Coventre** 1. hide and 1. virgat, which being wasted by the Kings Army were then[t] certified to be worth but ii *s.* The Earl of **Mellent** 4. hides and a half, valued at C *s.* and held by *Leuuinus* and *Alricus* in *Edward* the Confessors time. *Turchill de Warwick* 4. hides, valued at lx *s.* whereof *Wilielmus* (Progenitor to the family of *Lodbroke*, as I conceive) was then his tenant, one *Ordric* having been owner of them before the Conquest; in which part of the town the Church stood. *Henry de Ferrers* 2. hides valued at iv *li.* and then held by *Wazelinus*, but were the Freehold of *Siward Barn* (of whom I have spoke in **Burton**-*Hastings*) before the Norman invasion. And *William Buenvasleth* 3. virgats, rated at v. *sol.* But this place is in *Domesday*-book variously written; *viz.* **Eoburberie**, **Erburberie**, and **Erburgeberie**: which

[t] Dom. *lib.*

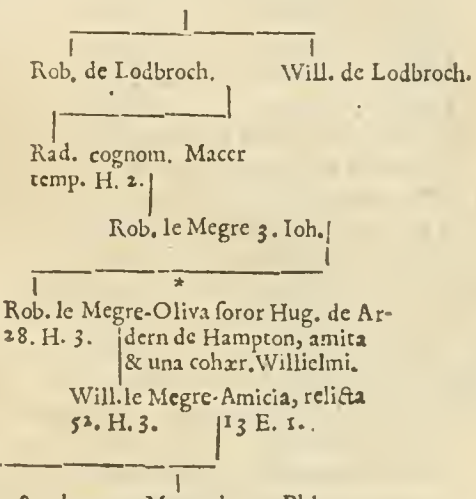
which considered makes me suppose, that one *Erneburga*, or *Erburga* (the name of a woman antiently) was possessor thereof in the Saxons time.

Touching that which the Monks of **Coventre** had here, I find [n], that it came afterwards to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, though how or when I cannot declare, the quantity thereof being five yard land, as in 7 E. 1. was certified [o], whereof four the said Canons then held in demesn, and the fift was occupyed by three servants, who performed certain servile labours for the same. But the Earl of **Pellent's** share descended to his son, *viz.* *Robert* Earl of **Leicester**, which *Robert* enfeoft the same *G. de Clinton* thereof, who was founder of the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth** *temp. H. 1.* Whose grandchild, *Henry*, past [x] a great part of it to *Reginald Basset* (of whom in **Wolvey** I have made mention) and [y] *Henry Mallore* (son [z] to *Ankitell Mallore*) *Robert Fitz-Parnell*, Earl of **Leic.** in King *John's* time, confirming [a] the grants. Which *Henry* kept his part not long, but aliened [b] some of it away to the said *Reginald*, who disposed [c] thereof, with all he had here besides, to the Monks of **Combe**, levying a Fine thereupon in 3. *Joh.* and gave [d] the residue to the Canons of **Kenilworth.**

But the greater proportion thereof the Monks of **Combe** had, *viz.* [e] two carucats, excepting one virgat, in demesn, and two Windmills, with 12. servants holding ..... yard land and half at the will of the Lord, performing divers servile labours; two Cottagers holding two Cottages; and two Freeholders, who occupyed half a yard land and two acres; all which were held by them of the heires to the said *Reginald Basset* by the eight part of a Knights fee: That which the Canons of **Kenilworth** held being 2. Windmills and 2. yard land in demesn, three servants occupying one yard land and a half, and seven Freeholders holding one mes. two yard land a 4. part and two acres. Another part of what the same Earl of **Pellent** had here was granted [f] by some of his descendants to the Monastery of **Nun-Eaton** whereof they were Patrons. But that which *Turchill de Warwick* had was given, it seemes, to *Henry de Neuburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; and by the said *Henry* unto *Geffrey de Clinton* before specified: which *Geffrey* bestowed [g] the Church on the Canons of **Kenilworth** immediatly after his foundation of that Monastery, *Henry* his grandchild confirming [h] the gift.

It should seem, that one of the ancestors to the family of *Lodbroke* had some grant from the Earl of **Warwick** of all that the said Earl had here, so that the above specified *G. de Clinton* and he, were at odds about the same: which of them had the better title I will not here stand to argue; but that *Geffrey* was a mighty man in H. 1. time, in **Kenilworth** I have shewed; so that the said ..... *de Lodbroke*, though he recovered [i] it (as the Charter expresseth) yet, was he contented to hold [k] it of the same *Geffrey*; and by the advice of *Walter Durdent* then Bishop of **Coventre** did confirm [l] the grant of this Church to the said Monastery in the presence of that Bishop, and a great part of his Clergy; which also was ratified by *William de Lodbroch* his brother and heir, who likewise acquitted those Canons of v *s.* yearly Rent that had been paid to his predecessors out of a yard land that belonged to the said Church.

Of those possessions here, in **Herberbury**, that were of *Clinton's* fee, in 31 H. 2. it was certified [m], that the *Templars* held 5. yard land; part of which were given [n] by *Geffrey de Clinton*, and part by *Henry* his son, against whom in 2. *Joh.* the said *Templars* required [o] warranty. Which land in 7 E. 1. was certified [p] to be 1. carucat, 2. yard land and 8. Acres; all then held by 6. Freeholders, who payd certain Rents for the same; besides 2. cottages. It was then also certified, that the said *Templars* held 5. yard land here in demesn of *Rob. fil. Odonis*; which implyes, that they had it of his grant. But that part of **Herberbury** so possest by *Lodbroke*, was given, it seemes, to *Raph* the son of *Rob. de Lodbroke* sirnamed *Macer* or *Megre*, an appellation that he had by reason of his leanness.



For from the said *Raph Macer* had the Canons of **Kenilworth** also a confirmation [q] of this Church, with 2. yard land thereto belonging, in the presence of *Will. de Lodbrock* his uncle, in whose Fee it was situat. To whom succeeded *Robert le Megre* his son, who ratified [r] his fathers grant, and bestowed [s] on the said Canons 2. yard land lying also in this place. Which *Rob.* in 3. *Joh.* gave [t] 2. yard land, lying here likewise, to the Nuns of **Eaton**, whereon the said Nuns in [u] 7 E. 1. had x. tenants who held 1. yard land and half thereof at will, performing divers servile imployments, and 2. Freeholders that possest the other half yard land.

To this *Robert* succeeded another *Robert*, who in 20 H. 3. answered [w] for half a Kts fee in this place, then held of the E. of **Warwick**, and in [x] 28 H. 3. was one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. This last mentioned *Robert* was a man of very great eminency in this Shire for his knowledge, as appears by the trust then reposed in him: For whereas in 30 H. 3. the K. had constituted [*] *Henry de Wyngham*, with one Kt. in every County from **Trent** Southwards, to have custody of his *Eschaets* in the said severall Shires; as also to enquire of all *Sergeanties*, so as to certify in whose tenure they then were, and in case any of them were alienated without the Ks. consent, to discover by whom and to whom such alienations were made, and of their values: By vertue of which Commission they had also power to call before them xxiv, or xii. of the most antient, lawfull and discreet Kts. in each particular County, who being sworn were to enquire upon such Articles as should be exhibited to them touching the said *Escheats* & *Sergeanties*, the certificats whereof are recorded in the Exchequer in that known volume called *Testa de Nevill*, under the title

[*] Afterwards Chancellour of England and Bishop of London.

y Pat. 30. H. 3. m. 3. *De sergeantiis arentatis*, this y *Rob. le Megre* being the onely man made choyce of and appointed by the K. in this County, performed that service; and left issue *Will. le Megre*, who on the Eve of z Reg. de Cumba, f. 146. b. S. *Martin*, *an.* 1254. 38 H. 3. by his Testam. z bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Monastery of **Combe**, at which time he was received by those Monks to be partaker of all the benefits of their Order. Which *Will.* departed this life before 13 E. 1. for then do I find a, that *Amicia* and *Margerie* were his daughters and heirs, one whereof became the wife b of *John Low*, and the other of c *Philip Lovet*.

a Plac. de B. term. Pasch. b 13 E. 1. c Rot. 19.

Whether these daughters had no issue, and that thereby this Mannour eschaeted to *John de Lodbroke*, of whom it was immediatly holden; or whether the said *John de Lodbroke* obtained it by purchase, or any other Agreement with them, I know not; but certain it is, that his posterity enjoy'd it: For in 9 E. 2. *Henry de Lodbroke*, his son, was certified d to be owner thereof, and that he held e it by a Kts. fee of the E. of **Warwick**. Which Sir *H. de Lodbroke* (for he was a Kt.) in 17 E. 2. setled f it upon *John* his son, and *Hawise* then the wife of the said *John*, and the heirs of their two bodyes lawfully begotten, rendring to him the said Sir *Henry* x marks sterling during his life. After which, *viz.* in 24 E. 3. by a Fine g then levyed betwixt the said *Hawise* Pl. and *Will.* the son of *Nich. le Wodward* of **Ichinton** Deforc. it was setled upon the said *Hawise* for life; and from her decease, upon *Will. de Catesby* for life; the remainder to *Thomas* the son of the said Sir *John de Lodbroke*, and *Alice* the daughter of the same *Will. de Catesby*, and the heirs of their two bodies; but for default of such issue, to the right heirs of the said *Thomas*.

d Nom. vill. e Clauf. 9. E. 2. m. 13. f Ex autog. penès Cam. Scac. in baga de Catesby. g Craft. Ajcenf.

Which *Thomas* and all his brothers dyed without issue; so that *Alice* the wife of *Lewes Cardian* became heir at law to them (as by the descent in **Lodbroke** may be seen) From whom descended *John Hathewyk*, son of *Will. Hathewyk* and *Catherine* daughter and heir of her the said *Alice*, who in 10 H. 6. was certified h to hold this Mannour by the 8 part of a Kts. fee; at which time he resided here, and had the addition of *generosus*.

h Rot. in Scacc. penès Rem. R.

But after this do I find no more mention in Record of this Mannour till 21 H. 8. that there was a Fine i levyed thereof betwixt *Rob. Dormer* Esq; and others Pl. and *Rob. Corbet* Deforc. though to what uses, I know not. Howbeit, the next year following, it was passed by *Joan* the widow of the said *Rob. Corbet*, unto *Thomas Englefeild*, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, Sir *George Thregmorton* Kt. and *Edward Underhill* Gent. as by her Deed k bearing date 17 *Junii* appeareth. Which *Ioan* then levyed a Fine thereof to them, by the name of *Ioan Hall* widow (lately called *Ioan Corbet*) in *Hill.* Term, 23 H. 8. But it seems that the said Conveyance and Fine was to the use of the said *Edw.* and his heirs: for by the Inquis. l taken after his death he is certified to dye seized thereof 7 *Martii*, 1 E. 6. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 26 years of age. To whom succeeded *John Underhill*, which *John* in 1 *Mar.* past m it to *Thomas Freeman* and others.

i Term. Pasch. k Ex autog. penès Jos. Veenour. l Esc. 1. E. 6. m F. levat. term. Mich.

I come now to that which *Henry de Ferrers* had here in **Herberbury** by the Conq. gift, though when his posterity granted it away, I cannot positively averr: but finding that *Rob. fil. Odonis* was possest of a great part thereof in the beginning of K. *John*'s time; and that in 12 H. 2. *Odo fil. Johannis*, father of the said *Robert*, was certified n to hold one Kts. fee of *Will. de Boskervill* (which *Will.* held 3 Kts. fees of the Earl *Ferrers*, *de veteri feoffamento*) I doubt not but that I may safely enough conclude, that *Rob.* first Earl *Ferrers*, son of the said *Henry*, granted it to the father or grandfather of the said *Will. de Boskervill*: for which Kts. fee, lying o here and in **Chesterton**, *Isabell* the widow of *Raph de Boschervill* impleaded p the said *Rob. fil. Odonis* in 4 *Ioh.* alledging that she was endowed by her said husband: Whereunto *Robert*, answered, that *Odo* his father dyed seized thereof; and that it thereupon descended to *Will.* his son and heir, who likewise dying seized of it, left a certain daughter his heir, and within age; by reason whereof, the E. *Ferrers*, as superior Lord of the Fee, had the custody of it with the said daughter; and that she dying in her minority, he went to the Earl, and gave him such satisfaction, that he had livery thereof as right heir. But the next year following they came to an Agreement q, whereupon there was a Fine levied thereof betwixt the said *Isabell*, by the name of *Isabell de Say*, and him the said *Robert*; by which Fine it appears, that *Burga*, then the wife of *Hugh de Picheford* was daughter and heir to the before mentioned *Raph de Buschervill*, and that the said *Rob.* acknowledged the same to be her right; the meaning whereof I conceive to be, that he held it immediatly of her, and not of the Earle *Ferrers* (the said Earle being the cheif from whom her ancestors held it:) for in 36. H. 3. it appears r, that *Odo de Herberbury* (who was doubtless the son of the said *Robert*) held the same Kts: fee, expressed to lye here in **Herberbury** of *Raph de Pichford*, and that the said *Raph* held it over of the E. *Ferrers*.

n Li ru f. 16. o a. p Plac. an. 4. ob. Rot. 1 in. dorso. q F. 5. Joh. r Test. Nevil.

This *Rob. Fil. Odonis* was a benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by giving s them part of his possessions lying in this place, whereof two Acres were for the celebration of a Masse every Saturday; the whole in 7. E. 1. being certifyed t at 2. yard land and ix acres, of which all but the ix acres was then held by 4. servants, who performed severall kinds of servile labour for them, and the ix acres by 3 Freeholders that payd particular Rents for the same. But the last of the before-specifyed family, of whom I finde any mention, was another *Rob. fil. Odonis*, whom I take to be the son of that *Odo de Herberbury* above mentioned, and grandchild to the before recited *Robert*; for he is called u *Robertus fil. Odonis de Herberbyry*. Which *Rob.* by his deed w recorded in the Rolls of the Chancery 20. *Apr.* 7. E. 1. bestowed upon the monks of **Combe** his Mannour house and all else that he had here; as also in **Chesterton**, extending to 95. Acres and a half, for the health of his soule, and of the souls of *Eliz.* his wife, and of all his Ancestors and Successors, wherein the said Monks had x **Court-Leet** with other Priviledges.

s Reg. Kenil. 74. t Inq. H. N. &c. f. 3 b. v Cl 7. I. d. 8. w x Rot. Q. w

Odo fil. Iohannis, 12 H. 2.

Rob. fil. Odonis. 4 Ioh. | Will. fil. Odonis.

Odo de Herberbury, 36 H. 3. | filia obiit s. prole.

Rob. fil. Odonis, 7 E. 1.

All which they held till the dissolution of the Monasteryes; after which this Mannour was by Q. *Eliz.* granted y out of the Crown to *Edw. Frost* and *John Walker* and their heirs 19. *Ian.* 24. of her

y Pat. 1 Eliz. p.

her reign. From whom it became aliened to *Thom. Wagſtaff*, and from him to *Wilt. Cookes* of **Snitfeild**, whoſe poſterity do now enioy it.

But that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, except the advouſon of the Church, was granted [z] out of the Crown by Q. *Eliz.* in 4. of her reign to *John Fiſher* and *Thomas Dabridgcourt* by the name of a Mannour; in which Pat. alſo paſt whatſoever belong'd to the Monaſtery of **Nun-Eaton** lying in this town; And from them the ſame year unto [a] *Thomas Fiſher* then of *Biſhops*-**Ichington** and his heirs. which *Thomas* dyed [b] ſeized thereof 12. *Ian.* 20. *Eliz.* leaving *Edward* his ſon and heir then 30. years of age; and he *John*, who paſt [c] it away to *Thomas Coxe* of *Bps.*-**Ichington**. From whom, 16. *Iunii*, 19. *Iac.* it was purchaſed by *Ric. Wagſtaff*, whoſe heirs to this day enjoy it.

Beſides theſe ſeverall Mannours already mentioned, I find [d] that in 10. H. 6. *John Mallory* of the County of **Leic.** Gent. held another by ¼ the 4. part of a Kts. Fee, though what became thereof I know not.

Having thus done with all the diſtinct Mannours I may not omit to mention, that in 7. E. 1. *Euſtace de Hatch* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Morton-Morrell**) held [e] 3. carucats of land here, excepting x. acres, of *John de Lodbrok*, having tenants that occupied the ſame, who performed divers ſervile labours for it, as the uſuall cuſtome of thoſe times was, paying but a ſmall Rent. Somthing more he held [f] here of the Honour of **Leiceſter**, but it was not of much moment.

That the Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was given to the Monaſtery of **Kenilworth** by *G. de Clinton*, the founder thereof. *temp.* H. 1. I have already ſhewed: which grant of his I find confirmed [g] by *Ric. Peche* Bp. of **Coventre** in H. 2. days. To whom, ere long, ſucceeded *G. Muſchamp*, who in K. *John's* time appropriated [h] it to thoſe Canons, aſſigning half a mark yearly to them out of the Vicaridge. In *An.* 1291. 19. E. 1. it was valued [i] at xviii marks iiii *s.* viii *d.* over and above a *Penſion* of x *s. per ann.* payd out of it to the Prior of **Warmington**, and another of xii *s. per ann.* to the *Prior* of **Tutbury**; at which time the Vicaridge was rated [k] at two marks: but in [l] 26. H. 8. at C. *ſol.* over and above ii *s.* yearly for *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inſt.	
Prior et Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Rob. de Gouteby Cap. An.* 1251.	
	Ric. de Northampton Cap. An. 1283.	
	Sym. de Salford An. 1285.	
	Ioh. Lipener Cap. Cal. Iunii 1308.	
	Henr. de Barewe Pbr. 4. *Cal. Aug.* 1320.	
	Ioh. de Weſtbury Cap. 11. *Cal. Dec.* 1331.	
	Will. de Leyceſter Cap. 17. *Cal. Julii* 1332.	
	Thomas Crowe Pbr. 2. *Id. Oct.* 1361.	
	Rad. Boy Pbr. 10. *Apr.* 1379.	
	Walt. Maltelby Cap. penult. Oct. 1410.	
	Thomas Boteler Cap. 21. *Aug.* 1416.	*Bull. f.4.b.*
	Ric. Clare 5. *Junii* 1421.	*Heyw. f.6.*
	Will. Warde Cap. ult. Martii 1425.	*a.* *Ib. f.14.b.*
	Will. Warde Cap. 28. *Sept.* 1429.	*Ib. f.23.a.*
	Will. Watſon Pbr. 7. *Maii* 1430.	*Ib. f.24.b.*
	Thomas Prate Pbr. 16. *Feb.* 1431.	*Ib. f.27.a.*
	Thom. Wylmot 22. *Dec.* 1436.	*Ib. f.35.a.*
	Will. Parker 8. *Junii.* 1456.	*Bowl. f.22. b.*
	D. Jac. Hynches penult. Maii 1521.	*Bl. f.7.b.*
	D. Alex. Acotte penult. Maii 1536.	*Str. et P. f. 14.a.*
Nich. Cooke, & alii, hac vice ex conceſs. Pr. & C. de Kenill.	*D. Ric. Badger Cler.* 18 *Sept.* 1550.	*Sampſ. f. 42.b.*
D. Regina Eliz.	*Math. Pickering Cler.* 8. *Dec.* 1572.	*Sampſ. et B. f.45.a.*
Ric. Wagſtaff de Herberbury. gener.	*Will. Spycer Cler.* 15. *Sept.* 1612.	*Neal bund. A.*
Idem Ric.	*Walt. Jackman art. Magr.* 13. *Sept.* 1622.	*Morton bund. in cert.*
	Ric. Watts Cler. 2. *Martii* 1622.	

Vfton.

THis is one of thoſe towns that E. *Leofrike* gave [m] to the Monaſtery of **Coventre** at his foundation thereof 1. *Edw.* Conf. in whoſe Charter it is written **Ulfetune**, and in the Conq. time certifyed to contain 4. hides then valued at C *s.* but in that Survey recorded by the name of **Alchetune**. However it be thus written, as alſo afterwards, I am of opinion that its denomination was originally occaſioned from on *Ulfe*, whoſe ſeat and poſſeſſion in the Saxons time it had been. But it ſeems the Monks were diſturbed of their enjoyment thereof ſhortly after, though by whom or upon what pretence appears not: for I find that in K. *Steph.* confirmation [o] made to them of this and other Mannours, whereof they were poſſeſt in the time of K. *Edw.* the *Conf.* and K. *William* his (grandfather) he mentions this for one, and that they had then newly recovered it.

After which, *viz.* in 41. H. 3. they had **Free-warren** granted [p] to them in all their demeſne lands here, which in 7. E. 1. extended [q] to two carucats of land, then held in demeſn; at which time they had xxx ſervants holding xv. yard land, who performed divers kindes of ſervile imployments for thoſe Religious perſons. And like wiſe 4 Cottiers that did the like: as alſo ſix Free-holders who held 4. yard land and a fourth part; and moreover a certain wood containing x acres, with **Court-leet**: Aſſize of bread and beer, and other priviledges, But in that Record it is written **Olneweton, Oulfton, Olufton**, and **Olughton**.

The next obſervable paſſage relating thereto is, that in 13. E. 1. *Rob. de Pinkney* commenced ſuit [r] againſt the Prior of **Coventre** for it, and layd his

[z] *Pat.* 4. *Eliz. p.* 6.
[a] *Ex cartular. T. Fiſher penès Thom. Puckering. eq. aur. et B.*
[b] *Eſc.* 20. *Eliz.*
[c] *Ex autog. penès Ric. Wagſtaff.*
[d] *Rot. penès Rem. in Scacc.*
[e] *Inq.* per *H. Nott. m.f.* 34.a.
[f] *Ib. f.* 34.b.
[g] *Reg. de Cenill. p.* 70. *Ib. p.* 65. *&* 73.
[h] *MS in Scacc.*
[i] *MS. penès A. eq. aur.*
[k] *e autog. penès D. et ep. Lichf.*
[l] *ngt. f.* 29.
f. 79.b.
rthb. f. .a.
f. 26.a.
eut. f. .a. f. 26.b.
rgh. f. .b.
[m] *Cart.* 51. *H.* 3. *m.* 8. *per Inſpex.*
[n] *Domeſd. lib.*
[o] *Cart.* 22. *E.* 3. *n.* 6. *per Inſpex.*
[p] *Cart.* 41. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.
[q] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 55. *b. &c.*
[r] *Rot. penès Cam. Scacc. in baga de Ragman.*

his claim from *Gerard de Limesy* his anceſtor, alleadging that the ſaid *Gerard* was ſeized thereof in K. *John*'s time, whoſe deſcent I have made plain in **Long-Ichington**. But hereunto the Prior anſwered, that E. *Leofrik* (before mentioned) by the licenſe of K. *Edw*: the Conf: gave it to the Monaſtery of **Coventre**, and that the ſaid K. *Edw:* confirmed the donation; as alſo K. *Will:* the Conq: K. H. 2. and K. H. 3. And yet notwithſtanding all this the ſaid Prior was content to make an agreement with him the ſaid *Robert*, who thereupon acknowledged the right of the Monks by a Fine levied *Octab. Joh. Bapt.* 14. E. 1. and for ſo doing was made partaker of all their prayers and devout excerciſes. From which time the Monks peacebly enjoy'd it till the diſſolution of their Houſe in 30 H. 8. that it came to the Crown, wherein it continued till 37 of that Ks. Reign, but then was granted [f] (*inter alia*) to *Thomas* lord *Wriothesley*, at that time L. Chancelour of **England**, and his Heires, who the very ſame year paſt [t] it to *Will. Stanford* Eſq; and his Heires; which *Will.* the next year following, conveyed [u] the Inheritance thereof to Sr. *Andrew Flammock* Kt. and *Eliz.* his VVife, whoſe ſon and heir *Francis Flammock* Eſq; in 1 *Eliz.* ſold [w] it to *Sr. John Spenſer* of **Althorpe** *in Com. Northamp.* Kt: by which means it came to *Tho. Spenſer* late of **Clardon** in this County Eſq; a younger ſon to the ſaid Sr. *John*.

[f] *Pat.* 37. H. 8. *p.* 1.
[t] *Pat.* 37. H. 8 *p.* 8.
[u] *Pat.* 38. H 8. *p.* 12.
[w] *Pat.* 1. *Eliz. p.* 10.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Michael*) was appropriated [x] to the Priory of **Coventre** by *Reg. de Molend* Bpp. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** 5. *Non. Nov. An.* 1260. (44 *H.* 3.) having antiently been endowed [y] with 1 yard land; and *in An.* 1291. 19. *E.* 1. was valued [z] at xiiii Marks: but by the certificate [a] made in 26 *H.* 8. I find that it belonged to two Prebendaries in the Cath. Church of **Lichfeild**, who provided a ſtipendiary to ſerve the Cure, unto whom they then allowed certain ſmall Tithes to the value of iiii *li.* xiii *s.* iiii *d. per an.*

[x] *Rot. R. Molend, m.* 4.
[y] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 56. *b.*
[z] *MS in Scac.*
[a] *MS penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 49. *b.*

Honingham.

BElow **Alton** there is no other Village ſituate on the weſtern bank of **Ichene**; ſo that now I come to obſerve the next that comes in my way, after the conjunction of it with **Leam**; *viz.* **Honingham**. In [b] the Conq. time *Will. fil. Corbucionis* (of whom in **Stodley** I have ſpoke further) held it, *Oſmund* and *Chetel* being his tenants thereto. It then contained 3. hides and a half, which were valued at iii *l.* and in *Edw.* the Conf. time was the freehold of *Eneuui* and *Saulf.* In *Domeſday*-book it is written **Huningeham**, which name I conceive was firſt occaſioned from ſome poſſeſſor thereof in the Saxons time, **ham** ſignifying in our old Engliſh an habitation or dwelling.

[b] *Domeſday lib.*

In the family of *Corbicun* it did continue till about the beginning of H. 3. reign, as I gueſs; for Sir *Geffrey Corbicun* Kt: in K. *John's* time, gave [c] unto *Edm.* Rector of the Church of **Wapenbury**, and his ſucceſſors (with the allowance and conſent of Sir *Ric. de Wapenbury* the Patron thereof) one meſſ. with half a yard land, and a floud-gate lying in this **Honyngham** (but adjoyning to the Miln-holme of **Wapenbury**) with all the Tithes of his Fee there, for the maintenance of a Preiſt to celebrate divine ſervice 3. days in the week in his Chappel here; *viz.* Sunday, Wedneſday, and Friday; and upon all the double Feſtivalls, with *Mattens*, *Maſs*, and *Veſpers*. Which grant ſo made by the ſaid Sir *Geffrey*, was, in reſpect of the dangerous paſſage to the mother Church of **Wapenbury** at ſuch times as the River **Leame** exceeded its bounds. And beſides all this, he conferred upon the ſaid Sir *Richard* and his heirs all his right in that Chappell.

[c] *Ex autog. penès Joſeph. Venour gen.*

But the next mention that I find [d] thereof, is in 20. H. 3. where *Walter de Daivill* (owner alſo of **Walton-Daiville**) anſwered for the 4. part of a Kts. fee in this place; which ſaid 4. part in 36. H. 3. was certifyed [e] to be held by *Rob: de Dayvill* of *Will: de Cantilupe*, and that the ſaid *Will:* held it over of the heirs of *Geffrey Corbicon*; whereby it may ſeem that *Peter Corbicon*, ſon to that *Peter* which founded the Priory of **Stodley**, at ſuch time as he paſſed the advouſon of that Religious houſe with other lands and Fees unto *Will. de Cantilupe* (as I ſhall ſhew when I come to **Stodley**) granted likewiſe this 4. part of a Kts Fee here to the ſaid *Will:* for I ſuppoſe that the ſame *Geffrey*, here mentioned was a ſon to the ſaid *Peter*. After this; *viz.* in the ſame 36. year of H. 3. had *Walt: D'eyvill* (whom I account ſon of the before mentioned *Robert*) a *Charter* [f] of **Free-warren** in all his demeſn lands here, and other lordſhips of this County. Howbeit in 13. E. 1. *John de Haſtings*, as ſuperior Lord of the Fee, claymed [g] a **Court-Leet**, Weyfs, and other priviledges therein (*Ioan* his mother being one of the ſiſters and heirs to *George de Cantilupe*.)

[d] [e] *Teſt de Nevill.*
[f] *Cart.* 3 H. 3. *m.* 3
[g] *Rot. de Quo Warr*

But when or how *D'eyvill* parted with his intereſt, I have not yet ſeen, nor any more thereof till E. 1. time, that *Rog: de Clifford* ſenior, paſt [h] what he had here, which then extended to *xx* l. lands *per ann.* unto Sir *Urian S. Pere* Kt. in exchange for certain lands in **Dreyton** *in Com. Suff.* which Sir *Urian* (for I take it to be he) was in 23. E. 1. found [i] to dye ſeized of a certain Mannour-houſe, with divers lands and tenements ſituat in this place, which he held ioyntly with *Margaret* his wife, of the before recited *John de Haſtings* by the third part of a Kts. Fee, leaving *Urian* [k] his ſon and heir then xvj. years of age: but the Record expreſſeth, that the ſaid Mannour-houſe and lands were purchaſed by him and the ſaid *Margaret* of one *Ralph de Bure*. Which laſt mentioned Sir *Urian* (for he was a Kt.) had iſſue [l] *John*, who in 8. *E.* 3. levyed a Fine [m] of this Mannour, unto *Will.* the Son of Sir *VVilliam Truſſell* of **Cublesdon** Kt. but to what uſes appears not. VVhich *VVill.* in 20 *E.* 3. was certifyed [n] to hold the 4. part of a Kts Fee here, of the heirs of *Haſtings*: notwithſtanding all which, it ſhould ſeem, that it came by *Iſabell* the daughter of Sir *Urian* (who perhaps was heir to her brother *John*) vnto Sir *Walt: Cokeſey* Kt. ſon and heir of *Hugh Cokeſey*, who in 30. E. 3 dyed [o] ſeized of another Mannour lying in this place; both which being thus vnited continued to the heirs of *Cokeſey* for divers generations, as I ſhall ſhew anon.

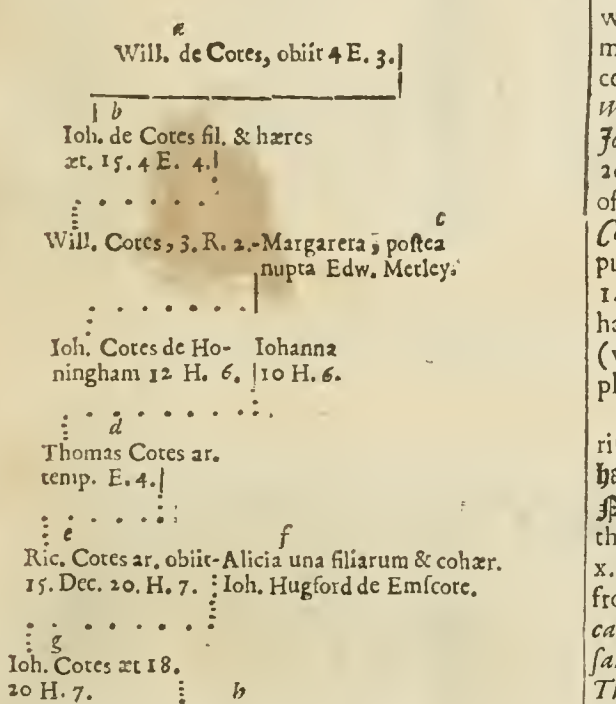
[h] *Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.*
[i] [k] *Eſc.* 23. E. 1. *n.* 5
[l] *Eſc.* 5. E. 2. *n.* 39.
[m] 3 *ſept. Paſch.*
[n] *Rot. penès* S. Clark *B.*
[o] *Clauſ.* 30 E. 3. *m.* 6.

But in the mean time, taking a view of ſuch other perſons as had to do here, I find, that in 4. E. 4. *Will: Cotes* dyed ſeized of a capitall meſs: and certain lands, leaving *John* his ſon and heir xv. years of age. (which *Will:* was ſon and heir vnto *Roger*, who ſtiles himſelf *Rog: fil: Silveſtri de Honyngham*, by his deed [p] bearing date in 30. E. 1. and in [q] 9. E. 2. Steward unto *John de Warren* E. of **Suſſex** and **Surrey** for all his Courts in theſe Countyes.)

[p] [q] *Ex autog. penès S. Archer eq. aur.*

Counties.) And that in 20 E. 3. *John Cotes*, *Will. Blundell*, and *Rog. de Tiringham* held [r] here likewise the 4. part of a Knights fee of the Earl of **Lancaster**, and the heirs of *Haſtings*. Which 4. part in 44 E. 3. was certified [s] to be held of the E. of **Warwick** by *John de Cotes* and *Will. Corbizon de* **Kenilworth.**

In 2 H. 4. it alſo appears [t], that *Edw. Metley* held the 4. part of a Knights fee, here, of the Earl of **Warwick**. And in 10 H. 6. all the principall perſons that then had intereſt in **Honyngham** are expreſt [u]; *viz.* Sir *Hugh Cokeſey* of **Worceſterſhire** Knight, *John Cotes* of **Honyngham** eſq. *Margaret Metley*, and *Will. Warmyngton* of **Honyngham** huſbandman; where it is recorded, that they held the Mannour of **Honyngham**, with certain lands and tenements there, by the 4. part of a Knights fee. Of which family of *Cotes* I find, that ſome wrote themſelves of this place, whereby it is manifeſt that they had their reſidence here. VVherefore, having reduced hither all that I have found of them in order of time, and with as much certainty in the deſcent as I have any authority to warrant it withall, I ſhall take notice of what is memorable of them.



In 3 R. 2. *Will. Cotes* was a Commiſſioner [w] for levying and aſſeſſing a xv. then granted to the K. in Parliament. And *John* his ſon one [x] of thoſe men of note in this County, who, bearing antient Armes from his Anceſtors, had command in 7 H. 5. to attend the King in perſon for defence of the Realm. VVhich *John* in 12 H. 6. was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held, and that, by Indenture [y], certified to the then Lord Chancelour, the names of all ſuch perſons in the County as were thought fit to make oath, that they would perform certain Articles eſtabliſhed in the ſame Parliament. And laſtly in [z] 20 H. 6. Eſcheator for **Warwick** and **Leiceſter-ſhires**. But how long this family continued poſſeſt of what they had here I am not ſure; therefore upon theſe incertainties I ſhall leave them, reſolving next to take notice of the *Cokeſeys*, who had likewiſe an intereſt in this place, as I have already intimated, though their principall reſidence was in **Worceſter-ſhire**. The firſt of which family was *Hugh de Cokeſey*, a younger ſon (as I gueſs) to Sir *Walter Cokeſey* of **Cokeſey** in **Worceſter-ſhire** Kt. for ſo it may ſeem by the Teſtament [a] of the ſaid Sir *Walter* bearing date 24 E. 1.

The ſame year that the ſaid *Hugh de Cokeſey* departed this life (which was 30 E. 3. as I have already ſhewed) *Dionyſia* his widow (one of the daughters and heirs of *Will. le Botiller* vowed [b] chaſtity in the preſence of *Reginald Bryan* Biſhop of **Worceſter**; touching the manner and form of which vows I ſhall ſpeak in **Warwick** when I come to hiſtorify the family of thoſe Earls and their poſterity. In 39 E. 3. *Walter Cokeſey* ſon and heir of the ſaid *Hugh*, making proof of his age had livery [c] of his inheritance; and being a Knight in [d] 49 E. 3. married [e] *Iſabell* the daughter and heir of *Hurian S. Pere*. Which *Walter* dyed [f] 6 H. 4. ſeized of the Mannour of **Honyngham** as tenant by the curteſy of **England**, after the death of *Iſabell* his wife, leaving *Walter* his ſon and heir of full age, whoſe deſcent I have placed in **Wylle**; whereby may be diſcerned, that *Joyce* one of the ſiſters and coheirs to Sir *Hugh Cokeſey* Knight, ſon to the laſt *Walter*, married to *John Grevill*, and had iſſue [g] Sir *John Grevill* Kt. that dyed [h] ſeiſed of this Mannour 20 E. 4. leaving *Thomas* his ſon and heir 26. years of age. Which *Thomas*, aſſuming [i] the name of *Cokeſey*, reſided at **Pilcote** in this County, where I purpoſe to ſpeak hiſtorically of him, and dyed [k] in 14 H. 7. Whereupon *Rob. Ruſſell* and *Rob. Winter* had livery [l] of all his lands as his coſyns and heirs (whoſe alliance to him that deſcent in **Wylle** doth plainly ſhew.)

Which *Rob. Winter*, upon partition of that inheritance, had (it ſeemes) this Mannour in **Honyngham**; but conveyed the ſame to *John Underhill* of **Nether-Etyndon** within a ſhort ſpace: for I find, that the ſaid *John*, by his feoffment [m], bearing date x. *Junii* 5 H. 8. Wherein he recited the ſaid grant from *Rob. Winter*, paſt it into the hands of *John Acard* gent. and others to the uſe of himſelf and *Suſan* his wife during their lives; the remainder to *Thomas Underhill* his ſon, and *Anne* his wife (daughter [n] of the ſaid *Robert*) and the heirs of the ſaid *Thomas*. Which *Thomas* had iſſue *Edward* his ſon and heir, who ſold [o] it to *Ric. Newport* gent. in 36 H. 8. From whom it deſcended to *John Newport* that dyed [p] ſeiſed thereof 28. *Apr.* 8 *Eliz.* leaving *Will.* his ſon and heir then 6. years of age.

That which is now the Church, being antiently but a Chapell (dedicated to S. *Margaret*) and belonging to **Wapenbury**, was therewith appropriated [q] to the Priory of *Monks-Kirby* (in this County) by *G. Muſchamp* Biſhop of **Coventre** in King *John's* time; and afterwards, with **Wapenbury**, came to the Monaſtery of **Sulby** in **Northampton-ſhire**, as I have already manifeſted. In 26 H. 8. the Glebe and Tithes thereof were valued [r] at C s. over and above xl s. yearly allowed by way of ſtipend to a Prieſt that ſerved the Cure, who had neither Inſtitution, nor Induction.

[a] Giff. f. 411.
[b] Br. vol. 1. f. 21.
[c] Clauſ. 39 E. 3. m. 18.
[d] Eſc. 49 E. 3. p. 1. n. 17.
[e] Eſc. 6 H. 5. n. 48.
[f] Eſc. 6 H. 4. n. 32.
[g] Rot. F. 20 E. 4. m. 3.
[h] Eſc. 20 E. 4. n. 72.
[i] Pat. 14 H. 7. p. 2.
[k] Pat. 15 H. 7. p. 1. m. 4.
[l] Ex autog. penes Ioſ. Venour.
[m] Viſit. Com. Warw. an. 1619.
[n] F. levat. T. Paſch. 36 H. 8.
[o] Eſc. 8. Eliz.
[p] Ex autog. in bibl. Harton.
[q] MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 42. b.
[r] Rot. penes Clarke.
[s] Fix Carl. Warw. m. f. 187.
[t] Eſc. 2. H. 4.
[u] Rot. in Secc. penes Im. R.
[w] Eſc. 4 E. 3. n. 32.
[x] autog. ès Tho. on eq.
[y] autog. ès Car. yth. eq.
[z] Eſc. 20 H. 7.
[a] levat. n. Hill. r 2. & M.
[b] Rot. F. 3 m. 14.
[c] nt. penes Scacc.
[d] anſ. 12. 5. m. 13.
[e] t. F. 20 m. 17.

Honingham.

On the South side of the Chancell standeth this Monument.



Offchurch.

THis hath been a town of no small note in the Saxons time, if we may believe Tradition; for in one part of the Lordship is a place called the **Berrye**, which signifies no less than *burgus*, or *curia*; and accordingly 'tis said, that *Offa* K. of **Mercia**, in the Saxon Heptarchy, had here a Palace: as also, that by reason of his (sometime) residence here, the Church first, and so consequently the Village, had this name. Whether it were so, or not, I will not stand to argue: but that it was part of the possessions belonging to Earl *Leofrike*, and by him given to the Priory of **Coventre** at the foundation thereof in 1 *Edw.* Conf. I am fully satisfied, though it be not particularly named in that Charter of his, nor in the Conquerours Survey amongst the lands belonging to that Monastery: For K. H. 3. by his confirmation *s* made to the Monks of **Coventre** in 51 of his reign, of all the lands they then possest, and that were *de dono prædicto* (as the words are) which do relate to Earl *Leofrike* the Founder, mentioneth **Offechirch** amongst the rest. *s Cart. H. 3. m.*

Having therefore thus manifested that these Monks were so antiently owners of it, I will now descend to what I find afterwards observable thereof; which is, that in 20 H. 3. *Geffrey de Wilnhale* held *t* the x part of a Kts. fee in this place of the Prior of **Coventre**; and that in 41. H. 3. the said Prior with his Covent had **Free-warren** granted *u* to them in all their demesn lands here. Which Prior in 7 E. 1. was certified *w* to hold this Lordship of the K. *in Capite*, as a member of his Barony, wherein he then had 3 carucats of lands in demesn, 3 watermils, 28 servants holding 14 yard land and a half at the will of *t Testa de Nevill.* *u Cart. H. 3. m.* *w Inq. H. No. &c. f. a. b.*

of the Lord, performing divers servile labours, as Plowing Harrowing, Mowing, Reaping, &c. for the Monks. As also that he had a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Assize of bread, and beer with some other priviledges.

After the dissolution of which Monastery, the Capitall messuage here, with all the demesn-lands belonging thereto, were (*inter alia*) by the Ks. Letters [x] Pat. dated 25. *Apr.* 34 H. 8. granted to Sir *Edm. Knightley* Kt. and dame *Ursula* his wife, and to the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue to *Valentine Knightley* his brother & the heirs male of his body; but for lack of such issue to remain to the right heirs of Sir *Ric. Knightley* Kt. father of the said Sir *Edmund*, &c. Which Sir *Edm.* dying [y] without issue male 12. *Sept.* the same year, the said Capitall mes. and lands, by vertue of the entail before mentioned, came to *Valentine Knightley* his brother, who in 4 *Eliz.* obtained another grant [z] from the Crown of the said Mannour with the Mills, &c. being at that time a Kt. Of all which he dyed seized 8 *Eliz.* leaving *Ric.* his son and heir then of full age: but did settle this Lordship, as it seemes, upon *Edw.* his younger son; for the said *Edw.* had it, and lived here; and since his death *Robert* his son and heir, who now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Gregory*) appropriated [a] to the before specified Monastery of **Coventre** by *R. Molend.* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** 5. *Non. Martii An.* 1260. 44 H. 3. having [b] a yard land and a half belonging thereto, was in *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at x marks and a half, and the Vicaridge at lx *s.* which Vicaridge being antiently endowed [c] with 2. yard land and a half; as also a competent house and croft, had a piece of medowing called the **Halemedo**, in recompence of the Tithes due from the Water-mill, and the 3. holmes of medow-ground belonging to the said Mill; and in 26 H. 8. was rated [d] at vii *li.* vii *s.* vi *d.* over and above viii *s.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Institut.
Prioriss. & Conv. de Coventre.	*Magr. Ric. de Fillingley* 14. *Cal. Martii.* 1298.
	Rog. de Lodbroke Diac. 8. *Cal. Apr.* 1317.
	D. Nich. de Bramham Pbr. 5. *Cal. Julii* 1319.
	Thom. de Poleye Diac. 2. *Cal. Apr.* 1328.
	D. Hugo de Ryby Cap. Id. Apr. 1359.
	Rob. Bilney 18. *Cal. Oct.* 1361.
	Ric. Gibben Pbr. 11. *Cal. Apr.* 1367.
	Joh. White 11. *Martii* 1393.
	Joh. de Ody Cap. 18. *Julii* 1408.
	Will. Rogers Cap. 17. *Nov.* 1410.
	Hugo Ruhale 5. *Apr.* 1411.
	Regin. Carix Cap. 15. *Martii* 1416.
	Magr. Will. Heyne Pbr. 21. *Dec.* 1421.
	Rog. Crosby Pbr. 11. *Martii* 1421.
	Will. Fuller 7. *Julii* 1423.
	Joh. Warde Cap. 28. *Sept.* 1429.
	Joh. Radforde Pbr. 8. *Nov.* 1441.
	D. Joh. Crosse 6. *Maii* 1515.
Henr. Alicock, & alii ratione conces. Pr. & C. de Cov.	*Degorius Stapullz* 12. *Oct.* 1557.
Steph. Hales de Fladbury in Com. Wigorn. gen.	*D. Joh. Betcerton in art. Bacc.* 28. *Apr.* 1559.
Hen. Alicock gen. ratione conces. Steph. Hales de London gen.	*Thom. Baddenall Cler.* 12. *Junii* 1561.
Thomas Morgan ar.	*David Inland Cler.* 16. *Oct.* 1579.
Anth. Morgan gen. ex conces. Thomæ Morgan ar. fratris ejus.	*Amanus Bedford Cler.* 2. *Aug.* 1591.
Tho. Morgan de Heyford. Com. North. ar.	*Nich. More Cler.* 27. *Sept.* 1597.
Joh. Spire de Barford ex conces. Mariæ relictæ T. Morgan ar.	*Will. Wiggan Cler.* 3. *Dec.* 1604.
Jac. Rex Angl. ratione minoris at. T. Morgan.	*Rad. Flexney Cler.* 21. *Nov.* 1617.

[x] Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 1.
[y] Esc. 36. H. 8.
[z] Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 4.
[a] Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.
[b] Inq. per Nott. f. 20. a.
[c] Regist. Coventre f. 13. b.
[d] 15 penès A. eq. f. 48. b.

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

Gules a fesse betwixt 6. Croisses Croslets Or: Beauchamp Earl of **Warwick.**
quartering
Chequi Or, and Azure a Cheveron Ermine. Neuburgh Earl of **Warwick.**

Radford-Simely.

A Little below lyes **Radford**, which had its name originally from the road or passage towards **Warwick** over the ford here; and for distinction from another **Radford**, now included within the libertyes of **Coventre**, is called **Radford-Simely**, by reason that the *Simelyes* were antiently owners of it. In [e] the Conquerors time it was part of the possessions which belonged to *Turchill de Warwick*, and of him one *Ermenfridus* then held it, the number of hides which it then contained being five, besides a Mill rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* all which made up the value of vi *li.* as in the generall Survey at that time taken appeareth, wherein it is written **Redeford**; but in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes it was the freehold of *Edvinus*, whom I take to be Earl *Edwine* the son of *Algarus*, for he had much land in these parts.

[e] Domesday *lib.*

It should seem that this was given to *Henry de Novo Burgo*, the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman race, as the greatest part of *Turchill's* lands were; and that by some Agreement with him *G. de Clinton*, founder of the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth**, had it, who enfeoft *Henry de Simely* thereof: for I find [f], that the said *H. de Simely* was owner of it in K. H. 1. time, and at the request of *Emme* his wife gave his consent [g] that *Reg. de Clinton*, then Bishop of **Chester**, should confer the Church of this village on the Canons of **Kenilworth**, being situat within the fee of the said *Henry*, which accordingly

[f] [g] Regist. de Kenil. p. 122. & 69.

was performed, the said *Geffrey* ratifying the grant *tanquam testis & dominus*, as the words of his Charter are.

To this *Henry de Simely* succeeded *William*, who joyned with *Will. de Pludieu* and *Emme* his wife in the grant [b] of certain lands lying here, to *VValter Briton* and his heirs, to be held of the Knights *Templars* in pure almes, which in [i] 31 H. 2. were so held by *VVill. de VVarminton* and rated at 1. yard land and a half. From which *Henry* descended [k] *Geffrey de Simely*, who was certified [l] to hold half a Knights fee in this place of the Earl of **Warwick** in 36 H. 3. This *Geffrey* gave [m] an yearly Rent of ii *s.* to the Hospitall of S. *John* in **Warwick**, which annuity was due from *Reg. de Cherlecote* for the leave that he had to raise his Mill-dam of **Whitnash** upon the lands of the said *Geffrey* here at **Radford**. He was also a benefactor to the Monks of **Stoneley** by granting [n] unto them 72. Acres of land in **Cobbynton**. To *Geffrey* succeeded *William*, who in 41 H. 3. for a mark of gold, that he gave to the King, was freed [o] from his Knighthood, in regard he had the palsy. Which *William* in 52 H. 3. answered [p] for half a Knights fee, here, held of the Earl of **Warwick**, and had issue *Geffrey*, who in 7 E. 1. was certified [q] to hold one Water-mill and 2. carucats of land here in demesn, having at that time 2. servants holding 2. yard land at will, and performing divers kindes of servile imployments, with 8. Freeholders, who held 3. yard land and a half, doing suit to his three-weeks Court. This *Geffrey* was living in 9 E. 2. and then [r] also found to be Lord hereof; but after that I have seene no more mention of him, nor of his posterity, except once, which is in 41 E. 3. where, by an Inquis. [s] then taken it appears, that the Canons of **Kenilworth** had obtained this Mannour with 4. carucats of land and certain Rent from *John de Simely* without the Kings license.

Certain it is, that those Canons had a good share in this village, which they had got before by purchase from severall freeholders: For in [t] 7 E. 1. they had 2. yard land in demesn, one tenant holding half a yard land, and 8. servants xxviii. acres, who performed divers servile works for them. And in 11 E. 2. had they a grant [u] of 1. mes. with 62. acres of land and meadow from *Will. de Bereford*; and 1. mes. 1. carucat and 2. yard land. 6. acres of meadow and x *s.* vi *d.* rent from *Raph de Salford* at the the same time. In [w] 15 E. 2. from *John Lok*, *Rob. Leges*, and *Nich. Balle* 2. mes. 2. yard land, and 21. acres. In [x] 18 E. 2. from the said *John Lok* and *Reg. de Boyvill* one mes. 1. Mill, 15. acres of land, meadow and pasture, and xvi *s.* yearly Rent. And in [y] 3 E. 3. 6. mes. 4. yard land, 6. acres of meadow and x *s.* Rent lying also here and in **Lemington**. In [z] 10 E. 3. 2. mes. and one yard land by *T. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**; and in [a] 19 E. 3. 5. mes. with 120. acres of land by one *Thomas de Hampton*. So that in 20 E. 3. there was none that answered for any thing here but the Canons of **Kenilworth**, who at that time were certified [b] to hold the fourth part of a Knights fee of the Earl of **Warwick** in this place.

That which the *Templars* had here was in 7 E. 1. certified [c] to be three yard land and a half six freeholders then occupying it. Something the Nuns of **Wroxhall** then had, but it was no more than a yard land and half given [d] to them by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, who lived in K. *Stephen*'s time.

In 11 R. 2. the said Canons of **Kenilworth** had **Free-warren** granted [e] to them in all their demesn lands here, which they enjoyed till the generall dissolution of the Religious houses by K. H. 8. But after that fatall blow, whereby the Monastery lands became dispersed, Sir *Thomas Darcy* Kt. obtained this Mannour of **Radford** to himself and his heires by Pat. [f] bearing date 27. *Aug.* 37 H. 8. And being afterwards created [g] Lord *Darcy* of **Chich** in **Eſſex**, past [h] away this Lordship to *Ric. Knevit* and *Elene* his wife, entayling [i] it on the heirs male of the said *Richard* by her the said *Elene*, and for default of such issue on *Luce* the wife of Sir *Henry Gate* Kt. *Anne* the wife of *Nich. Robertson*, and *Alice* the wife of *Edm. Verney* esq. which *Ric. Knevit* departed this life 1 *Nov.* 1 *Eliz.* leaving by her the said *Elene*, *Henry* his son and heir, aged 7. months and 15. days; who, about the 36. year of Q. *Eliz.* sold it to *John Brown* of **Barnam** *in Com. Suss.* (lineal heir to *John Brown* esq. who being Standardbearer to *John* D. **Bedford** at such time as he was Regent of **France**, bore for his Armes *sable* 2. *bends verry Or and gules*, and lost his life in those warrs, as the Pedegree of this family doth manifest.) Which *John* had issue Sir *Will. Brown* late of this place deceased; who for the better fortifying his title obtained a new Pat. [k] from the Crown, dated 12. *Martii* 15. *Jac.* to himself and *John Warde*, and the heirs of him the said Sir *Will.* in Fee-ferm; *viz.* paying to the said K. his heirs and successors the yearly Rent of iii *li.* xviii *s.* v *d. ob.* Which said Sir *Will.* dying seized thereof, not long since, left *George Brown* esquier his son and heir, the present owner thereof.

In 10 H. 4. the Hundred presented [l], that this village ought to repair the Bridge called **Quenesbrigge** lying, within the precincts thereof, over the river **Leame**; but what was determined therepon, I find not.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) being given to the Monastery of **Kenilworth** by *Henry de Simely* in H. 1. time, as I have already shewed, was appropriated [m] thereto by *G. Muschamp* B. of **Coventre** in K. *John*'s time, and in *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued [n] at vi. marks, but the Vicaridge at ii. marks. Which Vicaridge, in 26 H. 8. was rated [o] at ..... over and above ii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inst.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*D. Joh. de Chadleshunt Cap. 2. Id. Apr.* 1320.	*Langt. f. 79. a.*
	Joh. de Whitnash Cap. 6. Cal. Julii 1349.	*Northb. f. 48. b.*
	Bartholde Wappenbury Pbr. 15. Cal. Aug. 1352.	*Ib. f. 55. b*
	Joh. de Bedford Pbr. 14. Cal. Oct. 1361.	*Strett. f. 1 a.*
	Henr. Bryth Pbr. 3. Nov. 1378.	*Ib. f. 25.*
	Ric. Starter Pbr. 8. Junii 1397.	*Sk. f. 13.*
	Joh. Cowper Cap. 10. Julii 1422.	*Heyw. f. 9 b.*
	Thomas Yonge Pbr. 12. Junii 1436.	*Ib. f. 34. b*
	Henr. Wele Cap. 5. Febr. 1450.	*Bo. f. 11.*
Ric. Knyvet ar.	*D. Edw. Lysterley Cler. 15. Martii* 1552.	*Sampf. f. 4 b.*
	Joh. Cruce Cler. 12. Maii 1557.	*Sampf. & B. f. 9.*

Elena

[a] *Ex Autog. penes* Edw. Peto *eq. aur.*

[i] *Ex Cod. MS. penes Rem. R. in Scacc.*

[k] *Testa de Nevill.*

[l] *Testa de Nevill.*

[m] *Ex autog. penes* S. A. *eq. aur.*

[n] *Regist. de Stoneley f. 38. b.*

[o] *Pat. 41. H 3. m. 6.*

[p] *Esc. 52 H. 3.*

[q] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 27. a.*

[r] *Nom. Vill.*

[s] *Esc. 41. E. 3.*

[t] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. ut supra.*

[u] *Esc. 11 E. 2. n. 98.*

[w] *Esc. 15. E. 2. n. 99.*

[x] *Esc. 18. E. 2. n. 203.*

[y] *Esc. 3 E. 3. n. 130.*

[z] *Pat. 10. E. 3. p. 1. m. 11.*

[a] *Esc. 19. E. 3. n. 6.*

[b] *Rot. penes* S. Clarke E.

[c] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 28. a.*

[d] *Cart. 1 E. 3. n. 1. per Inspex.*

[e] *Cart. 11 R. 2. n. 26.*

[f] *Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 1.*

[g] *Pat. 5. 6. p. 4. m. 2.*

[h] *Fin. levat. T. Trin. & 3. Ph. M.*

[i] *Esc. 2 El.*

[k] *Pat. 1 Jac.*

[l] *Plac. coram R. T. Mich. 10 H. 4. Rot.*

[m] *Reg. de Kenilw. p. 65. & 7.*

[n] *MS. in Scac.*

[o] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f. 49.*

ntham. nd. H.	*Elena Knevet vidua.*	*Ric. Gardiner Diac.* 29. *Martii* 1564.
mpf. & f. 46. a.	*Thomas Brown.*	*Ric. Gardiner Cler.* 13. *Maii* 1575.
orton nd. in- t.	*Will. Brown de Radford miles.*	*Nath. Potter Cler. in art. Migr.* 21. *Julii.* 1631.

In the Weſt window of the Church theſe Arms.

Arg. a plain Croſſe gules.	S. George, the tutelary Saint for England.
Or. 2. bends gules.	Sudley.

Whitnaſh.

FOllowing the courſe of **Leame** I come next to **Whitnaſh**, wherein the ſame *Hunfridus* of whom I made mention in **Leminton**. *Haſtang* was Domeſd. certified [p] to hold 2. hides of *Haſculf Muſard* in the Conquerors time, then valued at C *s.* and which were the Freehold of one *Alured* before the Norman invaſion. In that Survey it is written **Witenas**, but afterwards in moſt Records **Witenes**. As to the originall occaſion of the name I cannot ſpeak poſitively, but do ſuppoſe that it was Britiſh, and by time much corrupted, as moſt others are: For I have obſerved that **Coit**, which with them ſignifieth a wood, is ſometimes found to be written **quit**, and **Whit** by our Engliſh and Norman Anceſtors ſo that then the ſyllable **nes**, with the Brittans importing the ſame as *propè* doth in Latine, ſheweth that this place (in probability) had it's firſt denomination by being ſituat nigh ſome wood then growing there.

From the before ſpecified *Hunfridus* deſcended the family of *Haſtang* (whereof in **Leminton** I have ſpoke) who enjoyed this Lordſhip for ſome deſcents; during which time, one of them, *viz. Aitrop Haſtang* confirmed [q] the grant made to the Canons of **Dſeney** by *Ric. Kentenſis* of half a hide of land lying in this Village. But to *Haſtang*, in the poſſeſſion of this Lordſhip ſucceeded [r] *Roger de Cherlecote*, who lived in K. *John*'s time; From whom deſcended Sir *Thomas de Haſeley* Kt. who aſſumed his ſirname from that place, in regard it was his principall ſeat (as when I come to **Haſeley** ſhall be manifeſted.) Of which Sir *Thomas* in 7 E. 1. it was certified *f*, that he held this Mannour of *Rob. de Haſtang* by the ſervice of half a Knights fee, excepting iv *s.* and that he then had here a Water-mill and 3. carucats of land in demeſn: as alſo a great pool; with xix. ſervants holding 7. yard land, ſix acres and a fourth part at the Will of the Lord, performing divers ſervile imployments; and ſix Freeholders occupying 3. yard land and a hallf. It was then alſo certified that the Kts *Hoſpitalars* had 4. meſſuages lying in this Village, held by 4. Freeholders, and given unto them by *Atrop Haſtang*.

Which Sir *Thomas de Haſeley* had iſſue *Robert*, who granted [s] this Mannour unto *John* his ſon; from whom deſcended *Thomas Haſeley* of **Whitnaſh**, who by his Deed [t] dated on the day of S. *Lucie* the virgin 20 E. 3. paſt it awy to *Tho. Savage* of **Tachebroke**. *Malory* in this County; which *T. Savage* had a fair eſtate in lands here before, purchaſed by *John* his father from *John Malory* of **Walton** in **Leiceſterſhire**, deſcended to him the ſaid *John* from *Will. Malory* his grandfather. All which lands together with the ſaid Mannour did the ſame *T. Savage* by his deed [w] bearing date on the feaſt-day of the tranſlation of S. *Edward* the K. 1 R. 3. grant unto *Benedict Medley* of **Warwick** and his heirs.

Beſides this there was another Mannour here in **Whitnaſh**, but of its antiquity I can ſay little; for the firſt mention I meet with of it is, that Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. was ſeized thereof; and that by partition [x] betwixt his ſiſters and coheirs in 31 H. 6. it fell to *Margaret*; then the wife of Sir *Ric. Bingham* one of the Juſtices of the Common Pleas, but formerly of Sir *Hugh Willoughby* Kt. whoſe grandchild, *viz.* Sir *Henry Willoughby* Kt. ſold [y] it to the abovenamed *Benedict Medley* 12. *Maii* 14 H. 7. which *Benedict* was Cleke [z] of the Signet to K. H. 7. at the ſame time, and bore for his Armes *ſable* 2. *barrs gemells Arg. upon a chief of the ſecond three Mullets of the firſt*; and dyed [a] 13. *Oct.* 19 H. 7. leaving *Will.* his ſon and heir 23. years of age, who marryed [b] *Margaret* the daughter of Sir *Robert Wotton* Kt. and had iſſue *George Medley* eſq. that wedded [c] *Mary* the daughter of *Gerard Danet*: which *George* left iſſue *Henry Medley* eſquire, who by *Frances* the daughter [d] of *Clem. Throgmorton* of **Haſeley** eſq. had iſſue [e] *Henry* 14. years of age in 21 *Eliz.* To whom ſucceeded *Clem. Medley*, who in 2 *Jac.* paſt [f] away this Mannour to *Robert Wale* gent.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Margaret*) was given [g] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in H. 1. time (or thereabouts) by *Atrop Haſtang*; concerning which I am to obſerve one thing further, which is, that the ſaid *Atrop* then confirmed 18. Acres of land, that his Tenants (*viz.* Freeholders) here in **Whitnaſh** gave [h] thereunto at its Dedication. Whereby may be diſcerned, that ſo fervent was the zeal of thoſe elder times to Gods ſervice and honour, that they freely endowed the Church with ſome part of their poſſeſſions, and that in thoſe good works, even the meaner ſort of men, as well as the pious founders, were not backwards. Amongſt divers other conceſſions made by *G. Muſchamp* Biſhop of **Coventre** to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in K. *John*'s time, I find [i] that one was of two ſhillings yearly *Penſion* granted to them out of this Church, which had been endowed of one yard land and a half, as the Record [k] expreſſes.

In *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [l] at vi. marks, and in [m] 26 H. 8. at Cix *s.* viii *d.* over and above the yearly *Penſion* of ii *s.* payable to the Monaſtery of **Kenilworth**, and viii *s.* for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inſtit.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Sim. de Redeſwell ſubdiac. prid. Non. Junii* 1300.	*Langt. f. 5. b.*
	Henr. de Compton Pbr. 3. Non. Apr. 1302.	*Ib. f. 6. b.*
	Oſb. de Banneburi Cler. 5. Id. Dec. 1326.	*Northb. f. 20. a.*
	Thomas de Brayles Cap. 2. Cal. Maii 1332.	*Ib. f. 26. a.*
	Will. de Wigorn. Cap. 7. Id. Julii 1336.	*Ib. f. 29. b.*
	Will. Comyn de Neubold Cler. 5. Cal. Jan. 1352.	*Ib. f. 56. a.*
	Will. de Feryby Pbr. 26. Junii 1372.	*Strett. f. 21. a.*
	Joh. Brikſtok Pbr. 15. Cal. Aug. 1378.	*Ib. f. 24. b.*

[p] Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.
[q] Ex autog. penès W. Bolton Civem Lond.
[r] nq. per Nott. c. f. 22. a.
[s] Ex autog. penès præd. W. B.
[t] Ex Vi. ſit. Com. Warw. anno 1619.
[w] Ex autog. penès Ioh. Ferrers de Tamworth caſtro ar.
[x] Ex autog. penès præd. W. B.
[y] Ex autog. penès præd. W. B.
[z] Eſc. 19 H. 7.
[a] Eſc. 21 Eliz.
[b] F. levat. craſt. Trin. 2 Jac.
[c] Reg. de Kenill. p. 57.
[d] Ex autog. penès præd. W. B.
[e] Eſc. 21 Eliz.
[f] F. levat. craſt. Trin. 2 Jac.
[g] Reg. de Kenill. p. 57.
[h] Reg. de Kenill. p. 57.
[i] Ib. p. 73.
[k] Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 23. a.
[l] MS. in Scacc.
[m] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 48. a.

Sk. f. 8. b.		*Thomas Durich* 25. *Julii* 1393.
Burgh. f. 2. a.		*Joh. de magna Cotes Pbr.* 10. *Junii* 1398.
Ib. f. 17. b.		*Joh. Normanby ult. Martii* 1406.
Heyw. f. 43. a.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*D. Walt. Smyth* 1. *Julii.* 1445.
Bowl. f. 20. a.		*Ric. Geydon Cap.* 5. *Oct.* 1453.
Ib. f. 135. a.		*D. Ric. Benet Pbr.* 8. *Oct.* 1492.
Str. & P. f. 13. a.	*Mr. Edw. Litleton ar. & T. Rowley, hac vice ex conces. Pr. & C. de K.*	*D. Edw. Bolyfant Cap.* 12. *Jan.* 1354.
Sampf. & B. f. 8. a.	*Humfr. Riddel gen. ex conces. Pr. & C. de K.*	*Humfr. Weyring Cler.* 10. *Oct.* 1554.
Ib. 45. a.	*D. Regina Eliz.*	*Rad. Kent Cler.* 16. *Febr.* 1572.

In the Chancell is a Marble Grave-ſtone with this Epitaph

Hoc loco ſepelitur dominus Ricardus Bennet, Artis ſacre Magiſter, & huius, quondam Eccleſie diligens Paſtor, qui fatis conceſſit octavo die menſis Februarii Anno D. M. D. XXXI. cuius anime propitietur Deus: Amen.

Leminton-Priors.

THis, for diſtinction from the former, called **Leminton-Priors**, hath its name (as the other had) from its ſituation upon the ſame river. In[n] the Conquerors time Earl *Roger*, (*ſcil. de Montgomeri*, of whom I have ſpoke in **Wolfton**) held it, the extent thereof being then certified at 2. hides, which were valued at 4 *li.* having two Mills rated at xxiv *s.* But before the Norman invaſion *Oluuinus* was owner thereof, whom I ſuppoſe to be the ſame man, which is elſewhere written *Aluuinus*, father unto *Turchill de Warwick*.

It ſeemes, that one of the Biſhops of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** (in thoſe days called Biſhop of **Cheſter** by reaſon of his reſidence in that City) poſſeſt this place in H. 1. time; but which of them it was, is not expreſt: for in the grant[o] made thereof by *Geffrey de Clinton*, Founder of the Caſtle and Priory of **Kenilworth**, to *Gilbert Nutricius* of **Warwick** and his heirs, to hold by the ſervice of half a Knights fee, (in conſideration whereof, the ſaid *Gilbert* gave to the above mentioned *Geffrey* ten marks, with a ſilver cup, and to *Agnes* his wife a Beſantine of gold,) is is ſaid to be *de feodo Epiſcopi Ceſtriæ*. And if I may have liberty to gueſs how the ſaid Biſhop had it, I ſhall not doubt but that it was given to him by the King upon the forfeiture of *Rob. de Beleſmo* E. of **Shrewsbury** ſon to the before recited Earl *Roger*.

Whether the before named *G. Nutricius* dyed without iſſue, and that thereupon this Mannour returned to *Geffrey de Clinton*, ſon to the donour; or whether he made any agreement by Exhange, or otherwiſe, appears not; but certain it is that the ſame *Geffrey* gave[p] it to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, together with the Church and Mill of this village. It ſeems, that the ſervice of half a Knights fee, by which the ſaid Canons held it (though in the grant there be no mention thereof) was by the Biſhop paſt over to the Monks of **Coventre**, for in 20 H. 3. the Prior of **Coventre**, certifying[q] what Kts. fees were held of that Monaſtery, makes inſtance of half a Knights fee in **Leminton** *juxta* **Warwick** held by the before ſpecified Canons. The like was ſignified in[r] 36 H. 3. Which Canons in 7 E. 1. had[s] a watermill, 3. yard land and a 4. part, and the half of another Mill here in demein: as alſo ix ſervants holding 3. yard land and 3. quarters, performing divers ſervile labours; 8. Cottiers, holding 8. Cottages, and 8. acres of land; and xi. Freeholders which held 13. yard land and a 4. part, with the other half of the Water-mill. And[t] beſides all this a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Aſſiſe of bread and beer, by the grant of K. H. 3. together with the Church appropriat, endowed with two yard land. All which was enjoyed by them till the diſſolution of the Monaſteries by K. H. 8. but then came to the Crown, wherein it continued till 6 *Eliz.* that the Q. granted[u] it to *Ambroſe* E. of **Warwick** and the heirs male of his body.

All that is further obſervable touching this place is, that nigh to the Eaſt end of the Church, there is a Spring of Salt-water, (not above a ſtones-throw from the river **Leame**,) whereof the Inhabitants make much uſe for ſeaſoning of meat.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was originally but a Chapell, and belonging to **Wotton** (on the other ſide the River,) being therewith confirmed[w] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Ric. Peche* Biſhop of **Coventre** in H. 2. days, and[x] appropriated to them by *G. Muſchamp*, his ſucceſſor, in K. *John*'s time. In *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued[y] at vi. marks over and above a *Penſion* of xx *s.* then iſſuing out of it to the Abby of **Malmesbury**; and the Vicaridge at[z] xx *s.* But in 26 H. 8. the ſame Vicaridge was valued[a] at vi *li.* x *s.* the *Penſion* of xxxiii *s.* iv *d.* added by the Canons of **Kenilworth**, computed.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Inſt.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*D. Henr. de Keton Cap. N. Novemb.* 1315.	*Laugt. f. 36. b.*
	Tho. de Lemynton Cap. 19. *Cal. Feb.* 1338.	*Northb. f. 32. b.*
	Mr. Will. de Leyceſter 18. *Cal. Julii* 1348.	*Ib. f. 46.*
	Iweyn de Perſhore Cap. 8. *Id. Maii* 1349.	*Ib. f. 47.*
	Joh. de Wytlaxford Cap. Cal. Julii 1349.	*Ib. f. 48. b.*
	Joh. de Geydon Cap. Non. Oct. 1349.	*Ib. f. 51. a.*
	Rob. de Morton Pbr. 2. *Cal. Sept.* 1368.	*Strett. f. 1. a.*
	Will. Cras Pbr. 4. *Non. Oct.* 1370.	*Ib. f. 19. b.*
	Will. Port Cap. penult. Sept. 1402.	*Burgh. f. b.*
	Joh. de Swetenham Pbr. 13. *Dec.* 1408.	*Ib. f. 21. b.*
	Thom. Seborowe Cap. 8. *Junii* 1410.	*Ib. f. 25. a.*
	Joh. Radford Pbr. 29. *Maii* 1422.	*Heyw. f. 9. a.*
	Joh. Cocks Cap. 28. *Martii* 1426.	*Ib. f. 19. a.*
	D. Ric. Benet Cap. penult. Jan. 1429.	*Ib. f. 24. a.*
	Joh. Graunge Pbr. 16. *Aug.* 1346. *Frater*	*Ib. f. 34. b.*

n Domeſd. *lib.*

o *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 137.

p *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 5.

q, r *Teſta de Nevil.*

s *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 30.

t *Ib. f.* 31.

u *Pat.* 6. *Eliz. p.* 4.

w *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 70.

x *Ib. p.* 65 & 73.

y *MS.*

z *Seacc*

a *MS. pen S. A. eq. aur. f.* 49

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & temp. Instit.
B. 42. b.		
B. 44. b.		
Regist. f. 22. a.		*Frater Nich. Clement Ord. Pradicat.* 12. *Dec.* 1444.
B. f. 24. b.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Will. Pomfret* 10. *Maii* 1446.
B. f. 4. a.		*Joh. Twyffe in leg. Bacc.* 27. *Oct.* 1455.
B. f. 8. b.		*Thom. Albyn Cap.* 4. *Maii* 1457.
		D. Will. Wheywall ult. Julii 1505.
Regist. f. 4 b.	*Ambrosius Comes Warwici.*	*D. Joh. Corney* 13. *Sept.* 1519.
Regist. & B. f. 46. a.		*Rich. Astlyn Cler.* 20. *Junii* 1567.
		Hen. Clarkes Cler. 25. *Sept.* 1574.

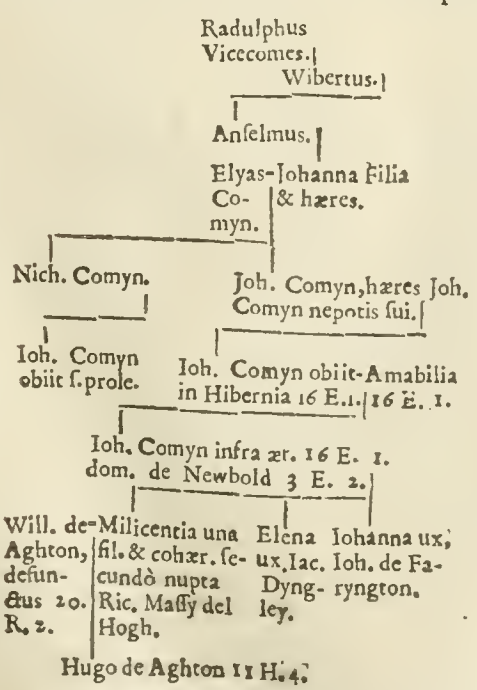
Newbold-Comin.

THIS place (the originall occasion of whose name is discovered by the later syllable **bold**, which in the Saxon language signifieth a House) is one of those depopulated Villages whereof *J. Rous* in H. 6. time complayned [b], and lyeth on the North side of **Leame**, but in the Parish of **Leminton-Priors**. In [c] *Edw.* the Conf. time, it was the inheritance of one *Vluuine*, who gave [d] it to the Abby of **Malmesbury**, at such time as he was shorn a Monk in that Monastery; and by the Conq. Survey is [e] certified to contain 3. hides, at which time there was a Mill yielding viii *s. per ann.* the value of the whole being L *s.* But it was not long after the Norman Conquest, that the Monks of **Malmesbury** enfeoft [f] one *Radulphus Vicecomes* in this their land at **Newbold**; which *Raph* had issue [g] *Wibert*, and he a son called *Anselme* [h], who left one only daughter, *sc. Joan* [i] within age at her fathers decease, and in Ward to the Abbot; by whom she was given in marriage [k] to *Elias Comyn*: From which *Elias* and *Joan* descended these *Comyns* who had their seat here, and for distinction from other **Newbolds** gave the addition of their own name to this place.

[b] *Hist. MS. f.* 43.

[c] Domesd. lib.

[d] *Ex Regist. de Malm. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*



In 31 H. 3. upon difference that grew betwixt *John Comyn*, and *Geffrey de Simely* (Lord of **Radford**) touching liberty of fishing in the River of **Leame**, they came to an Agreement [l], that the said *John* should fish as far as his own land extended. This *John* holding **Newbold** of the Abbot of **Malmesbury** by the service of xl *s. per annum* in 7 E. 1. had [m] at that time 1. carucat of land and a Watermill in demesn, and xvi. Villains holding of him xii. yard land by base services: as also a Court-Leet, with Assize of bread and beer; and left issue *John*, whose name in 17 E. 2. was certified [n] amongst the rest of those Esquiers and men at Armes of this County, which were then returned into the Chancery. After which; *viz.* in 1 E. 3. he served [o] as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Lincoln** the morrow after the exaltation of the holy Crosse, and in 12 E. 3. was in Commission [p] for the gathering of a xv. and Tenth in this County granted to the King in Parliament 11. of his reign; So also in [q] 22 E. 3. Which *John* being Lord [r] of **Kinsale** in **Ireland**, and [s] of **Boyton-Underhill** *in Com. Wigorn.* departed this life, leaving no issue male. But it should seem that he had four daughters and heirs, betwixt whom this Mannour of **Newbold** was divided. Of *Milicent* and *Elene* I find direct mention; *Milicent* [t] taking first to husband *Will. de Aghton*, but afterwards *Richard Massy* of **Hogh**; and *Elene* [u] being the wife to *James Dingly* of **Worcestershire**.

[l] *F. levat. mens. Pasch.* 31. H. 3.

[m] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 43. *a.*

[n] *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.

[o] *Clauf.* 1. E. 3. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 12.

[p] *Rot. F.* 12. E. 3. *m.* 12.

[q] *Rot. F.* 22. E. 3. *m.* 13.

[r] [s] [t] *Ex autog. penès* Ric. Bold, *de* Bold *in Com. Lanc.*

[u] *Clauf.* 7 H. 4. *m.* 6.

The third, I suppose, was *Joan* the wife of *John de Farington*: for I find, that in 3 H. 4. there was a Fine [w] levied of the 4. part of this Mannour, with the 4. part of the Mannour of **Boyton-Underhill**, whereby they were entayled upon *Christopher Farington*, son of the said *John* and *Joan*, and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to *Raph* brother of *Christopher*, and for default of issue by *Raph*, to *John* the son of *Henry Banastre* of **Walton** in the Dale (*Com. Lanc.*) and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue to *Raph* the son of *Hugh Holcroft*, and the heirs male of his body; and for default of such issue to *Joan* the daughter of the above specified *John Farington*, and the heirs of her body, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Joan*. Which *James Dingley* and *Elene* in 9 H. 4. setled [x] the 4. part thereof, as also of **Boyton-Underhill** (which it seems was the share alotted to the said *Elene*) upon *Rouland Dingley* and his heirs. And *Milicent*, after the death of *Richard Massy* her husband, gave possession of her part in this Mannour to *Hugh Aghton* her eldest son, by her deed [y] dated at **Coventre** the Tuesday next after the feast of the *Conception* of the blessed Virgin 11 H. 4. Which part was soon after obtained by *Dingley*, as it seems; for it appears [z], that in 8 H. 5 the moytie of this Mannour, with the moytie also of **Boyton-Underhill** were past away by *Robert Dineley*, cosin [a] to the said *Elene*, and *Joan* his wife, to *Thomas Gower* of **Wood-hall** and his heirs. From whom descended *John Gower* of **Wood-hall**, who with *William* his son and heir, by their Deed [b] dated 22. *Junii* 9. *Jac.* sold it to Sir *Clem. Fisher* of **Packington** Knight, whose grandson, *Francis*, now enjoys it.

[w] *F. de div. com. levat. mens. Mich.* 3 H. 4.

[x] *F. de div. com. levat. Oct. Purif.* 9. H. 4.

[y] *Ex autog. penès eund.* R. Bold

[z] *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct.* I. Bapt.

[a] *Clauf.* 7 H. 4. *m.* 6.

[b] *Ex autog. penès F. Fisher gen.*

But *Christopher Faryngdon*, before mentioned, and *Alice* his wife, in 14 H. 6. levied a Fine [c] of their 4. part to *Thomas Hugford* (of **Emscote** esq.) and his heirs; which, by the Inquis. taken after the death of *John Hugford* 1 H. 7. was [d] certified

[c] *F. de div. com. levat. craft.* Io. Bapt.

[d] *Esc.* 1 H. 7.

to contain C. acres of arable land, xl. acres of pasture, and xxiv. acres of meadow: And coming, upon partition [e] of *Hugford*'s lands, to *John Beaufo* (who marryed *Alice* the eldest daughter to the said *J. Hugford*,) is yet enjoyed by *Henry Beaufo* of **Emscote** esq. his lineall heir. But the residue of this **Newbold**-*Comyn* having been antiently belonging to the Monks of **Stoneley**, was after the dissolution of the Monasteryes granted, [f] *inter alia*, to *James Cruce* of **Kenilworth** gentleman, *scil.* 12. *Apr.* 29 H. 8. and by the said *James* sold [g] away to *William Morcote* of **Leminton**-Pr. and *Richard Willys* of **Ufton** gentleman, in consideration of 80 li. 28. *Mait* 30 H. 8. which *Ric. Willys* dyed [h] seized thereof in 6 *Eliz.* it being then accounted for C. acres of pasture, with three acres and a half of wood: All which *Peter Willys*, his great-grandchild, now enjoys.

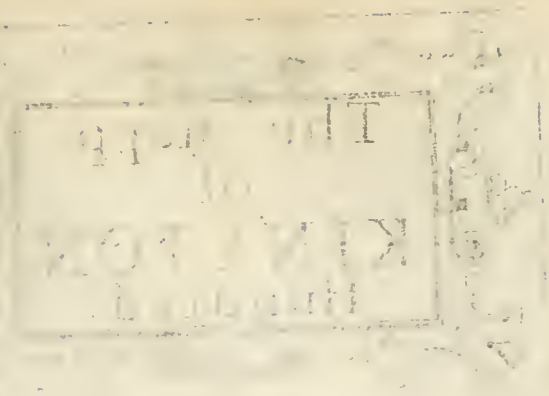
[e] *Esc.* 25. *Eliz.*

[f] *Pat.* 29 *H.* 8 *p.* 5.

[g] *Ex aut. penès* Pe Willys g

[h] *Esc.* 6 *Eliz.*

KINETON



.F. 4
m.4.

.penès
Scacc.


The Mapp of KINETON Hundred.
In ampliorem agri Warwicensis notitiam Chartam hanc apposuit Thomas Trevor Equ. auratus. Baro Scac: sub Rege nuper Carolo. et Thomas Trevor Miles et Bar: filius suus unicus Manerij de Lemington Hastang Domini.
PART OF BARICHWAY HUNDRED
Part
PART of
OF Glou:
cester
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GLOU:
CESTER
SHIRE
PART OF KNIGHTLOW HUNDRED
PART OF NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
PART OF OXFORD SHIRE
Warwicke
Barford
Kineton
Southam
Banbury
The Fosse way
GLOCEST: PARS
VIGORNIÆ PARS
OXON: PARS
GLOCEST: PARS
The Scale of Miles
1 2 3 4 5
P. Vaughan sculp.

KINETON HUNDRED.



Came having thus past **Leminton** parish, meets with **Avon**, which by its conjunction is made a very fair stream, and entring **Kineton**-*Hundred* glides on gently South westwards. But before I proceed to take notice of the observable places situat on the banks of this River, I must, in pursuance of my order, speak of the *Hundred* it self, which takes its appellation from a town of that name lying about the midst thereof.

The first mention of this *Hundred*, that I meet with, is in[s] 16 H. 2. but then had it the name of *Sipesocha* de **Chinton** and answered xl *s. pro placit is concelat us*: (concerning the interpretation of which word, (*sc. Sipesocha*) I have in my discourse of **Knightlow** and **Hemlingford** Hundreds delivered my conjecture.) Yet before the end of that Ks. reign it was called *Hundred. de* **Kinton**: for I find, that K. H. 2. granted it by that name, to *Walter* the son of *Thurstane de Cherlecote* and his heirs, in Fee-ferm, for xl *s.* yearly Rent; *viz.* xx *s.* at the feast of S. *Mich.* the Arch-Angell, and xx *s.* at the *Annunciation* of our Lady, but in what year this was appears not, their Charters of that time being seldom dated.

How it comes to pass, that this *Walter de Cherlecote*, or his son continued not long fermours thereof, I know not: but in K. *John*'s time it appears[t], that there was accounted xxi. marks for the ferm of it; lxi *s.* iv *d.* for the profit of the **Leet** belonging thereto; x *li.* for the Shiriffs Aid, and viii *s.* viii *d.* for **Warth**-money: yet in 6 H. 3. upon an *Inspex*: of K. H. 2. Charter, the then Shiriff of this County, *sc. Will. de Cantilupe*, had command[u] to render the said ferm to *Will. de Lucy* (who was heir unto the before specified *Walter de Cherlecote*.) But it was not long after this, that the K. had it again in his own hands: for in 21 H. 3. *Will. de Lucy* being Shiriff of this County & **Leicester-shire** accounted[u] for the ferm thereof xii *li.* xviii *s.* v *d.* For the Shiriffs Aid within the same ix *l.* x *s.* For the profit of the **Leet** belonging thereto xlvii *s.* and for **Warth**-money viii *s.* iii *d.* And in 54 H. 3. the ferm thereof was demised[u] to *Ric. de Herci* during the K. pleasure, (it being valued[u] at xxiv. marks *per ann.*) paying for the same as much as others who had formerly the benefit thereof, had wont to do, with C *s.* more by way of increase. Which *Richard* being in 2 E. 1. ejected[u] from his custody thereof by *Will. Morteyn*, then Shiriff made his complaint to the K. that the said Shiriff, had committed the same to one *Henry Mile*, who accounted less for it than he the said *Ric.* did. Whereupon the Shiriff had command to render it again to him unless he could shew good cause to the contrary.

After this; *viz.* in 4 E. 1. it was certified[u] to be in the Kings hands. And in 10 E. 2. *Thomas de Blaunkfront* had a grant[s] of the ferm of it, to hold during the Kings pleasure, rendring to the said King into his Exchequer as much as formely had used to be payd; So likewise had[t] *John de Waltham* in 4 E. 3. the whole profits thereof in 41 E. 3. amounting[u] to xv *li.* xviii *s.* ix *d. per ann. viz.* for the ferm viii *li.* for the profits of the **Leet** (*scil.* the *Common Fine*) vii *li.* xix *s.* viii *d.* and for **Warth**-money vi *s.* v *d.* as appeareth by the particulars from each village: but the severall towns, within the compass thereof, which do now owe suit to the Hundred Court, are no more than these, **Shotswell**. **Warmington**, **Stretton** *super Fosse*, part of **Wellesbourne**, **Orhill**, **Aven-Dassett**. **Mollington**. **Halford**. **Barton** on the Heath, **Ratley**, **Farnborough** and **Apleton**.

This is all that is worthy regard touching this *Hundred* in generall, the custody whereof hath been in the Shiriff, for the time being, ever since. I now return to the River **Avon**.

[t] Rot. F. 4 E. 3. m. 4.

[u] Rot. penes Cam. Scacc.

Warwick.

THE first place of note that presents it self to my view, on the banks of this fair stream is **Warwick**, standing on the North side thereof; which, as it is and hath been the chiefest town of these parts, and whereof the whole County, upon the first division of this Realm into Shires took its name, so may it justly glory in its situation beyond any other, standing upon a rocky ascent from every side, and in a dry and fertile soil, having the benefit of rich and pleasant Meadows on the South part, with the lofty Groves, and spacious thickets of the *Wood-land* on the North: wherefore, were there nothing else to argue its great antiquity, these commodities, which so surround it, might sufficiently satisfy us, that the Brittans made an early plantation here to participate of them. But passing by these probabilities, let us see what certainty we have from light of History, both as to the time when, and of the person by whom it was first built: as also of such enlargement, or advantage as accrued thereto by any other Benefactours that it had before the Norman Conquest.

And herein, that my Reader may not expect very exact satisfaction, I shall first desire, that what I have said in my Introduction, as to the reason why we have so little left us of the passiges in those elder times may be considered: For from the days of venerable *Bede* till the Normans entrance, which was full CCCxxx. years, there was not any Historian in this Kingdom, as *William Malmesb.* * testifieth; and next, that the credit of my Countrey-man *John Rous* (of whom in **Guyes-Cliff** I have already made mention) may carry a fair regard, in relation to what I doe vouch him concerning this place; considering,

* f. 105. b. n. 30.

considering, that having been so diligent a searcher after Antiquities, and especially of this County, he hath left behinde him divers notable things, industriously gathered from many choise manuscrips, whereof he had perusal in sundry Monasteries of **England** & **Wales**, which now, through the fatal subversion of those houses, are, for the most part, perisht.

The first building, or foundation hereof, he attributeth [w] to *Gutheline* (by some called *Kimbeline*) one of the Brittish Kings, (whose reign was contemporary [x] with the birth of our blessed Saviour) affirming [y] that it then had the name of **Caerleon**, from the Brittish word **Caer**, which is the same with *Civitas*, and his own name; and so, by shortnesse of pronounciation, for **Caer-Guthleon** was called **Caerleon**: As also, that *Guiderius*, Son and Successor to *Kimbeline*, much enlarged [z] it with buildings, and granted [a] thereto many priviledges: And that, being afterwards almost destroyed through wars, especially by the barbarous Picts & Scots, it lay ruinous till that *Caratacus*, the famous Brittish Prince rebuilt [b] it, making a Mannour house therein for himself, and founding [c] a Church to the honour of S. *John Bapt.* in the Market place (where, as my Author saith, in his time a Grammar School was kept.) In the dayes of this *Caratacus* it was, that the Romanes prevailed much here in **Britain**, under the conduct of *P. Ostorius*, Lieutenant to *Claudius* the Emp. who to keep what he had won, raised [d] divers Forts and Garrisons upon the Rivers of **Avon** and **Severn** —— [e] *cinctosque castris* † *Antonam & Sabrinam fluvios cohibere parat*, saith *Tacitus*, whereof we cannot doubt but this was one; and hereunto doth Mr. *Cambden's* opinion [e] incline, conceiving, that the Town in **Brittain** called *Præsidium* by the Romans, is this very place.

But afterwards, being again destroyed [f] by wars, it lay so wasted, till *Constantine* the Father of *Uter-Pendragon* a Brittish King, repaired [g] it, and called it **Caer-umber**; whose death (for he was slain by a new incursion of the Picts) exposed [h] it to another devastation; in which ruinous sort it lay, till a Brittish Prince, named *Gwayr*, rebuilt it, and commanded that it should be called **Caer-Gwayr**: which *Gwayr* was Cosin in the third degree to the renowned K. *Arthur*. About this time it was that the famous *Arthgal* lived, whom my Author [i] represenleth to be one of the Knights of K. *Arthur's* round Table, and the first Earle of **Warwick**: but he saith [k] that the Brittans did not pronounce the g in that name, and that *Arth*, or *Narth* signifieth the same in that language as *Ursus* doth in Latine; from whence he conjectureth [l] that the same *Arthal* took the Bear for his ensign, which so long continued a badge to the succeeding Earles.

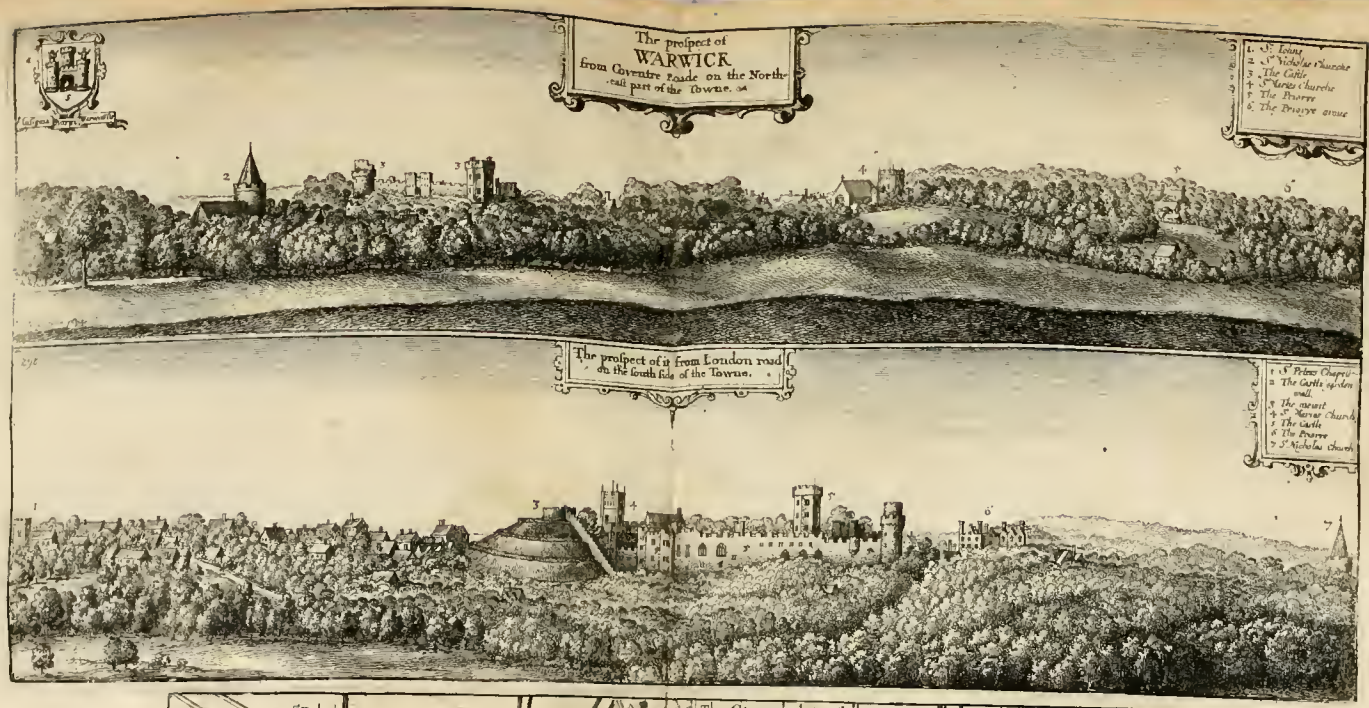
The next in order of these Brittish Earles doth he reckon [m] *Morvidus*, who being a man of great valour, slew a mighty Gyant in a single Duell; which Gyant encountred him with a young Tree pull'd up by the root, the boughs being snag'd from it; In token whereof he and his Successors Earles of **Warwick** in the time of the Brittans, bore a *Ragged-staff of silver in a sable sheild* for their cognusance. To him succeeded [n] *Merthurdus*, of whom there is nothing memorable, that I have seen recorded, other than that in his dayes S. *Dubritius*, a holy man, made his Episcopal seat here at **Warwick**; not in the Church of S. *John Bapt.* before mentioned, but in that of *All-Saints*, where afterwards the Castle was built, which Bishop also erected [o] divers private Oratories in these parts, the chief wherof was that of S. *Mary Magd.* where the sometime famous *Guy*, bidding farewell to these worldly pleasures, lived a Hermites life a while before his death; and which from him took the name of *Guyes-Cliff*: howbeit, such were the troubles that arose in this Land by the Saxons entrance, at the invitation of K. *Vortigern*, that not onely the said Bishop left [p] this place, and retired into **Wales**, where he became the first Bishop of **Landaff**, and afterwards Arch-Bish. of S. *Davids*, but that by wars it became wasted [q] again, and so continued till that K. *Warremund*, from whom the Kings of **Mercia** did descend, rebuilt [r] it, and from his own name caused it to be called **Warrewyk**.

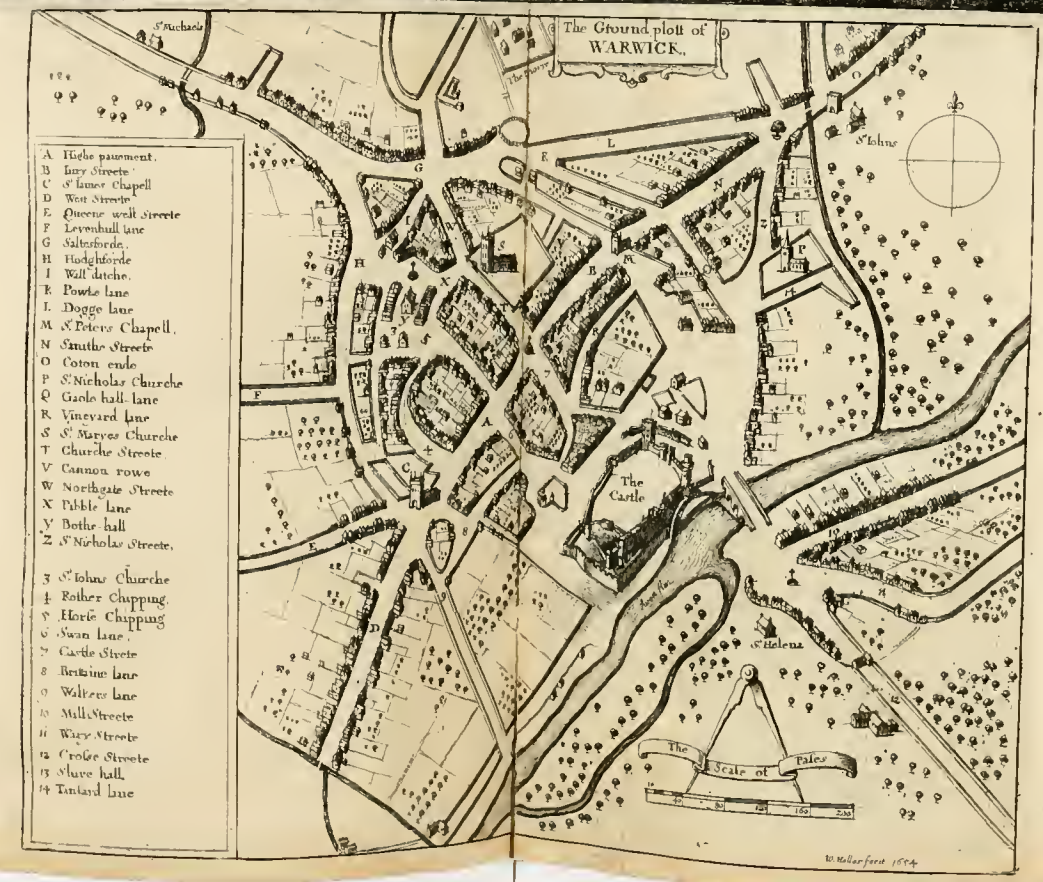
After which it stood for some time in a flourishing condition, but at length was destroyed [s] by the Danes, and so rested untill the renowned Lady *Ethelfled*, daughter [t] to K. *Alfred*, who had the whole Earldom of *Mercia* given [u] her, by her Father, to the Noble *Etheldred*, in marriage, repaired [w] its ruins, and in the year of Christ *Dcccclxv.* made [x] a strong fortification here, called the *Doungeon*, for resistance of the Enemy, upon an hill of earth artificially raised near the River side, as is yet to be seen on the West part of the Castle, which being placed about the midst of his Mercian Territories, and a Fort so considerable in respect of its natural situation, was (no doubt) of great importance for securing the peace of all these parts, by the personal residence thereat, of those eminent men, whom we repute to have been Earls thereof in those dayes, though in truth they were but substitutes, or Lieutenants to the Earls of **Mercia** (whose limits extended unto many other shires in this midland part of the Realm;) or else had the custody of the County to the King's immediate use.

Having thus far taken notice of what chiefly concerns this place, and finding little else that hath relation thereto till the time of K. *Edw.* the Conf. I will now go on with the story of those noble persons, which were reputed Earls thereof before the Norman Conquest, and since that time have really been so, making onely a short digression to point at the occasion of that name and dignity; as also what power and authority it was that they antiently had. And first for the name, viz. *Consul*, or *Comes* in Latine, and *Earle* in our antient English expression, I shall deliver Mr. *Camden's* words; [y] —— *Earls, called in Latine* Comites, *may seem to have come unto us from our ancestors the Germans*, saith he; *for they in times past, as* C. Tacitus *writeth, had their* Comites, *who should alwayes give attendance upon their Princes, and be at hand in matters of councel and authority: but others think that they came from the Romans to us, as also to the French: for the Emperours, when as the Empire was grown to the full strength, began to have about them a certain privy Councel, which was called* Cæsaris comitatus, *and then those whose councel they used in war and peace were termed* Comites, *&c. In processe of time, when the Empire of the Romans became rent into many pieces, this title yet was retained, and our English Saxons called them in English* Ealdopmen, *as* Ethelward *writeth, by which name somewhat mollified they are called of us at this day* Earles.

And

w *Hist. Ms.* I. Rous *in libl.* Cotton. *p.*25.
x *Math. Westm. p.* 83.
y *Hist. Ms.* I. Rous *p.* 26.
z } *Ib. p.*
a } 28.
b } *Rot.* I. Rous *penès*
c } Rob. Arden *ar.*
d *Sueton. in Tit. c.*4.
e * *Taciti Annal. lib.*12. † *Lege Antonam.* e Camb. *in Warwickshi.*
f } *Hist.*
g } *Ms.* I. Rous *p.*56.
h *Ib. p.*57.
i *Ib. p.*62.
k } *Rot.* I.
l } Rus.
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y Cam. *Brit.* 165.


The prospect of
WARWICK
from Coventre Roade on the North-east part of the Towne.
The prospect of it from London road on the South side of the Towne.


The Ground plott of
WARWICK.
A Highe pauement.
B Jury Streete.
C S' Iames Chapell
D West Streete.
E Queene west Streete
F Leyenhull lane
G Saltesforde.
H Hodgh̄forde
I Wall ditche.
K Powle lane
L Dogge lane
M S' Peters Chapell.
N Smithe Streete
O Coton ende
P S' Nicholas Churche
Q Gaole hall lane
R Vineyard lane
S S' Maryes Churche
T Churche Streete.
V Cannon rowe
W Northgate Streete
X Pibble lane
Y Bothe hall
Z S' Nicholas Streete.
3 S' Iohns Churche
4 Bother Chipping.
5 Horse Chipping
6 Swan lane.
7 Castle Streete
8 Bridge lane
9 Walkers lane
10 Mill Streete
11 Wigg Streete
12 Crosse Streete
13 Shire hall.
14 Tanyard lane
S' Michaels
S' Iohns
The Castle
S' Helens
The Scale of Pales
W. Hollar fecit 1654

And further to confirm that they had the name of *Comites* for such their attendance upon the K. *Joh. Sarisburiensis*, who wrote in H. 2. dayes, testifieth, *Comites*, [z] (saith he) *à societatis participatione dici, quisquis ignorat ignarus est literarum, quas literalis institutio primas tradere consuevit.* And much to the same purpose is that expression of *Bracton*, [a] *Comites quia à comitatu, sive à societate nomen sumpserunt, qui etiam dici possunt Consules à consulendo: Reges enim tales sibi associant ad regendum populum Dei, ordinantes eos in magno honore, & potestate, & nomine quando accingunt eos gladiis, id est ringis gladiorum*, &c.

Now for the Jurisdiction that they had, I shall be bold to declare something thereof out of Mr. *Selden*'s expressions [b] —— *Ealdormen, or Earles had, it seems*, (saith he) *Jurisdiction in their Earldoms, or the Territories that denominated them; but so, that if the whole Territory were the Ealderman's own (as in the case of* Ethelred *Ealdorman of* **Mercland** *under K.* Alfred, *and K.* Edw. *the elder*) *then the Courts held, and the profits of the Jurisdiction were to his own use and benefit; but if he had not the Territory that denominated him, but only some particular revenew in it belonging to his dignity, then it seems his Jurisdiction and Courts (saving perhaps in those possessions which were his own) were held by him to the K. use and benefit; that is he commonly supplied the immediate office which the Sheriffs have regularly used to do in the Counties that are not Palatine*, &c.

And in K. *Etheldred*'s Laws (publish't by Mr. *Lambert*) there is direct proof, that the Ealderman, or Earle, was usually a temporal Judge immediate to the K. But for particular instances of their judicial power in probat of Wills, Judgements in cases of title to Land, and causes Criminal, I shall refer my Reader to the relation [c] of that learned person; adding only this notable testimony out of the Laws of King *H.* 1. —— [d] *sicut antiqua fuerat institutione formatum, salutari Regis imperio, vera nuper est recordatione firmatum, generalia Comitum placita certis locis & vicibus, & diffinito tempore per singulas provincias Angliæ conveniri debere, nec ullis ultra sagitationibus fatigari, nisi propria Regis necessitate, vel commune regni commodum sæpe adjiciat: Interfint autem* Episcopi, Comites, Vice Comites, Vicarii, Centenarii, Aldermanni, Præfecti, Præpositi, Barones, Vavasores, Tungrevii, *& cæteri terrarum domini diligenter intendentes, ne malorum impunitas, aut graviorum pravitas, vel Judicum subversio, solitâ miseros laceratione conficiant. Agantur itaque primò debita veræ Christianitatis jura; secundò Regis placita; postremo causæ singulorum dignis satisfactionibus expleantur.*

But I will forbear to enlarge my self further on this subject, and descend to our reputed Earles of the Saxon race; whereof the first that my Author [e] mentions is *Rohand*. This man, being a famous Warriour, and inricht with great possessions, lived in the dayes of K. *Alfred*, and K. *Edw.* the elder, and left issue one onely daughter named *Felicia*, that married unto *Guy* son of *Siward* Baron of **Wallingford**, who in her right became Earle of **Warwick**; the memory of which *Guy*, for his great valour, hath ever since been, and yet is so famous, that the vulgar are of opinion he was a man of more then ordinary stature; and the Welch, [f] taking notice of his brave exploits will needs have him to be descended from Brittish parentage: but of his particular adventures, least what I say should be suspected for fabulous, I will onely instance that Combate betwixt him and the Danish Champion *Colebrand*, whom some (to magnifie our noble *Guy* the more) report to have been a Giant. The storie whereof, however it may be thought fictitious by some, forasmuch as there be those that make a question whether there was ever really such a man; or if so, whether all be not a dream which is reported of him, in regard that the Monks have sounded out his praises so hyperbolically: yet those that are more considerate will neither doubt the one, nor the other, inasmuch as it hath been so usual with our ancient Historians, for the encouragement of after-ages unto bold attempts, to set forth the exploits of worthy men with the highest *encomiums* imaginable: And therefore, should we for that cause be so conceited as to explode it, all History of those times might as well be vilified. And having said thus much to encounter with the prejudicate fancies of some, and the wayward opinions of others, I come to the story, which, from certain Authors [g] of good credit, is in substance as followeth.

In the third year of K. **Athelstan** (which happned in *An.* 926) the Danes having invaded **England**, cruelly wasted the Countreys where they marcht, so that there was scarce a Town, or Castle, that they had not burnt, or destroyed, almost as far as **Wincheſter**: and hearing that the K. with his nobles, then was in that Citie consulting about some timely means to prevent the utter losse of all, they sent messengers to him, proposing that either he would forthwith resign his Crown to the Danish Generals, *viz. Aulafe*, and *Govelaph*, or submit to hold this Realm of them, doing homage and fealty, and paying tribute according to their appointment: or lastly, that the whole dispute for the Kingdom should be determined in a single Combat by two Champions for both sides; this being added by *Aulafe*, that if in that Duel K. *Athelstan*'s Champion had the victory, he would presently depart the land with his Army, but otherwise, without any more ado, it should wholly belong to the Danes.

Of which proposals K. *Athelstan* accepted the last, and, calling together his Nobles, offered that Province (viz. **Hantſhire**) for a reward to him that should conquer the Danish Champion, called *Colbrand*: and to the end that God would direct him in the choice of one to undertake this Combate, he enjoyned a Fast for 3. dayes, in which with earnest prayers and abundant tears he besought his favour. But in this choice the English were exceedingly astonisht, forasmuch as one *Herand*, a most valiant & hardy Knt. of this Nation, was then beyond Sea, seeking after *Reynburn* the son of his Lord and master Earle *Guy*, that had been stolen away by Merchants of a forreign Countrey in his infancy; As also that Earle *Rohand*, the most valiant of a thousand, was dead; and that the same *Guy*, a man of extraordinary courage and skill in martial feats, shortly after his marriage with the Lady *Felicia* before mentioned, being gone into the *Holy-land* on Pilgrimage, was not yet returned: But it so fell out, that God, being moved with the sorrowfull tears and intercessions of the English, sent a good Angel to comfort the King as he lay upon his bed the very night of the *Nativity* of S. *John Bapt.* directing that he should arise early on the morrow, taking two Bishops with him, and get up to the top of the North-gate of that Citie, staying there till the

[z] *Epist.* 263.
[a] *De rerum divis. lib.* 1. *cap.* 8. §. 2. 3. 4.
[b] Seld. *Tit. of Honour p.* 127.
[c] *Ib. à pag.* 8. *usque* 1. *Lib. rub. Scac. f.*
[d] *Lib. rub. Scac. f.*
[e] *Rot.* 1. *Rous.*
[f] *Rous.*
[g] *Hist. MS. Tho. Rudburn in bibl. C. C. C. Cantab. p.* 35. *Hist. MS. Gerardi Cornub. in bibl. Coll. S. M. Magd. Oxon. f.* 227. *a. Chron. MS. H. Knighton. f.* 6. *b.*

hour of *Prime*, and then ſhould he ſee divers poor people and Pilgrims enter thereat, amongſt which there would be a perſonable man in a Pilgrims habit, bare footed with his head uncovered, and upon it a Chaplet of White-Roſes; and that he ſhould intreat him for the love of *Jeſus Chriſt*, the devotion of his Pilgrimage, and the preſervation of all England to undertake the Combat, for he ſhould Conquer the mighty *Colbrond*, and deliver his Realm from the Daniſh ſervitude. Whereupon K. *Athelſtan* with fervent zeal haſted betimes in the morning to Maſſe, and ſent for the Archb. of *Canterbury*, with the Biſhop of *Chicheſter* to whom he related his Viſion, taking them along to the Gate aſſigned.

About this time it hapned that the famous *Guy* before ſpecified, returning from his Pilgrimage in forreign parts, landed at Portſmouth, and being there advertiſed of Sr. *Heraud*'s abſence, with the occaſion thereof; as alſo of Earle *Rohand*'s death, together with the great diſtreſſe that the K. and his Nobles were then in, haſted towards Wincheſter immediatly; and comming at night unto an Hoſpital, but little diſtant from the North-gate of that Citie (in which place afterwards the Hoſpital in honour of the *Holy-Croſſe* was founded) where he reſted himſelf, on the next morning he went with other poor people to the City-gate. To which place the K. being come for the purpoſe before ſpecified, and eſpying one neatly clad in a white ſhort-ſliev'd Gown reaching to the mid-leg, with a Garland of Roſes upon his head, and a large ſtaff in his hand, but looking wan, and much macerated by reaſon of his travailing bare-foot, and his beard grown to a very great length, he concluded that the ſame was the man deſcribed to him by the Angel, and being full of joy told thoſe that were with him as much.

The *Palmer* (for ſo was he at that time called) taking notice of the K. and Biſhops, put of his Chaplet, and reverently ſaluting them, entred the Gate: whereupon the K. haſted down, and laying hold of his Coat, tendred him entertainment, with deſire to hear ſome news: but the *Palmer*, returning humble thanks, anſwered, that the hour to take up his lodging was not yet come, for that he intended firſt to viſit the Churches of that Citie, and there offer up his prayers unto God, but afterwards ſeek ſome food for to refreſh himſelf withall; which being done he purpoſed to depart thence, and perform ſuch penance as he was to do for his ſins. Whereunto the K. replied, The reaſon why we have here ſtayed hath been onely to wait upon your coming; for it is the will of God, that you muſt encounter with that wicked *Colbrond* the Saracen, for the ſafeguard of us and all the Engliſh Nation, and freedom thereof from the yoak of ſlavery: for *Olaus* K. of *Denmark*, and *Golavus* of Norway have beſieged us here almoſt a twelve moneth; and now have we concluded a truce, upon condition that we muſt finde a man to undergo the Combate with *Colebrond* their Champion, and in caſe our Champion ſhall overcome him, they are forthwith to quit the Land without doing injury to any, and not diſturb this Realm any more; therefore we do deſire you, for the love of Chriſt our Saviour, and for the pardon of your own ſins, that you will heartily undertake this Duel againſt that curſed Pagan, for the cauſe of Gods Church and Chriſtian Religion. To whom the *Palmer* anſwered, Oh my Lord the King, you may eaſily ſee that I am not in any condition to take upon me this fight, being feeble and weakned with dayly travail: Alas, where are your ſtout and hardy Souldiers, who had wont to be in great eſteem with you?

Ah, quoth the K. ſome of them are dead, and ſome of them are gone to the *Holy-land*, but not yet returned: I had one valiant Knight, which was Earle of Warwick, called *Guy*, and he had a couragious ſervant named Sr. *Heraud de Ardene*, would to God I had him here, for then ſhould this Duel be ſoon undertaken, and the War finiſht; and as he ſpake theſe words, tears fell from his eyes. Whereat the *Palmer*, being very ſorrowfull, beſought him to forbear further grieving, aſſuring him, that for the love of *Chriſt Jeſus*, and the bleſſed Virgin, as alſo for the honour of Gods holy Church, and for the Soul of *Guy* and *Heraud* his companion, he would in the fear of God undergo that Combat. Then did they bring him into the Citie, and to the Church with ringing of Bells, and *Te Deum* was begun with cheerfull voices; and entertained him with meat and drink, as alſo with bathing; putting apparel upon him, and for the ſpace of 3. weeks cheared him up with the beſt refreſhments.

After which, when the day appointed for that Duel was come, the *Palmer* roſe early and heard 3. Maſſes; the firſt of the *Holy-Ghoſt*, the ſecond of the bleſſed *Trinity*, and the third of the *Holy-Croſſe*. Which being ended, he forthwith armed himſelf with the Kings beſt harneſs, and girt the ſword of *Conſtantine* the great about him; and taking S. *Maurice* his Lance in his hand, got up on the K. beſt Courſer, being accounted of all that then beheld him the moſt proper and well appointed Knight that ever they ſaw. From thence rode he through the midſt of the Citie towards the place aſſigned for the Combate, which was in a valley, called Chiltecumbe, where he waited for *Colbrond*; who, ſhortly after, came ſo weightily harneſſed that his Horſe could ſcarce carry him, and before him a Cart loaded with Daniſh-axes, great Clubs with knobs of Iron, ſquared barrs of Steel, Lances, and Iron hooks to pull his Adverſary to him: And ſo ſoon as he ſaw the *Palmer* make towards him, calling loudly, he bad him get of his Horſe and caſt himſelf down with ſubmiſſion: But the *Palmer*, arming himſelf with the ſign of the Croſſe, and commending himſelf to God, put Spurs to his Horſe to meet the Gyant, and in the firſt encounter pierced his ſhield ſo far that his own Lance broke into ſhivers; which ſo enraged the Gyant, that he bore up fiercely towards the *Palmer*, & ſmote his horſe with ſuch ſtrength, that he cut of his head. The *Palmer* therefore being diſmounted, nimbly and with great courage directed his blow at the Gyants Helmet; but by reaſon of his height could reach no further then his ſhoulder. Then *Colbrond* ſmote at the *Palmer* with a ſquare bar of ſteel; but he, ſeeing his danger, interpoſed his ſheild, wch bore of the blow, and on a ſuddain did ſo vigorouſly lay at the corner of the Gyants target, that his Club boſſed with Iron fell to the ground; wch whil'ſt he ſtretched out his arm to take up, the *Palmer* with his ſword cut of his hand: whereupon the Danes grew much diſmayed;

Vide Les Antiquities de la ville de Paris *per* Claude Malingre, *Imp.* Paris 1640.) p. 240. where he hath this expreſſion concerning Palmers —— *Leſquels ont appelloit croiſez lors q'ils entreprenoient le voiage d'autant que per leur Eveſques ou Curè ils ſe faſoient coudre une Croix de Hieruſalem de drap rouge ſur leurs manteaux, & prenoient le burdon: Au retour ils eſtoient appellez* Palmiers, *d'autant que retournans d'outremer ils apportoient des* Palmes *en ſigne d'avoir combatu les Infidelles come ils l'avoient vovè*, &c.

mayed; and on the other side was there as great rejoycing by K. *Athelstan* and the English; and yet notwithstanding did *Colbrond* hold out the Combate till the evening of that day, that by loosing so much bloud he fainted, so that *Guy*, with all his strength fetching a blow, cut of his head.

The victory therefore thus happily obtained, occasioned the Danes with great confusion to hasten away, and the valiant *Guy* to give thanks unto God, repairing forthwith to the Cathedral, where he was honourably received with solemne Processíon by the Clergy and others, and offered his weapon to God and the Patron of that Church before the high Altar, which my Author saith, even to his time, was kept in the Vestry there, and called by the name of *Colbrond*'s *Ax*: but, this being done, reassumed his Pilgrims habit. Whereupon the K. became most importunat with him to discover his name; but he utterly refused so to do, except to himself, and that upon his oath not to reveal it: unto which condition the K. assenting, they walkt out alone in a by-path to a certain Crosse at some distance from the Citie; and as soon as they came thither, humbly bowing himself to the K. and saying that he was *Guy* Earle of **Warwick**, the K. embraced him in his arms, kissed him, and promised him large rewards if he would live in his Court: but he, with much thankfulnesse, refusing to receive any, besought the K. that he would not disclose what he had said, in regard his resolution was to continue in that Pilgrims state; and so they there parted with tears.

From whence the Earle bent his course towards **Warwick**, and coming thither not known of any, for three dayes together took Almes at the hands of his own Lady, as one of those xiii poor people unto which she dayly gave relief her self, for the safety of him and her, and the health of both their Souls. And having rendred thanks to her, he repaired to an Heremite that resided amongst the shady woods hard by, desiring by conference with him to receive some spiritual comfort, where he abode with that holy man till his death, and upon his departure out of this World, which hapned within a short time, succeeded him in that Cell, and continued the same course of life for the space of two years after; but then discerning death to approach, he sent to his Lady their Wedding Ring by a trusty servant, wishing her to take care of his burial: adding also, that when she came, she should find him lying dead in the Chapel, before the Altar; and moreover, that within xv dayes after she her self should depart this life. Whereupon she came accordingly, and brought with her the Bishop of the Dioces, as also many of the Clergy & other people, and finding his body there did honourably interre it in that Heremitage,* and was her self afterwards buried by him, leaving her paternal inheritance to *Reynburn* her onely son. Which departure of our famous *Guy* hapned [b] in the year of our Lord *Dcccc.xxix.* and of his own age the seventieth.

[b] Rot. I. Rous.

To whom succeeded [i] the Noble *Reynburn*, Earle of **Warwick** through his Mothers right; who haveing been stolen away in his Child-hood, and carried into **Russia**, where he gave great testimony of his singular valour in sundry Warlike feats, whilst he continued in those forreign parts, upon his return into **Engl.** wedded the beautifull Lady *Leonetta* daughter to K. *Athelstan*; but afterwards dying beyond the Seas, was buried in a certain Island near unto **Venice**, and left for his successor [k] *Wegeat*, alias *Weyth the humed*, a person of great courage, and much honoured for his skill in martial affairs. This *Wegeat* was a benefactor to the Monastery of **Evesham**, by giving thereunto six messuages lying in **Whitlarford** and **Grafton** in this County; and had issue *Ufa*, [l] commonly called *Huve the humed*, a most devout man, and a special friend to the Monks of **Evesham**: for in the year *Dccccl.xxiiii.* by the consent of K. **Edgar** he gave [m] them the whole Village of **Whitlarford** (now called **Wirford**,) and little-**Grafton**; and bequeathing his body to sepulture in that Monastery, departed this life about the beginning of the reign of S. *Edward* the K. and Martyr.

[m] *Ex Regist. de Evesham penes* Will. Peirpoint *ar.*

To whom succeeded *Wolgeat*, who obtained a grant [n] from those secular Canons, which were possest of the Abby of **Evesham** upon expulsion of the Monks, for 5. hides of Land in the same **Whitlarford** upon an easier rent than had wont to be given; conditionally, that upon his death the Monastery might repossesse the same Land with all the stock that then should happen to be upon it: Notwithstanding which, the Monks could not get it again of a long time after, till that Abbot *Egelwyne* purchased it a new of Earle *Wigod*, a potent man in the dayes of K. *Edw.* the Conf. This *Wolgeat* was in [o] special favour with K. *Ethelred*; but for his wicked courses and oppressions had all his Lands and honour taken from him in the year *M. vi.* Whether he had ever restitution of them, or in whose hands the Earldom was thereupon put, is uncertain; but true it is, that **Warwick**, with a great part of the Countrey, became shortly after (*viz. An. M. xvi.*) much wasted by *Canutus* the Dane; at which time the Nunnery, near to the Church of S. *Nicholas*,) as also the Abby were burnt to the ground. When, or by whom those Religious houses were founded, I never yet could finde, nor any mention of them before this. It seems the Abby stood [p] on the Northwest part of the Town; for the Lane there, called **Abby-lane**, argueth as much: And the said house [q] of Nuns took up all that which is now S. *Nichols*-Church-yard, with a great part of the ground whereupon the Hospital of S. *John Bapt.* was afterwards built, the Chancel of S. *Nicholas* Church being the Quire thereof.

[n] Rot. I.
[o] Rous.

[p] Hist. [q] MS. I. Rous p. 120.

I now come to *Wigod*, the hereditary [r] successor of *Wolgeat*; who being a potent man and a great Warriour, as also a special benefactor to the Monks of **Evesham**, lived in the times of K. *Ethelred*, K. *Edmund*, and of the Danish Kings; and had to wife the sister of Earle *Leofrik* (founder of the Monastery at **Coventre**.)

[r] Rot. I.
[s] Rous.

To him succeeded [s] *Alwyne*, contemporary [t] with K. *Edward* the Conf. and *Will.* the Conq. This is he that in the Conq. Survey is called *Alwinus Vicecomes*; the reason whereof I conceive to be, either because that he did exercise the power and Authority of the Earle of **Mercia** (*scil.* Earle *Leofrike*, his Uncle) here in **Warwick-shire**, as his ancestors had done, for which respect my Author reputes him and them Earls, as I have already shewed, and hath ranckt them in that degree; or else that he had the custody of the County to the Kings immediate use. Which *Alwine* left issue *Turchill*, who likewise stands in the Catalogue of our Earls, and was a great man in that age, but no more really Earle than his Father and Ancestors were: For if the Earldom of *Mercia*, with which Honour *Edwyn* the Grand-Childe to Earle *Leofrike*

[t] Domes-d. lib. *sub Tit. Terr.* Rob. *Dispensatoris.* Warr.

frike was dignified, did, as it included this Shire, really vest him in power and authority therein, as he had in some other Counties, then was this *Alwyne* his *Vicecomes*, or substitute here; which may seem to have been so, in as much as the said *Edwyne* is in an ancient *MS.*[u] particularly stiled *Comes Warwici*: But that which argues him to have been onely *Custos* of the County to the Kings immediate use, is, that in *Domesday-book* where the profits of the Shire are set down as they were rated in *Edw.* the Conf. time: there is nothing of the *Tertius denarius* reckoned to the Earle, as in such where the Earle had absolute Jurisdiction is usual, but all to the King. By which it should seem, that these hereditary *Vicecomites* (whom we repute to have been Earles) were immediately Officers to the King, and not to the Earles of *Mercia*.

[u] *Ad calcem Flor. Wigorn. Ms. penes Jac. Archiep. Armach.*

This *Turchill* resid d here at **Warwick**, and had great possessions in this County when *Will.* D. of **Normandy** invaded **England** and vanquish't K. *Harold*: and though he were then a man of especial note and power, yet did he give no assistance to *Harold* in that Battail, as may easily be seen from the favour he received at the hands of the Conquerour: for by the general Survey, [w] begun about the 14th. of K. *William's* Reign, it appears that he then continued possest of vast Lands in this Shire; and yet thereof was-neither the Borough, or Castle of **Warwick** any part, as from the said Survey may be collected; the Borough in *Edw.* the Conf. time answering a certain yearly Ferm to the King, and the Castle properly belonging to the Earle of **Mercia**, if not to the King, as a special strong hold for the defence of all these parts, and whereof the said *Turchill*, being in the nature of a Governour, as his Ancestors were, had his denomination, *viz. Turchill de Warwick*, attributed to him by the Normans, who first introduced such surnames of places here amongst us. And therefore, whereas my Author [x] represents him to have been a great enlarger of **Warwick**-Castle, his words are *Castri Warwici Will elmi Conquestoris*, and adds [*] *nam Rex Will. Conquestor ad Castella construenda totam Angliam fatigabat.* And what was this for, but to busie their mindes and bring them low in their estates, that they should neither have time nor abilities to contrive any insurrection against him: as also to have places of strength in every corner for better keeping the subdued English in awe.

[w] Domesd. *lib.*

[x] *Rot.* I. Rous.

[*] *Vide* H. Hunt. *f.* 212. *b. l.* 10.

But of this *Turchill* I have not now much more to say, besides the mention of those Lands whereof I find him possest (by the Conquerour's special favour, as you must conclude) at the time of his said general Survey, which were these following, all in this County, and whereof I have in their due places spoken particularly, *scil.* **Curdworth**, **Bikenhull**, **Minworth**, **Wolfhamcote**, **Rieton**, **Pakinton**, **Langdone**, **Mackstoke**, **Merston**, **Elmedone**, **Dosthill**, **Wiginshille**, **Whitacre**, **Bercheston**, **Badsley-(Endsor) Lodbroke**, **Caldecote**, **Rodburn**, **Causton**, **Birdingbury**, **Napton**, **Fleckno**, **Hodenhill Willoughby**, **Bilton**, **Walecote**, **Shukborow**, **Newton**, **Holme**, **Church-Over**, **Achow**, **Harbury**, **Baginton**, **Binley**, **Weston**, **Brandon**, **Lillington**, **Radford Rotley**, **Compton-(Winyate) Milton**, **Wimpston**, **Berlcote**, **Fulredy**, **Etendone**, **Chesterton**, **Coughton**, and (Nun-) **Eaton**.

Neither can I say that he had all these clearly to himself; for in some few I finde that others had a share, as where I speak of them in particular will be manifested. And though he had so much respect from the victorious Norman as to possesse these during his life, yet is it most clear, that his Son enjoy'd none of them as his Heir, but by the favour of the Conquerour, or of those on whom he had bestowed them, as will be found by that small remnant, in comparison of all these Lordships before recited, which was left him, and that also to hold by military service from some of the Norman Nobility. Which dealing (generally in a manner) by the Conquerour I have in my Introduction sufficiently made evident. Leaving therefore what else I have to say of *Turchill*, till I come into **Hemlingford**-Hundred, in which he and his posterity afterwards resided, assuming the firname of *Arden* from those woody parts wherein they inhabited, I shall now descend to speak of those Earls that were of the Norman race, the first of which was called *Henry de Novo-burgo*, from the Castle of **Newburgh**, in **Normandy**, the place of his birth.

He was the younger Son [y] of *Rog. de Bellomont* Earle of **Pellent**: but of his advancement to the Earldom of **Warwick**, the direct time appears not; yet by all circumstances I guesse, that it was towards the later end of *Will.* the Conq. time, in regard there is no mention of him in the general Survey (begun as I have elsewhere shew'd in 14. of his reign:) for my Author [z] sayes, that K. *Will.* having begirt **Warwick** with a mighty ditch for the precinct of its Walls, and erected the Gates at his own charge, did then promote this *Henry* to the Earldom, and annexed thereto the royalty of the Borough of **Warwick** with the appurtenances, which at that time belong'd to the Crown.

[y] *Ord. vit. p.* 269, 4.

[z] *Hist. Ric.* I. Rous. *p.* 125.

That Earls so anciently had no formal Charters of their Creation is plain enough to any that hath look't into Antiquities, the manner of their investiture into that dignity, being then and a good while after *per cincturam gladio Comitatus* as *Math. Paris.* [a] and others do observe; it cannot therefore be expected that I should say more as to the manner of his advancement thereto: howbeit, that it was the Conqueror who conferr'd the same honour upon him, is not onely manifest by what I have already said from the Testimony of *J. Rous*, but from the credit of divers other [b] noted Historians. It should seem, that before the King raised him to that state of Earle, he was trusted with the custody [c] of **Warwick**-Castle, then newly built [d] by the Conqueror, or rather enlarged and more strengthened, as in my discourse of *Turchill* hath been said, and shall be further declared when I come to the particular story thereof: but though he had this honour by the Conqueror's gift, he was not during that Kings dayes possest of all those great Lands whereof he died seized: for it is evident, [e] that K. *Will. Rufus* in the very beginning of his reign, bestow'd on him the whole inheritance of *Turchil* before specified in augmentation of his Earldom; so that whatsoever *Turchill's* posterity enjoyed thereof was but by the favour of this Earl, as I have already intimated. Nay, so clearly did he account himself seized of all *Turchill's* patrimony, that he laid claim [f] to what the Monks of **Abendon** had in Little-**Chesterton** and **Hille** (both in this County) of the said *Turchill's* gift, in the days of Abbot *Aldelme*; so that the succeeding Abbot, for quiet enjoyment thereof, was glad to come to a new agreement [g] with him, and give him a

[a] *p.* 15. *l.* 53.

[b] *W. Cmet. 7. Ord. vit. 705. Chr. Nor. f.* 68.

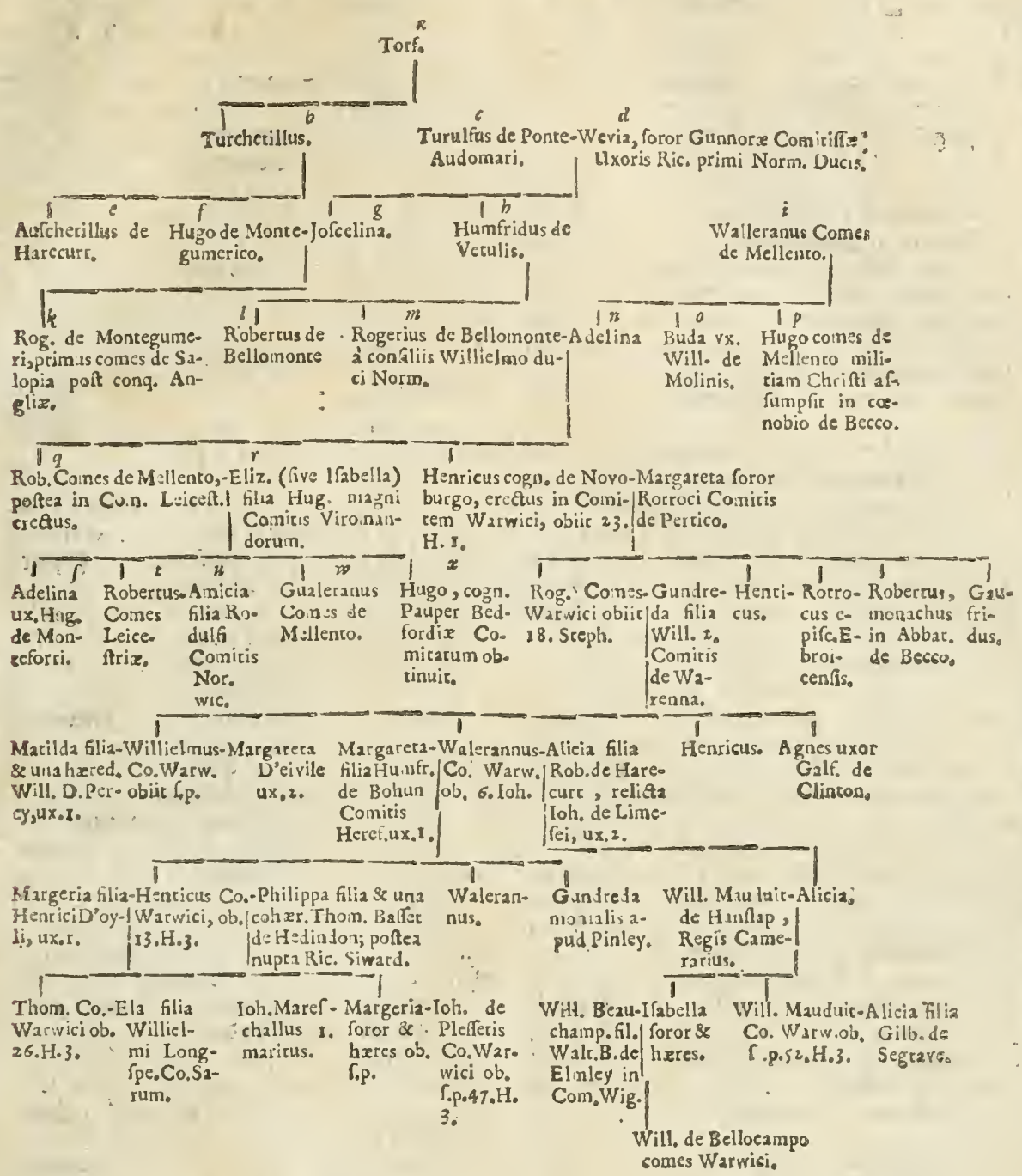
[c] [d] *Ord. vit.* 511.

[e] [f] [g] *Regi de Abend. bibl. Cott. f.* 13 *a.*

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mark of Gold to purchaſe his good will, whereupon he confirm'd the ſame in the preſence of his Barons;[b] of which are ſpecially named *Richard fitz-Osbern*, and *Thurſtan de Montfort*.

[b] Great Tenants to the greater ſort of ſubjects. Seld. Tit. of Honour. p. 688.



By which inſtance we may partly ſee how hardly the native Engliſh were dealt with, as in my Introduction is ſhewed; *viz.* not to enjoy their inheritances, though they did not at all oppoſe the Conquerors title, as by that truſt committed to this *Turchill* for enlarging of Warwick-Caſtle may be inferred. Nay, ſo imperious were the Normans in theſe their acquiſitions, that they would not permit the Religious houſes to poſſeſs what was formerly granted to them by the Engliſh, as may ſeem by that claim which this Earle *Henry* made to thoſe Lands, above-ſpecified, ſo given to Abingdon by *Turchill*, which puts me in minde of the anſwer that *John* Earle *Warren*, about the later end of H. 3. time made to *Rog. Zouch* then chief Juſtice, when being queſtioned by what right he held his Lands -- *produxit in medium gladium antiquum & evaginatum* (ſaith my Author) [i] *& ait, Ecce domini mei, ecce warantum meum! Anteceſſores mei verò cum Will. Baſtardo venientes, conqueſti ſunt terras ſuas gladio, & eaſdem gladio defendam à quocunque eas occupare volente: non enim Rex terram per ſe devicit & ſubjecit, ſed progenitores noſtri fuerunt cum eo participes & coadjutores, &c.* So that having helpt him to get it by the ſword, they eſteemed themſelves well worthy to ſhare with him.

But I return to Earle *Henry*. Of whom that which I find [k] moſt memorable, is, that he was one of thoſe great men, who in *An.* 1081. (14. *Will.* C.) by fair perſwaſions qualified the anger of K. *Will.* conceived towards *Rob. Curthoſe*, his eldeſt Son, ſo that a fair compoſure then enſued betwixt them. That he was [l] alſo of great familiarity with *Henry* the K. youngeſt Son, and one that ſuck cloſeſt to him, upon the death of *Will. Rufus*, for his obtaining the Crown, and ſo likewiſe [m] ever afterwards: Moreover, amongſt the witneſſes to that notable Charter of K. *Henry* 1. whereby he confirmed the Laws of *Edw.* the Conf. (as K. *Will.* had new moulded them, and granted many other favours to the Church, as alſo to the Peers and other ſubjects of this Realm) he is recorded [n] to be one; of which Charters ſo many were ſent through Eng-

[i] *i.e. in bi. Bodl. in codice Dig. [D 70.] f. ib.*

[k] Ord. vit. p. 572. D. 573. A. B.

[l] Hiſt. Ms. H. Knighton. ſ. 35. b.

[m] Will. Malm. f. 88. a. n. 40.

[n] M. Pariſ. p. 56. n. 30.

land as there were particular Counties, to remain in the ſeveral Monaſteries of thoſe Shires.

This Earle began [o] the making of **Wedgnock**-park near his Caſtle of **Warwick** (whereof I have already ſpoke) following therein the example of K. *Henry*, who made [p] the firſt Park at **Woodſtocke** that ever was in **England**. He founded [q] the Priory at **Warwick**; gave [r] the Church of **Compton**-(*Murdac*) to be a Prebend in the Church of our Lady at **Warwick**, before it was made Collegiat, with [ſ] other benefits: As alſo [t] the Town of **Warminton** (in this County) to the Monks of **Pꝛeaux** in **Nozmandy**, of all which I ſhall ſpeak more fully as I come to diſcourſe of them in particular; and therefore for a cloſe, I will deliver the Character which an eminent Hiſtorian, [x] who lived at the ſame time, hath of him; *ſcil.* that he was *dulcis & quieti animi vir, & qui congruo ſuis moribus ſtudio vitam egit & clauſit.*

He wedded [y] *Margaret* the daughter to *Rotrode* Earle of **Perch**, and had iſſue by her *Roger*, [z] who ſucceeded him in the Earldom of **Warwick**, *Henry*, [a] *Geffrey*, *Rotrode* [b] Biſhop of **Eureux**, *Robert* [c] that inherited his Fathers poſſeſſions in **Nozmandy**, who was Sewer [d] and Juſtice of that Dukedom, and a great benefactor [e] to the Abby of **Bec**, in which he afterwards was ſhorn [f] a Monk; and departing this life xiiii *Kal. Septemb. An.* 1158. had ſepulture [g] in the Chapter-houſe there. Two [h] daughters he alſo had, but their names I finde not, nor whether they were ever married; and died [i] xx. *Junii, An.* 1123. (23. H. 1.) lying interred [k] in the Abby of **Pꝛeaux** before ſpecified.

Of *Margaret* his Counteſſe, who ſurvived [l] him above 20. years, I finde, that ſhe was a ſpecial benefactreſſe to the Knights *Templars*; for in the year 1156. (2. H. 2.) ſhe beſtowed [m] the Town of **Lammadok** in **Wales** upon them; and to the Canons of **Kenilworth** quitted [n] her intereſt in the moyety of the Lordſhip of **Salfozd** in this County, by the conſent of *Rotrode* Biſhop of **Eureux**, *Roger* Earle of **Warwick**, *Rob. de Newburgh*, *Geffrey*, and *Henry* her ſons; but the direct time of her death I have not diſcovered.

To *Henry* ſucceeded *Roger* his ſon in the Earldom of **Warwick**, who amongſt other of the great Nobility, was a witneſſe [o] to the Charter of K. *Steph.* Laws, (*in* 1. *Steph.*) but for his military actions I finde no great commendation of him: Nay, it is reported by an Author [p] of that time wherein he lived, that he was *vir mollis, & deliciis magis quam animi fortitudine affluens*: Nevertheleſſe, being one of thoſe that adhered [q] to *Maud* the Empreſſe, he was [r] with the Earle of **Glouc.** and divers other great men, at the ſiege of **Wincheſter** in 6. *Steph.* at which time their Army being utterly routed [ſ] by the Royalliſts, moſt of the chief Nobility were taken priſoners: but I do not finde that he had much prejudice [t] thereby, in regard K. *Steph.* who had been taken priſoner before, in the battail at **Lincoln**, was ſet at liberty, upon condition that the Earle of **Glouc.** taken then at **Wincheſter**, with the reſt of thoſe that were of his party, ſhould alſo ſtand [u] in the ſame condition of freedom as they were before that overthrow.

And beſides this is he reputed [x] to have been the Conqueror of **Gowher-land** in **Wales**, which his poſterity for a long time afterwards enjoyed, and wherein he founded [y] a little Priory at **Languenith**, annexing [z] it as a Cell to the Monaſtery of S. *Taurines* in **Nozmandy**; and to the Abby of **Pethe** gave [a] certain Lands and fiſhing, lying in **Glamozganſh.** within his ſaid Territories of **Gouher-land**. The foundation of the Priory here at **Warwick**, begun by his Father, he perfected; [b] and did himſelf found [c] the Collegiat Church of S. *Mary* in **Warwick** (whereof, together with its endowment I ſhall hereafter ſpeak more fully:) as alſo [d] S. *Michaels* Hoſpital for Lepers there; together with the Houſe of *Templars* beyond the bridge.

were exerciſed in them by the Conqueror. *reign of H. 8. by the L.* Herbert *p.* 369.

The K. of *Engl.* having many ti. brought Armie. to Conquer *Wales*, d. fended both by mountains, an a ſtout people; and et being not able to reduce them b a final obedience, re all that could be gained, to thoſe at would attempt : whereupon many a liant Nobles id Gentl. won m. ch land from the *Wh*; which, as gotte by force, was by r. miſſion of the K. ges then reigning, ld for divers ages in thar abſolute m. ner as *Jura Regia Hiſt. of the life id*

To divers other Monaſteries was he alſo a benefactor; *viz.* to **Bzuere** *in com. Oxon.* whereunto he gave [e] the Lordſhip of **Merſedene**. To **Pipwell** in **Nozthamptonſh.** by confirming [f] the grant of **Cauſton** in this County thereto; which, as his Charter teſtifieth, he did for the Souls of his Father and Mother, *Rotrode* his Uncle, and all his Anceſtors. To **Kenilwozth** by confirming the grants of the Mannours of **Salfozd**, [g] and **Newnham** [h] thereto; and beſtowing [i] on the Canons of that Houſe certain Lands in **Warwick**, with the [k] Churches of **Bzailes** & **Welsburn** in this County. To the Monks of **Pꝛeaux** in **Nozmandy**, by giving [l] to them two Hides of Land in **Walton**. To the monaſtery of **Geroudon** *in com. Leic.* by conferring [m] thereto the Town of **Badſley**-(*Endſor*) in this County, which was afterwards given up by thoſe Monks to Earle *William* his Son and Succeſſor. To the Monks of **Bozdſley** *in com. Wigorn.* in confirming [n] the grant of **Suhanger** (now called **Sunger** near **Clardon**) in this County, which *Will. Giffard* had given to that Houſe, and conferring [o] on them one Hide of Land in **Orchelve**. To the Monaſtery of **Thozney** in **Cambzidge-ſhire**, by confirming [p] the grant thereunto made of the moyety of the Mannour of **Wenge**, by *Rob. de Montfort*. To the Priory of **Canwell** in **Staffozdſh.** by granting [q] thereto 3. yard Land lying in **Hull** (called **Hill**) within his Lordſhip of **Sutton-Colfield** in this County. And laſtly to the Nuns of **Wꝛocheſhale**, by confirming [r] the Church of **Shukbozow**, with certain Lands there; as alſo in **Bourton**, and **Radfozd**, given to them by ſeveral perſons (as I have elſewhere fully declared;) together with whatſoever was granted to them by *Hugh fil. Ricardi* their Founder. By which his ſeveral conceſſions, as alſo his often journeys [ſ] to the *Holy-land* may appear, that he was a very devout and pious man.

He wedded [t] *Gundrede*, daughter to *Will.* the ſecond Earle **Warren**, and ſiſter, by the mothers ſide to *Waleran* E. of **Pellent**, by whom he had iſſue 3. ſons; viz. *Will. Waleran*, and *Henry*, and a daughter called *Agnes*; which *Will.* and *Waleran* were both Earls of **Warwick** ſucceſſively; *Henry* had [u] **Gowher-land** in **Wales** left to him by his father; (but by his death without iſſue it came to Earle *Will.* his brother) *Agnes* his daughter was married

[o] *Hiſt. MS.* I. Rous. *p.* 166.
[p] *q Ib. p.* 167.
[r] *Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. f.* 7. *b.*
[ſ] *Ib. f.* 8. *a.*
[t] *Cart* 13. *E.* 1. *n.* 69. *per Inſp.*
[x] W. Malm *f.* 90. *b. n.* 30.
[y] *Ord. Vit. p.* 676. *A.*
[z] W. Gem. *lib.* 8. *c.* 41.
[a] *Ord. V. p.* 919. *C.*
[b] W. Gem. *ut ſupra.*
[c] *Ord. V. p.* 709. *B.*
[d] *Chron. Norm. p.* 996. *A. B.*
[e] W. Gem. *lib.* 8. *c.* 41.
[f] *Rot. I. Rous.*
[g] *Rot. P. 2. H. 2.*
[h] *MS. in bibl. Cotton. ſub effigie* Vitellii. F. 1.]
[i] *Reg. de Kenill. p.* 19.
[k] *Hiſt. Angl. Script. col.* 315. 8.
[l] *Geſta* R. Steph. *p.* 953. *C.*
[m] *Ib. p.* 956. *B.*
[n] *Ib. p.* 957. *A.*
[o] *Ib. D.*
[p] *Ib.*
[q] *Ib.*
[r] *Ib.*
[ſ] *Ib.*
[t] *Ib.*
[u] *R. I. Rus.*
[w] *R. I. Rus.*
[x] *MS. bibl. Com. [ſub effie Vitelli F. 1.]*
[y] *R. I. Rus.*
[z] *R. I. Rus.*
[a] *b Cart. Antiq. R. 1.*
[c] *Regiſt. Pipw. 79. a.*
[d] *Reg. Kenil. f.* 8.
[e] *Ib. p.*
[f] *Ib. p.*
[g] *Ib. p.* 22.
[h] *Ex arg. penes* Lucy *e aur.*
[i] *Ex Ca tul. w. Com. f. b.*
[k] *Ex a togr. p. Clem.* Throk-morton *ar.*
[l] *Ex au in Offic. Armoru. m Regiſtr Thorney part.* 4. 2. *a.*
[n] *Ex au tog. pen.* Will. Peſhale *eq. aur.*
[o] *Cart. 1 E.* 3. *n.* 1 *per Inſp. p Rot. 1.* Rous.
[q] W. Ge *lib.* 8. *c.* 4
[r] *Rot. 1.* Rous.

married [s] to *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain to the King (son unto *Geffrey* the noble founder of the Priory and Castle of **Kenilworth**) who had [t] in Frank-marriage with her, by the gift of Earl *Roger* her Father, ten Kts. fees of those xvii. that he the said *Geffrey* held of his fee, & for which he was to do service in the Castle of **Brandon**. And besides all this, he had a grant [u] of this County, *id est* the Sheriffalty of the Shire, for so it appeareth by sundry testimonies, [w] to hold to him the said *Geffrey* and his Heirs of the said Earle and his Heirs, in such sort as he the said Earle held it of the K. This Earl *Roger* departed [x] the world *xii Junii*, *An.* 1153. (18. *Steph.*) in which year *Henry* D. of **Normandy** (afterwards K. of **England** by the name of H. 2.) came [y] into **England** with a great power, and was very prosperous; for whose better welcome *Gundred*, the Countesse of **Warwick** before mentioned, outed [z] K. *Steph.* souldiers forth of **Warwick**-Castle, and delivered [a] that Fort unto him.

To *Roger* succeeded in the Earldom of **Warwick** *Will.* his Son and Heir, of whom the first memorable passage that I finde, relating to any certain time, is the Certificate [b] which he made in 12. H. 2. in answer to that precept he received from the K. touching the number of Knights fees then held of him; whereby it appears, upon calculation of the particulars, that they amounted to Cv. and a half. This Earle *William* founded [c] the **Hospitals** of S. *John* and S. *Thomas*, both in **Warwick**, built [d] a new Church for the *Templars* there, and enlarged their possessions by the gift [e] of the Mannour of **Shireburn**, and certain Lands in **Boxton**, both in this County; ratified [f] to the Monks of **Combe** a Hide of Land in **Bilney**, granted to them by *Thurbert de Bilney*; and made the like confirmations [g] to the Monks of **Pipwell** as Earle *Roger* his father had done to them concerning **Causton**; for which respect he was received [h] into their fraternity as a Founder of that Abby. To the Canons of **Kenilworth** did he ratifie [i] the Churches of **Lorley**, granted unto them by *Rob. fil. Odonis*; as also [k] the Churches of **Brayles**, and **Wellesburne** which his father gave them; in consideration [l] whereof they allowed him one Canon there, presentable alwayes by himself.

This Earl had two wives; *viz.* *Maud* [m] the eldest of the two daughters and coheirs to *Will.* Lord *Percy*; and *Margaret* [n] *Deivill*, if *Rous* mistake not: but I rather think that *Maud* was the later: for I find, that by her speciall Charter, [o] as Countess of **Warwick** (which was doubtless in her Widowhood) she gave to the Monks of **Salley** in **York**-shire, the Church of **Tatcaster**, with the Chapell of **Hazelwood**, and one Carucat of Land in **Catthon** (the place of her birth) of which Monastery she was reputed Patroness: [p] And that upon her death in 6. *Joh.* the K. directed his precept [q] to the Shiriff of **Yorksh.** commanding him to take order with the Abbot of **Fountains**, and *Henry de Percy*, her Executors, that they should forthwith according to the custom of the Kingdom discharge those debts which were due to his Exchequer. But by neither of these wives had he any issue; so that, departing [r] this life in the *Holy land* 15. *Nov.* *An.* 1184. (30 *H.* 2.) *Waleran* his Brother succeeded [s] him in the Earldom and estate; which *Waleran* in 2 *R.* 1. payd 51. *l.* 03. *s.* 04. *d.* to the K. for scutage, in respect of the military service he ought to have personally performed in **Wales**: but it seems he had not absolute possession of this Earldom till [t] 7 *R.* 1. that he gave xx. marks to have the *tertium denarium de placitis Comitatus*.

Of this Earl I find, [u] that in 9 *R.* 1. he stood charg'd to the K. in xlii. *l.* iiii. *s.* viii. *d.* debt, in the nature of scutage, towards the payment of a Fine for the K. redemption (who had been made Prisoner upon his return from the *Holy land*:) And in another [w] debt of a C. *l.* for license to return into **England**; and in a third debt [x] of C. marks for leave to marry (*Alice*) the daughter of *Rob. Harecurt*, and widow unto *John de Limesey*: As also, that he had [y] much adoe, a great part of his time, touching this inheritance, there being one that feigned himself his elder Brother which dyed in the *Holy land*, who put him to great vexation; so that my Author [z] is of opinion, that the grant which he made to *Hubert* Archb. of **Canterb.** (and Chancelour of **England**) of the advouson of all the Prebendaries belonging to the Collegiat Church in **Warwick**, to hold during his life, was to purchase his favour in that weighty business. But I do not finde, that this Earle was a benefactor to any Religious-house, other than the **Hospitall** of St. *Michael* in **Warwick**, whereunto he gave [a] all the Tith arising out of the assarts of **Wedgnock**, as also of the paunage and Venison: and to the Nuns of **Pinley** and **Wrockhall** in this County; to the first whereof he gave [b] certain Lands situate in **Curdeshale** within the Liberties of **Claverdon**, and to the other a yard Land [c] lying in **Brails**.

He had two wives, *Margaret* [d] the daughter to *Humfrey de Bohun* Earle of **Hereford**; and *Alice* the daughter [e] of *John de Harecurt*, (but widdow [f] of *John de Limesi* before mentioned;) and departing [g] this life in 6. *Joh.* left issue divers Children; of which, *Henry* his eldest son succeeded him in the Earldom, *Waleran*, another son, had the Mannours of **Gretham** and **Cotesmore** *in com. Rutl.* given [h] to him by his father, with [i] certain Lands in **Worcesterch.** but died without issue. *Alice* his daughter (by [l] *Alice* his last wife) wedded to *Will. Mauduit* of **Hanslape** *in com. Buck.* and had [m] by her father's appointment the Mannour of **Wauton**, now called **Walton**-*Mauduit* in this County, for her marriage portion, as is evident by K. *John*'s confirmation [n] thereof to her, bearing date 30. *Nov.* in the x. of his reign, but at that time she was not married; yet it seems she had a husband very young, for it appears, [o] that she continued in the custody of her mother, after she was so espoused, by reason of her minority. *Gundred*, his other daughter, was brought [p] up in the Abby of **Pinley** before mentioned, together with *Isabel* his Neice, for whose education he gave [q] in his life time to the Nuns of that house two Marks of silver, yearly to be paid by the hands of his Steward at **Claverdon**; and at the same time bestowed [r] on them the redecimation of his Lordship of **Walton** in pure Almes for the health of his Soul, and the Soul of *Margerie* his Countesse; as also for the Souls of E. *Roger* his father, *Gundred* his Mother, Earle *Will.* his brother, with all his Ancestors and Successors.

I finde, that the same year of E. *Waleran*'s death, *Alice* his Countesse gave a fine [s] of a thousand pounds and ten Palfreys, that she might continue a widdow as long as she pleased, so that the K. might not compell her to marry; as also that she might have the custody of those Children she had

[a] *H.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès* ---Cooke *de Pinley.*
[c] *Inq. per* H. Not. *&c. f.* 93. *a.*
[d] Rot. I. Rous.
[e] Rot. I. Rous.
[f] *Regist. de Barlings in bibl.* Cotton.
[g] Pat. 6. Ioh, *m.* 10.
[h] Pat. 6. Ioh, *m.* 10.
[i] Rot. I. Rous.
[k] Rot. I. Rous.
[l] *Plac. de B. Term.* P. 11. H. 3. Rot. 11. *in dorso.*
[m] Cartul. Warw. Com. *f.* 122. *b.*
[n] Cartul. Warw. Com. *f.* 122. *b.*
[o] *Plac. apud westm.* Hilar. Mich. 9. H. 3. Rot. 9.
[p] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton
[q] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton
[r] *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton
[s] Rot. P. 6. Joh. *m.* 7.
[t] Rot. I. Rous.
[u] Rot. P. 9. R. 1.
[w] Rot. P. 9. R. 1.
[x] Rot. P. 9. R. 1.
[y] Rot. I. Rous.
[z] Rot. I. Rous.

had by Earle *Waleran*, and lx.*l.* Lands *per ann.* which he gave her freely to disposse of; And likewise her reasonable dowry both of her husbands Lands & Fees; nevertheless she was not to chuse a husband for her self without the K. approbation. After which, *scil.* the next ensuing year, she gave [t] 3. Palfreys more to the K. that she might have a Jury of xii. lawfull Knights to admeasure her dowry out of the Lands and Fees of E. *Waleran* her late husband, but what was done therein appears not; howbeit within 2. years after she came to a conclusion [u] with Earle *Henry*, whereupon she had the mannours of **Tamworth**, and **Claverdon** in this County, and of **Cheddeworth** in **Glouc'ster'sh.** with the service of two Knights Fees, the one in **Lodbroke**, and the other in **Lorley** assigned unto her.

This Earle *Henry*, being in minority at the death of his Father, was committed [w] to the custody of *Thom. Basset* (of **Hedindon** near **Oxford.**) which *Thomas*, for a Fine that he paid to the King, had a grant [x] of his marriage 5. *May*, 7. *Joh.* to the intent he might match his daughter to him (as was afterwards accordingly done) though she was not his first wife: and had also livery of all his Lands, together with the Castle of **Warwick**, by *Hugh de Chaucumb* then Sheriffe of this County, to whom the K. had directed his Precept [y] for that purpose, bearing date 24. *Aug.* ensuing. Upon Inquis. taken in 12. and 13. *Joh.* what number of Knights Fees the great men that held of the K. *in Capite* had, there are fourscore and seventeen certified [z] to belong unto this Earle in **Warwickshire.** For which with the rest, being all in number C ii. and a third part, he paid [a] at the same time CC iiii. marks viii.*s.* x.*d.* for scutage [b] upon the K. expedition with his Army into **Wales**; viz. *duas marcas quo quolibet scuto.* In 15. *Joh.* he came of age (as I gather:) for by the K. special Writ [c] bearing date 1. *Junii* that year, and directed to the Sheriffe of this County he had the *tertium denarium de comitatu* **Warewic** delivered unto him, as his Ancestors were used to have. In 16. *Joh.* he contributed [d] xlii. marks to the K. towards the support of his wars in **Poicton**, but was by a special Writ [e] acquitted of the Scutage then exacted from him for that service. And did so faithfully adhere [f] to K. *John*, when the Barons rebelliously took up Arms against him, that the said K. by his Letters P. bearing date 10. *Junii* in the last year of his reign, commanded *Hugh de Nevil*, to whom he had committed the custody of **Warwick**-Castle in those turbulent times, that he should deliver it to him, and to *Thom. Basset* (his father in Law:) And moreover, by his precept [h] to the Sheriffe of this County, bearing date at **Teukesbury** 23. *Julii* ensuing, appointed, that he should have livery of all the Lands of such Rebels which held of his the said Earls Fee, to retain during the K. pleasure.

And as he was thus loyal to that K. so did he stand stoutly to the young K. H. 3. joyning [i] with the Earls of **Chester** and **Albamarle** in the siege of **Mount-Sorel**-Castle, 1. H. 3. as also in storming [k] the Castle of **Lincoln**, where they had a glorious victory over those sturdy Barons, as our Historians do manifest: And in 5. H. 3. when *Will. de Fortibus* E. of **Albamarle** had rebelliously strengthened his Castle of **Bitham** *in com. Linc.* he attended [l] the K. in person to the siege thereof, having [m] towards the support of his charge in that expedition x.*s. de quolibet scuto* for all the Knights Fees held of him.

In 9. H. 3. he paid [n] xlix.*li.* xii.*s.* v.*d.* to the K. upon the advance of his Army into **Wales**, which was called *Scutagium de* **Mungumeri.** Yet afterward, when other great men in 11. H. 3. put themselves in Arms on the behalf of *Ric.* Earle of **Cornwall** the K. brother, he [o] made one; but that businesse was quickly composed. In 12. H. 3. he paid [p] CC iiii. marks viii.*s.* x.*d. ob.* to the K. towards the charge of another Welch expedition, called *Scutagium de* **Berry**; and the next year following had the K. Letters [q] deprecatory to all his Tenants, that held of him by military service, for an aid towards such expences he was like to be at, in a voyage for **Gascoin**, and to discharge some debt that he owed to the K.

During the minority of this Earle it was, [r] that K. *John* (in 4. of his reign) gave the Seignory of **Gowher** in **Wales**, of his inheritance, unto *Will. de Brews*, concerning which the succeeding Earls of **Warwick** had great suits, as I shall hereafter shew. He had two wives; viz. *Margery* [s] the eldest of the two daughters of *Henry d'Oyli* of **Hokenorton** *in com. Oxon.* and sister [t] of *Henry* that died without issue (by which means part of *d'Oylie's* inheritance came to this family) and *Philippa*, [u] one of the three daughters and Heirs unto *Tho. Basset* of **Hedindon** before mentioned: but of this Earle *Henry* his death can I not point out the direct day; yet for certain it was in 13. H. 3. for then did *Philippa* his Countesse give [w] C. marks to the K. that she might not be compelled to marry, but live a Widdow as long as she pleased, or marry whom she lik't best, provided he were a loyal subject to the K. Whereupon she took to husband, [x] the same year, one *Ric. Siward*, who proved a turbulent spirited man, being as *M. Paris.* [y] saith *vir martius ab adolescentia*; for in 17. H. 3. he joyned with divers great Earls & Barons in the Rebellion about that time begun against the K. which was not well quieted till the 22. of his Reign; but then, notwithstanding all his evil demerits, was received [*] into favour. Much more might be said of this *Ric. Siward*, but it hath no relation to the story of our Earles, therefore I shall forbear to discourse further of him, especially considering that he was divorced [z] from his Countesse; and will close up what I have to speak of her, with mentioning in what sort she was a benefactresse to the Canons of **Berencester** (*vulgò* **Bisseter**) *in com. Buck.* viz. that in her full widdowhood she gave [a] them vii.*s.* yearly rent, issuing out of certain lands in **Studley** within this County, to finde one Lamp continually burning before the Altar of S. *John Bapt.* in the conventual Church of **Berencester**, for the health of her Soul, and all her Ancestors and Childrens Souls. When she died I do not finde, but at **Berencester** she lieth buried, [b] in the Monastery there, of her fathers foundation.

The issue left by this last-mentioned Earle, was one son, and one daughter; *scil. Thomas* and *Margery*, both by his first wife; which *Thomas* was of full age at his fathers death, as it should seem, for in that year he had livery [c] of his Lands, paying C. l. for his relief, which was thus apportioned; [d] *viz.* xx.*l.* for his Lands in **Wiltshire**, for which summe *John Biset* became surety; xx. li. for his Lands in **Oxfordsh.** for which *Thom. Basset* stood bound; xx. li. for his Lands in **Gloucestershire**, for which *Raph de Wiliton* was bound, and xl. li. for his Lands in **Warwickshire**, for which *Walt. d'Eivill* and *Ric. de Mundevil* were his pledges. And in 17. H.

t Rot. F. 7. Joh. m. 8.
u F. levat. 9. Joh.
w Rot. F. 7. Joh. m. 8.
x Claus. 7. Joh. m. 25. & m. 11.
y Ib. m. 16.
z Lib. rub. f. 144. b.
a Rot. P. 13. Joh.
b M. Paris. p. 230. n. 40. & 50.
c Claus. 15. Joh. m. 6.
d } Rot. P.
e } 16. Joh.
f Ex Regist. de Barnwell penes ---- Haggard gen.
g Pat. 18. Joh. m. 7.
h Claus. 18. Joh. p. 1. m. 6.
i } Hist. MS. H.
k } Knighton. f. 61. b.
l } Claus. 5. H. 3.
m } in dorso.
n Rot. P. 9 H. 3.
o M. Par p. 337. n. 40.
p Rot. P. 12. H. 3.
q Pat. 13 H. 3. m. 1
r Plac. d B. 6. E. rot. 6. Suj
s } Esc. H. 3. 27.
t } Rot. Rou
u Rot. F. H. 3. m.
w Rot. 13. H. 3 m. 1.
x Claus 4. H. 3. m.
y M. P p. 387. 29.
* Ib. p. 43 n. 10.
z Clau 26. H. p. 2. in so m. 4
a Ex a tog. in cio Ar
b Rot. Rou.
c } Cl.
d } 13. 3.

17. H. 3. (being but 4. years after) was inrich't with the inheritance of *d'Oylie's* Lands in **Oxford**. that descended [e] to him by the death of his Uncle *Henry d'Oily* without issue, whereof he had then livery, [f] doing his homage, and paying C. l. for his Relief to the K. with two Palfreys. In which year, the K. keeping [g] his Whitsuntide at **Gloucester**, there girt him with the sword of Knighthood, together with *Rog. Bigod.* (E. of **Norff.**) and *Hugh de Vere* (E. of **Oxford.**) Nay, I make a question whether he had full seizin of his Earldom of **Warwick** till then, though he had livery of his Lands 4. years before, as I have shewed; for the K. precept [h] to the Sheriffe of this County, bearing date at **Teuksbury** 24. *Maii* in that year, saith thus, *Rex cinxit Thomam de Warwic cingulo comitatus* **Warwic**, *& mandatum est Vicecomiti Warwici, quod eidem Comiti habere faciat de prædicto comitatu id quod habere debet nomine Comitis Warwici, & de quo prædecessores sui Comites Warwici seisiti fuerunt tanquam ad eos pertinente nomine Comitatus Warewici.* And, that this was the meaning of the said Writ; *viz.* that he should thereby be invested in the Earldom, may seem by what my Author [i] addeth to that mention of his being Knighted with *Rog. Bigod*, and *Hugh Vere* as abovesaid; *scil. Will. Long-espe accingitur gladio militari, sed non fit Comes Sarum*, which was at that very time.

In 25. H. 3. this Earle *Thomas* gave [k] CIxxx. Marks fine to the K. to the end he might be exempted from attendance upon him in his expedition into **Gascoign**: which summe was over and above his due, by way of Scutage; for discharge of which Scutage, and that he might levy the like upon his Tenants, he paid [l] the year following Cxx. *l.* more. And further then this can I not say of him, other than that he married [m] *Ela*, daughter to *Will. Longespe* E. of **Salisbury** (base son to K. H. 2.) as also that he departed [n] this life without issue 26. *Junii An.* 1242. (26. H. 3.) and was buried [o] at **Warwick**: but upon the new building of the Quire in E. 3. time (whereof I shall elsewhere speak) both his Monument and divers more of his Ancestors were removed,* & never set up again. After whose death *Ela* his Widow had by the K. Precept, [p] bearing date 29. *Julii* following, the Mannours of **Tanworth**, **Claverdon**, and **Sutton** in this County; as also of **Hoke-Parthon** and **Bradam** *in com. Oxon*, with all the Corn and Hay then being upon them, assigned for her dowry. And by virtue of another Mandate [q] from the K. to the Archbishop of **York** and *Will. de Cantelupe* had an augmentation thereto: for I finde, [r] that, besides all these, she was afterwards possest of the Mannours of **Hatherop** and **Thedeworth** in **Gloucestersh.** and had of the K. gift also, for her better support, the Mannour of **Dymmock** in the same County, during her widowhood. Wich Mannour, upon her marriage with *Philip Basset*, was at the request of *Ric.* E. of **Cornwall**, the K. brother, granted [s] to her by the said King for term of life.

This *Philip Basset*, being an eminent man in that time, was one [t] of the Peers that went to Pope *Innocent* the fourth *in An.* 1245. 29. H. 3. then sitting in the Council of **Lyons**, with Letters [u] from the rest of the Nobility and Commons of **England**, representing the great oppressions under which this Realm at that time suffered by the Court of **Rome**, and desiring relief: and afterwards faithfully adhering to the said King in that great Rebellion of his Barons, was taken prisoner [w] with him in the Battail of **Lewes** 49. H. 3. in which year he had a grant [x] from *Will. Mauduit* then E. of **Warwick** of the Mannours of **Sutton-Colfield**, **Claverdon**, and **Tanworth** in this County, and the third part of the Mannour of **Theddeworth** in **Gloucester**-shire of the dowry belonging to the before specified *Ela*, his wife, to hold during his own natural life in case he should survive her: which grant was confirmed by a special Charter [y] in 54. H. 3. wherein the said *Philip* is stiled by the King, *amicus noster specialis.*

But to return unto *Ela*. She was a benefactresse [z] to the Monks of **Reading**, to the Canons of **Dseney**, to the Nuns of **Godstow**, and to the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick**; to which last, she gave [a] all those Lands in **Claverdon** that were granted to her by Sr. *Henry Lodbrok* Knight, and others. And so great a friend was she to the University of **Oxford**, that she caused [b] a common Chest to be made, and put therein Cxx. Marks, out of which such as were poor Schollars, might upon security at any time, borrow something *gratis* for supply of their wants: In [c] consideration whereof the said University were obliged to celebrate certain solemne Masses every year in S. *Marie's* Church, which Chest was in being in K. *Edw.* 4. time, and called [d] by the name of *Warwick Chest.* To the *Gray-Friers* in **London** she gave [e] a parcel of Land with the buildings thereupon, for the enlargement of their house. In 17. E. 1. she released [f] to *Will. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** all her interest in the Mannours of **Tanworth** in this County, which she held in dower; and departing [g] this life very aged, in the year *M.CCC.* was buried [h] before the high Altar in the Abby-Church of **Dseney**, at [i] the head of the Tomb of *Henry d'Oilly*, under a fair flat Marble, in the habit of a vowesse graven on a Copper plate.

I now come to *Margery*, Sister and Heir to Earle *Thomas*, who had that Christen-name, as I suppose, in memory of *Margery* her Mother, Sister & Heir to *Henry d'Oily* before specied. This great Lady was first married to *John Mareschall*, (brother of *Will. Mareschall* E. of **Pembroke**, as some say) but how long before her brother *Thomas* his death, I cannot affirm. Certain it is, that he continued her husband but a short time after: for he was dead 9. *Jan.* following, as appears by the K. *Mandate*, [k] then dated and directed to the Archb. of **York**, the Bishop of **Carleol**, and *Will. de Cantilupe*, requiring them, that if the said *John Marshall*, before his death, had not seisin of **Warwick**-Castle, and other the Lands which were of the inheritance of *Margery* his wife, that then they should retain the said Castle and Lands in the K. possession, till she the said *Margery* did perform what she ought to do in respect of them: but in case she were already possest of them, then to take good security of her, that she might not marry to any man without the K. License: and also appointed them, that they should earnestly perswade with her, as from him, to take *John de Plessets* for her husband, who was one of his domestick [l] servants, and in his special favour. Nay, so greatly did the K. desire she should wed this *John de Plessets*, that upon Christmas day before, being at **Burdeaux** in *France*, he sealed a Charter [m] to the said *John*, whereby he granted him the marriage of her in case he could get her good will; and if not, that then he should have the fine due from her thereupon to the King.

[e] Rot. F. 17. H. 3. m. 10.
[f] Anon. vesh. MS. bibl. dl. f. 50.
[g] Clauf. H. 3. 9.
[h] Anon. vesh. ut ra.
[i] ot. P. 25. 3.
[k] nt. F. 26. 3. m. 2.
[l] Rot. I. Rous.
[m] Math. W. p. 606. n. 20.
[n] ot. I. Rus.
[o] Clauf. 26. 3. P. 2. m.
[p] Clauf. de c. 27. m. 12.
[q] Clauf. 36. 3. m. 27.
[r] ut. 41. 1. m. 17.
[s] C. Pariſ. p. 659. l. 12.
[t] p. 666. no.
[u] Rot. I. Rous.
[w] Ib. p. 999. l. 6.
[x] Cart. 54. H. 3. m. 14.
[y] Cart. 54. H. 3. m. 14.
[z] Rot. I. Rous.
[a] Ex autog. penès Will. Spenser eq. aur.
[b] Rot. I. Rous.
[c] Rot. I. Rous.
[d] Rot. I. Rous.
[e] Ex cod. MS. in bibl. Cotton. [sub effigie Vitellii F. 12.]
[f] Cartul. V Warwici Com. f. 97. a.
[g] Lel. Coll. vol. 2. p. 286.
[h] Rot. I. Rous.
[i] Lel. Itin. vol. 2. f. 19.
[k] Clauf. Vascon. 27. H. 3. m. 12.
[l] Rot. I. Rous.
[m] Cart. 27. H. 3. m. 22.

And by another Precept [n] sent to the said Archb. and *Will. de Cantilupe*, bearing date the 26. of March ensuing; reciting, that whereas divers Ladies of this Realm, neglecting to give such security to the King, as in that case by the Laws and Customes thereof they ought to do, had match't themselves without the K. consent, to the great prejudice and dishonour of himself and his Crown; to the intent therefore that the like inconvenience for the time to come might be avoided, he gave them the said Archb. and *Will. de Cantilupe* strict command, that, forasmuch as the said *Margerie*, sister to the late E. of **Warwick**, being one of the most noble Ladies of **England**, and possest of a Castle extraordinarily strong, situate also towards the Marches; and that it would be most perillous that she should take to husband any person whatsoever, of whose fidelity the King had not as great a confidence as of his own, they should forthwith take the said Castle of **Warwick**, and what other Lands of hers they themselves thought fit, as a pledge, besides the ordinary security due from her, that she would not marry to any man living without the K. License; so that in case she should be so rash as to do otherwise, the same Castle and Lands should be for ever forfeited to him the said King and his Heirs: whereupon, it seems she gave such security as was satisfactory; for I finde that in *June* following, she had Livery of the Earldom of **Warwick**, as appears by the K. Precept [o] directed to the Sheriffe of this County, commanding him, *quod illas decem libras quas Thomas quondam Comes Warwici percipere consuevit per annum, nomine Comitatus prædicti, Margeriæ sorori & hæredi prædicti Comitis reddi faciat, eo modo quo prædicto Comiti prius reddi consueverit*, which summe of ten pounds was, it seems, in lieu of the *tertius denarius de Placitis Comitatus*, whereof I have formerly spoke: And before the end of this 27. year of H. 3. his reign wedded [p] to the before specified *John de Plessets*, who was a man in such high esteem with the *K.* that, being a great part of the year precedent attending him in **France**, he there received [q] a Horse from the Seneschall of **Gascoign**, of the Kings special gift, prized at xxx. Marks, which was no small value compared with the rate of other things about that time, a quarter of Wheat being then [r] but at ii. *s.* price.

And in *Sept.* following, had a discharge [s] to the Barons of the Exchequer for C. *li.* wh ch was due to the *K.* out of the Lands belonging to her (then his wife) for her brother's Relief, not till then satisfied: as also [t] in *Nov.* of CC. Marks further debt, due by the said Earle her brother to the *K.* And the next *Aug.* (so well was the said *K.* pleased with her for taking this husband) gave [u] her 3. Bucks out of the Forest of **Havering** in **Essex**, at which time she had the title [w] of *Margerie* Countesse of **Warwick**, wife to *John de Plessets*, without any name of Earl then attributed to him. Neither do I finde, that he had that appellation very suddenly after the said Precept [x] so directed to the Sheriffe of this County for livery of the x. *li. per ann.* to him *nomine Comitatus, sicut prædictus Comes* (meaning Earl *Thomas*) *eas percipere consuevit*, as the words thereof import, which Writ bore date 26. *Apr.* 29. H. 3. for in the Fine [y] levied 3. *septim. Hill.* 31. H. 3. betwixt this *John* then Plaintiffe, and *Will. Mauduit*, & *Alice* his wife defore. whereby the Mannours of **Warwick**, **Hiton**, **Wegenock**, **Sutton**, **Clavedon**, **Tanworth**, and **Brails**, all in this County; as also **Chedworth**, and **Lydneie** *in com. Glouc.* all belonging to the Earldom of **Warwick**, were settled upon the said *John* during his life, though he should have no issue by *Margerie* the Countesse, then his wife, in case he over-lived her, he is barely stiled *Joh. de Plessets*: But afterwards, I suppose, he took upon him the title of Earl, by reason of a clause in that Fine, whereby the before specified *Will.* and *Alice* do as much as in them lies, confer the same Earldom upon him for life, being loath, it seems, to use that attribute till he had made such an agreement with the next Heir, that in case he overlived his Countesse and had no issue by her, he should not lay it aside again: for in *Aug.* following, which is the first mention that I finde of him after this Fine was levied, the K. in the permission given him to fall certain Oaks in the Forest of **Dene**, affords [z] him the title of *Comes Warwici*, which after that time upon all occasions he used.

But as there was extraordinary means used (as by what I have shew'd appeareth) about woing, and winning this great Lady to marry with *John de Plessets*; so was there not wanting suspition, that, being such an Heir, she had been strongly solicited by some; and, that, possibly by reason of the frailty incident to her Sex, she might have been wrought upon to contract her self privately unto another. Wherefore to make sure work with her estate, the K. got a Bond [a] of her, with a Deed [b] to boot, whereby she obliged her self, that if it could justly be prov'd, that she had so contracted marriage with any other before, all her Lands and possessions should be forfeited. Which advantage being so obtained by the K. by his Letters [c] P. bearing date 18. *Oct.* 34. of his reign, he granted to the said *John* all those Lands to hold during his life, in case that any such contract should be proved, and thereupon a divorce betwixt them ensue. Nay, he was a man so much in that K. esteem, that there is little mention of him upon any occasion, but what relates to some special trust, or favour: for in 34. H. 3. he had [d] the Castle of **Divises** *in Com.* **Wilts.** with all the Mannours thereto belonging, and the Forests of **Melkesh.** and **Chippeham** committed to his charge, out of which there being a Rent of Lxxx. l. *per ann.* reserved to the K. he had 25. Marks yearly allowed him for the custody of that Castle.

In 37. H. 3. the K. released [e] to him the Wardship of *Hugh* * his Son and Heir, as to his person, in case he should die and leave him under age; and shortly after did he make him a grant, [f] that if the before mentioned *Margery* (his Countesse) should dye before him without any issue of her body, all the Lands and Tenements in **Hogenarton**, **Laterinton**, and **Bradeham**, Kts. Fees, Reliefs, *&c.* which did belong to *Henry d'Oily* her Uncle, and by inheritance were descended to her, should remain unto him the said *John*, during his natural life.

And the same year did he attend [g] the K. into *Gascoign*. But before his return out of those parts a great mishap befell him; for [h] after things were quieted, & that he resolved to come again for **England**, determining to pass through **Normandy**, in regard he was that Countrey-man by birth, he obtained Letters [i] of safe conduct from the K. of **France**, and with divers other Noble persons set forwards on the journey: howbeit, lodging at a Citie called **Pontes** in **Poictou**, after all free & courteous entertainment outwardly used to them, they were suddenly seized [k] on by the Towns-men, and cast into close prison. This was in 38. H. 3. but when, or how, he with the rest were releast appears not. Which ill usuage, together with the great expences he underwent in that ser-

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n Clauf. Vascon. 27. H. 3. in dorso m. 11.

o Clauf. 27. H. 3. m. 5.

p Clauf. Vascon. 27. H. 3. m. 4.

q Cart. 27. H. 3. m. 26.

r M. Paris in an. 1244.

s Clauf. Vascon. 27. H. 3. m. 4.

t Rot. F. 28. H. 3. m. 11.

u Clauf. 28. H. 3. m. 4.

w

x Clauf. 29. H. 3. m. 11.

y F. de div. Com. penès Camer. Scac.

z Clauf. H. 3. m.

a Pat. 34. 3. m.

b

c

d Rot. 34. H. 3 m. 10.

e Pat. H. 3. m. 6.

* He was by a former wi.

f Pat. 3. H. 3. m. 1.

g Ib. in dorso.

h Ma. Pat. 89. 20. Oct.

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vice of Gascoign, & the debt that he owed to the K. for making Prince *Edw.* Kt. occasioned the K. to direct his Letters P.[a] to all the said E. Tenants, wherein, giving testimony that in the service of Gascoign he did *laudabiliter & strenuè se gerere*; and that being *gravibus & immoderatis sumptibus, & variis anxietatibus corporis fatigatus*, did earnestly intreat and desire them, that they would freely contribute such reasonable Aid to him, towards the payment of his debts, as they might expect his royal favour when fit opportunity should be offered.

[a] Pat. 39. H. 3. m. 16.

How long he continued Governour of the Devises-Castle, by virtue of the K. former grant appears not; but 'tis very like that upon his going over with the K. to the wars in Gascoign some other had the charge thereof; for after his return it was again committed to his custody, [b] *viz.* 20. *Junii* 39. H. 3. By all which testimonies it appears, that he was a martial & active man. Whereunto I shall adde, that in 49. H. 3. he [c] joyn'd with the E. of Gloucest. Hereford, Albamarle, and other of the great Nobility in writing to Pope Alex. the 4th. against *Ethelmare* [d] the K. half brother, then elect of Winchester, beseeching his Holiness that he might not be admitted to that Bishoprick, as being a man wholy seeking to inrich himself by unjust means, & a disturber of the Kingdoms tranquility & welfare. In the same year this Earl received Summons [e] with divers other great men to be at Chester on Munday next before the feast of S. *Joh. Bapt.* sufficiently accoutred with horse and arms to attend the K. in his Welch expedition against *Lewelin ap Griffith* & his complices. In 44. H. 3. he had the like command [f] to attend the K. at Shrewsb. on the feast day of the *Nativity* of our Lady, & thence to march with him into Wales, as aboveaid. And the next year following to be [g] at London on the morrow after *Simon* & *Jude's* day, with Horse and Arms, *&c.* which hapned about the time that matters grew high betwixt the K. and his Barons; by reason whereof the K. having had sufficient experience of his fidelity, committed [h] then to him the custody of this County and Leicesterch. with the Castle of Sauvey.

[b] Pat. 39. H. 3. m. 6.
[c] M. Parif. Addit. p. 15. &c.
[d] Godw. de Præful.
[e] Clauf. 42. H. 3. in dorso.
[f] Clauf. 44. H. 3. in dorso m. 9.
[g] Clauf. 45. H. 3. in dorso m. 3.
[h] Pat. 45. H. 3. m. 8.

But he lived not to see the issue of these troubles, which growing on more & more every day, occasioned much misery & bloudshed in this Realm: for in *Feb.* 47 H. 3. he grew desperately sick, [i] insomuch as the K. apprehending his death not far off, out of the great love & affection he bore towards him, as the Patent [k] imports, granted that the Executors of his Testament, whensoever he should dye, might freely administer of his goods & Chattels for the fulfilling thereof; And that for such debts as were due from him to the Crown, the *K.* would require them of his Heirs: and on the 26. of the same moneth departing [l] this life, was honourably buried [m] in the Quire of the Abby at Missenden in Buckingham-sh. After which, *viz.* in *Apr.* following *Hugh de Plessets*, his Son & Heir by a former wife, (called *Cristine*, and daughter [n] of *Hugh de Sandford*) did his homage, and had livery [o] of the Mannours of Okenarton, Lydelington, and Suttesdon, *in com. Oxon.* which were of her inheritance, the two former being held of the *K.* by Barony. When *Margery*, his Countess, dyed I am not certain. *J. Rous* alledgeth, that it was 7. *Junii An.* 1243. 27. H. 3. but in that he is much mistaken; for by what I have already shewed it appears, that she was living in 34. H. 3.

[i] Pat. 47. H. 3. m. 16.
[k] Rot. I. Rous.
[l] Rot. I. Rous.
[m] Esc. 47. H. 3. n. 27. Berks.
[n] Rot. F. 47. H. 3. m. 7.
[o] Ex. Col. Burton.

All that I finde further memorable of her is, that in her widow-hood, before she match't with *Joh. de Plessets*, she confirm'd [p] to the Hospital of S. *Mich.* in Warwick for the health of her Soul, and for the Souls of E. *Henry* her Father, E. *Tho.* her brother, *John Mareschall* her husband, and her ancestors, all the obventions as well in great as small Tithes and other things, of the assarts of Wegenock, with the Tyth of the Paunage & Venison of Wegenock and Rinsell, as freely as Earl *Waleran* her grand-father did give them thereto. And moreover, bestowed [q] on the poor of Warwick towards their better relief for ever a common Pasture called Cley-pits lying on the West-side of the Town.

[p] Rot. I. Rous.
[q] Rot. I. Rous.

I now come to *Will. Mauduit*, the succeeding E. unto whom the inheritance of that Honour & lands thereto belonging, upon the death of the said Countess descended, as Son [r] & Heir to *Alice* the daughter of E. *Waleran*. This *Will.* was of Hanslap *in com. Buck.* & Chamberlain [s] of the Exchequer to the K. by inheritance; for by that service did he hold the same Lordsh. Of Warw. Castle with all other the Mannours, *&c.* belonging to that Honour, he had livery [t] 4 *Apr.* 47. H. 3. then doing his homage, & giving security [u] to pay C. *li.* for his Relief. The first mention that I afterwards find of him is, [x] that the same year he had Summons, with many other great men, to attend the K. at Worcester on the feast day of S. *Peter ad vincula*, furnisht with Horse and Arms, thence to march into Wales against *Lewelin ap Griffin*, again in rebellion. The next year following had he the like Summons [y] to attend the K. at Ork. in Midlent for the same respects: but so great was the strength that the rebellious Barons had then got together, that the K. grew necessitated to let his Welch expedition alone, and march to Northampt. and in all probability sent away this E. to make sure his Castle of Warwick, being a place so considerable in regard of its strength and situation, and the rather, because the Rebels were possest at that time, of Kenilworth-Castle: But such was the unhappiness of this E. that for want of diligent guards, they came [z] from Kenilw. under the command of *John Giffard* Governour of that Castle, and surprized this at Warwick, by treachery, slew divers of the Earls Souldiers, and carried him with his Countess prisoners to Kenilworth; out of which before he could be delivered, they made him pay nineteen hundred Marks for his ransome, and threw down all the Walls, except Towers of Warwick-Castle.

[r] *E. &c.* 47. H. 3. n. 27.
[s] *E. &c.* 47. H. 3. n. 27.
[t] Esc. 47. H. 3. n. 27.
[u] Rot. F. 47. H. 3. m. 8.
[x] Clauf. 47. H. 3. in dorso m. 7.
[y] Clauf. 48. H. 3. in dorso, in cedula.
[z] Matth. Weftm. p. 760. n. 20. Hist. MS. I. Rous p. 247.

After which unhappy accident, I finde no more of him than this Character [a] by *J. Rous*, *viz.* that he was *Vir in Consilio providus, & cæteris virtutibus meritò laudandus*; and that he married [b] *Alice*, the daughter of *Gilbert de Segrave*, but died [c] without issue 8. *Jan. an.* 1267. 52. H. 3. as also that his Heart was buried [d] in the Monastery of Nuns at Catesby in Northampton-shire, and his body [e] at Westm. whereupon *Will. de Beauchamp*, son [f] to *Isabel* his sister, as his next Heir, succeeded him in the inheritance of this Earldom and estate, who was [g] at that time xxx. years of age. But *Alice* his Countess, during her life (for she was then alive) held the Mannours of Brayles, in this Shire, Gretham *in com. Rutl.* and Cheddewoth *in com. Glouc.* which were assigned [h] for her dower by agreement betwixt the said *Will. Beauchamp* and her, with divers [i] Knights fees in the Counties of Warr. Leic. Buck. Northampt. Suthampt. Rutl. and Devon.

[a] Rot. I. Rous.
[b] Ib.
[c] Ib.
[d] Ib.
[e] Ib.
[f] Clauf. 52. H. 3. m. 4.
[g] Esc. 52. H. 3. n. 17.
[h] Clauf. 52. H. 3. in dorso m. 10.
[i] Clauf. 52. H. 3. m. 4.

And having now brought the succession of these great Earls into the line of *Beauchamp*, whose principal seat was the Castle of Elmley in Worcestershire it will not be taken amisse, I hope, if here I disgresse a while in speaking historically of that

antient and noble family, especially considering, that some of them had to do in this County long before they became Earls of **Warwick**.

The first with whom I will begin, is *Walter de Beauchamp*, by descent a Norman, who was the protoparent of this family that setled in **Worcester**-shire (for ought I could ever finde to the contrary) for [t] besides all the Lands here of one *Rog. de Wygraceſtra*, that K. *Henry* 1. bestowed upon him, with divers ample priviledges thereto belonging, he gave [u] him the Sheriffalty of **Worcester**-shire to hold as freely as any of his ancestors had done, which Office *Urso d'Abitot* hereditarily [w] held in the time of K. *William* the Conq. whose daughter & Heir *Emelina* [x] he had married. Howbeit, what the said *Rog. de Wigraceſtra* was, I cannot certainly determine; but do conclude him, from the formality of that grant which K. *Henry* so made of his Lands, to have been a man of no mean rank, and that having his firname of **Worcester**, where it seems his chief seat was, might probably have the like Office of Sheriffalty of that County hereditary to his family before the Norman invasion, as *Turchill de Warwick* and his Ancestors (of whom I have already spoke) had in this Shire.

To which *Walter de Beauchamp* succeeded *Will.* his son and Heir, who bore the Office [y] of *Despenser* to that King, as his father had done, and had his confirmation thereof, together with Livery of all his Lands. This *Will.* was in great favour with *Maud* the Empresse, as it should seem: for whereas K. *Steph.* had given [z] the Citie of **Worcester** unto *Waleran* E. of **Mellent**, the Castle whereof did hereditarily belong to him by descent from *Urso d'Abitot* before mentioned, she, by her Letters [a] P. bearing date at **Oxford** did grant and restore unto him and his Heirs not onely the said Castle, with the Fortifications thereof, to hold of her and her Heirs *in Capite*, but also the Sheriftalty of that County, with the Forests and all that belonged thereto of inheritance, paying unto her the like ferm as *Walt. de Beauchamp*, his father, had formerly done; whereupon he became her leige-man against all persons whatsoever, and especially against the same *Waleran* E. of **Mellent**, with whom, by that her Charter she declared, she would make no agreement for the premisses. And furthermore did [b] she then give and restore unto this *Will.* the Castle and Honour of **Tamworth**, here in **Warwick**-shire, to hold as freely as *Rob. Despenser*, brother-to the before mentioned *Urso d'Abitot* enjoyed the same. And likewise the Mannour of **Bekesford**, with **Weston**, and **Lussenham** *in com.* **Rutl.** as his right, and LX. l. *per ann.* English Lands for his service. And besides all this did she again give and restore unto him and his Heirs, that Constableship which *Urso de Abitot* had, as also the Office [*] of *Despenser* that *Walter*, his father, held of K. H. 1. and all the Lands and inheritances of his next Ancestors which had been in Arms against her, and that could not make Fine with her for the same, unless some of their nearest kindred had served in war on her part.

Of which *Will.* I further also finde, that upon the foundation of **Bordesley**-Abby by the said Empresse, he was not onely a witnesse [c] to her Charter, but a benefactor to that house, giving [d] the Town of **Osmaresley** thereto. That in [e] 5. H. 2. he was Sheriffe of this County; and that, by the Certificate [f] of the Knights Fees held of him in 12. H. 2. *de veteri feoffamento*, it appears he had no lesse than xv. whereof 7. were held by him immediately of the K. But after [g] 14. H. 2. I have not seen any more mention of him.

To this *Will.* succeeded *Will.* his Son and Heir, who in 3. R. 1. was charg'd [h] with xl. *s.* for the Scutage of **Wales**. In [i] 13. *Joh.* he answered for the like Scutage 4. Marks for two Knights Fees, which he had in this County; and in 16. *Joh.* is [k] taken notice of amongst those upon whom Scutage for support of the K. Army in **Poictou** was assest; which being at [l] 3. Marks *per Scutum*, gave such advantage to the discontented Barons, as that they afterwards broke out into rebellion, & brought in *Lewes*, eldest son to *Philip* the French King; of which businesse our Historians are not silent. This last mentioned *Will.* had issue *Walter*, who was in [m] arms against the K. with the rest of the Barons at that time; but there being a composure [n] made with them, at **Runnimede** (near **Staines**) on the xv. of *June* 17. *Joh.* (for on that day doth the K. Charter of liberties bear date) he had the Sherivealty of **Worcester**-sh. again restored [o] to him by thy K. Letters P. dated 19. *Aug.* ensuing, which it seems, for the causes premised, was committed [p] to *Will. de Cantilupe*; and in *Febr.* following had the custody [q] of all those Mannours, in this County, belonging to the Bishoprick of **Worcester**, and then in the K. hands committed to his trust, by reason of *Walt. Gray's* translation [r] at that time from thence to **York**: But it was not long after ere that the K. holding himself not obliged by that agreement made at **Runnimede**, in regard he was, in a sort constrain'd to what he did, through the great mens potency at that time, strengthened himself with a powerfull Army, and procured a sentence of excommunication [s] against all those Rebellious Barons by particular name, amongst which this [t] *Walt. de Beauchamp* was one; who, it seems, taking the same more to heart than many others did, made his peace again with the K. and thereupon went [u] to *Gualo* the Pope's Legate for absolution; from which time of his going till he returned fully absolv'd, the K. committed [w] his Castle of **Elmesley**, and all the rest of his possessions to the custody of *Walter de Lascy*, *Hugh de Mortimer*, *Walt. de Clifford*, and *John de Monemuth*, *Will. de Cantilupe* having command to deliver the same unto them.

t Ex Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 144. a.
u Ib. f. 121. b.
w Cron. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f. 21. a. Regist. MS. penès Dec. & Cap. Wigorn.
x Regist. MS. penès Dec. & cap. Wigorn.
y Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 122. b.
z Hist. H. Hunt. f. 226. a. n. 50.
a Cartul. Warw. b Com. f. 121. b.
* Id est Steward.
c Ex autog. penès Clem. Throkmorton ar.
d
e Rot. P. 14. H. 2.
f Lib. rub. f. 99. b.
g Rot. P. 14. H. 2.
h Rot. P. R. 1.
i Lib. rub. 144. b.
k Claus. 1 Ioh. in dorso.
l Lib. rub. f. 48.
m Claus. 18. Ioh. m. 5.
n M. Par. p. 255. 30. &c.
o Pat.
p Ioh. 17.
q Claus. Ioh. m. 1
r Godw. Præsul.
s M. Wis. 277. 29.
t
u Pa. 18
w Jo. m.

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Walterus de Bellocampo temp. H.1. — Emelina filia & hæres Ursonis de Abetot.

Will. de Bellocampo, Dispensator Regis H.1. superstes 14.H.2.

Will. de Bellocampo 3.R.1.

Walt. de Bellocampo obiit 20 H.3.

Will. de Bellocampo ob.53. H.3. — Isabella soror & hæres Will. Mauduit Warwici Comitis.

Walt. de Bellocampo de Alcester. | Isabella | Sibilla | Will.de B. Comes Warw. ob.26. E.1. — Matilda f. Joh. Fitz-Geffrey. | Iac. de Bellocampo 5.E.1. | Joanna ux. Barth. de Sudley. | Sarra uxor. Ric.Talbot.

... monial. apud Shouldham. | ....monialis apud Shouldh. | Guido de B. Co. Warw. ob.9. E 2. | Alicia soror & hær. Rob. de Toney. — Isab. ux. ... Blount. | Matild. ux. ... Rither. | Wenthlean ux. ... Talbot. | Margar. ux. ... Sulby. | Robertus obiit infans. | Johannes ob. vita patris.

Matild. ux. Galf. de Say. | Eliz. ux. Thom. de Astley mil. | Thom.de B. Co. Warw. ob.43.E.3. — Cath. filia Rog.de Mortimer Comitis Marchiæ. | Ioh. de B. Admir.Angl. ob. s.p.34. E.3. — Emma ux. Roul.Odingsels. | Isabella ux. ... Clinton. | Lucia ux. Rob. de Napton.

Guido de B. duxit Philippam f.Henr.D. Ferrers de Groby. | Tho.de B. Co: Warw: ob. 2. H. 4. | Marg. f. Will. D. Ferrers de Groby. | Rein-burn. | Will.de B.D.de Bergavenny. | Johanna for: & coh: Tho: Co: Arund. — Matild. ux Rog. D. Clifford. | Roge-rus. | Philippa ux. Hug. Co. Staff. | Alicia ux. Ioh. Beauchamp. deHach. | Iohan. ux Rad. Basset de Drayton. | Isab. uxor. Rob. de Ulford. | Margar. ux.Guid. de Montforti. | Agnes 1. ux.---- Cokesey postea -- Bardolf. | Kath. monial. apud Wroxhall. | Iuliana, ob. cœlebs.

Eliz. | Cath.monialis apud Shouldham. | Margar.Monialis apud Shouldham. | Cath. obiit in pueritia. | Isabella filia & hæres Thomæ D. Despenser ux. secunda. — Ric. de Bellocampo Co. Warwici & Albamarliæ, ob. 17.H.6. — Eliz. filia & hæres Thom. D. Berkley, ux.1.

Ric. Nevil Co. Warw. cæsus in prælio apud Barnet 11. E.4. — Anna | Henr. de Bellocampo Dux Warw. ob. 23. H.6. | Cecilia filia Ric. Nevil Comitis Salisb.

Magar. ux Ioh. Talbot Comitis Salop. | Alianora, primò nupta Thomæ D. Ros, postea Edm. Beufort D. Somers. | Elizabetha ux. Georgii Nevil D. Latimer.

Isab. filia & cohær. ux. Georgii Ducis Clarentiæ. | Anna, primò nupta Edw.Princ. Walliæ, postea Ric. D. Glouc. | Anna obiit in pueritia.

Iohannes Talbot-erectus in Vicecomitem L'isle 22. H. 6. — Iohanna filia & cohær. Thomæ Chedder eq.aur.

Edw.Plantaginet Co.Warw. decollatus 15. H. 7. | Margar. uxor Ric.Pole milit decollata temp. H.8. | Edw. Princeps Walliæ obiit vita patris s. p. | Thom. Talbot cæsus apud Wotton subt. Edge. | Edw.Grey, erectus in Baronem L'isle per Regem E. 4. & in Vice com. l'Isle 1.R.3. — Eliz. filia & cohæres. | Margareta ux. Georgii Vere eq. aur.

Eliz.ux.Edm Dudley, ætat.23. ann. 20 H. 7. postea Arthuri Plantaginet filii nothi Regis E. 4. | Anna ux. Ioh. Willoughby ar. æt. 25. ann. 25. H.7. | Ioh. Grey vic L'isle obiit 6.Sept. 20. H.7.

Ioh. Dudley erectus in vicecom. L'isle 34 H.8. in Com.Warwici 1. E.6. & inf Ducem Northumb. 5. E. 6. decollatus 1. M. — Iana filia Edwardi Guilford eq. aur. | Eliz. nata post humatum patris.

Henr.ob. s.p. | Ioh.ob. s.p. | Ambrosius D. erectus in Com. Warwici 4. Eliz. primò duxit Annam fil. & cohær. Will. Whorwood Attornati generalis Regis H. 8. secundò Eliz. filiam Gilb. Talbot mil. tertiò Annam filiam Franciscí Comitis Bedf. & obiit 32. Eliz. sine prole. | Robertus Dudley erectus in Comitem Leic. per Eliz. Reginam. | Henricus occisus apud S. Quintins in Gallia. | Carolus ob. in pueritia. | Maria ux. Henr. Sidney Ordinis Gart. mil. | Margar. ob. in pueritia. | Cath. ux. Henr. Hastings Comitis Hunt. | Temperantia obiit in pueritia.

On the 19. of *October*, in that year, was it that King *John* dyed, before which, all things were not compleated touching the reſtitution of this *Walter*'s lands; for [x] it was but the 8. of *Auguſt* before, that he went to obtain his abſolution: but what was not effected then, became ſhortly after accompliſht; for I find [y], that the 25. of *March* enſuing, he had livery of the Caſtle of **Worceſter**, with the Shirivalty, which were committed before to the cuſtody of *John Marſhall*, as it ſeems. And further of this *Walter* have I made no diſcovery till 20 H. 3. and that is upon occaſion of another atonement made with the King, for which, as the Record [z] expreſſes, he gave 50. marks Fine, beſides the *Aurum Reginæ* to the Queen, whereupon he was received to favour, and had a redelivery [a] of the Shirivalty of **Worceſterſhire**, which in reſpect of his miſdemeanour was ſeiſed into the Kings hands: and at that time, in preſence of the King did he conſtitute [b] *Hugh le Poher* his deputy in that office, whereupon iſſued a Precept unto the Barons of the Exchequer for his admiſſion. 'Tis very like, that the offence, for which he ſo ſuffered, was a taking part with the diſcontended Barons in 18 H. 3. by reaſon, that through the perſwaſion of *Peter de Rupibus* Biſhop of **Wincheſter** ſo many Poictovins were brought into the Realm. But long after this he did not live; for in 20 H. 3. had *Will. de Beauchamp* his ſon and heir livery [c] of his lands, doing his homage, and giving ſecurity to pay C *li.* for his Relief.

Which *William* in 37 H. 3. attended [d] the King in his expedition for **Gaſcoign**, and after that did very notable ſervice in **Wales**; in [e] conſideration whereof the King at the requeſt of *Richard* Earl of **Glouceſter** reſpited the payment of certain moneys due by him to his Exchequer till a further time. In 42 H. 3. he had ſummons [f] to be at **Cheſter** on the munday next before the feaſt of S. *John Baptiſt* well furniſht with Horſe and Armes to march in that expedition againſt the Welch, then in Rebellion: and in 44 H. 3. he had again command [g] to be at **Shrewsbury** ſufficiently accoutred for the like purpoſe. There was, it ſeems, an accord betwixt this *William* and *Peter de Montfort* (a great Baron in theſe parts, as in **Belveſert** I ſhall ſhew) that there ſhould be interchangeable marriages betwixt both their eldeſt ſons, and eldeſt daughters; for K. H. 3. in 32. of his raign, gave his allowance [h] thereto, ſaving that he would have the cuſtody of the lands of either who ſhould happen to be in minority at his fathers death till he came of full age. Whether that marriage took effect I cannot affirm, but certain I am that his ſon and heir did not marry *Montfort*'s daughter, as ſhall be ſhew'd anon.

This *William* himſelf wedded *Iſabell* [i] the daughter of *William Mauduit* of **Hanſlap** *in Com.* **Buck.** Chamberlain to the King in his Exchequer, with whom by Agreement [k] he was to have xx *li.* lands *per annum*, in conſideration whereof the ſaid *William Mauduit* aſſigned [l] unto him in Frankmarriage with her, all his lands in **Ledecumbe**, with *proviſo*, that if thoſe did not amount to that value; he would make it up elſwhere. To the Abby of **Bordſley** he gave [m] certain lands ſituat in **Bivinton**; and by his Teſtament [n] bearing date at **Wauberge** the morrow after the *Epiphany Anno* 1268. 53 *H.* 3. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of the *Friers-Minors* at [o] **Worceſter**; appointing, that at his Funerall, a Horſe compleatly harneſs'd with all military cariſons ſhould proceed before his corps; which uſage hath continued in the ſolemnizing of Funeralls for great perſons, even till our times. Of his Legacyes therein I ſhall recite the moſt memorable; *viz.* to a Prieſt to ſing Maſs daily in his Chapell without the City of **Worceſter** neer the ſaid Houſe of *Friers-Minors*, for the health of his ſoul, and the ſouls of *Iſabell* his wife, and *Iſabell de Mortimer*, and all the faithfull deceaſed, he gave all his Rent of the fee of *Richard Bruli* in **Witche** and **Wincheſter**, with ſupply of what ſhould be too ſhort, out of his proper goods. To *Walter* his ſon, ſigned with the Croſs for a Pilgrimage to the *Holy-Land* in the behalf of him the ſaid Teſtator, his father, and *Iſabell* his mother two hundred marks. To *Joan* his daughter a kind of Canopy, ſometime belonging to S. *Wolſtan*, and a book of *Lancelot*, which he the ſaid Teſtator had lent her. To *Iſabell* his daughter a ſilver cup. To *Sibill* his daughter, towards her marriage, all the money due to him from his ſon *William*, and 40. marks more, together with the land that he bought in **Britlamton** to enjoy till ſhe ſhould be marryed, and no longer. To *Sarra* his daughter C. marks for augmentation of her marriage portion. To *William* his eldeſt ſon the Cup and Hornes of S. *Hugh*. To the Counteſs his wife a Ring with a Ruby in it. To Sir *Roger Mortimer* a Ring. To Sir *Bartholomew de Suley* a Ring. To the *Friers-Minors* of **Worceſter** xl *s.* To the *Friers-Minors* of **Glouceſter** 1. mark. To the *Friers Carmelites* there 1. mark. To the Hoſpitall of St. *Wolſtan* at **Worceſter** 1. mark. To the Hoſpitall of St. *Oſwald*, there, x *ſol.* To the Canons of **Doddeſord** *in Com. Wigorn.* 1. mark. To the Church and Nuns of **Cokehill**, and *Iſabell* his wife x. marks. To the Church and Nunns of **Weſtwood** 1. mark. To the Church and Nunns without **Worceſter** 1. mark. To every Anchorite in **Worceſter** and the parts adjacent iv *s.* To the Church of **Salewarp** (*in Com. Wigorn.*) a houſe and garden neer to the Parſonage, for to find a Lamp continually burning therein, to the honour of God, the bleſſed Virgin, St. *Catherine*, and St. *Margaret*. Of which Teſtament he conſtituted theſe Executors, *viz.* *William* his eldeſt ſon, Earl of **Warwick**, Sir *Roger Mortimer*, Sir *Barth. de Sudley*, with the Abbots of **Eveſham**, and great **Malverne**.

It ſeemes he lived not long after; for I find, that his ſon and heir; *viz.* *William Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** before ſpecified, did his homage [p] to the Biſhop of **Worceſter** in the Chapell of **Bredon**, for the lands he held of him 2. *Non. Maii Anno* 1269. which was within 4. months after the date of this his Teſtament.

And now, before I paſs further, will it be requiſit to obſerve two things. Firſt that the noble Lady, I mean *Iſabell* his wife, who, by the death of her brother *William Mauduit* Earl of **Warwick**, became heir of this great Earldom, was not onely Foundreſs [q] of the Nunnery at **Cokehill** before ſpecified, but betook herſelf to a Religious life there, as may be plainly inferred by the Legacy wherein ſhe is joyned with thoſe Nunns as aboveſaid. And ſecondly, that this *William* the Teſtator, though the ſaid Lady his wife, the rightfull inheritrix of that Earldom, was then living, and that he and ſhe, both together ſurvived the ſaid *William Mauduit* her brother above a twelve month, never had the title of Earl; but that his ſon and heir was inveſted

x *Pat.* 18. Joh. *m.* 5.
y *Pat.* 1. H. 3 *m.* 9. & 10.
z *Rot. F.* 20. H. 3. *m.* 13.
a *Pat.* 20. H. 3 *m.* 8.
b *Rot. F. ut ſupra.*
c *Rot. F.* 20. H. 3. *m.* 11.
d *Pat.* 37. H. 3. *in d.*
e *Rot. F.* 41. H. 3. *m.* 1.
f *Clauſ.* 42. H. 3. *in dorſ.*
g *Clauſ.* 44. H. 3 *in dorſo. m.* 9.
h *Pat.* 32. H. 3. *m.* 3.
i } *Cartul. Warw. Com f.* 131. *a.*
k }
l }
m *Ex autog. in officio Arm.*
n *Giff. f.* 11. *b.*
o Of his, or his Anceſtors foundation. *vide Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 184.
p *Giff.* 12. *a.*
q *Rot. Rou.*

invested with that Honour before his death, as appeareth by these two instances from his said Testament *viz.*——*Item* Willielmo *primogenito meo Cornua & ciphum Seint* Huwe; *& filiæ meæ Comitissæ, uxori suæ, unum annulum cum lapide de Rubie.* And afterwards——*Cætera autem bona mea commissi ordinationi & dispositioni dilectorum Executorum Testamenti mei* D. Rogeri *de* Mortuomari, Willielmi *primogeniti mei Comitis* Warewyk &c.

In the first whereof, he calls his said sons wife Countess, and in the second plainly stiles him Earl. Which title he the said *William* did not onely use in that Instrument[r] of Agreement made betwixt him and *Alice* the widow of *William Mauduit* the late Earl in 52 H. 3. (whereof I have formerly spoke;) but hath the same attributed[s] to him by the Kings Precept, bearing date 9. *Martii* next ensuing the month of *Jan.* wherein the Earl his Uncle dyed, his Father and Mother being both alive. Where may be also discerned, that he was in good esteem with the King, forasmuch as by the same Mandate[t] to the Barons of the Exchequer it appears, that the King pardoned his Relief, *viz.* C *li.* and at the same time acquitted him of xcv *li.* which *William Mauduit*, the late Earl, owed to a Jew of London.

That this *William Beauchamp* might bear the title of Earl by right from his mother, she being heir generall to *Mauduit*, considering what the custome of those antient times was, as Mr *Selden* in his *Titles of Honour*[u] hath observed, I shall not need here to argue: But whether he ought so to have done, during his fathers life, especially before his mothers decease, had it not been by the Kings speciall favour, I make a great question. All that I shall say herein, is to shew some probable reason why he was so summoned during their times, which is from what I find delivered by *Leland*,[w] out of an old *Chronicle* of the gests of England, written in French, but with some mistake exprest. The words are these.

The old Lord Beauchamp *of* Helmeley *sent 3. or 4. of his sons to the battail of* Eavesham *to help K.* Henry *the third and Prince* Edward *against* Simon Mountford *and the Barons: And these brether, with their band, did a great feate in vanquishing the hoste of* Mountfort; *whereupon the eldest had* Bellomont's *heir, and the residue were highly preferred. The* Beauchamps *afterwards kept the name of* Earl of Warwick *to King* Edward *the fourth's time.*

Now, that the substance of this is true, *viz.* that for the service done in that battail, he was by the Kings speciall favour, honoured with the title of Earl, I am very inclinable to believe; yet that either he or his father did marry the immediat heir of *Bellomont*, or that the *Beauchamps* kept the name of Earls till E. 4. time cannot be proved. But I return to his Story.

The 9. of *Febr.* 52 H. 3. he did his homage[x] as nephew and heir to the said *William Mauduit* Earl of Warwick for all the lands descended to him by his fathers death; at which time the King did express[y], that *pro laudabili servicio quod dilectus & fidelis noster* Will. de Bellocampo *Comes Warwici nobis impendit* (for those are the words of the Writ) he was contented to accept of him for those debts which were due from his father, to the Exchequer, xx *li. per annum* till they were run up: And in further remuneration of his services, did he the year following, pardon[z] unto him xcv *li.* of the same. And as he stood in great esteem with K. H. 3. so also did he with K. E. 1. For *mense Pasch.* 2 E. 1. he was sent in Commission[a] with *Roger de Clifford, William Bagod, Odo de Hodenet*, and the Prior of S. *Thomas*, *juxta* Stafford, unto the ford of Montgomery in Wales, to examin, hear, and reform the wrongs and trespasses done in those parts, contrary to the form of peace concluded betwixt the said King *Henry*, and *Lewelin* Prince of Wales, and to rectify all things according to the tenour of that Agreement: at which meeting the Prince of Wales, was to be there, or send Commissioners, on his part, to manage that business.

In 4 E. 1. he was constituted[b] Captain generall of all the Kings Forces in Cheshire, and Lancashire for securing those Counties against the violence of the Welch: and the next year following attended[c] the King in that notable expedition of Wales, wherein he became so victorious: but in 6 E. 1. his Office of Chamberlainship of the Exchequer was seized[d] into the Kings hands, by reason of some misdemeanour therein committed by one *William de Bradecote*, his Clerke; howbeit the King taking into consideration his speciall services, before exprest, made a quick restitution[e] of it again. I find[f] that this Earl had great suits with *William de Breause* for the dominion of Gowher in Wales, wrongfully alienated by King *John* (4. *Joh.*) to *Will. de Breause* great-grandfather of this *William* whilst *Henry* Earl of Warwick was in his minority, but could not recover it. In 15 E. 1. he was again imployed[g] into Wales, at which time he beseiged the Castle of Dolfelan, and had ccxl *li.* delivered to him by the Bishop of Ely, then Treasurer, for the defraying his charges in that service. At that time the King being in France had constituted[h] *Edmund* Earl of Cornwall his lieutenant, here in England, during his absence, who taking great care to preserve all things in quiet here whilst the King was away, directed his speciall[i] Precept to this Earl of Warwick, and other great men; requiring them most strictly, that they should not ride with armed power in any part of the Kingdom, for any respect whatsoever, to the terrour of the Kings leige people, and disturbance of the Peace; but if that any difference did arise betwixt them and others, they should make it known unto the said E. of Cornwall, who would apply a timely remedy thereto.

In 23 E. 1. being again in Wales with the K. he performed[k] a notable Warlike exploit, which was thus; Hearing that a great body of the Welch were got together in a plain betwixt two woods, and to prevent any danger had fastned their pikes in the ground sloping towards their assailants, he marcht thither with a choyse company of Crossbow-men, and Archers, and in the night time incompassing them, put betwixt every two Horsemen one Crossbow-man, who, killing many of them that supported those Pikes, the Horse charged in suddainly, and made so great a slaughter, that the like hath seldom been heard. The next ensuing year he received command[l] to be at New-castle upon Tine, on the first of *March*, furnisht with Horse and Armes for an expedition into Scotland: and afterwards was sent[m] with *John* Earl of Surrey to recover the Castle of Dunbar trecherously gained by the Scots: In which action they were constrained to cope with the whole Scotch Army

r *Clauſ.* 53. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.

a *Clauſ.* 2 *E.* 1. *m.* 9.

b *Pat.* 4. *E.* 1. *m.* 2.

c *Pat.* 5. *E.* 3. *m.* 23.

d *Clauſ.* e *Clauſ.* 6. *E.* 1. *m.* 1. & *m.* 15.

f *Plac. de B. T. Paſch.* 6 *E.* 1. *rot.* 6.

g *Clauſ.* 18 *E.* 1. *m.* 11.

h *Clauſ.* 16. *E.* 1. *in dorſo* i *m.* 3.

k *Hiſt. T. Walſ. p.* 27. *n.* 20.

l *Clauſ.* 24. *E.* 1. *m.* 12.

m *T. Walſ. p.* 32.

my that came to raise the Siege; but at length, after a sharp dispute obtained a glorious victory, wherein the number of slain were supposed to be ten thousand; which success made the Castle suddainly to render. In 25 E. 1. he had command [n] to be at **London** upon the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of S. *John Bapt.* well provided with Horse and Armes to attend the King into **Flanders**; but, it seemes, he had other direction to stay behind; for I find [o], that he was one of those who were made Governours to Prince *Edward* (then in minority) during the Kings absence, whom the King had constituted his Lieutenant during that time.

In the same year he was made Governour [p] of the Castle and Forrest of **Rokingham**, *in Com. Northampt.* And in *Oct.* following again appointed [q] to be at **New-castle** upon **Tine** on St. *Nicholas* day, to march against the Scotts, with Prince *Edward*: But that proved an unhappy business, the English Army being for the most part destroyed [r] in attempting to pass the Bridge at **Sterling**. This year it was, and on *Holy-Rood* day, being in perfect health, that he made his Testament [s], whereby he disposed his body to sepulture in the Quire of the *Friers-Minors* at **Worcester**, in case he should depart this life within the compass of the four English Seas; but if otherwise, then in the next House of *Friers-Minors* to that place where his death might happen; and his Heart whersoever the Countess, his dear consort, should resolve to be herself interred. To which place when his body was to be buried, did he bequeath two great Horses, *viz.* those which at his funerall should carry his Armour; for the celebration whereof he gave CC *li.* (which was as much as three thousand in these times.) For the maintenance of two Souldiers in the *Holy-land* he gave C *li.* To *Maud* his Countess all his silver vessell, with his Crosse wherein was contained part of the wood that had been of the very Crosse whereupon our B. Saviour dyed: As also the Vestments belonging to his Chapell, to make use of during her life; but afterwards the best suit to remain to *Guy* his eldest son. His second suit to his Chapell of **Hanslape**, and the third to his Chapell of * **Anneley**. To *Guy* his son a gold Ring with a Ruby in it, together with his blessing. To his said Countess a Cup which the B. of **Worcester** gave him; but all his other Cups together with his lesser sort of Jewells and Rings he bequethed unto her, to distribute for the health of his soul, where she should think fittest. And to his two daughters which were Nunns at **Shouldham** *in Com.* **Norff** (a Monastery of their great-grandfather's foundation, by the mother side) he gave fifty marks.

He was a benefactor [t] to the Monastery of **Thelesford**, in this County: Ratified * the grant of **Warmington**, made by *Henry de Neuburgh*, sometime Earl of **Warwick**, to the Monks of **Preaux** in **Normandy**: bore for his Armes [u] *gules semé of Cross-crosslets with a fess Or*; which *Cross-crosslets* were by him added to his Coat; for his father used them not; but whether as a badge of any Pilgrimage that he made unto the *Holy-Land*, or vow so to do, I will not take upon me to determine: Wedded [w] *Maud* the eldest of the four sisters and heirs to *Richard Fitz-John*, son of *John Fitz-Geffrey*, Justice of **Ireland**, and widow [x] of *Gerard de Furnivall*; which *Maud* had for her purpartie of his lands the Mannours of **Chirsel** *in Com. Wilts.* **Potters-Pirt** *in Com. Northampt.* and **Querndon** *in Com. Buck.* assigned to her; And departed [y] this life, either in *May* or the beginning of *June Anno* 1298. 26 E. 1. leaving *Guy* his son and heir then [z] 26. years of age, who did his homage the 25. of *September* following, and had livery [a] of his fathers lands; And 2. *Junii* following performed the like homage [b] for the lands descended to him by the death of *Maud* his mother, who dyed [c] the same year.

This *Guy* had his Christen name (out of doubt) in remembrance of the warlike *Guy*, Earl of **Warwick** in the Saxons time, and was a martiall man as well as his Ancestors. The same year that his father dyed, he had summons [d], with many other great men, to be at **Carleol** on the even of *Pentecost*, well furnisht with Horse and Armes to march into **Scotland**, this being the time that the King made a personall expedition thither, and obtained a great victory at **Fawkirk**; in which Battail he behaved himself so gallantly, that the King rewarded [e] him with all the Castles and lands of *Geffrey de Moubray*, lying in that Kingdom, excepting, the Mannour of **Okeford** neer **Rokborough**: as also with the lands of *John de Strivelin*, and the Castle of **Amesfeld**, with the land of **Dungrey** that belong'd to *Andrew de Chartres*; which they the said *Geffrey*, *John*, and *Andrew*, were seized of on the day of S. *Mary Magdalen*, the same [f] year that battail was fought. The next year *scil.* 27 E. 1. he was imployed [g] beyond Sea in the Kings service. In 31 E. 1. he attended the King again into **Scotland**, and was in person [h] with him at that memorable siege of **Kaerlaverok**. In 34 E. 1. he had summons [i], with divers other great men, to appear at **Westminster** the morrow after *Trinity-Sunday*, there to consider and advise with the King concerning an Aid for making his eldest son Knight. The same year I find that he had license [k] to entail all his lands upon *Philip* the son of *Hugh le Despenser* for lack of issue male of his own body. And in 35 E. 1. the King taking into further consideration his many and great services, gave [l] unto him and his heirs **Bernard-castle** in the Bishoprick of **Durham**, which eschaeted to the Crown upon the forfaiture of *John de Baliol* King of Scotts.

This was the last year of King E. 1. but therein I meet with no more mention of this Earl. I come now to *Edw.* 2. time: In the fift yeare of whose reign I find [m] that he took part with *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** and some other of the Nobility, who being discontended that *Piers de Gaveston*, then E. o **Cornwall** was so much in favour with the King, put [n] themselves in Armes and took him at **Scardeburgh**: but the King hearing thereof, desired to speak with him, and that his life might be saved, promising that he would in all things satisfy their requests. Which motion and assurance so wrought upon [o] the Earl of **Pembroke**, who was one of the great men then acting in this tragedy, that he undertook, upon forfeiture of all he had, that if they would consent to the Kings proposalls, he would take care that *Peirs* should not escape, but after conference with the King should stand to the Judgments of the Barons; which was yielded unto, and a day and place assigned when he should be delivered back to them. Whereupon the Earl of **Pembroke** resolved to carry him unto **Wallingford**, but being [p] on the journey at **Dedington** in **Oxford-shire** where he had left a guard of his own servants to look to him, himself and his Countess lodging at the next town, this *Guy* Earl of **Warwich** came [q] in the night time with a number of armed

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[n] *Clauss.* 25. E. 3. m. 14. *in dorso.*
[o] T. Walsingham *p.* 39. *n.* 20.
[p] *Rot. F.* 25. E. 1. *m.* 8.
[q] *Clauss.* 25. E. 1. *in dorso m.* 26.
[r] T. Walsingham *p.* 39. *n.* 40. *&c.*
[s] *Giff. f.* 429. *a.*
[t] *Cart.* 3. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 8. *per Inspex.*
* *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.* 75. *b.*
[u] *Rot. J. Rous. Ex Sigillo penès S. Archer eq. aur.*
[w] *Rot. F.* 26 E. 1. *m.* 13.
[x] *Rot. J. Rous.*
[y] *Rot. F.* 26. E. 1. *m.* 8.
[z] *E. c.* 26 E. 1. *n.* 41.
[a] *Rot. F.* 26 E. 1. *m.* 4.
[b] *Rot. F.* 2 E. 1. *m.* 8
[c] *Ib. m.* 11
[d] *Clauss.* E. 1. *in dorso m.* 6.
[e] *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.* 174.
[f] T. Walsingham *p.* 42. *n.* 10.
[g] *Pat.* 7 E. 1. *m.* 5.
[h] *Ex Lib. vet. penes W. le Neve eq. aur.*
[i] *Claus.* 34 E. 1. *in dorso m.* 10. *cedula.*
[k] *Pat.* 34 E. 1. *m.* 23.
[l] *Cart. Warw. Com. f.* 174. *a.*
[m] T. Walsingham *p.* 74. 4
[n] *Ib.* 75. *n.* 3
[o] *Ib.* 4
[p] *ibid.*
[q] *p.* 7

med men, and carryed him back to **Warwick-Castle**; where, consulting with those about him what then to do, they presently determined, without delay, to cut off his head, and accordingly [r] did so, upon a rising ground called **Blacklow-hill** about a mile Northwards from **Warwick** (whereof I have elsewhere already spoke.) Which being done, the *Friers-Preachers* took care of his body, and conveyed it to **Oxford**, whence after two years, the King removed [s] it to **Langley** in **Hertford-shire**, causing it to be interred in the Church of the *Friers-Preachers*, which he there founded to pray for the soul of the said *Piers*, and his Progenitors.

It seems that this *Piers* had much angred the E. of **Warwick**, in calling [t] him the *Black Dog* of **Arderne**, because he was of a black and swarthy complexion: but what sway the great men then bore, having insinuated [u] to the people, that all they did was for the honour of God, and good of the Realm may easily be seen: for though the King did sufficiently take this murther to heart (for it was no better) he knew not how to punish any one Actor in it; nay so glad was he to please them, that within two years after, he granted to every of them a Pardon [w], by particular name; amongst which (as servants or Reteinours to this Earl) I finde *William Trussell, Piers de Limesey, Osbert de Clinton, Rauf de Grendon, Edmund le fitz Edmund Trussell, Tebaud de Gayton, John de Nasford, Thomas de Clinton, John de Mountfort, John de Odingsells, Hugh de Culy, and John de Beauchamp*, all of this County. But however this Earl thus obtained pardon, I do not find that he was heartily reconciled to the King. For [x] upon his advance that very year towards **Scotland**, and expecting [y] at **Warwick** the assistance of all those which held of him by military service, he forbore then to do his duty: Nay my Author [z] says, that there was *latens odium inter Regem & Proceres, & præcipuè inter Comitem de* Lancastria, *& Comitem de* Warwico *& adhærentes ejusdem*.

As I cannot cōmend his demeanor in these things last spoke of, so do I not discern that he had any great comfort thereof himself; for tis plain enough, that he enjoyed not the felicities of this world full xiv. months after, as I shall shew by and by; Wherefore coming now neer his death, which happned in the prime of his days; *viz.* about the xliyth. year of his age, let us see what preparations he made for it. And herein I find, that for the good estate of himself, and the health of his fathers and mothers souls, and all his Ancestors and successors, he gave [a] to the Monks of **Bordesley** in **Worcester-shire** the advouson of the Church of **Wickwane** *in Com. Glouc.* How far further he was a benefactor to that Monastery I cannot say, but 'tis very like that something more he gave: for it appears that the Monks of that House by their publique Instrument [b], in a full Chapter, granted unto him and his heirs, by the attribute of *dilecto & speciali amico nostro*, power to present two Monks successively in their Covent, that should sing Mass daily in the Church of that Monastery for the health of his soul, and of the souls of Earl *William* his father, *Maud* his mother, and their Ancestors for ever. And besides this, he was the first Founder [c] of that Chantry, or Colledge of Priests, at **Elmely** in **Worcester-shire**.

I now come to his Testament [d], which bears date at **Warwick**-Castle the Munday next after the feast of S. *James* the Apostle *Anno* 1315. 9 E. 2. by which he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the said Abby of **Bordesley**, but willed that his funerall Rites should be performed without any great pomp. To *Alice* his wife, who was the sister [e] and heir to *Robert de Tony*, he devised [f] a proportion of his plate, with a Cristall Cup, and half his bedding, as also all the Vestments and books pertaining to his Chapell: the other moity of his Beds, Rings, and Jewells to his two daughters. To *Maud* his daughter a Cristall Cup. To *Elizabeth* his daughter he gave the marriage of *Astley*'s heir (whom she took to husband, as in **Astley** I have already shewed.) To *Thomas* his son, his best coat of Maile, Helmet, and suit of harness, with all that belong'd thereto. To his son *John*, his second coat of Maile, Helmet, and harness; and appointed that all the rest of his Armour, Bows, and other warlike provision should remain in the Castle of **Warwick**, for his heir; constituting these his Executors, viz. *Alice* his Countess, Sir *John de Hastings, John Hamelin, Piers le Blund* Parson of **Hanslape**, *Adam de Herewynton, Richard de Brumesgrave, Henry de Sidenhale, Simon de Sutton* Parson of **Luffenham**, *William de Wellesburne* Parson of **Berkeswell**, with *Roger Caumpere* Parson of **Kibworth**, and departed [g] this life 12. *August* next following, in his said Castle of **Warwick**, by poison [h] as some thought, but had sepulture [i] in Abby of **Bordsley** before specified.

Before his death he obtained a grant from the King, that his Executors, when it should fortune him to depart this life, might have the custody of his lands during the minority of his heir, being answerable for the value of them to the Exchequer at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* every year; saving that his Castles of **Elmeley** and **Warwick** should not be disposed of to any without the Kings speciall license: which grant was confirmed [k] to *John Hamelyn* and the rest of the Executors in *December* following his death. Nevertheless, so much was the K. wrought upon by them, whose miscarriages afterwards gave the discontented Nobles opportunity to work his own ruine, as that, notwithstanding the grant before recited made to those Executors, about two years after he passed the custody of them by a new Patent [l] to *Hugh le Despenser* the elder, in satisfaction of a debt of 6770 *li.* due to him from the said King as was pretended. But before I proceed to speak of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** (son and heir to the said *Guy*) I have a word or two to say of the Countess his mother, and the rest of her Children, which is, that she was the daughter [m] of *Raph de Tony* of **Flamsted** in **Hertford-shire**, widow [n] of *Thomas de Leybourn*, and at length heir [o] to *Robert* her brother. In *November* following the Death of her husband she had assigned [p] to her in dowrie, the Mannours of **Hanslape** *in Com. Buck.* **Lygthorne, Beausale, Haseley, Claverdon, Berkswell**, with the third part of the *Templars* Mannour in **Warwick** and **Shirburne**, and divers [q] Knights fees, all in this County: And the next year following gave a Fine of [r] 500. marks for license to marry with *William La Zouch* of **Ashby** *in Com. Leic.* to whom she was accordingly [s] wedded; but dyed [t] in 18 E. 2.

The other children of Earl *Guy*, were *John* [u], a martiall Knight, *Emma* [w] the wife of *Roul. Odingsells*, *Isabell* [x] married to . . . . . *Clinton*, *Elizabeth* [y] to *Thomas* Lord *Astley*, and [z] *Lucia* to *Robert*

[r] Rot. F. 3. E. 2. m. 7.
[s] Mayd. ut supra.
[t] T. Walsingham. p. 78. n. 30.
[u] Rot. I. Rous.
[w] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[x] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[y] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[z] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[a] Esc. 3. E. 2. n. 82.
[b] Rot. F. 18 E. 2. m. 10.
[c] Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 2. m. 24.
[d] Rot. F. 9. E. 2. m. 11.
[e] Rot. F. 3. E. 2. m. 7.
[f] Rot. F. 3. E. 2. m. 7.
[g] Clauf. 9. E. 2. m. 22.
[h] Ib. m. 13.
[i] Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 12.
[k] Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 10.
[l] Rot. I. Rous.
[m] Rot. I. Rous.
[n] Esc. 3. E. 2.
[o] Rot. F. 3. E. 2. m. 7.
[p] Clauf. 9. E. 2. m. 22.
[q] Ib. m. 13.
[r] Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 12.
[s] Esc. 18. E. 2. n. 82.
[t] Rot. F. 18 E. 2. m. 10.
[u] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
[w] Rot. I. Rous in dorso.
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bert de Napton. Which *John* was a man of singular note in his time; for in 22 E. 3. the King in consideration of his great services made him a Banneret [a] and gave him Cxl *li. per annum* out of the Exchequer, for his better support. In 25 E. 3. he was Governour [b] of **Calais**. In 26 *John Darcy*, to whom the King had granted [c] the Constableship of the Tower of **London** for life, for the great affection he bore to this *John de B.* past [d] over his interest in that Office to him, which the King also ratified: but within two years, through the sinister suggestions of some, he became much offended with him, and put him out of that place, constituting [e] *Barth. l.* de *Burgherssh* in his stead; and after his death *Robert de Morley:* but at the length it appearing [f] to the King, that those suggestions were false, he received him again into favour, and, in consideration of his speciall services, restored [g] unto him the custody of the said Tower of **London** by his Letters Patents bearing date 25. *Jan.* at the town of **S. George** neer the Castle of **Beaufort** in **France**; and the same year constituted [h] him Constable of **Dover**-Castle, Warden of the Cinque-ports for life, and Admirall [i] of the Seas for the North and West coasts. He was also one of the Founders [k] of that noble Order of the *Garter*, instituted by King E. 3. and departing [l] this life without issue 2. *Dec.* 34 E. 3. lyeth buryed betwixt two pillars on the South part of the Cathedrall Church of S. *Paul* in **London** before [m] the Image of our Lady, where he had a fair Monument lately demolisht, which was, through mistake, usually called *Duke Humfrey's Tombe.*

I now return to *Thomas* the succeeding Earl, born [n] in **Warwick**-Castle, having to his Godfathers [o] *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster**, and *Henry* his brother, with *Thomas de Warington* Prior of **Kenilworth**. This *Thomas* was very young at his fathers death, but who had the custody and tuition of his person, during King *Edward* 2. reign, I find not. Most likely it is, that *Hugh le Despenser*, the great favourite at that time, having a grant of his lands, as abovesaid, had also the charge of his person: but in 1 E. 3. the Castle of **Warwick**, with the rest of his lands were committed [p] to *Roger Mortimer* of **Wigmore**, till he should arrive to his full age; and in 3 E. 3. the King being minded to afford speciall favour to him, as the very words [q] of the Writ do import, accepted of his homage though he was not then of full age, commanding that he should have livery of all his fathers lands, and the next year following admitted [r] him to the office of Shiriffalty for **Worcester-shire**, which was of his inheritance, as also [s] to that of the Chamberlainship in the Exchequer, with power to appoint whomsoever he should think fit for the execution of them in such sort, as in his Ancestors times had been used.

'Tis not to be doubted, but as this Earl was descended from an antient race of worthy Progenitors, and by many noble heirs, so were his vertues no less eminent than the chiefest of them; for from the time that he came to mans estate, even till his death, which hapned in 23. of King *Edw.* 3. raign, was he scarce ever out of some notable and high imployment, whereof in order I will briefly make recitall. In 5 E. 3. he had [t] the goverment of the Isles of **Gernsey**, **Serke** and **Aureney**. In 6. he was joyn'd in Commission [u] with *Raph* Lord *Basset*, and *William de Shareshull* (a great Lawyer, and afterwards Chief-Justice) for conservation of the peace in this County and **Worcestershire**. In 7. to attend [w] the King in his expedition for **Scotland**, at which time *Edward de Baliol* King of Scotts did homage [x] to King *Edward* for the Realm of **Scotland** with the adjacent Isles. In 9. he had [y] the custody of the Marches of **Scotland** committed to him. All which was whilst he lived a batchelour: For I find [z], that in 12 E. 3. the King in satisfaction of a great summe of money that he owed to *Roger* Lord *Mortimer* for the time that he was his Lieutenant of **Ireland**, granted unto him the benefit of his marriage, whereupon he became wedded to the Lady *Kath.* his daughter. After which was he the same year put again in Commission [a] for conservation of the Peace in this County and **Worcestershire**, and likewise in the County of **Oxford**; and in 17 E. 3. marcht [b] into **Scotland** with *Henry* Earl of **Lanc.** as also many other great persons, with a numerous Army, for raysing the siege of **Louhmaban**-Castle, whereof *William de Boun* Earl of **Northampt.** had the custody.

In 18 E. 3. he had the Shiriffalty [c] of this County and **Leicestershire** committed to him for terme of life; and in the same year was constituted [d] Marshall of **England**; in which he entailed [e] the Castle of **Warwick**, with divers great Lordships in this and other Countyes upon his issue male, mentioning the names of his severall sons then living. In the month of *July* 20 E. 3. he attended [f] the King in his French expedition, and arrived [g] with him at **Hoggs** in **Normandy**, where getting on shore, he manifested his valour to admiration, by making the first attempt, himself in person, with one Esquier and six Archers, though he had but a weak Horse under him; with which and those few men he encountred [h] with an C. Normans, whereof they slew 60. thereby making way for the Army to land. And at the same time was he one of the principall Commanders, that with the *Black-Prince* led [i] the van of his Army in that famous battail of **Cressy**, where the English got such lasting honour. In 21. E. 3. he was at the siege [k] of **Calais** with three Bannerets, Knights 61. Esquiers 106. and Archers on Horsback 154. In consideration of which notable services and other his heroik actions, the King gave [l] him the summe of 1366 *li.* 11 *s.* 08 *d.* and the next ensuing year assigned [m] unto him a thousand marks *per annum* during his life, partly in recompence of his faithfull services, and partly as wages for attendance upon his person with C. men at Armes according to certain Indentures of Covenants betwixt them.

In 26 E. 3. he recovered [n] the dominion of **Gowher** in **Wales** from *John* Lord *Moubray*, whose title thereto accrued by *Aliva* his mother, daughter and heir to *William de Brews*, to whom King *John*, during the minority of *Henry* Earl of **Warwick** (Ancestor to this *Thomas*) wrongfully gave the same. In which suit I find [o], that *Simon Pakeman* of **Kirby** *in Com. Leic.* did him especiall service ('tis like as a sollicitor) in consideration whereof he gave [p] him the inheritance of all the Lands and Rents he had in Over-*Botyndon in Com. Northampt.* In 27 E. 3. he was sent [q] with *Edw.* Prince of **Wales**, *Henry* D. of **Lanc.** and *Raph* Earl **Stafford** to protect Sir *Richard de Willughby*, and Sir *William de Shareshull* Justices Itinerant, whilst they sate at **Chester**, for fear of any insurrection by the people. In 29 E. 3. he attended [r] the said Prince into **France**, this being the time that King *Edward* hearing that *Philip* King of **France** was dead; as also that *John* his eldest son, then

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[a] *Pat.* 22. E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 12.
[b] *Hist. Angl. Script. col.* 2602. 58.
[c] *Pat.* 34 E. 3. *p.* 1.
[d] *Pat.* 34 E. 3. *p.* 1.
[e] *Pat.* 28 E. 3. *p.* 2.
[f] *Pat.* 34 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 45.
[g] *Pat.* 34 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 45.
[h] *Pat.* 34 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 45.
[i] *Rot. Franc.* 29. E. 3. *m.* 14.
[k] *Camb. in* Berks.
[l] *Esc.* 35. E. 3. *n.* 76.
[m] *Lel. Coll. vol.* 3. *p.* 208.
[n] *Rot.* I. Rous.
[o] *Rot.* I. Rous.
[p] *Rot. F.* 1. E. 3. *m.* 23.
[q] *Clauf.* 3. E. 3. *m.* 35.
[r] *Clauf.* 4. E. 3. *m.* 4.
[s] *Ib. m.* 42.
[t] *Pat.* 5. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.
[u] *Pat.* 6. E. 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 22.
[w] *Claus.* 7. E. 3. *in m.* 16.
[x] T. V. *p.* 115. 40.
[y] *Ib. p.* 8. *n.* 10.
[z] *Pat.* E. 3. *p.* 1. 30.
[a] *Pat.* E. 3. *p. dorso n.* 1.
[b] T. V. 4. *p.* 2.
[c] *Rot.* E. 3. *m.*
[d] *Pat.* E. 3. *p. m.* 18
[e] *Fin. div. levat. Trin.* 3.
[f] *Rot.* E. 3. *m.*
[g] *Pat.* [illegible] *p.* [illegible] *n.*
[h] *Pat.* [illegible] *p.* [illegible] *n.*
[i] *Hist.* H. Knighton *f.* a.
[k] *MS. bibl.* Cotton [illegible] rius E. *f.* 233.
[l] *Pat.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.*
[m] *Pat.* E. 3. *p. m.* 5.
[n] *Plac. Term. Mich.* E. 3. *r.* 132. C.
[o] *Extag[illegible] nes[illegible] mer[illegible] Scal[illegible] bag[illegible] Ca[illegible] by.*
[p] *Extag[illegible] nes[illegible] mer[illegible] Scal[illegible] bag[illegible] Ca[illegible] by.*
[q] *Hist.* S. H. Knighton. *f.* 1. *b.*
[r] T. W. *p.* 162 *n.* 20. c.

newly crown'd, had given unto *Charles* the Daulphin of **Vienno's** the Dukedome of **Aquitane**; whereat being much moved, he called the said Prince with divers of his Nobles before him, and assigned the said Dukedome of **Aquitane** unto him: but before the revolution of one year after such their arrivall in **France**, hapned that memorable battail of **Poictiers**, in which, the K. of **France** being taken prisoner, this Noble Earl gained high renown for his marvailous valor; and no small advantage, for he had [a] no less than 8000 *li.* for the redemption of *Will. de Melleun* Archbishop of **Seinz**, whom he himself [b] took likewise in that fight.

Nay, of so heroik a spirit he was, that about 37 E. 3. he travailed [c] into forrain parts, and having spent full 3. years in warring against the Pagans, at his return brought with him the son to the King of **Lituania**, whom he Christened at **London**, and being his Godfather named him *Thomas*. In 40 E. 3. he was sent [x] upon speciall service by the K. into **Flanders**, having an allowance assigned to him out of the Exchequer of 5. marks *per diem* for his charges, and two marks and a half *per diem* by way of reward; in which year his Commission [y] for Marshall of **England** was renewed. But having now no more to say of his publique imployments, saving of that last wherein he dyed; and that he was one of the Founders [z] of that Noble Order of the *Garter* instituted by King E. 3. I will here take notice of his pious works, as also of his Testament, and then come to his death with the circumstances thereof.

To the Collegiat-Church of **Warwick** he [a] gave the advouson of the Church of **Pillerton-Hercy** in this County. To [b] the Canons of **Kenilworth** two mes. and one yard land lying in **Radford-***Semeli*. To [c] the Priory of **Clatercote** *in Com. Oxon.* the patronage of the Church of **Rotley** in this County. To [d] the Hospitall of S. *John Baptist* in **Warwick** the moity of the Church of **Moxton-***D'aubney* in this shire. To [e] the Canons of **Merkoke** one yard land and one acre lying in **Perdley** *in Com. Wigorn.* with the advouson of the Church. To [f] the Collegiat-Church of **Astley** the advouson of the Church of **Long-Stanton** *in Com. Cantab.* And that he was a good Benefactor to the Monks of **Abingdon** I shall not doubt, though I have not seen in what particulars; for I find that the Abbot and Covent of that Monastery by their publique Instrument [g] bearing date 5 *Id. Martii Anno* 1344. which doth give a generall testimony thereof, not only made him a speciall partaker of all their devout exercises, but declared, that whensoever the tidings of his death did come to their knowledge, the like solemn office should be perform'd for him, aswell in all the Covents of their Order within this Realm, as in their own; and not only so, but by divers Canons-Regular too, as was used to be done for any of their own fraternity, friends or benefactors.

His Testament [h] bears at date **Chelchench** (*vulgò* **Chelsey** *juxta* **Westminster**) on Tuesday 6. *Sept.* 1369. 43 E. 3. Whereby he bequeathed his body to be buried in the midst of the Quire of the Collegiat Church at **Warwick**. To every Church within each of his Mannours he gave his best Beast which should there be found, in satisfaction of his Tithes forgotten to be payd. To *Thomas* his son and heir a Ring, and Cup with Cover, the best next that which his daughter *Stafford* should choose, with the Sword and Coat of maile sometime belonging to the famous *Guy* of **Warwick**; appointing that all his harness, weapons, and such like habiliments, aswell for peace as warr, should be equally divided betwixt his two sons, viz. *Thomas* and *William*. To his said son *William* he gave a Ring and a Cup with Cover, the best next after his elder brother had chosen, with 24. dishes and as many Saucers of silver, as also two Bacyns and two Ewers, with twelve pieces of silver. To *Isabell* his daughter a thousand pounds to her marriage. To *Margaret* his daughter a Nunne at **Shouldam** in **Norff.** a Ring, and a Cup with a cover, as also 40. marks in money. To *Katherin* the daughter to his son *Guy*, a Nunne likewise at **Shouldam** a gold Ring with xx *li.* in money, and for the charges of his funerall 500. marks: Hereunto adding, that his Executors should make full satisfaction to every man whom he had in any sort wronged. That his son *William* should have lands of 400. marks *per annum* value setled upon him and his heirs male. That the Testament of his Countesse should be compleatly performed and fulfilled out of his goods. That his Executors should new build the Quire of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, where he purposed to be buryed. That with the residue of his goods his Executors should cause Masses to be sung for his soul, and distribute Almes with all speed that might be, especially at **Bordesley**, **Worcester**, and **Warwick**, as also in other places of the Countrey unto which he had most relation; And that all the vestments of his Chappell should be given to the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, where he had chosen his sepulture.

His Jewells he thus disposed. To his daughter *Stafford* an Ouche called the Eagle, which the Prince gave him; all his Pearls, and a Crosse made of the very wood of our Saviours Crosse; a Ring with an Emeraud that his Countesse bequeathed to him; another Ring whereof she herself was to make choyse; a sett of Beads of gold, with the buckles, which the Queen gave him; and the choyse of one of his Cups of gold, with that silver boll which he always used himself, as also his best Bed with the whole furniture thereto. To his daughter *Alice* his next best Ouche which his Lady (the Countesse) gave him, with a Cup of gold, a set of Beads of gold, and a Ring. To his daughter *Clifford* an Ouche called the Eagle, which his son *Will.* had bestow'd on him for a Newyears-gift, with a Cup, a set of Beads of gold, and a Ring. To his daughter *Isabell* a Cup with an Ewer and a Cover to it gilt, and the next best Ring after his other daughters before remembred had chosen. To the Bishop of **Lincoln** a Crosse of gold that the Lady *Segrave* gave him, which sometimes was the good King *Edwards*, wherein likewise was part of the very Crosse of Christ, and other Reliques. To his son *William* a Casket of gold, with a bone of St. *George*, which *Thomas* Earl of **Lanc.** bestowed on him at his Christening.

To Sir *John Beauchamp* a Cross of gold, wherein also part of the very Cross of our Saviour was contained, enameled with the Armes of **England**; as also his best tilting Horse. To Sir *Roger Beauchamp* a Ring, the best he could choose, after the rest that were disposed of; and his next best tilting Horse. To Sir *Guy de Brienne* a Cup and a Horse, the next best also that he could choose. All the rest of his Jewells did he appoint that his Executors should dispose of for his souls benefit, which were these; *viz.* the Earl of **Stafford**, *Thomas* and

S^t Mary^s Church

In the east window of the Quire



In a South window of the Quire,





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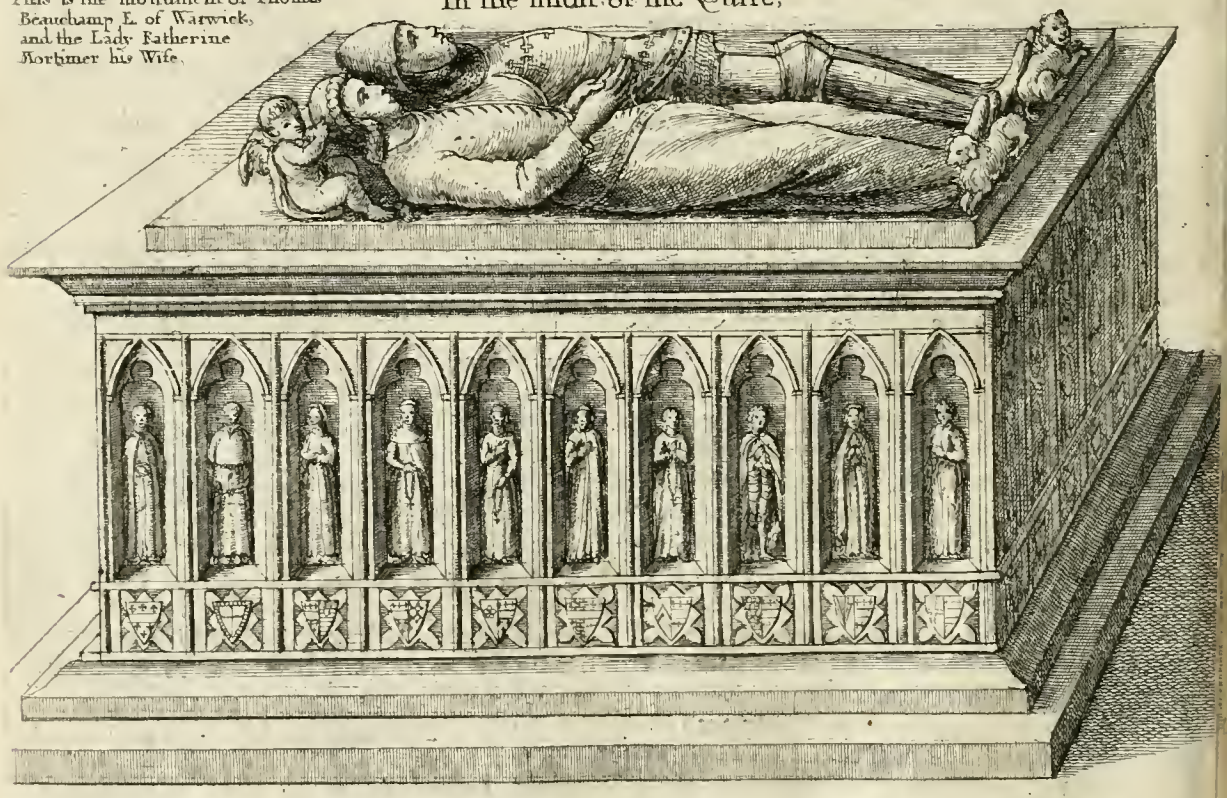




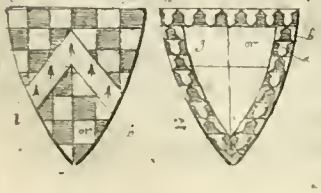


This is the monument of Thomas Beauchamp E. of Warwick, and the Lady Katherine Mortimer his Wife.

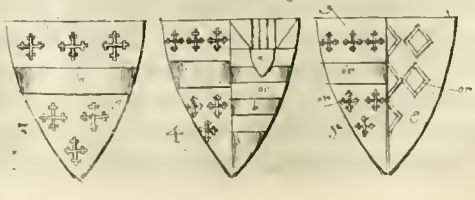
In the midst of the Quire,



Armes in the east window of the Quire



Armes cut in stone on the roofe of the Quire



1 Old Earles of Warwick.
2 Fitz-Ieffrey
3 Beauchamp Earle of Warw
4 Beauchamp empaling Mortr
5 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers

Will. de Beauchamp, his own ſons, Sir *Roger de Beauchamp*, Sir *Guy de Brienne*, Sir *John de Beauchamp*, Sir *Raph Baſſet* of **Sapcote** Knights, Sir *Richard de Piriton* Governour of **Northampton**; Sir *William Forde*, Sir *Alan Fen*, Sir *John Blake*, Sir *John Harewode*, Sir *William Morton* and *John Rous*, all which laſt mentioned I conceive to have been Prieſts.

Touching his death, the manner thereof was thus,[i] King *Edward* having called a Parliament at **London** in 43. of his reign, wherein the breach of Peace by the French was diſcuſſed, ſent an Army into that Kingdom about the feaſt of the *Nativity* of the bleſſed Virgin, under the conduct of his ſon *John* Duke of **Lanc.** and *Humfr. de Boun* Earl of **Hereford**, to claim his right therein; who being got over ſea, encampt at a place called the **Chalkhull** neer **Caleys**, towards whom the French preſently advanced; but the two Engliſh Dukes delaied fighting ſo long, as that their Army grew in want for proviſions (ſo that many dyed by famine and the plague) pretending they were not ſtrong enough to give them battail without more men. In which *interim* our noble Earl, hearing that the French Army was thus drawn out, haſted away with ſome choyſe men, and ſailed toward **Caleys**; whereof the French having notice, in great amazement they left their Tents, with all their victuall behind them, and fled. And ſo ſoon as he came aſhore, he highly blamed[k] thoſe that occaſioned the Engliſh to forbear fighting, ſaying, *I will goe on and fight before the Engliſh bread, which we have eaten be digeſted*, and thereupon preſently entred the Iſle of **Caus**; which he waſted. But alas! in his return towards **Caleys** he fell ſick[l] of the peſtilence, and dyed * on the 13. of *Nov. Patrem ſibi in armorum ſtrenuitate, & Regi Regniq; fidelitate ſuperſtitem, minimè derelinquens*, ſaith mine Author[m].

After which his body was interred in the midd'ſt of the Quire of the Collegiat Church at **Warwick**, according to the direction of his Teſtament, where is yet to be ſeen a goodly Tombe with the ſtatues of him and his Counteſs in white marble excellently cut; viz. *Katherine* the daughter[n] of *Roger Mortimer* before ſpecified (created the firſt Earl of *March* by King E. 3.) a perfect repreſentation whereof, I have placed here in my Story of him, becauſe there being ſo many other Monuments in that Church, to have put them altogether would not ſhew gracefull to the work. Which noble Lady dyed before him, as by what I have ſaid appears; yet not many weeks, for her Teſtament[o] bears date 4. *Aug.* the ſame year, by which ſhe appointed her body to be buried whereſoever the Earl her husband ſhould think fit, to whom ſhe bequeathed her Goblet bound with gold, and thoſe Buckles of gold which ſhe uſed to carry, as alſo a Ring having an Emraud in it. To *Thomas* her ſon ſhe gave her book of *Ch.* To *Will.* her other ſon a Tablet of gold. To *Maud de Clifford* her daughter a Cup enameled with Doggs. To *Philippa de Stafford* her daughter a Boll with a cover. To her daughter *Alice* a Cup of ſilver gilt. To *Margaret Mountfort* her daughter the Croſs with the pedeſtall in her Chapell. To *Iſabell* her daughter a Cup. To *Elizabeth* the daughter of her ſon *Guy* a Cup. To the Covent of *Friers Preachers* in **Worceſter** xx *li.* To the *Friers Preachers* of **Shrewsbury** xx *li.* To the *Friers Minors* there xx *li.* To the *Friers Preachers* of **Northampt.** xx *li.* To the *Friers Minors* of **Coventre** xx *li.* and to the *Friers Minors* of **Lichfield** xx *li.* Divers other Legacyes ſhe gave to her ſervants, and did conſtitute *Iſabell de Harley*, *Rauf Tangele*, and *John Falveſle* her executors, deſiring her husband to be aſſiſtant unto them in the performance thereof.

This Noble Earl had divers children, of which I will only make a brief mention. *Guy* his eldeſt[p] ſon, who received[q] the honour of Knighthood in 29 E. 3. with a grant from the King of C *li. per annum* out of his Exchequer till his fathers inheritance ſhould deſcend to him, or that he could otherwiſe provide for his ſupport; and married *Philippa*[r] the daughter[ſ] of *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby**, by whom he had iſſue three daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Katherine*, and *Margaret*[t], whereof the two later were Nunns[u] at **Shouldham** *in Com. Norff.* This *Guy* was a ſtout Souldier[w], and upon his going into **France** in 33 E. 3. which (I conceive) was to attend the King in an expedition[x] at that time made, declared his Teſtament[y] at **Canterbury** on the 26. of *Sept.* whereby he bequeathed his body to buriall where his parents ſhould think fit. To the Earl his father he gave his beſt gold Ring. To the Counteſſe his mother his next gold Ring. To *Philippa* his wife the third. To *Catherine* his daughter, then a Nunne at **Shouldham** in **Norff.** the fourth; and appointed that the Church of **Neketon** in **Norff.** of his Patronage ſhould be appropriat to the Monaſtery of **Shouldham** before-mentioned, for the maintenance of *Catherine* and *Margaret*, his two daughters, during their lives; and after their deceaſes, the ſaid Houſe of **Shouldham** obliged to find a Prieſt to ſing divine ſervice daily for the ſouls of his father and mother, his own and his wifes; as alſo for the ſouls of the ſaid *Catherine* and *Margaret*, and all the faithfull departed. After which, in *April* following (his father then alive) he dyed[z] at **Vendoſme** in **France**, and was there interred in a Chapell behind the high Altar, towards the Eaſt, having a fair Monument of Alabaſter, with his ſtatue thereon finely cut, and over his harneſs a ſurcoat of Armes; upon the verge of which Monument is this Inſcription.[a]

Icy giſt Monſeigneur Gui de Beauchamp *l'eyne Filz de treſnoble & puiſſant home Monſiéur Thomas de Beauchampe Counte de Warwike, Mareſchal d' Angleterre, qui treſpaſſa le xxviii. iour d' Averill l'an M. CCCLI.* Upon which Monument are the Armes of *Beauchamp* and *Mortimer*.

What became of his daughter *Elizabeth*, I cannot imagine; but that ſuch a one there was, living ten years after her fathers death, appeareth by the Teſtament of *Katherine* Counteſs of **Warwick** (mother to this *Guy*) as I have already ſhewed. It ſeems, that the Lady *Philippa* his wife was a devout woman, and reſolving to continue a widow whilſt ſhe lived, upon the eleventh of *Auguſt* the ſame year made her ſolemn vow of Chaſtity in the Collegiat-Church of **Warwick**, before *Reginald Bryan* then Biſhop of **Worceſter**; which vow, together with the ceremony thereof, I have here inſerted, as I find it recorded in the Regiſter.[b]

IX. *Die menſis Auguſti Anno Dom. MCCCIx. apud Warwyk, dictus venerabilis pater altam Miſſam in Pontificalibus in Eccleſia Collegiata beatæ* Mariæ Warwici *antedictæ celebrans, votum caſtitatis* Philippæ *nuper uxoris Domini* Guidonis de Warwic *admiſit & acceptavit; & dicta* Philippa *Votum Caſtitatis emiſit ſub hiis verbis.*

i *I. N.* ii. *Walſ. p.* 160. 20.

k *b. &* 4. 30. 40.

l 43. m *I. ii.*

n *R. J.*

o *Lne f.* 2.

p *Pat. 18. E. 3. p. 1. m.* 13.

q *Pat. 29. E. 3. p. 3. m.* 9.

r Brian *vol. 1. f. 30.*

ſ Witleſey *f. 125.*

t Lynne *f. 52. b.*

u Witleſey *ut ſupra.*

w *Hiſt. MS.* H. Knighton, *f. 163. b.*

x T. Walſ. *p. 166. n.* 20.

y Iſlip. *f.* 160.

z *Hiſt. MS.* H. Knighton. *f. 163. b.*

a *Ab Architypo per prænob.* T. Bar. *Windſore tranſcripta.*

b Bryan *vol. 1. f. 30. b.*


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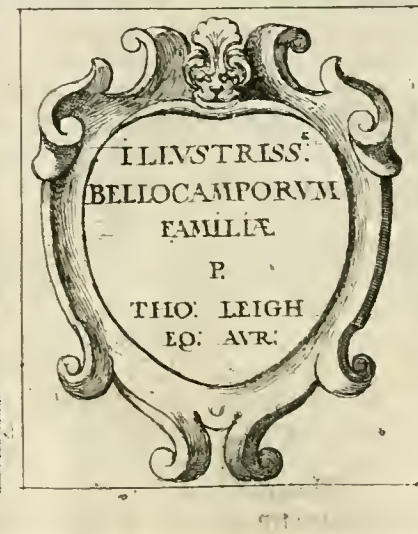

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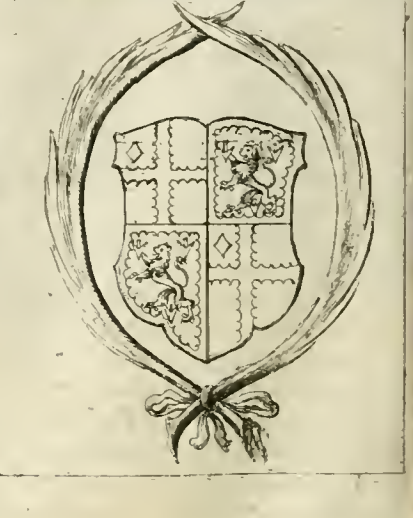

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EQ. AVR.



En le nom de la Seint Trinite, Piere, & Fitz & Seint Espirit, jeo Philippe que fu la feme Sire Guy de Warwyk face purement & dez queor & volontee entierement avow a Dieu & Seint Eglise, & a la benure Virgin Maris, & a tout le bele compaigne celestine, & a vous reverent Piere en Dieu sire Reynaud per la grace Dieu Eveſque de Wyrceſtre, que iso amenerai ma vie en chaſtitee deſore en avant, & chaſte ſerra de mon corps a tout temps de ma vie.

The reſt of the ſons of Earl *Thomas*, were *Thomas* [c] that ſucceeded him, *Reynburne* [d] (ſo named, doubtleſs, in memory of *Reynburne* the ſon to *Guy* Earl of **Warwick** in the Saxons time) that [e] dyed before the 35 E. 3. which *Reynburn* had iſſue ſone onely daughter called *Alianore* married [g] to *John Knight* of **Hanſlap** *in Com.* **Buck.** who by her had a daughter named *Emme*, [h] that married to *Foſter*, from whom the *Foſters* of **Hanſlap** derive their deſcent. *William* [b] the 4. ſon was Lord *Bergavenny*, as I ſhall ſhew when I come to **Fillongley**, where I purpoſe to ſpeak fully of him. *Roger* [i] the fift ſon dyed without iſſue, as I gueſs. Some are of opinion that he had two more ſons, viz. *John* and *Hierome*, becauſe that amongſt thoſe portraitures, which were in glaſs in the North Croſs of the Collegiat Church at **Warwick**, there are the pictures of two ſuch, as appeareth by their ſurcotes of Armes, and thoſe names on the ſide of them; which, as I cannot gainſay, ſo am not I fully convinced thereof, in regard, that neither *J. Rous* makes mention of them, nor any of thoſe Entailes [k] whereby the ſaid Earl ſetled the greateſt part of his lands upon his iſſue male.

But he had ix. daughters, the portraitures of all which are curiouſly drawn and ſet up in the windows on the South ſide of the Quire of the ſaid Collegiat Church, and in the habit of that time (as they are here repreſented.) Seaven of them were marryed and have their paternall Coat upon their inner garment, but on the outer mantle their huſbands Armes; viz. *Maud* [l] the wife of *Roger* Lord *Clifford*, *Philippa* [m] of *Hugh* Earl *Stafford*, *Elizabeth* [n] (*Alice* potiùs) of *John Beauchamp* of **Hach** in **Somerſet-ſhire**, *Joan* [o] of *Raph* Lord *Baſſet* of **Drayton**, *Iſallell* [p] of *John* Lord *Strange* of **Blackmere**, afterwards [q] marryed to *William Ufford* Earl of **Suff.** (for which reſpect her picture is twice drawn there) *Margaret* [r] of *Guy de Montfort*, who was afterwards a Nunne at **Shouldham**, *Agnes* [s] of . . . . *Cokeſey*, and afterwards of . . . . . *Bardolf*. The other two were *Julian* [t] and *Catherine* [u], the former whereof dyed unmarryed, and the later being a Nunne [w] at **Wroxhall** in this County was buryed [x] in S. *Thomas* Chapell there. He had likewiſe another ſon and daughter, but they were illegitimate [y]; the ſon called [z] Sir *John Addurſton* Knight, and *Mary* [a] the daughter, wife to Sir *Richard Herthull* Knight.

To this laſt Earl ſucceeded *Thomas* his ſecond ſon, by reaſon that *Guy* the eldeſt dyed in his fathers life time. Which *Thomas* received [b] the dignity of Knighthood in 29 E. 3. with his brother *Guy*, and having had C. marks *per annum* granted him [c] at that time by the King, to be payd out of the Exchequer till there ſhould other proviſion be made for his ſupport, did his Homage [d] 7 *Febr.* 44 E. 3. for all the lands deſcended to him by his fathers death, whereupon he had livery of them, for he was [e] 24. years of age when his father dyed. Being of a martiall diſpoſition aſwell as his Anceſtors, he was in 46 E. 3. retained by Indenture to [f] ſerve the King in his warrs beyond the Seas for one whole year, with C. men at Armes and Clx. Archers, of which number himſelf to be one; as alſo with two Banneretts, xxx. Knights, and Lxxvii. Eſquiers, and for that ſervice to receive for himſelf and his men at Armes double pay, but for the reſt according to the ordinary rate, the year to begin from the time that they ſhould take ſhipping, and to have half in hand for himſelf and his men at Armes, but for the reſt a fourth part: which expedition was principally intended [g] for rayſing the ſiege of **Rochel**; but as the Earl of **Pembroke**, ſent over for that purpoſe, was worſted by the Spaniard, who then came with a great Navy to aid the French, ſo was the King and that power he had raiſed, hindred [h] from getting over thither by contrary winds, to the loſs of nine hundred thouſand pounds expences; for no leſs charge had he been at in order thereto.

The next enſuing year, *viz.* 47 E. 3. he was again retained [i] to ſerve the King in his French warrs, for one whole year, with CC. men at Armes and CC. Archers, well mounted armed and arrayed, under the conduct of *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of **Lancaſter**, of which men at Armes, beſides himſelf, there, were to be Lix. Knights and Cxl. eſquiers. And in 49 E. 3. was ſent by Commiſſion from [k] the King into **Scotland**, with whom were joyned Sir *Guy de Brienne*, and Sir *Henry le Scrope* Bannerets, to treat with *William* Earl of **Douglas** and others appointed by the King of Scotts touching reſtitution of thoſe lands which by the truce formerly made did belong to the Engliſh. The ſame year alſo did he accompany [l] *Edmund* E. of **Cambridge**, the Kings ſon, into **Britanny** on the behalf of *John de Montfort* Duke of **Britanny**, where they had great ſucceſs in taking of ſeverall Caſtles, till they were [m] recalled by the King upon a truce concluded betwixt him and the French. In 50 E. 3. he was conſtituted Governour [n] of the Iſles of **Gernſey**, **Serke**, and **Aureney**. In 51 E. 3. he had Commiſſion [o], with divers gentlemen of note for arraying of men in this County; ſo alſo in [p] 1 R. 2. at which time he was by Indenture [q] retain'd to ſerve the King with CC. men at Armes, and CC. Archers beyond Sea, for a quarter and half of the year; *viz.* beſides himſelf a Banneret, four Knights, with Clxiv. Eſquiers well and ſufficiently mounted, armed, and accoutred for that voyage.

In 3 R. 2. he was again in Commiſſion [r] for arraying of men in this Shire, and by the Commons in Parliament at the ſame time held at **London** choſen Governour [ſ] to the King then but young, as being a man moſt juſt and prudent; for which ſervice he was to have a convenient allowance [t] out of the Kings publique Treaſury. In 5 R. 2. that foul Inſurrection of the Commons under the conduct of *Jack-Straw* happening, whereof our Storyes have a full relation, he was ſent [u] to protect the Monaſtery of **S. Albans** then much endangered by that Rebellious Rout, and to do Juſtice upon the Villains; but as he was marching thitherward with a thouſand ſtout men, well armed, and the Lord *Thomas Percy* in his company, News came to him that the like commotion was broke out where his own eſtate lay, which occaſioning him to divert his intended courſe, and to ſend part of his ſouldiers to the aid of the Abbot, did much animate thoſe bold Rebells that had gotten head at **S. Albans**. Whether in this County, or where

[c] *Pat.* 18. E. 3. p. 1. m. 13.
[d] *Pat.* 35. E. 3. p. 2. m. 8.
[e] *Rot.* Ioh. Rous. *Pat.* 30. E. 3. p. 2. m. 15.
[g] *Pat.* 18. E. 3. p. 1. m. 13. *Pat.* 30. E. 3. p. 2. m. 15. *Pat.* 35. E. 3. p. 2. m. 8.
[h] *Rot.* Ioh. Rous. *in dorſo.*
[b] *Inſp.* 4. m. 8.
[i] *Rot.* Ioh. Rous.
[k] *Cl.* MS. de Ball n. Io. Boin f. 8. b.
[l] *Rot.* I. Rous d.
[m] *Pat.* 29 E. 3. p. m. 9.
[n] *Inſp.* 44. p. 21.
[o] E 43. E. 3.
[p] *Pat.* 50. E. 3. p. 1. m. 2.
[q] *Pat.* 51. E. 3. *in dorſo* m. 11.
[r] *Pat.* 1. R. 2. p. 1. *in dorſo* m. 28.
[ſ] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[t] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[u] T. Walſ. p. 182.
[f] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[g] T. Walſ. p. 182.
[h] T. Walſ. p. 182.
[i] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[k] *Ex autog.* ibi.
[l] Tho. Walſ. p. 184.
[m] Tho. Walſ. p. 184.
[n] Tho. Walſ. p. 184.
[o] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[p] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[q] *Ex autog.* penès Cler. Pell.
[r] *Pat.* 3. R. 2. p. 2. *in dorſo* m. 5.
[ſ] T. Walſ. p. 243.
[t] T. Walſ. p. 243.
[u] T. Walſ. p. 243.
[u] *Ib.* p. 290.

where els the Insurrection was I cannot directly say; but I find that there were speciall Commissions [w] directed to him with other persons of quality in this Shire, to suppress any that should make head therein. In 8. of the same Kings reign he had againe Commission [x] to put the men of this County in Array.

But I cannot point out the direct extent of time that the King continued under his tutelage, yet certain it is, that before he arrived to mans estate, he took the reins of government into his own hand, or suffered them to be guided by some speciall Favorite, of whose misdoings he himself had at last woful experience; the chief of which were *Robert de Vere* Earl of **Oxford**, advanced [y] to the title of Marques of **Dublin**, and afterwards D. [z] of **Ireland**, upon whom divers of the Nobility had therfore cast very envious eyes; but so much did the King affect the Marques, that discerning who they were that thus maligned him, he laid trains to murther them, as saith my Author [a]; of which number were *Thomas* Duke of **Gloucester** (the Kings own Uncle) and our Earl of **Warwick**, who being men of haughty Spirits, and apprehending some danger towards, associated [b] more to their company, and put themselves in Armes at **Haringey** Park [c]; whereupon they constrained the King to call a Parliament the next ensuing year, but what exorbitant things were done therein through their potency our *Annalls* [d] of that time will tell you: Howbeit, about a twelve month after, the King assembling his Nobles told them *he was now of age to govern himself and the Kingdom*, and thereupon chang'd some of his great Officers and Councellers, whereof this *Thomas* E. of **Warwick** was one that he laid aside; who thenceforth retiring himself built [e] that strong and stately Tower standing at the Northeast corner of the Castle here at **Warwick**, the cost whereof amounted [f] to *CCCXCV li. v s. ii d.* As also the whole body of the Collegiat Church of our Lady, both which were finished in 17 R. 2. but from that time forwards never could he get the Kings favour again; so that *Thomas de Moubray* Earl Marshall and **Nottingham**, taking advantage of the Kings displeasure against him, and of the countenance that he himself then had at Court, brought his Writs of Error to reverse the Judgement given in 26 E. 3. on the behalf of *Thomas* then Earl of **Warwick** for the dominion of **Gowher** in **Wales**, alleadging that the *Process*, whereupon the suit in E. 3. time had been commenced, was directed to the Shiriff of **Hereford-shire**, whereas the land of **Gowher**, in question, lay in **Wales**; yet so hapned the issue of that business, though this errour, if it were one, related nothing to the just title, that in 20 R. 2. *Moubray* recovered it.

Nay this was not all, for jealousyes and secret grudges harboured by divers great men towards them that had most interest with the King, and doubtless were his advisers in what he had done; as also by him against them, began now to shew their effects; so that the King having wedded [h] *Isabell* daughter to the King of **France** (a girl scarce eight years old) for better securing the xxx. years Truce concluded [i] with that Nation, whereby he apprehended, that nothing could now disturb him in doing what he listed, caused his uncle the Duke of **Gloucester** to be layd hold [k] on at **Pleshy** in **Essex** when he least thought of such a thing, and hurryed thence to **Calays**, where he was secretly murthered [l] by the said *Thomas Moubray*, not without the Kings privity, as 'tis said: And the same [m] day that the Duke of **Gloucester** was so seized on, did he invite this our Earl of **Warwick** to a Feast, who suspecting nothing came, but found very harsh entertainment; for there did he cause him to be arrested and carryed away Prisoner; who putting [n] himself upon the Parliament for Justice, and acknowledging the meeting at **Haringey**-Park, had Judgment [o] of death past upon him: Howbeit the King qualified that sentence, and gave him his life in exchange for a perpetuall banishment to the Isle of **Man**, where he was to continue Prisoner, directing his Letters Patents [p] to *William le Scrope* Earl of **Wiltshire**, who then had the dominion [q] of that Isle, and to Sir *Stephen le Scrope* Knight bearing date at **Westminster** 12. *Oct.* in the xx. year of his raign, straightly commanding them to carry him thither and put him in sure custody, as they would be responsible body for body.

Whereupon this his Castle and Lordship of **Warwick**, with divers other Mannours, were given to [r] *Thomas Holland* Earl of **Kent**, and to the heirs male of his body; and the rest of his lands to others, as I shall shew when I speak particularly of them: And the next ensuing year was his son and heir, viz. *Richard Beauchamp*, with *Eliz.* wife to the said *Richard* committed [s] to the custody of the before specified *Thomas Holland*, at that time Duke of **Surrey**, who had also a speciall [t] grant from the King of a suit of *Arras Hangings* containing the story of the famous *Guy* of **Warwick**, and belonging to the banisht Earl. Which hard measure to the Earl and his son occasioned *Catherine* the Nunne at **Shouldam** before mentioned to petition [u] the King in her own behalf, in regard she was the grandchild and heir to this Earls father, by *Guy* his eldest son (as I have elsewhere manifested) and enjoyed no part of her inheritance; whereupon she obtained [w] an assignation of XL. marks *per annum* annuity out of the Kings Exchequer during her life: howbeit, the Earl continued not long a Prisoner in the Isle of **Man**; for on the 12. of *July* 21 R. 2. the Kings Mandate [x] to the Constable of the Tower of **London** for reception of him thither bears date; during the remainder of whose reigne he was kept in durance, But (alas!) upon what slippery ground the greatest earthly Potentate stands, when he thinks himself surest, the fall of this King, and divers other, whereof the Storyes of our own Nation shew us lamentable examples, may sufficiently manifest; for within the compass of two years, or little more, after he had strengthened himself by that alliance with the French, fill'd his cofers with vast summs of money by loans and otherwise, pull'd down and ruin'd all whose fidelity to him he thought not firm, and advanced his friends & favourites in that Parliament of 21. of his reign, which damn'd those Acts that by the power of the great ones had been made in 11. behold the Monster multitude agitated by the wind of his enemyes malice and ambition took part with them, and suddainly overwhelm him in the gulf of absolute destruction, by Deposition from his throne, and the murther of his person, as is not unknown to those who are acquainted with the Story of those times, *Henry* of **Lancaster** being crowned King in his room. [l]

In the first year of whose reign a Parliament [l] makes null and void all that had been done in 21 R. 2. so that this our Earl of **Warwick** was then restored [?] to his full liberty, honour and possessions; having

w *Pat.* 5 R. 2. p. 1. *in d. m.* 4. & *m.* 35

x *Pat.* 8 R. 2. *m d. m.* 30.

y } Tho. Walsi. p. 352. n. 40.
z }

a *Ib.* p. 359. n. 10.

b *Ib.* p. 360. n. 30.

c Hornsey *juxta* Highgate.

d T. Walsi. p. 364. &c. *Vide Hist. Angl. Script. col.* 276. 6. 41. & *col.* 2713. &c.

e } *Ex compot. Ballivi Warwic.*
f } *Com. de an.* 17 R. 2. *penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

g *Plac. de T. Mich.* 20 R. 2. *Rot.* 64. *Heref.*

h T. Walsi. p. 389. n. 20. & p. 390.

i *Ib.* p. 388. n. 20. (19. R. 2.)

k *Ib.* p. 390.

l *Ib.* p. 391. n. 40.

m *Ib.* p. 390.

n } *Ib.* p. 391. n. 30. & *Plac. Parl. ram.* 21 R. n. 1?
o }

p *Pat.* 2 R. 2. p. 3. m.

q T. Walsi. p. 391. n.

r } *Pat.* 2 R. 2. p. m. 8 *Pat.* R. 2 l. m.

s *Pat.* 2 R. 2. p. 2. n. 8

t *Pat.* 2 R. 2. p. m. 36.

u } *Ib.*
w } m.

x *Claus.* R. 2. m.

having whatsoever goods in Warwick-Castle were to be found belonging to *Thomas Holland* Earl of Kent before mentioned, bestow'd upon him; and in particular that suit of Hangings containing the said Story of *Guy* of Warwick, all which were forfaited to the new King by attainder of *Holland*. In which year he was made a Commissioner [a] for arraying all men in this County according to their estates and faculties: but his death now approaching, as I shall shew by and by, it will here be proper to take notice of his pious works. The first whereof, that I find, is in 49 E. 3. *viz.* the establishing an Anniversary [b] for his father in the Collegiat Church of Warwick; for the solemnizing whereof the Dean, Canons, and Vicars of that Church, and every Priest in Warwick that should come to the *Dirige* and *Mass*, was to have his dinner and 4 *d.* in money, and vi *s.*-viii *d.* to be given amongst the *Friers* of that town; iii *s.* iv *d.* to the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in Warwick, and xx *s.* amongst the poor yearly.

In 5 R. 2. he built [c] one of the Cells in the Monastery of *Carthusians juxta* Coventre at the first foundation of that Religious house. In 6. he gave the [d] perpetuall patronage of the Church dedicated to S. *James*, situat over the gate called Hongyngate in Warwick, to the *Gild* of S. *George*, there newly founded in a Chapell over the same Gate. And in [e] 15 R. 2. having finisht [f] the Quire of the Collegiat Church, begun by his father; and newly built [g] from the ground the whole body of the Church (which very fabrik now stands) he gave the Mannour of Haseloure with the advouson of the Church, and the advouson of the Church of Wolfhamcote, both in this County, together with the perpetuall patronage of the Church of Wycliscoyd in Cambridg-shire unto the Dean and Canons thereof and their successors, to pray for the good estate of King R. 2. and of Queen *Anne* then his consort, of himself and *Margaret* his Countess, Sir *William Beauchamp* his brother, and *Joane* his wife during their lives in this world, and for the health of their souls after their departures hence; as also for the souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

His Testament [h] bears date at Warwick-Castle 1 *Apr. Anno* 1400. (1 H. 4.) whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Collegiat-Church before specified; and to every town whereof he was Lord, or Patron of the Church xx *s.* in money, in the name of his Principall *; but if he should depart this life at Warwick, then did he appoint the Church of our Lady, there, to have the best Beast, whereof he might be at that time possest. For his Herse he directed CCC. *li.* weight of Wax, in six Tapers, and seaven Morters, to remain in the said Church; and lx. poor men in gowns made of white-cloth, every one carrying a Torch at the solemnizing his Funerall: As also that xl. of those Torches, after his Exequies were finished, should be distributed to the poore Churches of his Patronage, and the residue to remain to the said Collegiat-Church of Warwick: And moreover, that all his friends attending the Funerall should have good entertainment, *viz.* a Supper over night, and a Dinner on the next day, and money distributed to the poor according to the discretion of his Executors: as also xxx. *Trentalls* sung for his soul with all possible speed that might be after his decease, and a thousand Masses in like sort; *viz.* of the *Trinity*, of the Holy Ghost, of the *Nativity* of our Saviour, of the *Holy Crosse*, of the five *Festivalls* of our Lady, of the *Resurrection*, of the *Ascension*, of *Corpus Christi*, of the *Angells*, of *All Saints*, and of *Requiem*; of every Feast lxvii. Masses, five in the whole excepted.

By which Testament he likewise gave to the King an Image of the blessed Virgin, with two Cruets silver and gilt, made in the fashion of two Angells. To the Archbishop of Canterbury a Tablet of gold. To the Colledge of our Lady in Warwick before mentioned a Cross with the pedestall silvergilt, and enamell'd with the Story of our Saviours Passion, and a precious stone called a Berill, bound with silver and enamell'd, to put the Host into; as also his best Censer with a Challice, two Cruets of silver gilt, a basin and a piece of silver enamell'd. To his Colledge of Elmeley a Vestment. To *Richard* his son and heir his benediction, and these particulars, *viz.* a Bed of silk embroydered with Bears, and his Armes, with all that belong'd thereto. A . . . . . wrought with the Armes and Story of *Guy* of Warwick; his sword, harness, and *Ragged staves* likewise. And moreover appointed, that the Sword and coate of Maile sometime belonging to the famous *Guy*, with his Cup of the Swan, and the knives and Salt-cellers for the Coronation of a King should be and remain to his said son and his heirs after him. To his daughter *Beauchamp* his best Nouche. To his brother of *Bergavenny*, and his sisters of Suffolk and *Clifford*, and to his neece *Catherine Beauchamp*, the Nunne at Shouldham, each of them some gift of his according to his Executors liking, to the end that his memory might be preserved by them; And to his cosen *le Despenser* a pair of *Pater nosters* of Corrall with buckles of gold.

This Earl was a Knight of that noble Order of the *Garter*; and having a great reputation for his Valour, publique spiritednes, Piety, and Charity, as *Rous* affirmeth, departed [i] this world 8. *Apr. An.* 1401. (2 H. 4.) and lyeth buried on the South part of the said Collegiat Church in Warwick under a fair Monument of Marble, (here represented) with *Margaret* his wife, daughter to *William* Lord *Ferrers* of Groby, who by her Testament [k] bearing date xxviii. *Nov. Anno* 1406. (8 H. 4.) bequeathed also her body to sepulture there, appointing that at the solemnizing of her Exequies there should be five Tapers, containing v *l.* of wax, burning about it from the beginning of Service on the Even before her Funerall, till the high *Mass* of *Requiem* on the morrow after: And at the same time xx. Torches to be held burning by xx. poor men about her Herse, but to remain afterwards for the high Altar and other Altars of that Church, for the honour of God according to antient custome and right.

[i] *Esc.* 2 H. 4. *n.* 50.

[k] *Arund.* vol. 1. *f.* 233

In the great North window of S. Maryes Church.





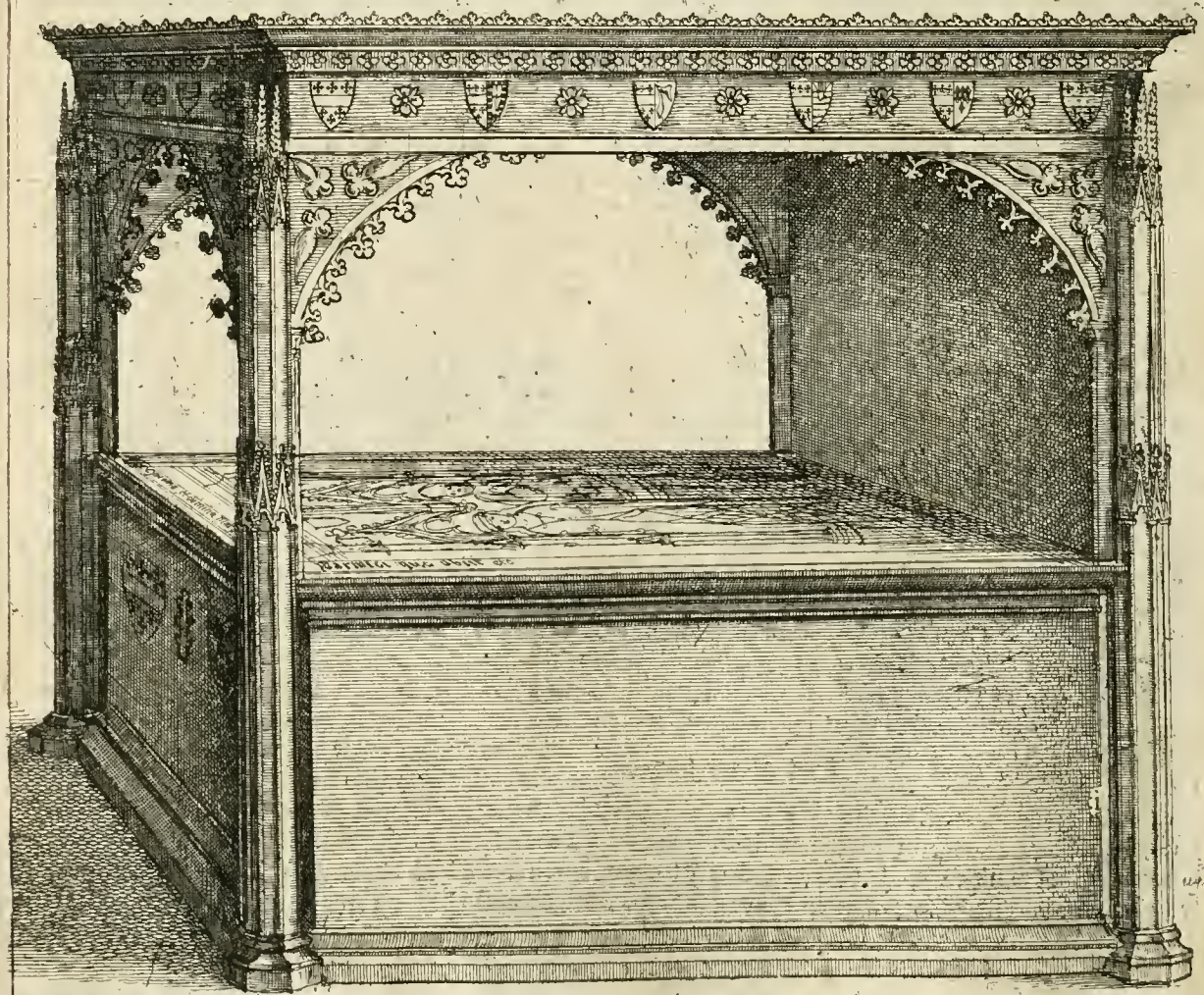








At the vpper end of the South Ile



Hic iacent Dominus Thomas de Bellocampo quondam Comes Warwici qui obiit octavo die mensis aprilis. Anno Domini Millesimo CCCC primo et Domina Margareta vxor eius quondam Comitissa Warwici que obiit vii. mensis Januarij. Anno Domini Millesimo CCCC sexto. Quorum animabus propicietur Deus. Amen.

Which noble Lady dyed 22. *Jan. Anno* 1406. (8 H.4.) as her monumentall Inscription sheweth,

Ist. 8 H. 4t. 68. Earl *Richard* her son being then [t] xxv. years of age; who did no whit fall short of his famous Ancestors, either in Martiall prowesse, great imployments, or other excellent vertue, as by what I shall say of him will appear. And if the leaving behind us an honourable fame, which lives in the memories of all good men, when these mortall bodyes of ours are turnd to dust, be accounted some happiness, as doubtless it is, and hath therefore excited divers noble spirits to bold and high adventures, whereof we want not manifold testimonies, then surely the transmitting a remembrance of our vertuous actions to posterity by a faithfull Register must needs be a thing most acceptable to those, whose memories are so preserved, as the like by *Polybius* of *Scipio Affricanus* was, as also of singular estimation with after-ages, which are so much quickned, we see, by such notable examples; And therefore I cannot but observe, that the advantage, which this Earl had herein, was much more than any of his Ancestors, by reason that *Rous* being his contemporary, and so well affected to History in generall, out of the speciall relation he had to this Family, hath with great diligence observed the most remarkable passages of his life, which with no less Art than industry are set forth by him in curious Pictures, historically representing them in order of time from his birth to his death, and which hath added much to the lustre of his Story, as by and by will appear.

[a] *Hist. MS. de gestis ejus, in bibl. Cotton.*

He was born [a] at the Mannour-house of **Salwarpe** *in Com. Wigorn.* 28. *Jan. Anno.* 1381. (5 R. 2.) having to his Godfathers [b] King *Richard* 2. and *Richard Scroope* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, but afterwards Archbishop of **York**. Passing by his infancy and youth, wherein there is little observable, I come to the times of his action in the world, which began in 4 H. 4. For no sooner had he livery of his lands, which was 13. *Febr.* the same year, upon performance of his homage, but that he was put in Commission [c] for arraying of men in this County; and the next year following, at the Coronation [d] of Queen *Jane*, wife to King H. 4. (*viz.* 26. *Jan.* 5. H. 4.) kept Justs [e] on the Q. part against all commers, in which action he behaved himself most nobly. Neither did he shew less courage against that great Rebell *Owen Glendour*, whose Banner he took [f], putting him to flight; nor against the *Percies* in that notable battaill [g] of **Shrewsbury** about the same time. After which not long, he was made [h] Knight of the *Garter*, and in the ninth year of this Kings raign obtaining license [i] to visit the *Holy Land* for performance of the Vow he had made, and Pilgrimage he did resolve to take, fitted himself with all necessaries for that journey, and passed the Sea. In which voyage he visited [k] his cosin the Duke of **Barr**, by whom being nobly received and entertained for eight dayes, he was thence accompanyed to **Paris**; at which place they arrived, where, the King of **France** wearing his Crown in reverence of the holy Feast made him to sit at his table, and sent at his departure a Herauld to conduct him safely through that Realm.

[b] *Cotton.*

[c] *Pat. 4 H. 4. p. 2. in rso m. 9.*

[d] *T. Walsi. 507. n. 20.*

[e] *Hist. MS. supra.*

[f] *Ibid.*

[g] *Ibid.*

[h] *Clauf. 9. 4. m. 17.*

[i] *Hist. MS. supra.*

[k] Out of which, entring **Lumbardy**, he was [x] met by another Herauld from Sir *Pandulph Malacet*, or *Malet*, with a challenge to perform certain feats of Armes with him at **Verona** upon a day assigned for the Order of the *Garter*, and in the presence of Sir *Galeot* of **Mantua**, whereunto he gave his assent; and so soon as he had performed his Pilgrimage at **Rome** returned to **Verona**, where he and his Challenger were first to Just, next to fight with Axes, afterwards with arming Swords, and lastly with sharp Daggers. At the place and day assigned for which exercises came great resort of people, Sir *Pandolf* entring the lists with ix. Spears born before him; but the Act of Spears being ended they fell to it with Axes, in which encounter Sir *Pandolf* received a sore wound on the shoulder, and had been utterly slain but that Sir *Galeot* cryed Peace.

[x] *Ibid.*

From thence he travailed [y] to **Venice**, where being very nobly received by the Duke and others, he had many great presents given him by reason of the honour he had so gained at **Verona**. When [z] he came to **Hierusalem** he had much respect shewed him by the Patriarch's deputy, and having performed his Offerings at the Sepulcher of our B. Saviour, set up his Armes on the North side of the Temple, which continued there many years after, by the relation of divers Pilgrims that came from thence. At the time of his being thus at **Hierusalem** a noble person called *Baltredam*, the Souldan's Lieutenant, hearing that he was descended from the famous Sir *Guy* of **Warwick**, whose story they had in books of their own language, invited him to his Palace, and Royally feasting him, presented him with three pretious stones of great value, besides divers clothes of silk and gold given to his servants; where this *Baltredam* told him privately, that he faithfully believed as he did, though he durst not discover himself, and rehearsed the Articles of the *Creed*: But on the morrow he feasted Sir *Baltredams* servants, and gave them scarlet with other English Cloth; which being shewed to Sir *Baltredam*, he returned again to him, and said, he would wear his livery and be Marshall of his Hall; whereupon he gave Sir *Baltredam* a Gown of black puke furred, and had much discourse with him, for he was skilfull in sundry languages.

[y] *Ibid.*

[z] From [a] **Hierusalem** he came back to **Venice**, and was there nobly received. Thence [b] travailed he into **Russia, Lituania, Poland, Prussia. Westphalia**, as also some Countreyes of **Germany**, shewing great valour in divers Tourneaments whilst he was in those parts; and no sooner returned into **England**, but that he was by Indenture [c], bearing date 2 *Oct.* 12 H. 4. retained with *Henry* Prince of **Wales** (afterwards King by the name of H. 5.) to serve him aswell in times of Peace as War, both in this Realm, upon, and beyond the Seas, for CCL. marks *per an.* to be payd out of the Prince his Exchequer at **Kaermardyn** at *Easter* and *Michaelmass* by even portions; and whensoever he should be in the said Prince his Court, to have 4. Esquiers, and 6. Yeomen with him, and dyet there for them all; Provided that the said Prince in service of Warr should have the third part of what he got in battail, and the third of the thirds of what his men at Armes should gain; And in case he took any great Commander, Fort, or Castle, the Prince likewise to have them, giving him reasonable satisfaction. Nay, he stood in such high esteem with that heroik Prince, that against his Coronation he was for his wisdom and industry, as the words of the Charter import [d], constituted high Steward of **England** for that solemnity. And in the second year of his raign, when the Sect of *Lollards*, (being much increased in all parts of the Realm, through the doctrine of *Wickliff* and others,) had conspired to seize upon

[a] [b] *Ibid.*

[c] *Penès Clar. Pell.*

[d] *Pat. 1 r. 5. p. 1. m. 36*

the K. and his brothers, with divers other persons of quality and to murther them, as my Author [e] affirmeth; as also to destroy [f] the Monasteries and Prelates, and to share their possessions; he forthwith armed himself and gave great assistance to the subduing of them.

[e] T. Walf. p.430.n.30
[f] Hist.MS. ut supra.

After which he was retained by Indenture [g] bearing date 19. *Junii* 3.H.5. to serve the K. as Captain of Calays from the 6. day of ..... in 2.H.5. till *Febr.* 3. *An.*1416. (4.H.5.) & to have with him in the time of truce, or peace, for the safeguard thereof during the time before limited xxx. men at Arms (*sc.* Horsmen) himself and 3. Knights accounted as part of the number, xxx. Archers on horse-back, *CC.* foot Souldiers, and *CC.* Archers, all of his own retinue, besides ten men at Arms and x. Archers on horse-back belonging to the Treasurer of Calays, all which were to be at his command in every thing touching the safe-guard of that place. For which service he was himself to receive vi.*s.* viii.*d. per diem*, for his Knights ii.*s.* a piece, for the rest of his horse xii. *d.* for every Archer on horse-back and foot Souldier viii.*d.* and for every Archer on foot vi.*d. per diem* for their wages. In which Town there was also to be at the Kings charges xl. Cross-bow-men, xx. Carpenters, and v. Masons, besides Bowyers, with other Officers and Pensioners. And in time of war was he to have *Cxl.* men at Arms on horse-back, himself and ix. Knights accounted part; *Cl.* Archers on horse-back, *C.* foot Souldiers, *Clxxxiiii.* Archers on foot, and 4. Scouts on horse-back for his own retinue, over and above xx. men at Arms, and x. Archers on horse-back, as also x. Archers on foot belonging to the said Treasurer, besides Balisters, Carpenters, *&c.*

[g] Ex autogr. penes Cler: Pell.

Whereupon he soon hasted [h] to Calays, and with the more speed, because he heard the French were raising great forces against that place, and there was recived with solemne Procession; but when he understood that those forces bent another way, he resolved to practise some new point of Chevalry, causing three Shields to be made, and in each of them a Lady painted; The first harping at the end of a bedsted with a grate of Gold on her left slieve, and her Knight called *the green Knight* with a black quarter, who was ready to just with any Knight of France xii. courses, having two Shields of purveyance, and his Letter sealed with the Seal of his Arms, *the field silver a manch gules.* The second Pavice, or Shield, had a Lady sitting at a covered bord, working Pearls, and on her slieve a glove of plate tached, her Knight being called *Chivalier Vert*, having his Letter sealed with these Arms, *the field silver two bars of gules*, who was to Just xv. courses, and that should be Saddles of Chains. The third Pavice had a Lady sitting in a Garden, making a Chaplet, and on her slieve a Poleyn with a rivet, her Knight being called *Chivalier attendant*, who with his fellow must run and course with sharp Spears, his Letter being sealed with *gold and gules quarterly, and a border Vert*; which Letters were sent to the Kings Court of France, where 3. French Knights received them, and promised their fellows to meet at a day and place assigned: whereof the first was a Knight, called Sr. *Gerard Herbaumes*, who called himself *le Chivalier rouge*: the 2. a famous Knight, named Sir, *Hugh Launey*, calling himself *le Chivalier blank*, and the third a Knight, named Sir *Collard Fines*; Twelf-day in Christmasse being appointed for the time that they should meet in a Laund, called the *Park-hedge* of Oynes.

[h] Hist.MS. ut supra.

On which day this Earle came into the field with his face covered, a plume of ostrich feathers upon his Helm, and his Horse trapt with the Lord *Toney's* Arms (one of his Ancestors) *viz. Arg. a manch gules*: where first encountring with the *Chivalier Rouge*, at the third course he unhorst him, and so return'd with close vizor, unknown to his Pavilion; whence he sent to the said Knight a good Courser. The next day also he came into the field with his Vizor close, a Chaplet on his Helm, and a Plume of Ostrich feathers aloft, his Horse trapt with the Arms of *Hanslap*, [i] viz. *silver* 2. *bars gules*, where he met with the *blank* Knight with whom he encountred, smote of his Vizor thrice, brake his Besagurs and other Harneys, and returned victoriously to his Pavilion, with all his own habiliments safe, and as yet not known to any; from whence he sent this *blank Knight*, (Sr. *H. Launey*) a good Courser. But the morrow after, *viz.* the last day of the Justs, he came with his face open, and his Helmet as the day before, save that the Chaplet was rich with Pearl and pretious stones, and in his Coat of Arms of *Guy* and *Beauchamp*, quarterly, having the Arms of *Tony* and *Hanslap* on his trappers; and said, that as he had in his own person perform'd the service those two dayes before, so with Gods grace he would the third; whereupon encountring with Sr. *Collard Fines*, at every stroke he bore him backward to his Horse, insomuch as the French-men, saying that he himself was bound to his Saddle, he alighted and presently got up again: but all being ended he returned to his Pavilion, sent to Sr. *Collard* a fair Courser, feasted all the people, gave to those three Knights great rewards, and so rode to Calays with great honour.

[i] Id est Mauduit his Ancestor.

About this time it was that the general Counsel [k] of Constance in Germany began; unto which *totius Christianitatis prudentissimi Pontifices, & Prælati, cum aliis Clericis velut innumeris confluxere*, as *Walsingham* saith; the cause of which meeting was chiefly about choise of the Pope: whereupon, from England were sent [l] the Bishops of Salisbury, Cov. and Lich, Bath and Wells, Norwich, Hereford and S. Davids, the [m] Abbot of Westm. Prior [n] of Worcester, with divers other learned men, and for their greater honour our [o] Earle of Warwick; themselves and their whole retinue amounting in number to 800 Horse. During whose stay at Constance he receiving a Chalenge [p] from a great Duke for his Ladies sake, slew the Duke in Justing; whereupon the Empresse took his livery, *viz.* the *Bear*, from one of his Knights shoulders, and for great favour to him set it on her own shoulder; but he, having notice thereof, made one of Pearle and precious stones, which being presented to her she received with much respect. Here also was it that the Emperour *Sigismund* gave [q] him his sword to bear, and offered him the heart of S. *George* (the English-mens tutelary Saint) to bring over into this Realm; but hearing the Emperour say, that he would come in person into England, he restored it to him again, saying that the delivery thereof with his own hand would be much more acceptable. Nor was it long after that the Emperour did come over accordingly, and being made Knight of the *Garter* offered the holy Heart at Windsor, which was there kept in great esteem. Upon whose passage hither and return he was royally entertained [r] at Calays by this our Earle, then Captain there, his comportment being such, that the Emperour told King *Henry* that no Christian

[k] T. Wal. p.433.n.1
[l] God. de Præs.
[m] T. Wal. ut sup.
[n] T. Wal. ut sup.
[o] T. Wal. ut sup.
[p] Hist. MS. sup.
[q] Hist. MS. sup.
[r] Hist. MS. sup.

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Prince had such another Knight for Wisdom, Nurture, and Manhood; adding that if all courtesie were lost, yet might it be found again in him, insomuch as ever after by the same Emperours authority he was called the *Father of Courtesie*.

In his return from **Caleys** at that time, he took [f] at Sea two great Carricks; and shortly after, *sc.* 5. H. 5. attended [g] *Thomas* D. of **Clarence** General of the Kings Army into **France**, where he further manifested his valour in divers eminent services; for having taken **Dampfront**, he first entred [h] **Cane**, and set the Kings Arms on the Walls with the *Duke's*, crying, *a Clarence, a Clarence*. Then laid he siege [w] to **Caudebek** on the River of **Seine**; blockt up the Citie of **Roan**, both by land and water, and afterwards won [x] **Mount S. Michael**, as also divers other strong Towns; As a reward for which signal services the K. created [y] him Earle of **Aumarle**. At the siege of **Roan** his Tent [z] stood betwixt the Kings pavilion and S. **Katherines**; and S. **Katherines** being won, he was appointed to keep **Port-Partevile**.

After this, *viz.* in *May* following K. *Henry* imploy'd [a] him to the K. of **France**, attended with a thousand men at Arms, to treat concerning a marriage with the Lady *Kath.* his daughter; but to obstruct his passage the *Dolphin* sent the Earles of **Vandosme** and **Lymosin** with 5000 men at arms, to whom the Earle gave Battail, wherein both those French Earls lost their lives, and one of them by E. *Richard*'s own hands, 2000 of their men being slain and taken. In which Embassy he sped [b] so well, that all things were concluded for the Kings marriage to that Lady (whom he wedded [c] 3. *Junii* 8. of his reign,) and that he should enjoy [d] the Realm of **France** intirely after the death of the then K. whereupon siege being laid to those places that rebelliously opposed this agreement, of which the strong Citie of **Melon** [e] was one, this noble Earle gained it with great honour, after xiiii. weeks and four dayes opposition. The next ensuing year, (*viz.* the last of the victorious *Henry*'s reign) he was sent [f] with *John* D. of **Bedford** the Kings brother, and other noble persons to raise the siege which the *Dolphin* had laid to a Citie of the D. of **Burgundie's**; howbeit, the D. hearing of their approach did not stay their coming.

But shortly after, K. *Henry* departed [g] this world, having appointed by his last Will, [h] that this Earle should have the tutelage of young *Henry* his Son, then an Infant, till he were xvi. years of age; which, the Parliament approving, he accordingly had. In the first year of whose reign he was, by Indenture [i] bearing date x. *Julii* retained to serve as Capt. of **Caleis** from the 4. of *Febr.* past, for the space of 2. years, having for the custody thereof *CCLx.* men, himself accounted; who, with his Lieutenant and the Marshall of the Town, were onely to be Horst, but all the rest to serve on foot; & to have also *CC.* Archers, besides ten menat Arms and x. Archers belonging to the Treasurer of **Caleys** that were to be at his command in all things tending to the safe-guard of that place; for which service he was to receive vi.*s.* viii. *d. per diem* for himself, ii.*s.* for his Lieutenant, xii.*d.* for his Marshall, for every of his Foot-souldiers viii.*d.* and for his Archers vi.*d.* After which *Philip* D. of **Burgundy**, besieging [k] **Caleys**, was by the valour of this noble Earle (assisted by *Humfr.* D. of **Gloucester** and *Humf.* E. of **Stafford**) forc'd to flee. Nay, so conspicuous was his fidelity, wisdom, and circumspection, as the words [l] of the Pat. do import, (for which respect the custody of the K. royal person, as I have already intimated, had been by the advice of the D. of **Bedf.** and **Glouc.** (his Uncles) & all the Lords of the Councell committed to him, as well for the security thereof, as education in learning & virtue,) that upon the death of the D. of **Bedf.** then Regent of **France**, he was discharg'd of that burthen and care, and in stead thereof constituted [m] Lieutenant general of the whole Realm of **France**, and Dutchy of **Normandy**; whereupon with his Lady and Son, taking shipping for passage over, and discerning great danger by a hideous tempest, he caused [n] himself, with both of them, to be bound unto the main mast of the ship, to the intent that if they had perisht, and were ever after found, yet by his Cote of Arms, discovering who he was, they might have been buried together; the state and lustre of whose equipage in that journey may in some sort be discerned by his Painters bill, [o] which I have here, from the Original transcribed, having with him a peculiar Officer at Arms, called *Warwick-Herauld*, who had a grant from him of an Annuity of x. Marks Sterling *per annum*.

Thes be the parcels that Will. Seburgh *Citizen and Peyntour of* **London** *hath delivered in the monthe of* Juyll *the xv yeer of the reign of Kyng* Harry *the sixt to* John Ray *Taillour of the same Citee for the use and stuff of my Lord of* Warwyk.

Ferst CCCC. *Pencels bete with* the Raggidde staffe *of silver, pris the pece v.d.* 08.*l.*-06.*s.*-00.

Item, for the peynting of two Paveys for my **Lord**, *the one with a* Gryfon *stondying in my Lordis Colours rede, white and russet, pris of the Pavys* 00-06-08.

Item, for the other Pavys peyntid with blak and a Raggid staffe *bete with silver occupying all the felde, pris* 00-03-04.

Item, one Cote for my Lordis body, bete with fine gold, pris 01-10-00.

Item, other two Cotes for Herawdes bete with dymy gold, pris the pece xx.s. 02-00-00.

Item, iii. Baners for Trumpetis bete with dymy gold, pris the pece xiii.s. iiii.d. 02-00-00.

Item, iiii. Spere shafts of reed, pris the pece xii.d. 00-04-00.

Item, one grete Burdon peynted with reed 00-01-02

Item, i. nother Burdon ywrithyn with my Lordis Colours, reed white and russet 00-02-00.

Item, for a grete Stremour for the Ship of xl. yerdis length, and viii. yerdis in brede, with a grete Bere *and* Gryfon *holding a* Raggid staffe, *poudrid full of raggid staves; And for a grete Crosse of S.* George, *for the lymmyng and portraying* 01-06-08.

Item, a Gyton for the Shippe of viii. yerdis longe, poudrid full of raggid staves, for the lymmyng and workmanship 00-02-00.

Item, for xviii. grete Standards, entretailled with the Raggid staffe, *pris the pece viii.d.* 00-12-00.

Item, xviii. Standardis of worsted, entretailled with the Bere *and a Cheyne, pris the pece xii.d.* 00-18-00.

Item, xvi. othir Standardis of worsted entertailled with the Raggid staffe, *pris the pece xii.d.* 00-05-04.

Item, 3. Penons of Satyn entreteylled with Raggid staves, *for the lymmyng full of raggid staves, pris the pece ii.s.* 00-06-00.

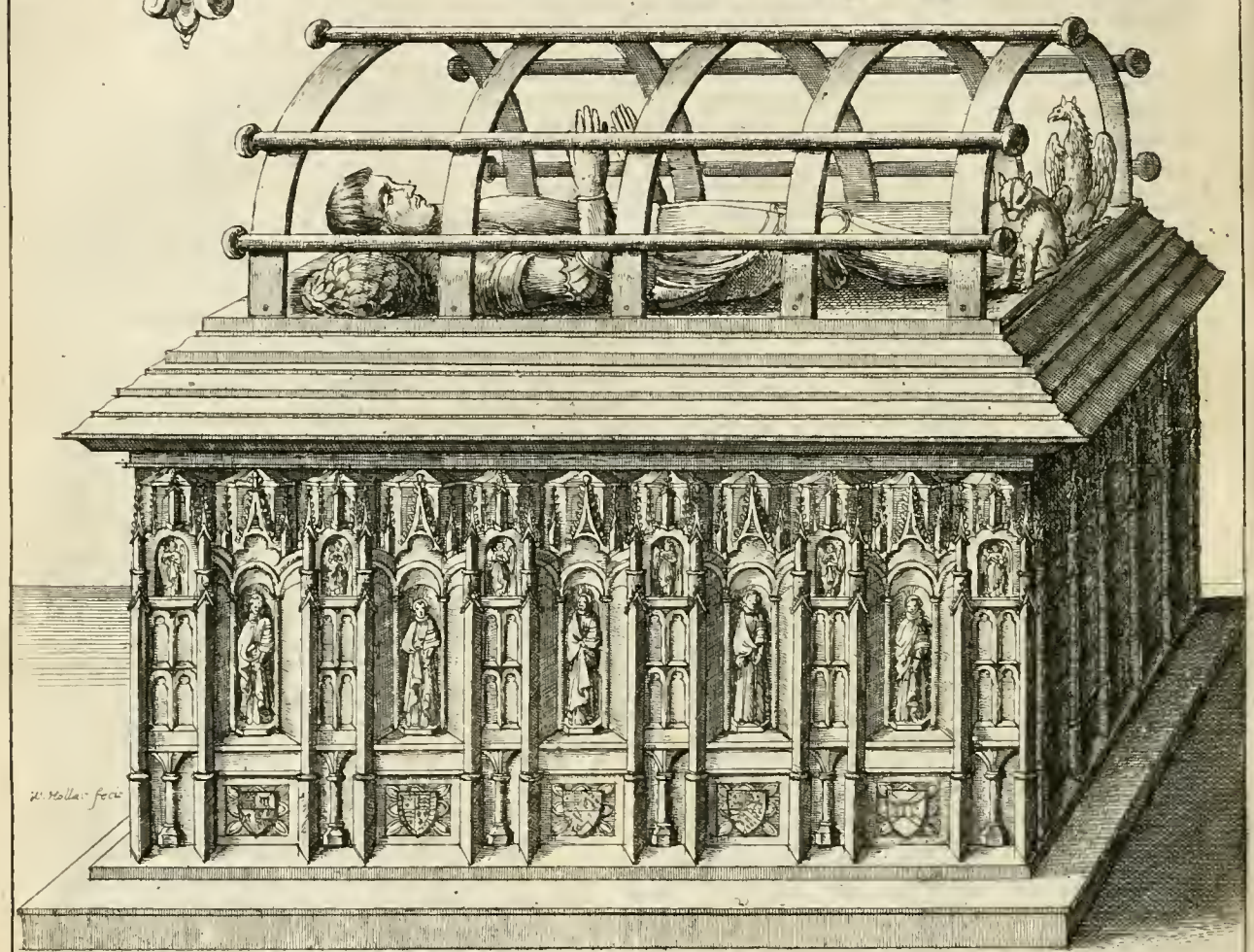
Item, for the Cote armour bete for George *by the commandement of my Lord, pris* 00-06-08.

[f] *Hist. MS. de gestis H. 5. ut supra.*
[g] *Ib.* T. Walsingham *p.* 445. *n.* 20.
[h] *Hist. MS. ut supra.*
[i] Walsingham *ib. p.* 450. *n.* 20.
[k] *Hist. MS. de gestis H. 5. ut supra.*
[l] *Pat.* 14. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 19.
[m] *Pat.* 14. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 19. (19. Maii.)
[n] *Hist. MS. ut supra.*
[o] *Ex autog. penès* Will. Peirpoint *ar.*

Majoribus suis, natalibus admodum claris, virtutibus longe clarioribus, vtrisq; verè clarissimis: præsertim

Ric: de Bellocampo Warwicensium Comitum optimo, magno veræ nobilitatis exemplo: familiæ, Patriæ, seculi (ob res in bello et pace, domi forisq; quam præclare gestas) ornamento eximio: viro ad extremum vsq; vitæ exitum pio, forti, magnanimo, hoc Monumentum posuit

D. Anna Dudleja
vna coheredum.



Preieth deuoutly for the soweil whom god assoille of one of the most worshipfull knightes in his dayes of moneode and conning ꝧ Richard Beauchamp ꝧ late Erle of Warrewik lord Despenser of Bergevenny & of many other grete lordeships: whos body resteth here vnder this tumbe in a ful feire vout of Stone on the bare roch, the which visited with longe sikenes in the castel of ꝧ Roan therinne deceassed ful crystenly the last day of Aprill the yer of oure ꝧ lord god A M CCCC xxxix ꝧ he being at that tyme lieutenant geneall and governer of the rojalme of Fraunce, and of the duchie of Normandie by sufficient ꝧ autorite of our soverayne lord the King Harry the vj. the which body with grete deliberacon and ful worshipfull conduit bi See and by lond was brought to Warrewik the iiij day of ꝧ October the yer aboueseide and was leide with ful solemne exequies in a feir Chest made of stone in this chirche afore the west dore of this ꝧ Chapel according to his last wille and ꝧ Testament ꝧ therin to reste til this ꝧ chapel by him deuised i his liet were made, At the whuche Chapel founded ꝧ on the roch and alle the membres therof, his ꝧ executours dede fully make and apparaille by the auctorite of his seide last wille and ꝧ Testament and thereafter by the ꝧ same auctorite they dide translate ꝧ ful worshipfully the seid body into the vout aboue seide honured be god therfore ꝧ ꝧ ꝧ ꝧ

The Statues in Copper gilt standing on the ends & sides of this Monument,

At the head of the Tombe
1. Henry Beauchamp Duke of Warwike
2. The Lady Cecily his wife, daughter to Ric: Nevill: E. of Salisbury,

On the South side,
1. Ric: Nevill E. of Salisbury
2. Edm: Beaufort D. of Somerset,
3. Humfr: Stafford D. of Buckingham
4. John Talbot E. of Shrewsbury
5. Ric: Nevill E. of Warwick.

At the feet,
1. George Nevill Lord Latimer
2. Eliz: his wife one of the daughters of E. Ric:

On the North side,
1. Alice — daughter and heir to Thomas Montagu E. of Salisb: wife to Ric Nevill E. of Salisbury
2. Elianore one of the daughters of Ric: B: Earl of Warwik: Wife to Edm. Beaufort D. of Somerset,
3. Anne daughter to Ralph Nevill Earle of Westmorland: Wife to Humfrey Stafford D. of Buckingham,
4. Margaret one of the daughters to Ric. Beauch: Earl of Warw: Wife to John Talbot E. of Shrewsbury.
5. Anne daughter to Ric: Beauchampe E. of Warw: Wife to Ric. Nevill E. of Salisbury,

But he safely arrived, though not without much difficulty, and continued in that high imployment till his death, which hapned about 4. years after, as I shall shew anon, using this title * in his Charters *Ric. de Beauchamp Comes de* Warrewyk, *& de* Aumarle, *seign. L'isle, & Capitayne de* Roven.

Having thus manifested the chief of his publick imployments, I now come to speak of those pious works, which for his Souls advantage he either performed himself, in his life time, or by his Will [p] appointed that his Executors should do. Of the first, was the foundation of that Chantry at **Guy-Cliff**, in 9.H.6. (whereof I have there spoke at large:) but the rest being left to his Executors performance; *viz.* [q] to perfect the building at **Guyes-Cliff**; the building of that magnificent Chapel, in honour of our Lady, adjoyning to the Collegiat Church in **Warwick**, where his Monument now is (of which I shall speak more fully there) the amortizing of Lands for the maintenance of 4. more Priests and 2. Clerks in the said Collegiat Church, over and above the number there before; and of Lands to the value of xx. Marks *per ann.* to his Colledge at **Elmley**, for the maintenance of one more Priest to be added to the number at that time there.

By his said last Will [r] and Testam. bearing date at **Caversham** in **Oxfordsh.** 8. *Aug. An.* 1435. 15. H.6. (which is very memorable) he appointed that first, and in all haste possible after his decease, there should be five thousand Masses said for his Soul; Next his debts to be truely and wholly paid; Then that untill the Chapel above specified were finisht, his body should be laid in a Chest of stone before the Altar on the right hand of his fathers Tomb in the said Collegiat Church of **Warw.** & afterwards removed thither, where he ordained 3. Masses every day to be sung as long as the world might endure; one of our Lady with *Note*, according to the *Ordinale Sarum*; The 2. without *Note* of *Requiem*; The 3. also without *Note*, *viz.* the Sunday of the *Trinity*, the Munday of the *Angels*, the Tuesday of S. *Thomas* of **Canterb.** the Wedne day of the *Holy-ghost*, the Thur.day of *Corpus Christi*, the Fryday of the *Holy Crosse*, & the Saturday of the *Annunciation* of our Lady; for performance of which he appointed *xl.l.* Lands *per ann.* over and above all reprises, to be amortized; *viz.* for every of the four Priests above specified x. Marks *per ann.* and for every Clerk v. Marks, and x. Marks to be divided amongst the said four Priests, and other six Vicars of the Colledge to increase their yearly salary, *viz.* to each of them xiii.*s.* iiii.*d.* And besides this, that his Executors should treat with the Abbot and Covent of **Tewksbury**, and agree that in their Monastery his *Obit* might be yearly kept; as also one Masse sung every day there for his Soul, which to be the first if it might be, if not the last.

To the Collegiat Church of **Warwick** he gave an Image of our Lady in pure Gold, there to remain for ever, in the name of a Heriot; and appointed that his Executors should cause four Images of Gold, each weighing xx. *li.* to be made like unto himself, in his Coat of Arms, holding an Anker betwixt his hands, and so to be offered and delivered in his name; *viz.* one to the Shrine in the Church of S. *Alban*, to the honour of God, our Lady and S. *Alban*; another to the Shrine of S. *Thomas* at **Canterbury**; the third at **Bridlington** (in **Yorksh.** and the fourth at the Shrine in the Church of S. *Winifride* at **Shrewsbury**. And moreover, that a goodly Tombe of Marble should be erected in the Abby of **Kingswood** *in Com. Glouc.* upon the grave of *Eliz.* his first wife, as also restitution made for any wrong done by him; and his servants to be rewarded. To *Isabell* then his wife, he gave all the silver vessel, bedding, and houshold stuffe that he had with her; and over and above all that, and whatsoever else she had since they were married, two dozen of silver dishes, xii. Chargers of silver, xii. saucers of silver, a pair of Basyns, covered, silver, and gilt, four other Basyns of silver, four Ewers of silver, xii. pieces of silver of one sort, with his Arms enameled on the bottom of them; & likewise the great Paytren bought of the Countesse of **Suff.** sometime belonging to the Earle of **Salisbury**; and to his Son *Henry* the Cup of Gold with the dance of men and women.

Of which Testament were Executors, the Lord *Cromwell*, the Lord *Tiptoft*, *John Throkmorton*, *Ric. Curson*, *Thomas Huggeford*, *Will. Berkswell* Priest, and *Nich. Rody* (his Steward.) After which, viz. *ult. Apr. An.* 1439. 17.H.6. he departed this life, as his monumental inscription here most exactly imitated, together with the true representation of his magnificent Tombe sheweth: leaving issue [t] by *Eliz.* his first wife, daughter [u] and Heir to *Thom.* L. *Berkley*, three daughters; viz. *Margaret* born [w] at **Good-rest** in **Wedgnok**-park the next year after the Battail of **Shrewsbury**, second [x] wife to the famous *John Talbot* Earle of **Shrewsbury**; which *Margaret* died [y] at **London**, *An.* 1467. (7.E.4.) and was buried [z] under the Quire in the Cathedral of St. *Paul* (commonly called St. *Faiths* Church.) *Alianore* born at **Walkinstou** in **Esser** shortly after the feast of our Ladye's *Nativity* 9. H.4. first [a] married to the L. *Rosse*, and afterwards to *Edm. Beaufort* Marq. *Dorset* and D. of **Somerset**; And *Elizabeth*, born [b] in **Warwick**-Castle, wife [c] to *George Nevil* Lord *Latimer*. To his second wife he wedded [d] *Isabel* daughter of *Thomas le Despenser* E. of **Glouc.** and by the death of her brother *Richard*, and elder sister *Eliz.* without issue, Heir [e] to all his Lands; but being the widow [f] to *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Worcest.** his Uncles son (as in **Fillongley** I have shewed) he had a special dispensation [g] from the Pope to marry her. The pictures of which his wives & children together with his own, as they stand in the East window of that stately Chapel before specified, where his Monument is, I have upon the next page exquisitely represented. By this *Isabel* he left issue *Henry* and *Anne*, of both which I shall speak in their order.

The Lands whereof he was possest were very vast, as may seem by that computation of their yearly value extracted [h] from the Accompts of his several Bayliffs through **England** and **Wales**, in 12.H.6. amounting to no lesse than 8306. Marks, 11.*s.* 11.*d. ob.* Which, setting aside the good penniworths that his Tenants had of what they then held, would in the dayes we live augment that sum sixfold at least, considering that about that time Barly was sold for 4.*s.* 2.*d.* the quarter, Oats at 2.*s.* 1.*d. ob.* Capons at 3. *d.* a piece, and Hens at 1.*d. ob.* as by certain Accompts [i] of his Houshold-Officers appeareth.

Touching the said Lady *Isabel* his Countesse I finde, that she did not long survive him; for her Testament [k] bears date the first of *Decemb.* following, and the probat thereof 4. *Febr.* the same year. Of which Testament, forasmuch as it is very memorable, I shall here deliver the substance; *viz.* that her body should be interred in the Abby of **Tewks-**

* Enu-merenès Fr. Thin. thirsy eq. aur.

[p] Rot. I. Rous.

[q] Fines de term. H.5. H.6. f.310.

[r] [s] [t] [u] Rot. I. Rous.

[w] Esc. 21. H.8.

[x] [y] Rot. I. Rous.

[z] Ex Hist. MS. Abb. de Teuksbury in Lel. Itin. vol. 6 f. 89.

[a] Ib. f. [b] 88.

[c] Ib. f 89.

[d] Rot. penès Fr. Nethersole eq. aur.

[e] De an. 7. H.4 & 38. H.6. penès S. Archer eq. aur.

[f] Luffnam Q. 27.

In the east window of our Lady Chapell.



Isabella Vxor secunda huius Ricardi Comitis Warwici, dñā le despenser de Glamorgan et de Morgannock,



Ricardus de bellocampo nobilis Comes Warwici qui suis sumptibus in honorē dei sueq beate matris Marie virginis, hanc fecit Capellā totaliter fabricari



Elizabeth vxor prima huius Ricardi Comitis Warwici, que filia et heres erat dñi Thomæ nuper dñi de Berkeley et de Isle,



Anna filia dictorū Ricardi et Isabelle que dicti dñi Ricardi Comitis Say dñō Ricardo nubit filio et heredi,



Henricus filius et heres eox Ricardi et Isabelle primus Dux Warwici qui Cecelia filia dñi Ricī Neuille Comitis Say huit in vxorem,



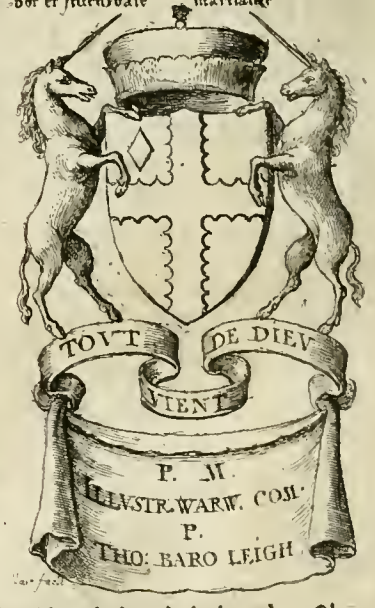
Margareta prima filia hox Ricī et Elizabethe que dñō Johanni Comiti Salopie dñā de Talbot et ffurnyvale maritatur



Elianora secunda filia dictox Ricardi et Elizabeth que dñō Edmundo Beaufort Duci Somersetie similiter maritatur,



Elizabetha tertia filia Comitis Ricardi et Elizabeth vxor Georgii Neuille Domini de Latimer,



† *Jewels hanging on womens foreheads by Bodkins thrust into their hair.*

* *Pale, or Peach coloured Rubies.*

Tewksbury, and her great *Templys* † with the *baleys* * sold to the utmost, and delivered to the Monks of that house, so that they grutcht not with her burial there, and what else she had appointed to be done about the same. As also that her statue should be made all nakyd with her hair cast backwards, according to the design and modell that one *Thomas Porchalion* had for that purpose, and *Mary Magd.* laying her hands a-crosse, with S. *John* the Evang. on the right side, and on the left side S. *Anthony*; and at her feet a Scocheon empaling her Arms with those of the Earle her late Husband, supported by two *Gryphons*, but on the sides thereof the statues of poor men and women in their poor array, with their beads in their hands. She also willed, that of her great *Sharp* a Challice should be made & offered to our Lady in the *Lady-Chapell* there at **Tewksbury**; and gave to our Lady of **Cavertham** a Crown of Gold made of her Chain (weighing 25 *l.*) and other broken Gold in her Cabinet; and two Tablets, the one of S. *Catherine*, the other of S. *George*, the precious stones of which Tablets to be set in the said Crown. Her Tablet with the Image of our Lady, having a Glasse for it, she appointed to be offered unto our Lady of **Walsingham**, as also her Gown of green Alyz cloath of Gold with wide sleeves, and a Tabernacle of silver like in the timbre to that over our Lady of

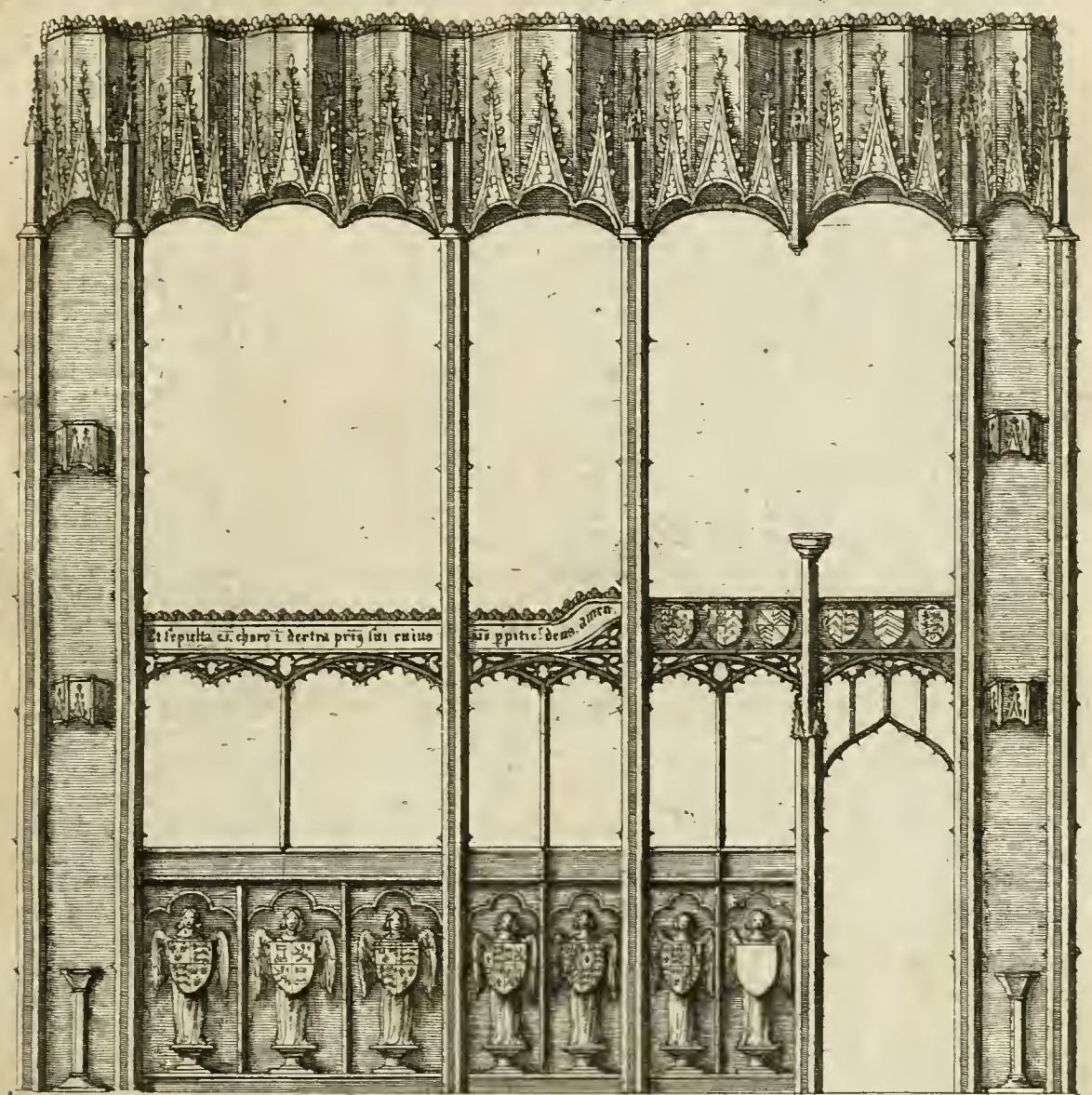
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Caversham; and that her great Image of Wax, then at London, should be offered to our Lady of Worcester. To the Abby of Tewksbury she gave her wedding Gown, and all her Cloaths of Gold, and Cloaths of Silk without Furs, saving one of Russet Velvet which she bequeathed to S. *Winifride*; further directing that all her precious Stones and Pearls should be sold, as also her silver Vessel and goods to perform her Will, whereof Sr. *Will. Mountfort*, *John Nanfan*, and *John Norreis* were constituted Executors.

Of her death let us hearken to what the *MS.* Hist. [g] of Tewksbury saith. *Isabella uxor Ricardi quinti, patrona de Theokesbri, rediit de* Francia, *& aliquandiu se in Monasterio Canonicorum de* Southwyke *resocillavit. Hæc Isabella sepulta est in* Theokesbyri *eodem anno quo obiit Ricardus quintus Comes de* Warwike *ejus maritus.* But of her Monument so designed as I have said, there is no more now remaining than what I have here in this Figure expresst.

[g] *Ex Lel. Itin. vol. 6. f. 90.*

On the North side of the Quire.



The inscription vpon the freeze, traversing the middle part of this Chapell w^in and without,

Mementote dñe Isabelle le despenser Comitisse de Warwick.
que hanc Capellam fundavit, in honore beate Marie
Et obiit X^o. dni M. CCCC.xxxix die Sⁿⁱ Johis Evangeliste
Et sepulta e^t in choro ^t dextra patris sui cuius aīe ppitietur deus amen,

I now come to *Henry* the succeeding Earle, Son and Heir to *Richard* by the said Lady *Isabel*. This *Henry* was born [b] at Hanley-Castle in Worcestershire, on Thursday xi. *Kal. Apr. An.* 1424. 3. H. 6. and baptized [i] on the Saturday by *Philip Morgan* Bishop of Worcester, having to his God-fathers [k] at the font *Henry Beaufort* Cardinal and Bishop of Winchester, with *Humfry* E. *Stafford*, and to his God-mother *Joane* Lady *Bergavenny*; the same B. of Worcester being his God-father also at confirmation. At his fathers death he hardly [l] exceeded the age of fourteen years, but was a person of extraordinary hopes, as by the early appearance of his heroick disposition is evident; for before he accomplisht full xix. years of age, he tendred [m] his service for defence of the Dutchy of Aquitane; in consideration whereof, and to give him the more encouragement in that expedition, the K. by his Charter [n] bearing date at Dover. 2. *Apr.* 22. of his Reign, created him Primier Earle of England, and for a distinction betwixt him and other Earles, granted to him and the Heirs male of his body leave to wear a golden Coronet about his head, as well in his own presence as elsewhere, upon such great Festivals as the like used to be worn. And within 3. dayes following, considering the high deserts of his noble father, of whom he hath this expression [o] ---- *quem* (meaning Earl *Richard*) *dignissimè in Armorum strenuitate ut columnam immobilem belli fata pro nobis & nostris magnanimiter & libenter sustinentem, suorum cognoscit & commendat ingenia, ex excellentia meritorum minimè*

[b] Rot. I. Rous.
[i] 17.
[k] Cart. ab an. 21. usque 24 H. 6. n. 35.
[l] Ib. n. 24.

nimè per nos aut progenitores noſtros huc uſque remuneratorum, &c. advanced him to the title of Duke of **Warwick**, granting him place in Parl. and all other meetings next to the D. of **Yorke**. and before the Duke of **Buck**. and giving him xl. *l. per ann.* to be paid by the Sheriffe of **Warr.** and **Leic.** Shires for the time being out of the revenue of theſe Counties, towards the better ſupport of that Honour.

But this buſineſſe of Precedency was ſo ſtomackt by *Humfrey* Duke of **Buck**. that had not the K. by Act [p] of Parl. in 23. of his reign (which was the next year enſuing the ſaid Duke of **Warwick**'s Creation) qualified it, much inconvenience had ariſen upon it: Therefore *for appeaſing the contention and ſtrife moved betwixt them for that prehe-minence* (thoſe are the words of the Act) it was eſtabliſhed, that from the 2. of *Decemb.* then next following, they ſhould take place of each other by turn, *viz.* one that year, and the other the next, and ſo as long as they lived together, the Duke of **Warwick** to have the firſt years precedency, and he which ſhould ſurvive to have place of the others heir male, as long as he lived; And from that time, that the heir male of each ſhould take place of other, according as it might happen he had livery of his lands before him. After which he had a grant [q] in reverſion from the death of *Humfrey* Duke of **Glouc.** of the Iſles of **Gerneſey**, **Jerſey**, **Serk**, **Erm** and **Aureney**, for the yearly Rent of a Roſe to be paid at the feaſt of the *Nativity* of S. *John Bapt.* As alſo of the Mannour and Hundred of **Briſtoll** in **Glouceſter-ſh.** for the yearly ferm of lx. *li.* and beſides this of all the Kings Caſtles and Mannours within the Foreſt of **Dene**, for the Rent of C. *l. per ann.* To all which Honours he had this further added, *viz.* to be Crowned [q] King of the Iſle of **Wight** by the Kings own hands.

But this hopefull branch, the onely heir male to theſe great Earls, was cropt in the flower of his youth, before the fruits of his Heroik diſpoſition could be fully manifeſted to the world; for upon S. *Barnabas* day, *ſc.* xi. *Junii* 1445. 23. H. 6. being but xxii. years of age, he died [r] at **Hanley**, (the place of his birth) and was buried in the Abby of **Tewkesbury** about the midſt of the Quire, at the head of Prince *Edw.* Son and Heir to King H. 6. In his fathers life time, when he was ſcarce [ſ] x. years of age, being then called by the name [t] of the Lord *Deſpenſer*, he wedded [u] *Cecily* daughter to *Ric. Nevil*, Earle of **Salisbury**, whoſe portion [w] was 4700. Marks; (which *Cecily* afterwards, *ſc.* 27. H. 6. married [x] to *John* Lord *Tiptoft*) by whom he left iſſue one onely daughter, called *Anne*, born [y] at **Kaerdiff** in the moneth of *Febr. An.* 1439. Which *Anne* being about 2. years old at his death, was committed to the tutelage, [z] firſt of Q. *Margaret*, and afterwards of *Will. de la Poole*, D. of **Suff.** & had the title [a] of Counteſs of **Warwick**; but ſhe did not long ſurvive; For I finde, that 3. *Jan. An.* 1449. 27. H. 6. ſhe departed [b] this world at **Newelme** in **Oxfordſh.** (a Mannour of the ſaid D. of **Suff.**) and was buried [c] in the Abby of **Reading**, near to the grave of *Conſtance* Lady *Deſpenſer* her great Grand-mother, daughter [d] to *Edmund* of *Langley* D. of **Yorke**. Whereupon *Anne* her Aunt, born [e] at **Caversham** in **Oxfordſhire**, 3. *Id. Julii*, *An.* 1429. 7. H. 6. Siſter of the whole bloud to the late D. of **Warwick**, became Heir to the Earldom, being at that time the wife of *Ric. Nevill*, Son and Heir to *Ric. Nevill*, Earle of **Salisbury** before ſpecified, having been wedded [g] to him the ſame year that *Henry* her brother married *Cecily* his ſiſter. Which *Richard*, by reaſon of his ſaid marriage, and in reſpect of his ſpecial ſervices about the Kings perſon, as alſo in the Wars of **Scotland** (for ſo doth the Pat. [h] import) had on the 23. of *July* following the death of his wifes Neice, the dignity and title of Earle of **Warwick** confirm'd and declared to him and his ſaid wife, and to her Heirs, with all preheminencies that any of their Anceſtors, before the Creation of *Henry* D. of **Warwick** uſed. Shortly after which, he with his ſaid Counteſſe, by Fine [i] levied xv. *Trin.* 28. H. 6. entailed the Caſtle of **Warwick**, with a great number of Lordſhips in this and xvi. other Counties upon the iſſue of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for default thereof upon the iſſue of her, with remainder to *Margaret* eldeſt daughter to *Richard Beauchamp* Earle of **Warwick** and her Heirs.

This is that *Ric. Nevill*, who by our Hiſtorians is called *the ſtout Earle of* **Warwick**; and well he might be ſo in regard he bore ſuch bold ſway towards the later end of K. H. 6. and part of *Edw.* 4. Reign, having been ſo prime an Actor in thoſe tragick ſtirs betwixt the Houſes of **Lanc.** & **Yorke**, as they that have but indifferently peruſed the ſtories of that time cannot be ignorant. About the 39. of H. 6. he took [k] part with *Ric.* D. of **Yorke**, who at that time put himſelf in Arms under pretence to reform things amiſſe in the Kingdom; but the D. being not then powerfull enough to go through with his deſign, ſubmitted himſelf, making Oath [l] to be a true and faithfull ſubject: howbeit, the next year after, having laid a better foundation for his attempts, chiefly by the intereſt he had in this Earle, and the Earle of **Salisbury** his father, he broke [m] out again in 33. H. 6. and at S. **Albans** aſſailed the Kings forces, (where our *Warwick* entring [n] through a garden gave the firſt onſet) ſlew many, took the perſon of the King, cauſed a Parliament [o] to be ſummoned, made himſelf Protector to the K. and *Warwick* Capt. [p] of **Caleys**: But by the power of ſome others, who ſaw what was driven at, was at that time hindred in his ſpeed; ſo that the King coming [q] to **Coventre** in 35. of his Reign, there hoped to have reconciled all things, and to that end ſent for the D. by Letters, as alſo our E. of **Warwick** and his father, who came accordingly; but they, pretending ſome ill intentions towards them, pack-away, [r] *York* to **Wigmore** in the Marches of **Wales**, *Salisbury* to **Middleham**-Caſtle in the North, and our *Warwick* to **Caleys**; yet after ſome over-tures were content to meet at **London**, ſo as they might have ſtore of followers; whereupon they came, *Warwick* bringing [ſ] with him 600. men apparelled [t] in Red Coats embroidered with *white Ragged ſtaves* before and behinde.

This was in 36. H. 6. where, and at which time all things were peaceably accorded [u] in ſhew; but there hapning not long after (*ſc.* 37. H. 6.) an affray [w] betwixt a ſervant of the K. and one of *Warwick*'s followers, this gave colour of a report that there was a deſign to kill the Earle, which occaſioned him to take his Barge, & haſte [x] to **Caleys**. Thither therefore the young D. of **Somerſet** was ſent [y] as Captain, but *Warwick* would not [z] reſign, maintaining himſelf there by a great booty he had got at Sea, as Admiral, no leſs worth than 10000. *l.* for he had taken 3. Carricks of **Genoa**, and 2. of **Spain**,

[p] *Ex bund. Petit. in Parl. 23. H. 6. n. 12.*
[q] *Pat. 24. H. 6. p. 1. m. 20.*
[q] *Lel. Itin. vol. 6. f. 91.*
[r] *Ib. Eſc. 24. H. 6. Lond.*
[ſ] *Lel. Itin. vol. 6. f. 90.*
[t] [u] [w] *Ex vet. membr penès Fr. Nether-ſole eq. aur.*
[x] *Pat. 27. H. 6. p. 2. m. 27.*
[y] [z] [a] *Lel. Itin. ut ſupra. Rot. J. Rous.*
[b] *Eſc. 27 H. 6.*
[c] [d] [e] [f] *Rot. J. Rous.*
[g] *Lel. It. ut ſupra.*
[h] *Pat. 27 H. 6. p. 1. m. 1.*
[i] *Penès Camer. Scac. (Recordatur Oct. M. E. 4.)*
[k] [l] *Hall Chr. f. 1. b.*
[m] *Ib. f. a. b.*
[n] *Ib. a.*
[o] [p] *Ib.*
[q] *Stow Ann.*
[r] *Hall 171. a.*
[ſ] [t] *Stow Hl. f. b.*
[u] *Ib. f. a.*
[w] *Ib.*
[x] *Ib. a.*
[y] [z] *Stow int. 3. H. 6.*

laden with rich merchandize after two dayes fight with the losse [a] of about C. men of his own and a thousand of theirs. After which, (*sc.* 38. H.6.) he brings [b] over a band of stout Souldiers from **Calays**, and with them a valiant Commander, named *Andrew Trollop* to a general Rendevouz that the Yorkists had at [c] **Ludeford** in **Herefordsh.** on the *Vigil* of the translation of S. *Edw.* the K. where he produc'd [d] certain persons before the people to swear that the K. was deceased; causing [e] Masse to be said and Offerings made that they might the lesse dread to take the field: But *Trollop*, who had served formerly against the French, & done notably, finding that **Warw.** & the rest had foul intentions towards the K. whereas his preservation and honour was pretended to him, got away privatly with a choise sort of men, & came [f] in to the K. wch did so much daunt the Yorkists, that they presently shifted for themselves, *Warw.* with his father getting difficultly [g] to **Calays**. Whereupon the K. calls [h] a Parl. at **Cov.** and attaints [i] him, with the rest, of high treason.

From **Calays** therefore *Warwick* sayls [k] speedily into **Ireland** to the D. of **Yorke**; and being not able to carry on their work in **Engl.** by main strength, they pretend [l] all fidelity and allegiance to the K. which feigned shew did not onely gull [m] the ordinary sort of men, but even the Archb. of **Cant.** himself, and many other persons of quality that believed them, so that they were permitted [n] to land in **Kent**: and the better to delude the people, *Warwick* openly at the Cross in **Canterb.** swore, [o] that they had ever born true faith and allegiance to King *Henry*, upon which stock he got many to joyn with them, giving [p] out that they onely desired admission to the K. for speech with him: Nevertheless when they came [q] to **Northampt.** where his Army was, they put themselves in order to fight, the Vantguard being led [r] by our *Warwick*, whereupon a bloudy Battail ensued (9. *Julii*) in which the K. was taken [s] & many a gallant man slain. Howbeit after this the Q. raises [t] more power in **Yorksh.** whereof the D. of **York** hearing, he hastens thither, but meeting at **Wakefield** *an.* 39. H.6. he felt the reward of his perfidie, being their slain [u] in Battail. Hereupon she advances towards **London**, where *Warwick* and the rest of his party, now [w] in Arms on the behalf of *Edw.* E. of **March**, son and heir to the D. of **York**, were, having the K. along with them; who endeavouring to stop her passage at S. **Albans** were there routed; [x] at which time the K. person was recovered: but it was not long after ere the Earls of **March** and **Warw.** having by flight escaped, made [y] up towards **London** again with a mighty power, which so affrighted the Q. notwithstanding her late successe at S. **Albans**, that she retired with the K. and P. Northwards again; which gave such ground to the Yorkists, that **London** received them without opposition; so that the E. of **March**, from this time forwards taking upon him the title, was proclaimed [z] K. by the name of *Edw.* 4. and thereupon hasted Northwards against the forces which K. *Henry* had raised there; but at **Ferry-bridg** receiving some loss whereat divers were staggered, *Warwick* to encourage others slew [a] his own Horse with his Sword in King *Edw.* presence, saying, *Let him fly that fly will, I will tarry with him that will tarry with me*, and so kist the Crosse of his Sword to confirm that resolution; this being the day preceding that great Battail of **Towton** where K. *Edw.* had the better.

After which victory, *Warwick* had the command of the Castle of **Guynes**, near **Calays**, committed to his custody, which he was obliged by Indenture [b] to keep, from the 4. of *March* 1. E. 4. as long as he lived, with *xlviii.* men at Arms on foot, himself and his Lieut. on horse-back, and 50. Archers on foot: in consideration whereof himself & his Lieutenant were to have *ii.s. per diem*, his men at Arms *viii.d.* and his Archers *vi. d.* The same year was he also made [c] Lord great Chamberlain of **Engl.** for life; And, in recompence for his many & great services, had a grant [d] in fee of the Mannour of **Yarend** in **Northamptonsh.** as also of **Atherston**, & **Fulbroke** in this County. It is not like that he continued long at the Castle of **Guynes** before specified; for about this time (3. E. 4.) was he imployed [e] further into **France** by the K. to treat in his behalf touching a marriage with the Lady *Bona*, daughter to *Lewes* D. of **Savoy**, and sister to the French Q. in which he sped so well, as that it was resolved the E. of **Dampmartin** should speedily come over into **Engl.** to confirm the business: but K. *Edw.* hunting in **Wychwood** forrest, where he chanc't to set his eyes upon *Eliz.* the widow of Sr. *John Grey*, was so captivated [f] with her beauty, that he would not hearken to what our *Warwick* had done in **France**; which so incenst the haughty spirited E. that, from that time he never ceast to endeavour the Ks. ruin; and to that end taking advantage of the D. of **Clarence** his discontents, won him to his side, but for firmer securing their compact, gave [g] his daughter *Isabel* to him in marriage (8. E. 4.) in our Lady Church at **Calays** with half the Lands of her mothers inheritance.

Hereupon they plotted how new commotions should be raised, which were effected by certain of their instruments in **Yorksh.** and being gotten into Arms, the first bout they had was at [h] **Edgcote** in **Oxfordsh.** where the Royalists had the worst. But the K. himself being yet Northwards in the head of a good Army, and resolving to find out his enemies, marcht towards **Warw.** whereof our Earl being advertised, he imployed [i] several persons to treat with him for a peace, unto which the K. too credulously hearkning rested secure in his Camp at **Wolvey** (in this County) whil'st spying the advantage, he came in the night time and surpriz'd [k] him in his bed; from whence he carried him prisoner [l] to his Castle at **Warw.** and afterwards to **Middleham** in **Yorksh.** where he left him in the custody of his brother *George Nevil* Archb. of **York**: but by advantage of hunting in the Parks, which the Archb. permitted him to do, he made his escape, & raised such a power in a short space, that, having vanquisht Sr. *Rob. Wels* with his forces in **Lincolnsh.** our *Warwick* & *Clarence* thought it safest to pack [m] away, and would have got to **Calays** (of which Town he was Capt.) but that the Lord *Vawclere* (a *Gascoign*) whom he constituted his Deputy, opposed [n] his entrance; whereupon he landed [o] in **Normandy**, & receiving much countenance from the French K. applied himself to Q. *Margaret* (wife of K. H. 6.) who was fled into those parts for safety; & for the firmer twisting his and the *Lancastrian* interest together, matches [p] his other daughter, *Anne*, with *Edw.* Pr. of **Wales**, taking a solemne Oath [q] to restore K. *Henry*, by means whereof he obtained no small assistance from the said Queens friends.

Shortly after which he landed [r] in the West of **Eng.** and proclaimed K. *Henry*; where his power so increased that K. *Edw.* was forc't to fly the Land; so that then having no rub in his way, he entred [s] **London**, delivered King *Henry* from his ix.

[a] *Ib.* & *Fabian.* *Hall f.* 174. *a.* *Rot. Parl.* 38. H. 6. *n.* 16. *Hall f.* 174. *b.* *Ib. f.* 175. *Rot. Parl.* 38. H. 6. *n.* 20. *tow. p.* 5. *Ib. p.* 407. *Ib. p.* 408. *Hall. f.* 176. *b.* *Ib.* 183. *a.* *Ib.* 184. *a.* 185. *b.* *f.* *a.*

[b] *Ex autog. penes Cler. Pell.*

[c] *Pat.* 1. E. 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 20.

[d] *Pat.* 2. E 4 *p.* 1. *m.* 13.

[e] *Hall. Chron. f.* 193. *a.*

[f] *Ib. f.* 194. *b.*

[g] *Ib. f.* 200. *a.*

[h] *Ib. f.* 201. *b.*

[i] *Ib. f.* 202. *b.*

[k] *Ib. f.* 203. *b.*

[l] *Ib. f.* 203. *b.*

[m] *Ib. f.* 204 *b.*

[n] *Ib. f.* 205. *b.* (9. E. 4.)

[o] *Ib. f.* 206. *a.*

[p] *Ib. b.*

[q] *Ib. f.* 207. *a.*

[r] *Ib. f.* 208.

[s] *Ib. f.* 210. *a.*

imprisonment, and set him again on his Throne. But before the revolution of one year K. *Edw.* arrives [t] in **Eng.** again, and increasing his strength much, so daunted the D. of *Clarence* (his brother) that he made his peace with him, and offered [u] to do the like for our *Warwick* (his father in law) had not his stomack been too high; so that then there being no way but by the sword to determine the businesse, it came to be decided on *Easter* day at [w] **Barnet**-field, in which Battail our stout Earle lost [x] his life with many persons of note, & others, to a great number; and was buried [y] in the Monastery of **Bisham** *in Com.* **Berks.** with his Ancestors the *Montacutes*, by whom it had been founded [z].

This was the course & conclusion of our haughty spirited Earle, whose ambition hastned his ruine as we see. *Comines* being sent to **Caleys** by the D. of **Burgundy** to treat with *Vawclere*, (the deputy Governour there to this great man) reports, [a] that he was so popular, as that every one wore his Badge, no man esteeming himself gallant, whose head was not adorned with his *Ragged staff*; nor no door frequented, that had not his *white Crosse* painted thereon; insomuch as *Vawclere* himself wore a Jewel in his Hat, wherein was a *black Ragged staffe* embroidered with Gold. Of his extraordinary Hospitality also do I finde this observ'd, [b] that at his house in **London** six Oxen were usually eaten at a Break-fast, and every Tavern full of his meat; for who that had any acquaintance in his family should have as much sodden and rost as he might carry upon a long Dagger. Nay it appears, that being Admiral to K. H. 6. he was stiled [c] great Captain of the Sea, having for his support in that place, not onely all the *Tonnage* and *Poundage* belonging to the King in any wise, but a thousand pounds *per. ann.* out of the revenues of the Dutchy of **Lancaster**; as also that by the same Kings favour he had a grant [d] of preheminence above all the Earles in the Land. And moreover, to adde to his greatness, a peculiar Officer [e] at arms, for his service in martial imployments, called *Warwick-Herauld*.

But after the death of this Earle his Countesse underwent no little distresse; being constrained to take [f] sanctuary in the Abby of **Beaulieu** (in **Hantsh.**) where she continued for a long time in a mean condition; but thence privately [g] got into the North, where also she abode in great streights, all her vast inheritance by authority [h] of Parliament being taken from her, and setled upon *Isabell* and *Anne* her two daughters and heirs, the first of them wife to *George* D. of *Clarence*, and the second to *Ric.* D. of **Gloue.** as if she the said *Anne* had been naturally dead: which was with-held from her till 3. H. 7. that the K. (having a minde thereto, her said daughters being both dead) by a new Act [i] of Parliament, anulled the former, *as against all reason, conscience, and course of nature, and contrary to the Laws of God and man* (as the words thereof import:) And in consideration of the true and faithfull service and allegiance by her born to K. H. 6. as also that she never gave cause to such disherison, restored unto her the possession of the premisses, with power to alien the same, or any part thereof; but with little purpose that she should enjoy it, as it seems; for it appears, that the same year by a special Feoffement [k] bearing date 13. *Dec.* and a Fine [l] thereupon, she convey'd it wholly to the K. entailing it upon the issue male of his body, with remainder to her self & her Heirs; the particular Lordships in which grant, for as much as the magnificence of our preceding Earls may thereby be the better illustrated, I have here set down; *viz.* the Mannours of **Warrewyk, Tonewoth, Lighthorne, Horton, Berkswell, Brayles, Claverdon, Sutton, Winterton, Budbroke, Haseley, Snitterfeld**, and **Pipe hall** in this County; **Abbotley, Shrabeley, Elmley-Lovet, Salwarpe, Hull-place, Wyche, Elmley-Castle, Chadsley, Herbington, Shrieve-Lench, Perdley, Crombe-Simonds, Warpoll, Hanley, Bushley, Ridmerley, Upton** *super Sabrinam*, with the Citie of **Worcester**, all in **Worcestersh. Tewksbury, Stoke-Archer, Whittington, Fairford, Sobbury, Tredington, Panington, Fpdington, Northey, Huth, Berton-Regis juxta Bristoll, Barton-Hundred, Kenmerton, Chedworth**, and **Lydney** in **Gloucestershire. Burford, Shypton, Spelsbury, Chadlington**-Hundred, and **Langley** in **Oxford. Haverham**, and **Stanford** in **Berksh. Chyrtel, Sherston**, and **Broodton** in **Wiltsh. Hertford, Willington**, and **Hendon** in **Kent. Walhamstow** and **Fraunceys** in **Esser. Flampsted** in **Hertfordsh. Potters-Pirye, Alverugge**-Hundred, **Querendon, Aylesbury, Buckland, Agmondesham, Slingesbury, Hanslape, Olney**, and **Merlaw** *in Com.* **Buck. Bukby, Hulton, Coneygrave**, and **Pelvertoft** *in Com.* **Northampt. Walhale, Perry-Bar. Pattingham**, and **Shenston** *in Com.* **Staff. Barnard**-Castle in the Bishoprick of **Durham, Rybworth** *in Com.* **Leic. Rymworth, Bautre** and **Hotham** *in Com.* **Ebor. Essindon, Shellingthorp, Greteham, Barowden, Preston** and **Uppingham** *in Com.* **Rutl. Stillingthorp** *in Com.* **Linc. Kertling** *in Com.* **Cantabr. Snodel** and **Faunhope** *in Com.* **Heref. Saham-Toney, Dutsokyn, Nekton, Pannewortball** & **Gretyngham-parva** *in Com.* **Norf. Carnaunton, Hoston-Toney, Blyston**, and **Lantran** in **Cornwall. Glamorgan, Burgavenny, Elvell, Snodehyll, Llangtre, Llangero**, & **Wale-Bykyneour** in **Wales**, & the Marches thereof. **South-Tanton**, & **Sele**, with the Hundred of **South-Tanton** *in Com.* **Devon.** The Isles of **Jersey, Garnsey, Serk**, and **Aureney**, with the Castles therein, and certain houses in **Southwerk.**

She was living in 5. H. 7. as appears [m] by an assignation from the K. of the Mannour of **Sutton** in this County for her maintenance, but how long after I know not; for of her death is there no mention in Record, that I can finde. By the Earle her husband she left issue two daughters, *viz. Isabel* and *Anne*. Which *Isabel* was born [n] in **Warwick** Castle, 5. *Sept. An.* 1451. 30. H. 6. and on [o] Tuesday, 11. *Julii. An.* 1469. (9. E. 4.) married [p] at **Caleys** (by the Archb. of **York**) to *George* D. of **Clarence**, brother to K. E. 4. having a Dispensation [q] from Pope *Paul* the 3. in regard that they stood allyed in the second and third, and third and fourth degrees of consanguinity; as also in respect that the mother of the said Duke was God-mother to this *Isabel*; which Dispensation bears date at **Rome**, *Prid. Id Martii, An.* 1468. 7. E. 4. *Anne* the other daughter, first [r] married to *Edw.* Prince of **Wales** (son of H. 6. stab'd at the Battail of **Tewksbury** in cool bloud by *Rich.* D. of **Gloue.** as our Historians affirm) & afterwards to *Ric.* D. of **Gloue.** who possest himself of all *Warwick*'s lands, imprisoning [s] her mother as long as she lived, and poisoning [t] her, as 'twas thought, to make way for his marriage with his brother's (*viz.* K. E. 4.) eldest daughter.

Which

t *Ib. f.* 214. *b.*
u *Ib. f.* 216. *a.*
w { *An.* 1471. 11. E. 4.
x Halls *Ch. on. f.* 218. *a.*
y *Ib. b.*
z *Pat.* 11. E. 3. *p* 1.
a *Lib.* 3. *cap.* 6.
b *Stow p.* 421.
c *Rot. Parl.* 38. H. 6. *n.* 12.
d *Ib. n.* 10.
e *Claus.* 6. E. 4. *in dorso m.* 25.
f § *Rot.* 1. g § Rous.
h { *Rot. Parl.* 14. E. 4. *n.* 20. *Rot.* 1. Rous.
i *Rot. Parl.* 3. H. 7.
k *Claus.* 3. H. 7. *in dorso.*
l *F. de div. Com. levat. xv. Hill.* 3. H. 7.
m *Pat.* 5. H. 7. *m.*
n *Rot.* 1. Rous.
o *Rot. de Majorib. & Vicecom.* Lon.
p *Antiq. Brit. Eccl. p.* 295.
q *Ex autog. penes* Fr. Nether-sole *eq. aur.*
r *Rot.* 1. Rous.
s { *Hist. MS.* Rous *p.* 20.

Which *George* D. of *Clarence* having wedded the said *Isabel*, and being reconciled to his brother K. E.4. (as I have already intimated) was in regard of that marriage, by Charter [u] bearing date 14. *Aug.* 12.E.4. created Earl of **Warwick**. And in 49. H. 6. (being the year of that Kings readeption of his regal power) had a Pat. [w] of Lieutenancy for **Ireland** to the end of xx. years: After which K. *Henry* loosing all, he had the like Pat. [x] from King E.4. for xx. years dated 16. *Martii* 12. E. 4. the stile [y] he used being *Georgius Dux Clarentiæ, Comes Warwici & Sarum, Magnus Camerarius Angliæ; nec non locum tenens terræ Hiberniæ.* But after all this, being charged with divers great offences towards the King (as our Historians affirm,) *viz.* in endeavouring to possesse the people that the King his brother used by *Negromancy* and poison to make away those that he hated; as also that the said King was a Bastard, and therefore not fit to reign: And moreover, that he had procured divers of the Kings subjects to be sworn to him and his Heirs, without reservation of their allegiance to the King; as also sundry persons to give out, that *Thomas Burdet* his servant (of whom in **Arrow** I have spoke) was wrongfully put to death, he was attainted [z] in Parl. 15. *Jan. An.* 1477. 16. E. 4. and about a moneth after (*viz.*[a] 17. *Febr.*) being a prisoner in the Tower, there cruelly murthered, [b] by drowning in a Butt of Malmsey, not without the Kings consent. But the Lady *Isabel* his wife departed [c] this World at * **Warwick**-Castle, 2. *Dec.* 16. E. 4. (which was about a year before) poysoned, as our Writers say, and was buried [d] in the Abby of **Tewksbury**.

This D. had issue by her 2. sons, and one daughter, the elder called *Edw.* [e] *Plantaginet*, born [f] in **Warwick**-Castle, 21. *Feb. An.* 1474. 14.E.4. as some say; but others [g] that it was on Ship-board when his father fled towards **Caleys**. The younger [h] (*Richard*) in [i] the Monastery of **Tewksburie**, *An.* 1476, who lived scarce [k] a year; being [l] poysoned as 'twas thought. Which *Edward*, being about three years of age at his fathers death, was Knighted [m] at **York** by K. R.3. in the first year of his Reign, with *Edw.* the onely son to that King; but both he & his sister were attended with a very hard fate: For *Edward* that bore [n] the title of E. of **Warwick** onely, being at the age [o] of 8. years committed [p] prisoner to the Castle of **Sherif-Hutton** *in Com.* **Ebor.** by the said K. *Rich.* 3. where he remained all his Reign, was immediatly upon the victory obtained at **Bosworth**-field by *Henry* Earl of **Richmund** (thenceforth K by the name of H.7.) by special Warrant removed [q] to the Tower of **London**, and there shut up in a more close and streight condition, for no other offence than being the onely male *Plantaginet* at that time living, and so consequently the most rightfull Heir to the Crown; and being at length charged with privity of *Perkin Warbeck*'s escape out of the Tower; strange inferences were raised by which they made advantage to take away his life; whereas the truth is, that K. *Henry* being upon Treaty with *Ferdinand* K. of **Spain** for a marriage in the behalf of Prince *Arthur* his eldest son, and the Lady *Kath.* daughter to the said *Ferdinand*; and finding that the Spaniard thought [r] K. *Henrie*'s title to have no sure foundation whil'st this branch of *Plantaginet* was extant, had a minde to dispatch him out of the world; for the fairer effecting whereof a Commission was granted to *John* Earle of **Oxford**, then high Steward of **England**, to arraign him for that pretended offence, which was accordingly done 21. *Nov.* 15. H.7. care being taken to perswade him, that by confessing himself guilty, he should be sure to find mercy from the K. With which fair promises being caught, he pleaded as they directed him; and so betraying his life into the hands of those that so eagerly sought it, had judgement of death past upon him, and accordingly was beheaded [s] on Tower-Hill the 28. day of the same moneth of *November*. After which, *viz.* [t] 25. *Jan.* 19. H.7. the better to countenance what was done, he was attainted [u] in Parl. so that all the favour he had, was, that being thus put to death, his body should be sent to the Monastery of **Bisham**, and buried [w] with his Ancestors. Which cruel dealing we may well think hath been some cause of Gods judgements upon H. 7. posterity, as well as upon that noble Lady *Katherine*, who became so sensible thereof when King H. 8. (her second husband) prosecuted the divorce betwixt them, that she expressed (as some [x] have said) *that it was the hand of God, for that to clear the way to her marriage, the innocent E. of* **Warwick** *was put to unworthy death.*

And if it be seriously considered what afterwards befell the said Earle of **Oxford** and his family, we have cause enough to doubt, that God was no whit pleased with his activeness in this bloudy scæne; for having [y] within a short time lost the Kings favour, and been fined at 30000. *li.* for a very small offence, he spent the rest of his life in discontent, and dyed without any lawfull issue. After which it was not long that the possessions of that great Earldom became totally wasted, and the very Monuments of his noble ancestors (in the Abby of **Colne**) torn in pieces in that hideous storm raised by K. H.8. son and successor of him to whom this Earle had been so obsequious. As for the Lands whereof this our Earle of **Warwick** dyed seized, I do not finde that they were any other than the Mannours of **Wyke** [z] *in Com.* **Midd.** **Stanford** [a] in the Vale of *White-horse* in **Berks.** and of **Snitterfeld** in this County.

Of his sister *Margaret*, born [b] at **Farley**-Castle in **Wilts.** 14. *Aug. An.* 1473. 13.E.4. and married [c] to Sir *Rich. Pool* Knight I finde, that she had issue [d] *Henry Pool* Lord *Mountagu*, *Reginald Pool* Cardinal, *Geffrey*, and *Arthur*, with a daughter called *Ursula*, wife to *Henry* Lord *Stafford*, Son and Heir to *Edw.* Duke of **Buck.** which *Marg.* in her widowhood, *sc. An.* 1513. 5.H.8. petitioned [e] in Parliament as Sister and Heir to *Edw.* Earle of **Warwick** attainted 19.H.7. that she might inherit his estate and dignity, and so be stiled Countesse of **Salisbury**, which was granted: [f] but of her fathers inheritance she had very little that ever I could finde, and that also by attainder [g] in Parliament taken away, unheard, in 31.H.8. for privity to the conspiracy of *Henry* Marq. of **Exeter**, as was pretended: After which she enjoy'd her life but a short time, being barbarously put to death [h] on **Tower-Hill** 27. *Maii* 33. H. 8. drag'd [i] to the block by the hair of the head in the lxviii. year of her age.

After the before specified *Edward Plantaginet*, till 1 E. 6. there was no Earl of **Warwick**; but then *John Dudley*, son of *Edmund* by *Eliz.* daughter of *Edward Grey* Visc. *L'isle* (Aunt and heir to *Elizabeth Grey* Countess of **Devon**: daughter and heir of Sir *John Grey* Visc. *L'isle*,) having been advanced to the dignity [k] of Visc. *L'isle* 12. *Martii*

s *Rot. de Major. & vic. Lond.*
t *Clauſ.* 14. H. 8.
u *Rot. Parl.* 19. H.7. *n.* 21.
w *Catal. of the Nobil.* by R. Brook.
x *Hiſt. of H.7. by Sr.* Fr. Bacon; *p.* 196.
y *Ib. p.* 211.
z *Eſc. virtute offic. capt. temp.* H.8. *bund.* 1. *n.* 209.
a *Ib. n.* 247.
b *Lel. Itin. ut ſupra.*
c, d *Catal. of N. by* R. Brook.
e, f *Rot. Parl.* 5. H. 8. *n.* 4.
g *Rot. Parl.* 31. H. 8 *Stows Ann.*
h *Life of* K. H. 8. *by the* L. Herbert *p.* 468.
i *Ex traditione quorundam Nobilium.*
k *Pat.* 34. H. 8. *p.* 3.

34 H. 8. was through the great favour of King *Edward*, or rather of *Edward* Duke of *Somerset*, then Lord Protector, created [l] Earl of **Warwick** 16. *Febr.* 1 E. 6. as descended from *Margaret* the eldest daughter to *Richard Beauchamp* sometime E. of **Warwick**. Howbeit, before I proceed to speak further of this *John*, I shall crave leave to say something of his parentage. That he was the son [m] of *Edmund Dudley* (of whom I shall say more by and by) and he the son of one *John Dudley* is plain enough: but, as I am not sufficiently satisfied that the said *John* his grandfather was a younger branch of the Barons of **Dudley** in **Staffordshire**, though with his own [n] hand in a descent of those Barons he expresst him so to be; *viz.* second son to *John Sutton*, first of that name that had the title [o] of Lord *Dudley*; so shall I be as tender in affirming that to be true which I have seen under the hand of a very good Genealogist [p] in his time, and which he alledgeth to have received from a person of credit; *id est*, that the same *John*, his grandfather, was a Carpenter, and indeed born in the town of **Dudley**, though not of the name, other than travailing for his living he hapned to be entertained at the Abby of **Lewes** in **Sussex**, and was by the Monks called *John of Dudley*, and so growing in favour with the Abbot there, marryed and continued Carpenter to the House; And that having a son called *Edmund*, who for his pregnancy in learning was taken notice of by the Abbot, and preferred to a Schollars place in the University, grew such a proficient, that the Monks resolved to make him a Sollicitor for managing their Law-suits, and to that purpose, from the University placed him at the Inns of Court, where he grew so skilfull in his profession, that finding King H. 7. politiquely resolving to raise great summs of money by taking the forfaiture of penall Lawes [q], which he conceived would be much more plausible to his subjects than the exacting from them by Loans, Subsidies, and such other ways of tax as his predecessors had used, applyed himself to his service; wherein, being very officious, and bringing store of money to the Kings Coffers, he obtained a grant [r] of the Wardship and Marriage of *Elizabeth* daughter and heir to *Edward Grey* Visc. *L'isle*, before mentioned, whom he made his wife [s].

That the later part of this Story is true, I find testimony enough; but that the father of *Edmund* was a Carpenter, is not very likely, in regard he marryed so eminently, *viz.* [t] *Elizabeth* one of the daughters and coheirs to *John Bramshot* Esquier, seized [u] of the Mannours of **Catton**, **Calbourne**, and **Whitwell** in the Isle of **Weight**; as also of **Bramshot** in **Hant-shire**; which *Eliz.* dyed [w] 12. *Oct.* 14 H. 7. leaving *Edmund* her son then 36. years of age; the other coheir called *Agnes* being the wife [x] of *John Pakenham*: whence I conclude that he was a Gentleman, as some others of the name of *Dudley* in severall parts of **England** are, though, perhaps, not of the Baron of *Dudley's* line; therefore how this formall Story of the Carpenter should rise, I cannot well imagine, unless the grandfather or great-grandfather of *Edm.* had been of that trade: for it is no wonder to see those that are sprung from as poor Mechanicks, by their activeness in the world to get wealth, and assume the title of Esquire or Gentleman without controull, yea, and be allowed so do; Neither do we often find that those which are in truth of right noble extraction will boggle at matching their children with them.

But I return unto *Edmund Dudley*. He was a man well vers't in the Law, and one of the Privy Councell to that prudent Prince King H. 7. chosen in the first year of his raign *propter prudentiam singularem, fidem, & gravitatem*, saith [x] *Polydore*. In 19 H. 7. he was Speaker [y] of the Parliament, and should the same year have been made a Sergeant at Law, on the 13. of *November*; but, for what reason I will not take upon me to assign, he desired [z] that he might be discharged from assuming that degree; whereupon the King directed his Precept to *Will.* Bishop of **London**, then Lord Keeper of the great Seal, commanding his forbearance of making out any Writ to him for that purpose. In 22 H. 7. he had the Stewardship of the Rape of **Hastings** granted to him by Patent, [a] and wrote a Book [b] called *Arbor Reipublicæ*.

Whether he, with *Richard Empson* another Lawyer (but a Sive-makers son in **Towcester**, as our Historians [c] affirm) discerning King *Henry* to be of a frugall disposition, did project unto him the taking advantage of such as had transgrest by exacting the forfaitures of penall Statutes; or whether the King seeing so fair a gap open for him to rake vast summs of money from his subjects; and finding those persons to be fit Instruments for his purpose, did put them upon such courses of filling his Coffers 'tis hard to say; certain it is, that these were the men he constituted [d] his *Judices fiscales* (*Dudley* being an eminent man, and one that could put hatefull business into good language, as Sir *Fr. Bacon* saith [e]) and after he had long made use of their service to that end, exposed them to those advantages [f] which the discontented people could justly take for their abhominable extortions: For their course [g] was to proceed secretly to the Outlary against men, and then seize their estates: And besides that, they had packt [h] Jurors upon all occasions, who were sure to them in any verdict which served for their purpose: but at last found they a just reward for such their service; for King H. 8. in the first year of his raign, being desirous of popularity, made known by his Proclamations, that whosoever had received injury by the unjust oppressions of any, should upon complaint to him have redress: which liberty did so so animate the vulgar, who were sufficiently imbittered against them, that nothing then would satisfy but their lives; so that the King to appease the multitude, gave way that they might be legally proceeded against, which accordingly was done, *Dudley* being thereupon arraigned [i] in *Guild-Hall*, **London**, on Munday next after the xv. of *S. John Baptist* 1 H. 8. before *Edward* Duke of **Buck.** *Henry* Earl of **Northumberland**, *Thomas* Earl of **Surrey**, *George* Earl of **Shrewsbury**, *Thomas* Earl of **Derby**, *Thomas* Prior of *S. Johns* of **Hierusalem** in **England**; *Charles Somerset* of *Herbert* Knight, *Stephen Jennings* Knight, Mayor of the City of **London**, *John Fineux* Knight, *Robert Rede* Knight, *William Hodie* Knight, *Robert Brudnell*, *Humfrey Coningesby*, *John Fisher* Knight, *John Boteler*, *William Grevill*, *Thomas Lovell* Knight, *Edward Poynings* Kt. *Henry Marney* Knight, *Thomas Englefield* Knight, and *Robert Drury* Knight, Justices to enquire, &c. Where the said *Edmund* being indicted of divers high Treasons, was on wednesday next before the Feast of S. *Margaret* the Virgin, attainted in Parliament [k], and had his head [l] cut off on *Tower Hill* (with *Empson*, who was tryed [m] at **Northampton**) through the peoples clamours, and for their satisfaction,

l Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 6.
m Esc. 34 H. 7.
n View of Staffordshire MS. per S. Erdswike.
o Clauf. 18 H. 6. in d. m. 24.
p View of Staffordshire ut supra.
q Esc. 20 H. 7.
r Esc. 20 H. 7.
s Esc. 24 H. 7.
t Esc. 24 H. 7.
u Esc. 2 H. 8.
w Esc. 2 H. 8.
x Polyd. Virg. Hist. Angl. p. 566. n. 5; p. 567. n. 10.
y Life of H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 6.
z Billæ de an. 1 H. 7.
a Pat. 22 H. 7. p. 1.
b I. Bal. Cent. xi. Script. Brit. p. 72.
c Hist. of H. 7. by F. Bacon p. 209.
d Polyd. Virg. p. n. 10.
e Hist. H. 7. p. 2.
f Polyd. Virg. ut pra.
g Hist. H. 7. ut pra p. &c.
h Stow Ann.
i Petition in Parl. H. 8. fo. the rest on of Ion. pen. Rich. Le- son de Pe- neo mil.
k Life of H. 8. by the L. Herbert. p. 1.
l Polyd. Virg. p. m Life H. 8. ut pra p. &c.

tisfaction, 18. *August* 2 H. 8. by vertue of the K. speciall Writ for that purpose.

Having said thus much of the parentage of this *John* Earl of **Warwick**, I will now go on with my story of him. At his fathers death he was scarce [n] eight years old, having to his Guardian *Edward Guilford* Esquire of the Body to the King, who by his Petition exhibited in Parliament 3 H. 8. obtained an Act for the repeal of the said *Edmund's* attainder, and the restitution of this *John*, in name, blood, and degree to enjoy all his said fathers lands. Being therefore thus young, it was a great while ere he came to appear in any publique employments; so that till 24 H. 8. I have not yet seen any farther mention of his name; but then I finde [o] he was a Knight, though how long he had been, so I am not certain. After which, about ten years, he was created [p] Visc. *L'isle* (*viz.* 12. *Martii* 34 H. 8.) in respect of his descent on the mothers side (as I have shewed,) and the same year made Lord Admirall [q] of **England** for life. Of person he was very comely, and of a Spirit highly aspiring (saith my Author [r]) neither wanted he skill, industry, nor resolution to attempt great matters.

In 36 H. 8. he landed [s] the Kings Army at **Leith** in **Scotland** (with a Fleet of CC. sail) on which, after they had wasted **Edenburgh**, they also set fire. The same year the King went over Sea in person, and took **Boleyn** in **France**, where this new Admirall, having scoured [t] the Seas towards **Scotland**, and being upon the Kings return left his Lieutenant [u], through his valour and military skill, defended it against the *Daulfin* and the French Army of 52000. men (as they were reputed) though the walls at that time were very much shattered; And when [w] the *Daulfin* had entred the base town, not without slaughter of divers English, by a brave sally he beat out the French again, with the loss of above 800. of their men, which were esteemed the best souldiers in that Realm. The next yeare [x] after, when the French had got a great Fleet at Sea for invasion of **England**, being appointed Admirall [y], he presented battaill to them, which they refused, returning home with the loss of all their cost. Hereupon he landed 5000. men in **France**, fired **Trepot**, as also divers Villages thereabouts, with the loss of one man; and was one [z] of the three Comissioners on the King of **England's** part by whom the Articles of Truce, made 7. *Junii* 38 H. 8. in the Camp betwixt **Ardres** and **Guines**, were concluded.

To say truth, for enterprises by Armes (quoth [a] Sir *John Haward*) he was the minion of that time, so as few things he attempted but he atchieved with honour, which made him more proud and ambitious when he had done. Generally he always increased both in estimation with the King and authority amongst the Nobility, (but doubtfull, whether by fatall destiny to the State, or whether by his vertues, or at least by his appearance of vertues, as saith the same Author:) so that King *Henry* constituted [b] him one of his xvi. Executors; whereupon, finding the Duke of **Somerset** (Protector to *Edward 6.*) to be neither a man of great wisdom or courage, ambitiously aimed to have the sway of all, and therefore insinuated himself into his friendship, whereby he made him a shadow for accomplishing his own ends. To which purpose he first obtained an increase of honour, being presently created [c] Earl of **Warwick**, and made Lord * high Chamberlain of **England** for life; (which office he surrendred in 4 E. 6.) and soon after got a [d] grant of **Warwick**-Castle with the Mannour, as also of divers other great Lordships and lands in this Shire (whereof I shall take notice as they come in my course) most of which he exchanged [e] away with the King in 3 E. 6. for the Mannour of **Minster-Lovell** in **Oxford-shire** and divers other Lordships in the same County, and in **Nott. Glouc. Worcester**, **Berks**, and **York-shires**; yet by his power got them again the next year following with more, in exchange for lands in **Northumberland** Bishoprick of **Durham**, **Hartford-shire** and **Middlesex**.

Of his particular great employments and actions, I shall not stay to make any large relation, for as much as they are obvious enough in our Common Chronicles, but will onely point at them, in brief. He was Lieutenant [f] generall in that expedition for **Scotland** in 1 E. 6. when the Scots were overthrown at **Musclebrough**, where he made [g] many Knights: and [h] indeed the principall person for military skill and prowess, upon whom the management of that Warr rested. In [h] 3 E. 6. he commanded the Forces that were sent against *Ket* and his fellow Rebells in **Norff.** of which he slew about 5000. took *Ket* himself, and setled all in quiet again. In 4 E. 6. he was made Lord [i] Steward of the Kings household: and being now elated with these great successes, his ambitious mind had no bound, for it mattered not whom he ruin'd, so it tended, in his own opinion, to the ends he aimed at. First, therefore he rayses [k] discontents betwixt the Protector, and the Lord *Thomas Seymour* his brother, whereby soon after the said Lord *Seymour* became attainted by Parliament, upon pretence that he had conspired his brothers death, and so lost his head.

Then did he put the Protector upon making alteration both in State and Religion, whereupon some of the Bishops that opposed it were committed to prison. What vast summs did he make a shift to pocket by despoiling the Church of her Chalices, Crosses, and an infinite number of consecrated vessells, with the like, both silver and gold; as also by rich Copes and other vestments, under colour of bringing them into the Kings Wardrobe? for he it was that led the Protector on to those courses, as 'tis well known: as also by the lands given to maintain Lamps, and Lights, and for other pious uses. Which doings, with the ruine [l] of the Cloister and Charnell at *Paules*, the Church in the Strand, and two Bishops houses there, besides the goodly Church of S. *Johns* neer **Smithfield**, that were pulled down to build *Somerset House*, brought upon the Protector no little hatred, and so hastned his ruine, that being it which our *Warwick* aimed at; who, spying so fair an oportunity, wrought upon [m] xviii. of the Privy Councell to joyn with him therein; yet such was his cunning, that he accomplisht [n] the work by others, being least seen in it himself: And [o] because he could not win the Earls of **Arundell**, and **Southampt.** to be his Instruments for that purpose, he found means to discharge them from the Councell, and confine them to their houses; as also to fine the Earl of **Arundell** 12000 *li.* upon suggestion that he had taken away bolts, and locks at **Westminster** and given away the Kings stuff when he was Lord Chamberlain.

And now, that he might carry the greater sway, he did cause himself to be made [p] *Lord great Master of the Kings household*; and having been a prime Actor

[d] *Ib. p. 9.*

[e] *Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 9.*

[f] Stows Ann.

[g] *MS. in Officio Arm. [M. 9.] f. 50. b.*

[h] Stows Annals.

[i] *Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 2.*

[k] Life of E. 6. *ut supra p. 83.*

[l] *Ib. p.* [m] 85.

[n] *Ib. p. 96*

[o] *Ib. p. 103.*

[p] *Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 2.*

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o. *levat. Mich. 3 H. 8.*

pat. 34 H. 8. *p. 3.*

p. 7.

ife of E. 6. y Sir I. Hward p. 6.

q Stow's Ann.

Life of Edw. 6. *ut supra.*

ife of H. *supra.* 14.

Life of E. 6. *ut supra p. 17.*

t. 37 H. 8. *p. 13.*

ife of H. *ut su- p. 542.*

ife of E.

en Qu. 3

r *Pat. 1. E. 6. p. 6.*

Actor [q] in the Peace made with **France**, he was by way of reward for that ſervice made generall Warden [r] of the North, having 1000. marks *per ann.* lands granted unto him, and C. Horſemen of the Kings Charge, Mr. *Herbert*, his chief Inſtrument, being made Preſident [s] of **Wales**, with a grant of 500 *li. per ann.* And yet all this ſeemed not enough; for within awhile after, *viz.* 20. *April.* 5 E. 6. was he made [t] Earl Marſhall of **England**, and xi. *Oct.* following Duke [u] of **Northumb.** about which time he got his ſon *Robert* (afterwards made Earl of **Leic.** by Q. *Eliz.*) to be ſworn [w] one of the ſix Gentlemen in ordinary; which *Robert*, was (as ſaith my Author [x]) *his fathers true heir, both in hatred towards perſons of Nobility, and cunning to diſſemble the ſame, as alſo for luſt and cruelty a Monſter of the Court, and ſure executioner of his hate*: After whoſe entertainment into that place of ſo neer ſervice, the King enjoy'd [y] his health but a while, [z] And being now inferior to none of the Nobility in titles of honour, and ſuperior to all others in authority and power, he could not reſtrain his haughty hopes from aſpiring to an abſolute command; yet before he directly levelled at his marke, the Duke of **Somerſet** was thought fit to be taken away, whoſe credit with the Common people, although it ſufficed not to bear out any bad attempt of his own (as my Author [z] obſerveth) yet was it of force to croſs the evill purpoſes of others; and therefore ſpeeches were caſt out, that he cauſed himſelf to be proclaimed King in divers Counties, and much more layd in charge againſt him by *Northumberland*'s contrivance, who when he came to his tryall was one [a] of his Peers: upon which Triall, though they acquitted him of Treaſon, yet did they find him guilty of Felony; whereupon he had Judgment to be hang'd, never remembring to crave the benefit of his Clergy (which is by ſome obſerv'd to be a juſt Judgment of God upon him for having ſo much wronged the Church and all learning) and had his head [b] ſmitten off upon a ſcaffold on Tower-hill.

After this 'twas not long ere infirmities [c] ſeized upon the King, from whom *Northumb.* was [d] little abſent, ſo ordering the matter, that, whil'ſt he languiſh't, *Guilford Dudley*, his 4. ſon did marry with the Lady *Jane Grey*, eldeſt daughter to *Henry* Duke of **Suff.** (by *Frances* daughter to *Mary* ſecond ſiſter to King H. 8.) and that a Patent was ſealed for the ſaid Lady *Jane's* ſucceſſion to the Crown, for drawing whereof, in excluding his two ſiſters with fair pretences, the aſſiſtance [e] of the Lord chief Juſtice *Mountagu* and Secretary *Cecill* was uſed; which Letter's were ſubſcribed [f] by all the Privy Councell, the greateſt part both for number and power of the Nobility, the Kings learned Councell, and all the Judges at the Common Law, except Sir *James Hales* one of the Juſtices of the Common Pleas; ſome being guided with particular intereſt, for that they were poſſeſt of ſo much Monaſtery and Chantry lands, which if Religion ſhould be altered, through Qu. *Maryes* coming to the Crown, they might be in danger to looſe; and others by fear of, or obligation to the Duke of **Northumberland** then ſo potent, and almoſt abſolute in government of the State, that 'twas ſuppoſed he could make any title good, either by his authority or his ſword. And having now thus deſigned to himſelf the power of a King, for no leſs would he have had, if the Lady *Jane* had been Queen, he contrived to get the Lady *Mary* into his hands, cauſing [g] K. *Edw.* to write his Letters for her coming to him in his ſickneſs; but ſhe being made ſenſible of the device, when ſhe was within half a days journey of **London**, directed her courſe another way; after which the King immediatly dyed: whereupon *Northumb.* cauſes the Lady *Jane* to be proclaimed Queen: but the tide of the peoples affections bending to *Mary*, the Kings eldeſt ſiſter, ſhe is likewiſe proclaimed, firſt by the Citizens of **Norwich**, and afterwards in **Buck.** and **Northampton-ſhires**; neither was there want of numbers in ſeverall parts that began to put themſelves in Armes on her behalf.

So that 'twas no ſitting ſtill now; *Northumberland* therefore being Queen *Jane's* Champion, with a Commiſſion under the great Seal marcheth out with 600. Horſe to ſuppreſs any power that ſhould appear for Queen *Mary*, having a promiſe from the Lords of more forces to be ſent after him; but ſuch a change did he perceive in the affections of his own Souldiers, whereof many forſook him, that to daub up the matter he returns to **Cambridge**, and there without either Herauld or Trumpet, accompanyed with the Maior and Marqueſs of **Northampton**, proclaimes Queen *Mary* himſelf, in the Market-place, and in token of joy threw up his Cap. All which would not now ſecure him; for the very next day, the Earl of **Arundell**, coming thithither from the Queen, arreſted him of Treaſon; whence he was with his three ſons, *John*, *Ambroſe*, and *Henry* convey'd to the Tower of **London**, and from that place, ere long, to his arraignment; where being condemn'd for a Traitor he ſuffered death at *Tower-hill* the 22. of *Aug.* and was buried [h] in the *Tower Church* by *John Cock* then *Lancaſter-Herauld*, who having been his old ſervant was willing to ſhew ſome reſpect to him dead, from whom living he had received ſo much favour; and therefore begg'd his Head onely of the Queen, that he might bury it in the *Tower*, upon which ſuit he had his wholy body alſo granted.

Our Hiſtorians that write of his death do ſay, that at his end he profeſt the Roman Religion; and I have heard, that for a witneſs of his Faith he vouch't *Dr. Heath* Archbiſhop of **York** (afterwards Lord Chancelour;) yet was he ſo much blinded by ambition, that apprehending the alteration of Religion to be the chief means whereby he might accompliſh his worldly ends, he told Sir *Anthony Brown* (afterward Viſc, *Mountacute*) when he moved him for reſtoring the Roman Religion, *that albeit he knew the ſame Religion to be true, yet ſeeing a new Religion was begun, Run Dog, run Devill, he would go forwards.*

One thing have I further to obſerve of him, which is, that being arrived to ſuch a pitch of honour and greatneſs, he was not content with thoſe vaſt poſſeſſions that he had by the bounty of the K. and his own juſt acquiſition; but finding *John* Lord *Dudley* (grandfather to the laſt Baron) to be a weak man, whereby he had expoſed himſelf to ſome wants, and ſo became entangled within the Uſurers bonds, made thoſe money-merchants his Inſtruments to work him out of **Dudley-Caſtle**: which Uſurers accordingly getting a mortgage of part of his lands, let in ſuch room for the Duke to put in a foot, that he ſoon juſtled him out of his Caſtle and Barony; ſo that the poor Lord, being thus turn'd out of dore, and left to the Charity of his friends for a ſubſiſtence, ſpent the reſt of his days

q Life of E. 6. *ut ſupra p.* 112.
r ſ *Ib. p.* 114.
t *Pat.* 5 E. 6. *p.* 4.
u *Ib. m.* 38.
w x y z Life of E. 6. *ut ſupra p.* 128 *&c.*
a *Ib. p.* 134.
b *Ib. p.* 140.
e d *Ib. p.* 171.
e *Ib. p.* 173.
f *Ib. p.* 176.
g *Ib. p.* 17
h Catal. Nobil. *R. Brook*

days in making visits amongst them, with whom he usually stayed according as he found welcome, being commonly called *the Lord Quondam*; but so soon as Queen *Mary* had taken off the Dukes head, she bestowed [i] the Castle of **Dudley**, and all the lands which belong'd to the *quondam* Lord upon *Edward* his son and heir, who had wedded *Katherine Bridges*, (daughter to Sir *John Bridges* Knight Lord *Chandois*,) one of her maids of Honour.

During the time that this our Earl of **Warwick** was so possest of **Dudley**-Castle, it being a place that he thirsted after in regard of his name, and for the honourablenes of the House and seat, from which he was desirous the world should believe he was descended; (for he had thrust into his titles [k], *Dux Northumbriæ*, *Comes Warwici*, *Mareschallus Angliæ*, *Vicecomes L'isle*, *Baro de Somery*, *Basset & Tyase*, *Dominus de Dudley*, *prænobilis Ordinis Garterii miles*, *Magnus Magister & Seneschallus Hospitii regis*) he made great repairs there, and built that stately fabrick within the walls thereof on the North part, which was called the *New work*, adorn'd the *Gate-house* tower with the Armes of *Malpas*, *Someri*, and the *Lyon rampant* by him assumed for *Sutton's* coat, fairly cut in large shields of stone, and fixt in the wall just over the *Port cullice*.

By *Jane* daughter [l] and heir to Sir *Edward Guilford* Knight (who had his Wardship, as I have said) he left issue [m] 8. sons and 5. daughters; viz. *Henry* that dyed at **Bolein**, *John* who had the title of Earl of **Warwick** in his fathers life-time (as commonly Dukes sons out of curtesie have of some Earldom whereof their fathers have the honour,) but dyed without issue, *Ambrose* Earl of **Warwick** by the favour of Queen *Elizabeth* (as I shall shew anon,) *Robert* created Earl of **Leic.** by the said Q. *Guilford* who suffred death in 1. *M.* as his father did, *Henry* slain at S. **Quintines**, and *Charles* that dyed a child. His daughters were these, *Mary* the wife of Sir *Henry Sidney* Knight of the *Garter* and Lord President of **Wales**, from whom the now Earl of **Leic.** is descended, *Kath.* wife to *Henry Hastings* Earl of **Huntingdon**; As also *Margaret*, *Temperance*, and another *Katherine*, who dyed young. In the Parliament held 1. *M.* was the attainder [n] of this Duke and four of his sons confirmed; *viz.* *John*, called Earl of **Warwick**, Sir *Ambrose*, and Sir *Guilford*, both Knights and *Henry Dudley* Esquire.

Going on with the succession of these Earls, I come next to Sir *Ambrose Dudley* abovementioned, restored [o] in blood by Queen *Mary*. This Sir *Ambrose* had in 1. *Eliz.* a grant [p] of the Mannour of **Kibworth**-*Beauchamp in Com.* **Leic.** to be held by the service of being *Pantler* to the Kings & Queens of this Realm at their Coronations; which office and Mannour his father and other of his Ancestors, Earls of **Warwick**, had. In the second year of her raign he was made [q] Master of the Ordinance. In the fourth *viz.* [r] 26. *Dec.* Baron *L'isle* and Earl of **Warwick**, and the 6. of *April* following had a grant [t] from the same Queen of the Castle, Mannour, and Burrough of **Warwick**, with divers other Lordships in this Shire, eschaeted to the Crown by his fathers attainder, in which year she made him her Lieutenant [v] generall in **Normandy**, and duting the time of his service there caused him to be chosen [u] Knight of the *Garter*. In 12. of her raign, this E. with *Edward* Lord *Clinton* were [w] made Lieutenants Generall of her Majesties forces in the North parts. In 13. he was constituted [x] chief Butler of **England**, and in 15. sworn [y] of her Privy-Councell. He had 3. wives; viz. *Anne* [w] daughter and coheir to *Will. Whorwood* esq. Atturney generall to King H. 8. *Eliz.* [x] daughter of Sir *Gilbert Talboys* Knight, sister and sole heir of *George* Lord *Talboys*, and *Anne* [y] daughter to *Francis* Earl of **Bedford**; but departed this life without issue 21. *Febr. Anno* 1589. (32. *Eliz.*) at **Bedford**-house in the suburbs of **London**, and was buried in that beautifull Chapell here at **Warwick**, called our *Lady Chapell* adjoyning to the Collegiat Church, where his Monument is yet to be seen.

The next that had this title of Earl, was *Robert* Lord *Rich*, (grandchild to *Richard* created [z] Lord *Rich.* of **Leeze** in **Esser** 17. *Febr.* 1 E. 6. and made [a] Chancelour of **England** 26. *Oct.* following,) which family doe derive their descent from *Richard Rich* one of the Shiriffs [b] of **London**, *An.* 1441 20 H. 6. This *Robert*, created [c] Earl of **Warwick** 6. *Aug.* 16. *Jac.* had [d] two wives, viz. *Penelope* daughter to *Robert Devereux* Earl of **Esser**, and *Frances* daughter to Sir *Christopher Wray* Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench in Q. *Elizabeths* time, but widow to Sir *George* St. *Paul* of **Snartford** *in Com.* **Linc.** Knight and Baronet. By the first whereof he had issue [e] *Robert* Lord *Rich*, his son and heir, Sir *Henry Rich* Knight of the Bath, and Capt. of the Guard; afterwards created [f] Baron of **Kensington** & Earl [g] of **Holland** by King *James*, and chosen Knight of the *Garter*; *Lettice* his eldest daughter [h] first marryed to Sir *George Cary* of **Cokington** *in Com.* **Devon**, and after to Sir *Arthur Lake* Knight. And *Essex*, the second [i], to Sir *Thomas Cheek* of **Pirgo** in **Esser**: which Earl dyed at [k] **Warwick**-House in **Holburne** 24. *Martii An.* 1618. (15. *Jac.*) and was buryed [l] at **Felstede** in **Esser** where his Ancestors do lye. To whom succeeded in this Honour *Robert* his eldest son, who wedded *Frances* daughter and heir to Sir *William Newport* (alias *Hatton*) Knight, by whom he hath issue three Sons, *scil.* *Robert*, *Charles*, and *Henry*; and three daughters, *Anne*, *Luce*, and *Frances*.

HAving thus finisht my discourse of the Earles, I shall now proceed with the town of **Warwick** it self; whereof, as to its first building by *Kymbeline* a King of the Britans, and all other passages relating thereto, during the Saxons time, I have already in my Introduction, and Story of those Earles, said as much as I can. In the Conquerors time it was a Borough, *id est* [m] *habitaculum seu locus munitus*, and contained [n] CClxi. houses, whereof Cxxx. were possest [o] by the King, Cxii. by these his Barons whose names, with the particular number held by each of them I have here added, *viz.*

The Bishop of Worcester	ix.	*Henry de Ferrers*	ii.
The B. of Chester	vii.	*Rob. de Stadford*	vi.
The Monks of Coventre xxxvi. whereof 4. were wasted for the Castles enlargement.		*Rog. de Iveri*	ii.
		Ric. Venator	i.
		Raph de Limesi	ix.
The Bishop of Constance	i.	*The Monks of Malmsbury*	i.
The E. of Mellent	xii.	*Will. Bonvallet*	i.
Earl Alberic	iv.	*Will. fil. Corbucion*	ii.
Hugh de Grentemaisnill	iiii.	*Geffrey de Magnaville*	i.
		Geffrey de Wirce	i.

Giſlebert de Gant	ii.	*Harold*	ii.
Giſlebert Povili	i.	*Osbert fil. Ricardi*	i.
Nich. Baliſtar	i.	*Criſtina*	i.
Steph. Sturman	i.	*Luith* the Nun.	ii.
Turchil	iiii.		

All which were belonging to the lands they held in this County, and apprized with them; and the reſidue, being xix. by ſo many Burgeſſes; which Burgeſſes enjoy'd them with *Soc* and *Sac*, and all Cuſtomes as they did in *Edward* the Confeſſors days. In the time of the ſaid King *Edward* the Shirivalty of this County, with the Borough of **Warwick** and all the Kings Mannours in the Shire, anſwered lxv *li.* in money and xxxvi. Sextars of honey, or xxiv *li.* and viii *s.* in lieu thereof: but at the time of the generall Survey they were rated at Cxlv *li.* in weight (in the ferm of the Kings Mannours;) xxiii *li.* for the cuſtome of Dogs, xx *s.* for a Sumpter horſe, 1 *li.* for a Hawk, and C *s.* to the Queen for a Fine: Beſides this they payd alſo xxiv Sextars of Honey, of the greater meaſure, and the Borough vi. Sextars; *viz.* xv *d.* a Sextar, whereof the Earl of **Mellent** had vi. Sextars and v. *s.* The cuſtome of this Borough then was (as by the ſame Survey appears) that when ever the King went in perſon in any expedition by land, x. Burgeſſes thereof attended him in ſtead of all the reſt; And if he that was warned to give ſuch his attendance did not go, he ſhould pay unto the King C *s.* but if the King did go by Sea againſt his enemies, the whole Borough was to ſend him in four *Butſueins* (*id eſt* Mariners) or 4 *lib.* in money.

That it was by the Conquerour granted to *Henry de Newburgh*, upon his advancement to the Earldom of **Warwick**, is manifeſt enough, though the particular Charter, if he had any whereby it was ſo given, appears not: for I find that the ſame *Henry* conferred [p] the tenth of the *Toll* thereof upon *William* one of his Prieſts; as alſo that Earl *Roger*, ſon to the ſaid *Henry*, for the health of his ſoul, gave [q] likewiſe iv *li.* x *s.* of his Rent out of it unto one *John* a Prieſt. And by the Inquiſ. [r] taken after the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** 9 E. 2. it appears, that he held the ſame, with the Suburbs and Caſtle, of the King *in Capite*, *per ſervitium Comitatus*, which (no doubt) was the ſervice whereby K. *Will.* granted it unto the before-ſpecified *Henry* the firſt Earl of the Norman line. In 16. H. 2. it anſwered v. marks for [s] Pleas concealed. In 31 H. 3. upon ſerling divers Mannours (part of the Earldom of **Warwick**) upon *John de Pleſſets* for life, who had married *Margerie* the ſiſter and heir to *Thomas* the laſt Earl, the Mannour [t] (for by that name it is termed) was one. Which *John de Pleſſets* (being Earl) by his Charter [u] bearing date the Friday next after the Feaſt of S. *Mathew* the Apoſtle in 45 H. 3. granted to the Burgeſſes of this place a **Fair** here for 3. days, with immunity, that all comers thereto ſhould be quit of *Toll* for ſix years; and if any man did commit an offence within the compaſs of the ſaid **Fair** to be amerced [w] by the ſaid Earl's Bayliff and xii. lawfull Burgeſſes; And in caſe any ſtranger, repairing thither at ſuch time, ſhould ſet up a Stall of xii. foot upon the bare ground, to pay vi *d.* for the ſame; howbeit the Inhabitants to erect Stalls at their pleaſure.

In 4 E. 1. it was certified [x], that there was a piece of ground, lying in the Suburbs of this Borough, held of the K. by the ſervice of four Horſhoos for the Ks. Courſer, when he came to his Mannour of **Stoneley**; which piece of ground the Prior of **Aſheby** then held. And in 7 E. 1. it appears [y], that *Will. de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, held the before ſpecified Borough of the K. *in Capite*, and that he had here a yearly **Fair** laſting 8. days before the Feaſt of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, and 8. days after; as alſo a **Mercate** every week upon the Wedneſday, and .... valued at xxiiii *li. per an.* And moreover a Pillory and Tumbrell, with a Court upon the Munday every week, wherein Duell [z] for felony might be waged, the profits of which Court were then valued at x. Marks. Which Earl in 13 E. 1. being queſtioned [a] by what authority he claimed to have a Gallows with Aſſize of Bread and Beere in this place, pleaded Preſcription, whereupon the ſame was allowed; And in 18 E. 1. obtained the Kings Charter [b] bearing date 25. *Aug.* for himſelf and his heirs, to have another **Fair** here yearly to laſt for xv. days; *viz.* the Even, Day, and Morrow after the Feaſt of the Apoſtles S^t. *Peter* & *Paul* and xii. days following. About the later end of whoſe reign the Pavement of this town was firſt begun, and ſo much of its Walls as now appear; towards the ſupport of which charge *Guy de Beauchamp*, the then Earl, procured a [c] Patent for the receiving of a certain *Toll* upon all vendible commodities that ſhould be brought hither to ſell for the ſpace of ſeaven years; *viz.* for every quarter of corn a half peny, for every Horſe, Mare, Oxe, and Cow a half-peny; for every hide of Horſe, Mare, Oxe, or Cow, tan'd or not tan'd a farthing; and ſo of all other things more or leſs, which for brevity I omit.

It ſeems that this work of Walling and Paving was not perfected according to their mindes within the compaſſe of that time ſo limited; for I finde that in 8. E. 2. the ſame Earle had another Patent [d] for receiving of certain proportions of *Toll* by the ſpace of three years longer, towards the ſame charge: Neither did thoſe three years accompliſh what they had an intent to do; for in 6. E. 3. *Thom. de Beauchamp*, the then Earle, got a third Pat. [e] for taking of *Toll* to the like purpoſes, by the ſpace of 7. years: which *Thomas* in 24. E. 3. had a Charter [f] of **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demeſne lands here: Howbeit, beſides the *Toll* taken for ſuſtaining the charges before ſpecified, the Earls, it ſeems, ſucceſſively, had another proportion upon certain vendible commodities, which, being apprehended over-burthenſome by Merchants & Tradeſmen, who brought their wares hither, occaſioned them to forſake the **Mercate**, and carry their commodities to other places, whereby the Inhabitants of this place had much prejudice: the ſaid Earle therefore, bearing a great reſpect to their weal and advantage, at the requeſt [g] of the Lady *Katherine* his Counteſſe, and for the health of his Soul, as alſo the Souls of his Anceſtors, by his ſpecial Charter [h] bearing date on the Feaſt day of the *Circumciſion* of our Lord 32. E. 3. freed them, for the future, from any manner of *Toll*, *Terrage*, or *Stallage*, due to him, either by long preſcription, or any grant from the Kings of this Realm unto him, or his Anceſtors.

The next thing that in order of time I finde memorable, is, that in 48. E. 3. the Inhabitants of this Town, for the repair of the great Bridge here over **Avon**, had a Pat. [i] to take Cuſtom of all vendible Commodities that ſhould paſſe over it into **Warwick** for the ſpace of 3. years; *viz.* of every Horſeload

p *Ex Reg. Coll. de warwick f.* 8 a.
q *Ib. f.* 10. b.
r *Eſc.* 9 E. 2.
s *Rot. P.* 16. H. 2.
t *F. levat.* 3. *Sept. Hill* 31 H. 3.
u *Cartul. warw. Com. f.* 54. a.
w *Ib. f.* 55. b.
x *Inq. coram Iuſtic. Itin. n baga de Ragman*
y *Inq. pe H. Nott. &c. f.* 1
z *Ibid.* b
a *Plac. Q. war.*
b *Cart.* 1 E. 1. *n.* 1
c *Pat.* 3 E. 1. *p.* 1 18.
d *Pat.* 2. *p.* 2. *n.*
e *Pat.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.*
f *Cart.* E. 3. *n.* 2
g h *Ex au per Ba liv Bu*
i *Pat.* E. 3. *p.* 22.

Horſ-load of Corn a farthing, of every Cart-load as much; of every Horſe, Mare, Oxe, or Cow a farthing, *&c.* with a certain rate likewiſe upon all other things: And at the end of the ſaid three years had they another Patent [k] for continuing the like impoſition for three yeares more: yet all this would not do; for after thoſe 3. years were ended, they had the ſame renewed [l] for three years longer. After which, *viz.* in 1. H. 5. the **Fair** at Michaelmaſſe being found inconvenient, was by a new Charter [m] changed to the Even, Day, and morrow after the Feaſt of St. *Bartholmew* the Apoſtle.

That this, being an eminent Borough, ſent uſually two Burgeſſes to the Parl. as anciently as any other did, I am induced to believe, in regard I find, [n] that in 28. E. 1. the *Major* and *Bailiffs* of **Warwick** (for by that name it ſeems they were then called) had command to allow unto *Will. de Stodeley*, and *Philip le Rous* reaſonable expences for their ſervice in the Parl. held at **Weſtm.** that year. Howbeit, after that time (*ſcil.* 1. E. 3. the Ks. Mandates are to the *Bayliffs* for making ſuch allowance of the Burgeſſes expences, without any mention of *Major*. But when it was that the principal Magiſtrate here, had firſt the title of *Major*, I am not certain, neither how long it continued; yet in 7. E. 1. (which was xxi. years before the date above-mentioned) he had [o] ſo, one *Thomas Payn* bearing that Office. From which time do I finde little memorable relating to this Borough, till 37. H. 8. that the K. by his Pat. [p] bearing date 15. *May*, granted to the Inhabitants thereof, by the name of *Burgeſſes*, the Rectories of the Churches of S. *Mary* and S. *Nich.* belonging to the Collegiat Church of our Lady here; as alſo the Rectories of **Chadley** *in Com. Wigorn.* & **Bidbroke** in this County, with the advouſons of all thoſe Vicaridges: And likewiſe one Meſs. in *Canon-row* within this Town of **Warw.** the value of all which then extended to Lviii. *l.* xiii. *s.* iiii. *d. per ann.* to have and to hold to them and their Succeſſors for ever, by the ſervice of the xx. part of a Knights Fee, and the Rent of vi. *li.* xiii. *s.* iiii. *d. per ann.* As alſo paying to the Vicar of St. *Maries* Church, for the time being, xx. *li. per ann.* and to the School-maſter of the Kings School there x. *li. per an.*

But ſhortly after, *viz.* in 1. & 2. *Ph.* & *M.* was it made a Corporation, [q] the inhabitants being then incorporated by the name of a *Bayliffe* and *Burgeſſes*; which, as the Charter expreſſes, ſhould from thenceforth be one Commonalty, and one body Corporate *in re, facto, & nomine*, and have perpetual ſucceſſion, a common Seal and xii. Aſſiſtants to the Bayliffe, called *principales Burgenſes*, with power to make Laws and Ordinances for the better benefit of the Borough: As alſo to have a Recorder, Serjeant at Mace, and Clerk of the Mercate, and to elect and chooſe a new Bayliff, Burgeſſe and Recorder. And moreover, that the Bayliff & Recorder ſhould be Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Borough, and no other Juſtices to intermedlle there: As alſo the Houſe called the **Court-houſe**, to be a common Hall and Houſe for the keeping of all their Courts, Pleadings &c. whatſoever there to be handled. And likewiſe another houſe, ſituate in the Market-place of this Borough, vulgarly called the **Booth-hall**, to be a publick and common Hall, or Houſe for the ſelling of wares therein on the Market-day every week. Whereunto King *James*, by a new Charter made unto them, and bearing date 10. *Martii* 10. *Jac.* added, that the two ancienteſt Burgeſſes of this Borough, for the time being, ſhould alſo be Juſtices of the Peace, within the precincts thereof, together with the ſaid Bayliffe and Recorder; and the ſaid Bayliffe, or one of thoſe ſenior Burgeſſes, to be of the *Quorum*.

Having thus done with the particulars, I now come to ſuch other remarkable paſſages, as do relate in a general manner to this Town. In 36. H. 3. there being a great meeting appointed here by divers eminent perſons, for exerciſing themſelves in martial Tourneaments, and other feats of Arms; the King apprehending, (as it ſeems) the danger that might grow by permitting ſuch a concourſe of people armed and accoutred in that manner, directed his Letters Patent [r] to the Priors of **Kenilworth** & S. *Sepulchers* here in **Warwick**, commanding them to prohibit their meeting, either here, or at any other place within the Realm, upon pain of forfaiting all their Lands which they held of the K. And in 50. H. 3. when the King had prepared for the ſiege of **Kenilworth**-Caſtle (whereof I have already ſpoke) he made the general Rendevouz [s] for his whole Army here, and hence marching thitherward the morrow after Midſummer day, fixt down his Tents, and begirt it round. After this, *viz.* in 57. H. 3. divers of the Nobility and others, having again appointed [t] to meet here, under colour of exerciſing themſelves at Juſts and Tourneaments, were eſpecially prohibited ſo to do, and to forbear any concourſe in that kinde elſewhere within the Realm, upon penalty of ſeizing all their Lands and poſſeſſions, the Prior of **Kenilworth** having thereupon ſtrict command [u] to repair hither, and to publiſh the Kings Letters Pat. for that purpoſe. And laſtly in 7. E. 1. a great number of the Engliſh Nobles, and other perſons of note from forreign parts, had a meeting [w] here, called the *Round Table*, Sir *Roger Mortimer* being the chief of them; touching which matter I have already ſpoke in **Kenilworth**, in regard that there they exerciſed themſelves at that time in martial feats; but it ſeems that moſt of them lodg'd at this place in reſpect of proper accommodations.

Having now diſpatch't what concerns the Town in general, I come to the particular places within the precincts thereof, which are moſt obſervable; and firſt to the Caſtle. Whether I may attribute it's original to *Kimbeline* the Britiſh King, who is ſaid to have been the firſt builder here, or to the Romans that had a ſtrong Hold at this place (by reaſon whereof they called it *Præſidium*, as I have elſe where ſhewed) I cannot well determine: If therefore to do ſo be too great a preſumption, to refer the foundation thereof to the renowned Lady *Ethelflede*, daughter to K. *Alfred*, and Lady of the Mercians, I am ſure will not, in regard it appears, [x] that ſhe, in the year *DCCCCxv.* (*ſcil.* in the 16. year of K. *Edw.* the elder) cauſed the Dungeon to be made, which was a ſtrong Tower, or Platform upon a large and high mount of earth, artificially raiſed (ſuch being uſually placed towards the ſide of a Caſtle or Fort, which is leaſt defenſible) the ſubſtance whereof is yet to be ſeen.

In thoſe dayes (in the Saxons time I mean) were very few [y] ſuch defenſible places, as we now call Caſtles, that being a French [z] name; ſo that though the Engliſh were [a] a bold and warlike people, yet for want of the like ſtrong Holds, were they much the leſſe able to reſiſt their Enemies: which defect gave great advantage to the Norman Conqueror, after his victory at **Haſtings**; whereof he was ſo ſenſible, that he neglected [b] not to raiſe

k *Pat.* 51. E. 3. *m.* 39.
l *Pat.* 4. R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.*
m *Art.* 1. H. 5. *p.* 1.
n *Cuſ.* 28. E. 1. *in dorſo* 12.
o *Inſp. per Mot. &c.*
p *Pat.* 37. *p.* 5.
q *Pat.* 1. *Ph.* & *M. p.* 2.
r *Pat.* 36. H. 3. *in dorſo.*
s *Anon. Abend. MS. in bibl. Bodl.* [*Med.* 20.] *f.* 122. *a.*
t *Pat.* 57. H. 3. *m.* 1.
u *Pat.* 57. H. 3. *m.* 1.
w *M. Weſt. in an.* 1279.
x *Hiſt. MS.* I. Rous *p.* 111.
y *Ord. Vit. p.* 511. *&c.*
z *Ord. Vit. p.* 511. *&c.*
a *Ord. Vit. p.* 511. *&c.*
b *Ord. Vit. p.* 511. *&c.*
c *Ord. Vit. p.* 511. *&c.*

ſtore of ſuch Forts throughout the whole Realm, as I have elſewhere obſerved, amongſt which this [c] at **Warwick** was not the leaſt, there being 4. houſes, that belong'd to the Monks of **Coventre**, waſted [d] for his enlargement thereof: For effecting therefore of this work was *Turchill de Warwick* (of whom I have ſpoke in my ſtory of the Earls,) ſpecially imployed [e] by K. *William*; howbeit, after it became perfected, he would not truſt him with the cuſtody thereof, but committed [f] it to *Henry de Newburgh*, whom he advanced to the Earldom, as I have already ſhewed.

There was heretofore a Church within the Precincts of this Caſtle, dedicated to the honour of *All Saints*, and of no leſſe antiquity than the Brittans time, as *Rous* affirmeth; and therefore, if it were at firſt founded therein, then doth it plainly ſhew that the Caſtle was built before the Romans made this place a Garriſon; for it is evident (from what I have already ſaid) that S. *Dubritius*, in thoſe dayes making **Warwick** his Epiſcopal ſeat, had his reſidence there; but if by any enlargement of the Caſtle it came afterwards to be encompas't with it's Walls, it alters the caſe. This Church had divers cuſtoms and privileges belonging to it, as appears by K. H. 1. Charter [g] dated at **Woodſtoke**, whereby he confirmed them; as alſo *Judicia Ferri & Aquæ, id eſt* fire and water *Ordeal*, in as ample manner as it had wont to have them in *Edw.* the Conf. time, & afterwards: but in the ſaid K. H. 1. time, it became united to the Collegiate Church of our Lady, founded by *Roger* Earle of **Warwick**, as when I come to ſpeak thereof ſhall be ſhewed.

Out of this Caſtle, towards the later end of King *Steph.* reign, upon the arrival of *Henry* Duke of of **Normandy**, did *Gundred*, the then Counteſſe of **Warwick**, turn [h] out the Kings Souldiers, and delivered [i] it up to the ſaid Duke; who was ſhortly after King of **Engl.** by the name of H. 2. After which, *viz.* in 19. H. 2. upon the Rebellion of young *Henry* (whom his father had cauſed to be Crowned) it was garriſon'd [k] by the K. at which time the Sheriffe of this Shire, *ſcil, Bertram de Verdon*, accounted [l] vi. *li.* xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.* for 20. quarters of Bread-Corn; xx. *s.* for 20. quarters of Malt; C. *s.* for 50. Biefs ſalted up; xxx. *s.* for 90. Cheeſes, and xx. *s.* for Salt then laid in for the victualling thereof: And the next enſuing year did the ſame Sheriffe account [m] xxx. *li.* x. *s.* viii. *d.* paid to the Souldiers therein; as alſo v. *li.* vii. *s.* xi. *d.* for repairs: And in [n] 21. H. 2. xiiii. *l.* xv. *s.* v. *d.* more for the Souldiers wages. But I do not finde it any longer garriſon'd in that Kings time: howbeit, in 7. *Joh.* the then Sheriffe, *ſc. Hugh de Chaucumbe* accounted [o] xxv *l.* vi. *s.* for the ward thereof: which King had great affiance in the fidelity of *Thomas Baſſet* of **Hedingdon** *in Com. Oxon.* for he not onely granted [p] to him the wardſhip and marriage of *Henry* Son and Heir to *Waleran* Earle of **Warwick**, but truſted him with the cuſtody of this Caſtle, the ſame Sheriffe having command [q] to deliver it up to him.

After this the like cuſtody thereof was committed to *Hugh de Nevil*; but in 18. *Joh.* the ſaid *Hugh* had command [r] to deliver it unto *Henry* the then Earle of **Warwick**, and the before ſpecified *T. Baſſet*. And of what great regard it was in thoſe times may be diſcerned by the Kings precept [s] to the Archb. of **York** and *Will. de Cantilupe*, for requiring good ſecurity of *Margery* ſiſter and heir to *Thomas*, then E. of **Warwick**, that ſhe ſhould not take to husband any perſon whatſoever in whom the ſaid King could not repoſe truſt as in his own ſelf; the chief reaſon being there given in theſe words, *eo quòd Caſtrum habet ingentis fortitudinis, & ſitum verſus partes Marchiæ.* But in 48 H. 3. when *Will. Mauduit* the then Earle of **Warw.** with his Counteſſe, were ſurprized [t] here by a treacherous practiſe of the Rebels that then held **Kenilworth**-Caſtle (as I have elſewhere declared) the Walls hereof were thrown down by thoſe conſpirators, leaſt they of the Royal party ſhould have made any advantage to themſelves by poſſeſſing it.

Upon the extent [u] of the Lands of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earle of **Warw.** taken after his death in 9. E. 2. the Ditches and Courts belonging to this Caſtle, were valued at vi. *s.* viii. *d. per ann.* and the Garden adjoyning thereto, with another Garden called the *Vineyard*, as much. Shortly after which, *ſc.* 14. E. 2. was *Will. de Sutton* conſtituted [w] Conſtable thereof, in regard of the minority of *Thomas* Son and Heir to the deceaſed Earle, command [x] being given to *Walter de Beauchamp*, the then Conſtable of it, to deliver it up accordingly: But this *Will. de Sutton* held not that Office long; for the next year following I finde [y] it in the Sheriffs cuſtody; as alſo that one *Thomas Blaunefront*, and certain others, by Force and Arms entred [z] it, and turning him out, kept poſſeſſion thereof; whereupon complaint being made to the King, he immediatly directed his precept [a] to the ſaid Sheriffe, to take along with him *John Peche* (a great man in this County, as in **Hampton** in **Arden** ſhall be ſhewed) or any other of the Kings loyal ſubjects, and requiring the delivery thereof, to commit thoſe Malefactors, that ſo held it, to priſon; which being accordingly perform'd, the ſaid *John Peche* was made Governour [b] of it: but in that truſt he continued not long; for in 20. E. 2. *Thomas le Blount* had the charge [c] thereof granted to him; and in [d] 1. E. 3. *Rog. de Mortimer* of **Wigmore**, together with the reſt of the E. of **Warwick's** Lands during his minority.

After this; *ſc.* in 10. E. 3. John the Son and Heir to *Rob. le Purſer* of **Warwick**, (a ſervant to *Tho. Beauchamp* the then Earle) granted [e] unto the ſaid Earle a Chantery, founded by the ſaid *Rob.* his father, in the Church of St. *Nicholas*, here in **Warwick**, for one Prieſt to ſing Maſſe in this Caſtle, for the ſaid Earle and his Heirs for ever. Which Earle erected [f] anew the outer wall of the Caſtle with divers Towers; but the great Tower at the North-Eaſt corner thereof, called **Guy's Tower**, the walls whereof are x. foot thick, was built [g] by *Thomas* Earle of **Warwick**, ſon to the laſt Earle, about the 17. of K. R. 2. reign; upon whoſe baniſhment in 20. R. 2. (of which I have elſewhere ſpoke) the K. granted [h] the cuſtody thereof to *John de Clinton, ſc.* 3. *Aug.* the ſame year; but the 28. of *Sept.* following, he gave [i] it with a great part of the ſaid Earls poſſeſſions to *Tho. Holland*, Earle of **Kent**, and the Heirs male of his body: howbeit, in 1. H. 4. the ſaid Earle repoſſeſt it again, as I have alſo elſewhere ſhewed; nor do I finde, that from this time till *Edw.* 4. reign it was out of the poſſeſſion of the ſucceſſive Earles: but then, upon the death of *George* D. of **Clarence** it being ſeized into the Kings hands, *John Hugford* Eſq; by reaſon of the minority of *Edw. Plantagenet*, Son and Heir to the ſaid D. was conſtituded [k] Conſtable thereof;

And

d Domeſd. lib.

e *Hiſt. MS.* I. Rous p. 124.

f *Ord. Vit.* p. 511. C.

g *Regiſt. Coll. de Warw.* f. 11. a.

h *M. Pariſ.* p. 86. n. 10.

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k *Rot. P.* 19. H. 2.

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m *Rot. P.* 20. H. 2.

n *Rot. P.* 21. H. 2.

o *Rot. P.* 7. *Joh.*

p *Clauſ.* 7. *Joh.* m. 5.

q *Ib.* m. 16.

r *Pat.* 18. *Joh.* m. 7.

s *Clauſ. de Vaſc.* 27. H. 3. *in dorſo* m. 11.

t *M. Weſt. in a.* 1266 *Hiſt. MS. Rou.* p. 2.

u *Eſq.* E. 2.

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b *Rot.* 15. E. m. 21.

c *Rot.* 20. E. m. 11.

d *Rot.* E. 3 m.

e *Cart. Warw. Com. f.* a.

f *Rot.* Rous.

g *Comp. Balliv. Warw. Com. p.* *Ball. de Burg. Warw.*

h *Pat.* R. 2. p. m. 29.

i *Ib. m.*

k *Pat.* E. 4. p. m. 11.

And in 2. R. 3. *Humfrey Beauſo*, his Son in Law, became joyn'd [l] with him in that charge.

From which time it continued in the Crown a great while; and in 17.H.7. *Edw. Belknap*, Eſquire of the body to the K. was made Conſtable [m] thereof, which Office K.H.8. in 1. of his reign confirmed [n] to him. But in 1.E.6. upon the advancement of *John Dudley* to the Earldom of **Warw.** he had a grant [o] of it, and divers lands which had belong'd to the former Earls: All which, upon his attainder in 1. *M.* (whereof I have elſewhere ſpoke) eſchaeted to the Crown: Howbeit, by the ſpeciall favour of Q. *Eliz.* unto *Ambroſe* one of the ſons to the ſaid *John*, whom ſhe created Earle of **Warwick**, was it beſtow'd [p] upon him and the Heirs of his body, in 4. of her reign: but he dying without iſſue (as I have formerly obſerved) it came again to the Crown, and there reſted till King *James*, 9. *July* in the ſecond year of his Reign, out of the great reſpect that he bore unto Sir *Fouk Grevill* Knight, (whom he afterwards advanc't to the Dignity of a Baron, as in **Beauchamps-Court** I ſhall ſhew) beſtow'd * it on him in Fee: at which time it was a very ruinous thing, the ſtrongeſt and ſecureſt parts thereof being onely made uſe of for the common Goal of the County; but he beſtowing more then 20000. *l.* coſt, (as I have heard) in repairing and adorning it, made it a place not onely of great ſtrength, but extraordinary delight, with moſt pleaſant Gardens, Walks, and Thickets, ſuch as this part of **England** can hardly paralell, ſo that now it is the moſt Princely ſeat that is within theſe midland parts of the Realm.

Here is to be ſeen a large two handed Sword, with a Helmet, and certain Plate-Armour for Horſe ſervice; which, as the tradition is, were part of the accoutrements ſometime belonging to the famous *Guy*; but I rather think that they are of a much later time: yet I finde that in 1. H. 8. the Sword having that repute, the King granted [q] the cuſtody thereof to *Will. Hoggeſon*, one of the Yeomen of his Buttry, or his ſufficient Deputy, with the Fee of ii.*d. per diem* for that ſervice.

Near unto the Caſtle, towards the North-Eaſt, ſtands a place fenced with large and ſtrong Walls of ſtone, ſtill called the *Vineyard*; for ſo it was long ſince, as it ſeems, allowance † of wages haveing been given to certain women for gathering of Grapes there during the ſpace of five dayes in 3. H. 4.

The next place of note within the precincts of **Warwick** is the Church of our Lady. This in the Conq. time had [r] 1. hide of Land, lying in **Milton**, belonging thereto, valued at x.*s.* which it ſeems, was given to it by *Turchill de Warwick*; for by the Survey then made it was certified to be held of him. The deſign for making of it Collegiate, *id eſt* conſiſting of a Dean and ſecular Canons, and uniting the Prieſts belonging to the Church of *All Saints*, which ſtood within the Caſtle, unto thoſe here, was originally laid by *Henry de Newburgh*, the firſt Earle of **Warwick** of the Norman line, who gave [s] the Church of **Compton**-(*Murdak*) for a Prebend to the maintenance of one Canon therein: But the work being not effected by him, *Roger* his Son, and Succeſſor in the Earldom did [u] in the year *MCxxiii.* 23. H. 1. conſummate it, with the aſſent, and at the requeſt of the Clerks of the before ſpecified Churches ſo united, and of *S.* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, for the health of the Soul of K. *Will.* the Conq. Q. *Maud* his conſort, K. *Will. Rufus*, and for the future advantage of the Soul of K. *H.* 1. Q. *Maud* his wife, and their Children: As alſo for the Soul of *Roger de Belmund* and *Aelina* his wife, and of Earle *Henry*, father to the before ſpecified Earle *Roger*, *Robert* Earle of **Pellent**, and all the faithfull deceaſed; to the end that all the ſaid Clerks might ſerve God together Canonically night and day in the ſaid Church of our Lady: Granting unto them for their neceſſary ſuſtenance the Church of S. *Nicholas*, the Church of S. *Laurence* with x. Acres of Land and a Houſe, the Church of S. *Mich.* with 5. Acres of Land and three houſes, the Churches of S. *Sepulcher* and S. *Helen*, with two parts of the Tithes of **Bidford**, *ſcil.* of the Incloſure. In **Wellesburn** 2. parts of the Tith of the incloſed grounds, and *Chircheſet*; ſo alſo in **Herdwick**; with 2. Carucats of Land lying near **Long-bridge**. In **Cherlecote** half a hide of Land, with the Tyth of the demeſnes and of the 2. Mills there. In **Fulbroc** half a hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the demeſne, & 2. parts of the Tyth of the Mill belonging to that Village. In **Snitenefelt** 1. hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the Incloſure. In **Claverdon** 2. parts of the Tyths of the Incloſure, as alſo the Paunage of the whole Wood belonging to that Town. In **Shirburn** half a hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the Incloſure. In **Milverton** half a hide, with all the Tyth of the Earle of **Warwick**'s Fee. In **Cotes** all the Tythe, as well in the Mills, as other things, living & dead; and likewiſe of two Carucates of Land lying in **Stochull**, and **Wodelaw**. In **Comton** 2. parts of the Tyth of the Incloſure. In **Walton**-*Theoderic* all the Tyth of the demeſne, and of one Mill. In **Walton**-*Spilibert* 2. parts of the Tythes of the Incloſure, as alſo of the 2. Mills; and in the Meadow adjoyning to **Hereford** vi. Acres. Within and without the Town of **Warw.** lx. houſes, In **Milton** all the Tyth, and all the third part of the demeſne; as alſo the Land of one *Neatheard*, and 4.------- Land. And moreover, the Church of **Gretham**, with the Church of S. *John* and 6. Acres of Land; the Church of S. *Peter* with one houſe. The Church of **Budbroke**, and all the Tyth of that Village, with all that belongeth thereto; and the Tythe of the Rent of the Burrough of **Warw.** In **Hethe** 1. Hide. In **Caldecote** half a Hide: as alſo the Schools of **Warw.** together with judgement by Fire, Water, and Battail; and laſtly C. Acres of land in **Cotes**, with the land of *Wimund* the Prieſt. All which poſſeſſions he the ſaid E. *Roger* ratified unto them by his Charter ſealed, granting, that they might have a Dean and Chapter, and a fraternal Covent in the ſaid Church, and to enjoy the premiſſes as freely, and honorably, as the Churches of **Lincoln**, **Salisbury**, or **York** did theirs.

And beſides this did the ſaid Earle *Roger* give [w] to the Canons of this his Collegiate Church, the Chapel of S. *James*, built over the Weſt-gate in **Warwick**, with a croft thereto belonging, lying without the Town ditch, and extending in length from the ſaid Chapel as far as S. *John*'s Chapel, on the other ſide the way. And to theſe grants did *Robert de Curli* add his confirmation [x] of the Church of **Budebroke**, acknowledging it to be a Chapel belonging to the ſaid mother Church of our Lady; to which Church of **Budebroke** did then belong lx. Acres of Incloſure on the one ſide of the Town, and as many on the other, and a Houſe for the Prieſts, with certain crofts anciently belonging to that Church; as alſo the whole Tythes

w *Ib. f.8.b.*

x *Ib. f.9.b.*

of **Budbroke**, **Hamton**, **Norton**, and **Greve**; and of the Mill and Pool belonging to the Town; provided that the said Canons did place a Vicar there, with the consent of him the said *Robert* and his Heirs: All which were confirmed [y] by *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester**, who in the third year of his Episcopacy translated [z] the Priests out of the said Church of *All Saints* accordingly (*an. sc.* 1128. 29. H. 1. And united [a] and annext the Churches above specified unto this Colledge of our Lady, to be possest by the same Dean and Canons for their own proper behoof: as also by [b] *Thomas* Archb. of **Canterbury**, (commonly called St. *Thomas*) by [c] Pope *Eugenius* the 3. *Adrian* [d] the 4. King. H. 1. and other [e] succeeding Bishops.

y } *Ib. f.*
z } 12. *b.*

a *Ib. f.* 56. *a.*
b *Ib. f.* 14. *a.*
c *Ib. b.*
d *Ib. f.* 17. *a.*
e *Ib. f.* 22. *b.* &c.



Canonicus Secularis.

Little can I say touching this sort of *Canons*, for as much as they were no other than Priests, and called *Secular*, in regard they performed the Offices of such in serving the world, by administring to lay people upon all occasions, whereas those as lived *Regularly* did not so do; Neither had they their diet, or lodging in common like the Monks and *Regular Canons*, but habitations apart, and their maintenance several, by distinct shares, called *Prebendaries*, assigned unto them, as those in our Collegiate and Cathedral Churches even till these times used to have; their habite not differing, as by this here represented from an ancient Monumental Portraiture in brass, still remaining upon a Marble in the body of this Church, may be seen. Of which kinde were those that before King *Edgar*'s time had got footing † in divers of our Monasteries; but, through the advice of St. *Dunstan*, and power of that devout Monarch, were ejected, * and the Monks again restored, consonant to the minde of their pious founders.

*Monast. Anglic. p.33. a 140. a.

† b.

* Vide Cart. 9. E. 3. n. 49. per Inspex.

Much ado there was betwixt the Dean and Canons of this Church, and the Prior of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick**, the said Prior making claim [f] to a right in this Parish; but these differences were at length determined [g] by Pope *Adrian* the 4. about the beginning of K. H. 2. reign, and the right therein adjudg'd to the said Dean & Canons; all which was afterwards confirm'd [h] by other Popes and Bishops. In 8. E. 3. *T. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, out of the great respect he bore to this Colledge of Priests, gave [i] them the perpetual advouson of the Church of **Pillerton-Hercy** in this County, which was appropriated [k] thereto for augmentation of their maintenance *in An.* 1341. 15. E. 3. But such was the regardlesness of the rights belonging to this Church by those that had to do in the government thereof, that in processe of time it received no small losse by the alienation of a great part of its possessions, till *Will. Wittlesey* B. of **Worcester** (afterwards Archb. of **Canterbury**) moved thereto by the said Earle, restored [l] unto it the greatest part of those ancient rights which before it had: howbeit, by that Instrument it appears, [m] that whereas the Priory of S. **Sepulchers** in **Warwick** was founded where the Churches of *S. Sepulchers* and S. *Helens* stood; and [n] that the Church of **Gretham** in **Rutland** had been very anciently appropriated to the said Priory of S. *Sepulchers*, in consideration whereof the Canons of that House perpetually found at their charge one Sub-Deacon to serve in the said Collegiate Church, there was an impossibility of restoring them thereto.

f Ib. f. g 17. b.

h f. 18. c.

i f. 61. b.

k .63. a.

l f. 55. b.

m Ib. f. 56. b.

As also, [o] whereas the Churches of S. *John*, S. *Michaell*, S. *Laurence*, S. *Peter*, and S. *James*, all standing within the Precincts of this Town, whereof the most wanted Church-yards for Sepulture, and the rest were grown ruinous, there was no necessity at all of repairing them, forasmuch as this Collegiate Church had capacity sufficient to receive all the inhabitants coming thereto, and the Church-yard spacious enough for to bury their dead; that from thenceforth they should constantly come to this Church, there to make their Processions, and hear Divine service, as heretofore upon Sundays and Festivals, in acknowledgement of subjection (thereto, it being the mother Church) they had used to do, and have sepulture in the Church-yard there, in regard that by this Decree and Constitution all other places within the compasse of this Town, except the Church & Churchyard of S. *Nicholas*, were thenceforth prohibited from having any Ecclesiastick burial in them: Which Decree and Constitution, whereby also several *Pensions* are assigned out of the revenews belonging to the Colledge, for the *Canons-resident*, differing in proportion from the *non-resident*, bears date at **Hertleburg** 24. *Dec. An.* 1367. 41. E. 3.

o f. 57. &c.

After this divers eminent persons became Benefactors thereto; *viz.* Sir *Will. Beauchamp* Knight, (a younger son to the before specified Earle) who in *March* 15. R. 2. gave [p] the advouson of the Church of **Spellesburg** in **Oxfordsh.** for augmentation of their maintenance, to the intent that they should pray for the good estate of K. *Ric.* 2. Q. *Anne* his consort, and for their Souls after their departure out of this world; as also for the good estate of him the said Sir *Will.* and Dame *Joane* his wife, during this life, and for their Souls afterwards, together with the Souls of the said Kings Progenitors, his own Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased: which Church was appropriated [q] thereto 18. *Martii* the same year. And in *April* following, *Thomas* B. then E. of **Warw.** (elder brother to the said Sir *Will.*) considering, [r] that this Coll. Church so founded by his noble Ancestors, was not sufficiently endowed, did for the good estate of the said K. and Q. of himself and the Lady *Margaret* his wife, Sir *Will. Beauchamp* his brother, and Dame *Joane* his wife; as also of all their children during this life, and for their Souls after their departures out of this world, together with the Souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased, bestow [s] upon the said Dean and Canons, and their Successors, in further enlargement of their maintenance, half an Acre of Land in **Haseloze**, with the perpetual patronage of that Church: a quarter of an Acre of Land in **Wolshamcote**, with the advouson of the Church (both in this County;) and a quarter of an Acre of Land in **Wytlesford** in **Cambridgesh.** with the advouson of that Church; which said Churches were appropriated accordingly; *viz.* [t] that of **Wytlesford** in *Dec.* following, that [u] of **Haseloze** in *Oct.* 18. R. 2. and that [w] of **Wolshamcote** in *Nov.* 19. R. 2.

p { Ib. f. 81. b. Clauſ. 11. H. 4. in d. m. 25.

q Ib. f. 81. a.

r { Ib. f. s { 94. a.

t Ib. f. 94. b.

u Ib. f. 127. a.

w Ib. f. 164. b.

And upon the Feast day of S. *Michael* 18. R. 2. did the before specified Sir *Will. Beauchamp*, then stiled Lord *Bergavenny*, give [x] further to this Coll. Church, half an Acre of Land in **Chadsley-Corbet** *in Com. Wigorn.* with the advouson of the Church, to be appropriated thereunto, to pray for the good estate of himself and Dame *Joane* his wife; *Tho.* E. of **Warwick**, his brother, & *Margaret* his wife; as also for their Children during this life, and for their Souls after their departure hence; which Church was accordingly appropriated [y] in *Octob.* following. And notwithstanding all this, the said Earle, thinking their endowment too slender, by his Charter [z] bearing date 20. *Sept.* 19. R. 2. gave thereunto his Mannour of **Haseloure** in this County: And not onely perfected [a] the work of that stately Quire, begun [b] by his Father (in the mid'st whereof his said fathers, and mothers Monument doth stand) but built [c] anew the whole body of the Church from the ground, in the form it now appears, the timber employed therein being bought [d] of his brother in **Alleslep** woods for that purpose; In which Quire there was at that time a statue of the famous *Guy*, but altered [e] in 19. R. 2. by one *John Sutton* a Carver, who did cut the Arms of the ancient Earls of **Warwick** upon it.

x Ib. f. 104. b.

y Ib. f. 105. b.

z Ib. f. 152. b.

a { Rot. I. b { Rous.

c { Ex. Comp. Baliv. Warw. d { Com. circa an 17. R. 2.

e Ex Comp. de an. 19. R. 2.

But as some, out of their devout affections for the

the advancement of Gods ſervice were munificent Benefactors to this Collegiate Church, yet were there others as apt to detain its rights; for notwithſtanding that Decree made by *Will. Wattleſey* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, before ſpecified, the profits of the Churches of S. *Nicholas*, S. *Peter*, S. *Laurence*, and **Budbroke**, were yet withheld, [f] under colour that the ſaid reſtitution and confirmation did not in expreſſe words extend to the Succeſſors of the then Dean and Canons to whom the ſame was granted; therefore in 22.R.2. the King gave [g] a new Licenſe to them for their union and appropriation, which appropriation [h] was accordingly made by *Tideman de Winchcombe* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, 7. *Martii* the ſame year. Amongſt other the Benefactors to this Church *Wal er Power* was not the leaſt; for I finde, that by his deed [i] bearing date 4. *Martii* 2. H.4. to the intent that the Dean and Chapter and their Succeſſors ſhould there celebrate two *Obits* yearly for ever; *viz.* one for the Soul of *Margaret* his wife then deceaſed, and the other for his own Soul after his departure out of this world, he gave thereunto his Mannour of **Yetheote** in this County, with *Proviſo*, that if they failed in the celebration of the ſaid *Obits*, they ſhould forfait xl. *s.* to be levied by diſtreſſe upon that Mannour. Shortly after which did *Will. de Peto*, Esquire (of whom and his family I have ſpoke in **Chefterton**) releaſe [k] unto them (*ſc.* 15. *Apr.* 6.H.4.) all his intereſt in the advouſon of the Church of **Wolfhamcote** before ſpecified (for it was purchas't [l] by *T. Beauchamp* Earle of **Warwick**, who gave it, of Sr. *John de Peto* Kt. father to this *Will.* in 38.E.3.) covenanting [m] with them thereupon, that in caſe he departed this life within the County of **Warw.** they ſhould cauſe his body to be brought thither, and interred in the ſaid Coll. Church, in ſuch a place as he did before direct; and celebrate his *Anniverſary* on the day of his *Obit*, regiſter his name in their *Martyrologe*, and pray for him his Anceſtors and Heirs as Founders and Patrons of the ſaid Church of **Wolfhamcote**; as alſo to cauſe his grave to be covered with a Monumental ſtone, and his Arms cut thereupon, with an inſcription declaring his death, according to his, or his Councell's directions.

I will now proceed with its other Benefactors in order of time as I finde them; The firſt whereof was K.E.4. who, partly in conſideration of an annuity of viii. *s.* 1. *d. ob. q.* and of a portion of Tithe amounting to xxiiii. *s. per an.* iſſuing out of **Fulbroke** in this County, which the ſaid Coll. Church was poſſeſt of till *John* D. of **Bedford** incloſed that Lordſhip and made it a Park; And partly for that the ſaid Dean and Canons had undertaken to ſolemnize perpetually, upon the 30. of *Decemb.* yearly one *Obit* in the ſaid Church for the health of the Souls of the moſt excellent Prince *Richard* Duke of **York**, father to the ſaid K. and *Rich. Nevill* E. of **Saliſbury** deceaſed, did by his Letters Pat. [n] bearing date 16. *Decemb.* in the firſt year of his reign, grant unto them and their Succeſſors a certain portion of incloſed ground, called **Northbroke**, parcel of that Lordſhip of **Fulbroke**, lying Northwards of the ſaid Park, but not included therein. And about the 8. of *Edw.* 4. *Ric. Nevil* then Earle of **Warwick**, and *Anne* his wife, daughter to *R ch. Beauchamp* Earle of **Warwick**, (but ſiſter and Heir to Duke *Henry* her brother) gave [o] them the Mannours of **Bathkinton** & **Woldardinton** in this County, with 3. Tenements and one Garden in **Warwick**, ſituate next to the Church-yard of this Coll. Church: which grant was (as I conceive) in accompliſhment of the laſt Will of the ſaid *Rich. B.* who ordained [p] that for the increaſe of Divine ſervice in this Church there ſhould be lands, or advouſons, amortized, to finde 4. Prieſts and two Clerks for ever, over and above the number that were there before (as in my ſtory of the ſaid Earle is ſhewed.)

To theſe K.H.7. in 16. of his reign granted [q] the place where a Church, called **Cuckow-Church** had heretofore ſtood, with the Church-yard (which was in **Wedgnock**-Park as I have already declared) and all the rights thereto belonging, together with xl. *s.* annuity, in exchange for the glebe antiently given thereto by the E. of **Warwick**.

Having thus made recital of whatſoever I have ſeen memorable in relation to its endowments, I ſhall here add a Catalogue [r] of ſuch Books as I finde did belong thereto in *An.* 1407. 8.H.4. As alſo of the *Reliques* as they were inventoried in *An.* 1455. 33.H.6.

Firſt viii. Maſſe bookis and a Goſpellarye and a Piſtellarye.

Alſo vi. new G...yells and ii. old.

Alſo ii. Troperes.

Alſo viii. Portos with Legend, and ii. Legends, the one of temporal another of.....

Alſo ii. new Antiphoners & and ii. old.

Alſo iii. Sauters.

Alſo vi. Proceſſionals, and another with an Emanuel.

Alſo a Martyrologe and an Ymner with Immitatories.

Alſo a new Emanuel and an Ordinal.

Alſo a Catholicon.

Reliquiæ. [s]

Quædam pars de Cruce in qua Crucifixus eſt Jeſus.

De Capillis b. Mariæ, & de veſtimentis ejus.

Quædam zona ejuſdem b. Marie Virg. & de tumba ejuſdem b. Mariæ.

Oſſa b. Egidii Abbatis, & ſtola ejuſdem, cum aliis diverſis reliquiis.

Quædam pars de lacte b. Mariæ Virginis.

De oleo S. Katherinæ Virginis.

Reliquiæ Sanctorum Edw. regis, Swithini, & Alkemundi, Wolfadi & Ruffini, ſc. oſſa eorum.

Quædam reliquiæ S. Jacobi Apoſtoli.

Queddam cilicium S. Thomæ Cantuar. Archiep.

De tumba Domini noſtri Jeſu Chriſti, & de ſpina quæ poſita fuit ſuper capud Jeſu.

De dente & oſſibus S. Laurentii martyris.

Quædam pars de Cathedra Patriarchæ Abrahæ.

Oleum in quo venit ignis in vigilia Paſchæ de cœlo.

Quoddam os beati Andrei Apoſtoli.

Pecten b. Edmundi Cantuar. archiep.

Quædam pars de manutergio Nichodemi quando ſuſtinuit corpus domini ſuper humeros.

Quædam pars de arboribus montis Calvariæ.

De rubo quem viderat Moyſes incombuſtum.

Cornu eburneum S. Georgii martyris.

Oleum S. Nicholai epiſc. cum aliis reliquiis.

Quædam ſartago S. Brandani.

De clamyde S. Martini epiſc.

De oſſibus Sanctorum Innocentium.

Reliquiæ de S. Margareta, & de S. Maria Magdalena.

Reli-

f Pat. 22.R. 2.p.1. m.29.

g Pat. 22.R. 2.p.1. m.29.

h Ex Regiſt. D & Cap. Wigorn. f. 396. a.

i Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. f. 216. b.

k Ib. f. 170. a.

l Ib. f. 163. b.

m Ib. f. 170. a. b.

n Pat. 1. E.4. p. 3. m. 17.

o Eſc. 8. E. 4. n. 64.

p 1. Ro. f. 141.

q Pat. H. 7. p. 7.

r Regi Coll. de Warw. 201. b

s Ib. f. 94. b.

Reliquiæ S. Blasii & S. Taddei Apostoli.
Reliquiæ S. Hugonis Lincoln. episc. & Martyris.
De sepulchro Domini, & de petra Montis Calvariæ.
De præsepe Domini & columpna ad quam fuit ligatus quando fuit flagellatus.
De petra super quam fuit vinctus post mortem.
De sepulchro S. Catherinæ Virginis.
De genu S. Georgii, & de petra super quam sanguinavit in martyrio suo.
De ossibus S. Brendani.
De facie S. Stephani.
De veste & capillis S. Mariæ Magdalenæ.
De rupe in qua S. Anna jacet.
De capillis beati Francisci.
De vestimento S. Agnetis.
De velo & tunica beatæ Clarę.
De reliquiis S. Ceciliæ.

u *MS. penes S.A. eq. aur. f.1. a.b.*

I now come to that fatall Survey [u] in 26. H. 8. the fore-runner of its dissolution; whereby I finde that the yearly revenues belonging thereto were then certified to be *CCCxxxiiii.*li. *ii.*s. *iii.*d.ob.

w *Ib. f.2.a.*

Out of which was allowed, [w] *per ann.* to the Dean for his stipend. 26.*li.*-13.*s.*-04.*d.*
To *John Watwood* one of the Prebends, called S. *Peters.* 13-06-08
To *John Fisher* another of the Prebends, called S. *John Bapt.* 13-06-08
To *David Vaughan* another of the Prebends, called S. *Laurence.* 02-00-00
To *Thomas Leason* another of the Prebends, called S. *Michaels.* 02-00-00
To *Robert Wythington* another of the Prebends, called S. *James.* 02-00-00
To *Robert Hoole* Curate of this Parish Church. 06-13-04
To ten Priests which were Vicars dayly serving in the said Collegiate Church. 07-06-08 a piece.
To six Choristers. 02-00-00 a piece.

Ib. f.3.a.

The yearly *Obits* [x] kept in this Church, for which also there were several allowances were these:

Of *Thomas Beauchamp* the father, and *Thomas* his son, both Earls of **Warwick**; Of *Margaret* Countesse of **Warwick**: (wife to the last *Thomas*) Of *Ric. Beauchamp.* E. of **Warw.** Of *Ric.* Duke of **York**; Of *Rich. Nevil* Earle of **Warwick**; Of K. *Henry* 7. Of *Walter Power*, and of *William Peito.* As also of *John Young*, *Rapls Power*, *Thom. Rowse*, *Will. Launder*, *John Allestre*, and *John Acreman*; which last mentioned six, were Eccleſiastick persons, as it seems; *Henry Grey*, Marquesse *Dorset*, being then high [y] Steward of the said Colledge, having an annuity of xl.*s. per ann.*

Ib. f.3.b.

Patroni Decanatus.	Decani.	
Will. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Magr. Will. de Apperleg.* 7. *Id. Dec.* 1296.	*iff. f.408.*
Guido de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Mr. Rob. Tankard Pbr.* 6. *Id. Julii* 1306.	*eyn. f.40.*
	Rob. de Geryn accol. (*post resign. Ric. de Alencester ult. Decani*) 18. *Cal. Septemb.* 1314.	*laidst. f. 1. b.*
Thom. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Magr. Thom. de Lench Cler.* 10. *Feb.* 1338.	*S. Germ. f. 157.b.*
	D. Nich. Southam Pbr. 1. *Dec.* 1361.	*Br. vol. 1. f. 41.b.*
Thomas de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Thom. Younge Cler.* 27. *Sept.* 1395.	*Tid. f.1.a.*
Ric. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*D. Joh. Porter Cap.* 10. *April* 1432.	*Pult. f.125. b.*
Firmarii dom. Regis &c. terr. Ric. Comit. Warw.	*D. Rob. Cherbury Cap.* 4. *Maii* 1443.	*Bourch. f. 92.b.*
Nobilis & præpotens D. Ric. Comes Warw.	*D. Will. Berkeswell.* 15. *Dec.* 1454.	*Carp. vol. 1. f.123.b.*
Nob. & præpotens Ric. Co. Warw. & Sarum.	*Mr. Joh. Southwell* 11. *Martii* 1469.	*Carp. vol. 2. f.9.b.*
D. Episcopus.	*Mr. Edm. Albone in medicinis Dr. & Pbr.* 17. *Oct.* 1481.	*Alc. f.92.b.*
Ric. Rex Angl. ratione minoris ætat. Edw. Com. Warw.	*Mr. Ric. Brakenburgh* 18. *Maii* 1485.	*Ib. f.149.a.*
Henr. 7. Rex Angl. ratione Comitatus Warwic. in manu sua exist.	*Mr. Will. Stokdal S. Theol. professor*, 13. *Julii* 1498.	*Gvg. vol. 2. f.7.b.*
	Edw. Haseley Cap. 10. *Dec.* 1498.	*Ib. f.8.a.*
	Mr. Rad. Colingwode S. Theol. prof. 29. *Maii* 1507.	*Ib. f.50.b.*
Henr. 8. Rex. Angl. ratione & supra.	*Mr. Joh. Allestre Cler.* 22. *Aug.* 1510.	*Ib. f.65. a.*
	Mr. Joh. Knyghtley Cler. 15. *Maii* 1542.	*Bell. f.29. b.*

But this Collegiate Church (with many more) being dissolved in the Parliament of 37. H. 8. was the same year (*inter alia*) granted [z] out of the Crown, by Letters Pat. bearing date 15. *May*, to the inhabitants of **Warwick**, by the name of the Burgesses of **Warwick**, and their Successors.

z *Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 5.*

Here was one onely Chantry, founded [a] by *Rob. Waldene* of **Warwick** in 2. H. 4. for a Priest to sing Masse dayly, at the Altar of S. *Anne*, for the good [b] estate of *Henry* 4. then K. of **England**, *Margaret* Countesse of **Warwick**, *Richard*, her Son, then E. of **Warwick**, and *Eliz.* his wife; and of him the said *Robert* and *Elene* his wife, during this life: as also for the Souls of *Thomas Beauchamp*, late Earle of **Warwick**, and of *Alice* sometime wife of the said *Rob. Waldene*; and likewise for the Souls of their Children, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased; for the maintenance of which Priest, he gave *C.* iiii.*s.* iiii.*d.* yearly Rent issuing out of divers messuages lying in **Warwick**, **Milton**, **Longbridge**, **Lee**, **Berefold**, and **Preston-Bagot**, all in this County.

a *Esc. 1. H. 4. 'at. 2. H. 4. p. 2. m. 37.*

b *Tideman f.59. a.b.*

Inscriptions upon the Bells in this Church.

1
2 *Vox domini Jesu Christi vox exaltationis.*
3 *Æternis annis resonat Campana Johannis.*
4 *Isabel Beauchamp first founded me.*
5 *Trinitati sacra fiat hæc Campana beata.*
6 *Dat sonitum plenum Jhesus & modulamen amœnum.*
Jhesu have merci on me Isabell.

About the skirt thereof.

Ἅγιος ὁ θεὸς, ἅγιος ἰσχυρὸς, ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς:

In the body of the Church,

Vpon a Marble, from w.ch the Portraicture in brasse is torne away, this Inscription,

Si vitam sancti, si nomen queris Haley
Ossa sub hoc gelido Marmore clausa iacent
Hic varias plenis gustauit faucibus artes,
Nec leuiter lingua doctus vtraq fuit,
Pro quo qsqs ad hunc tumulum vestigia fleet,
æternum paucis queso precare deum,



Sub isto lapide marmoreo iacet Thomas Lucy filius
dni Willi. Lucy militis. cuius aie ppitietur deus amen.



Dendit qs hoc tumulo laurens Clare decoris: flamine virtutis pbitate nitens
Et pueri cantum didicere docente sonorum; Regu te splendet sacra capella ducis
non morieris diues p secula cuncta pbenis; Stibi precipuus gloria vocis erit.

Epitaphium dni Laurentij Esquyer huius ecclie quondam canonici qui obiit nonis
nono die mensis maij anno dni Millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio.

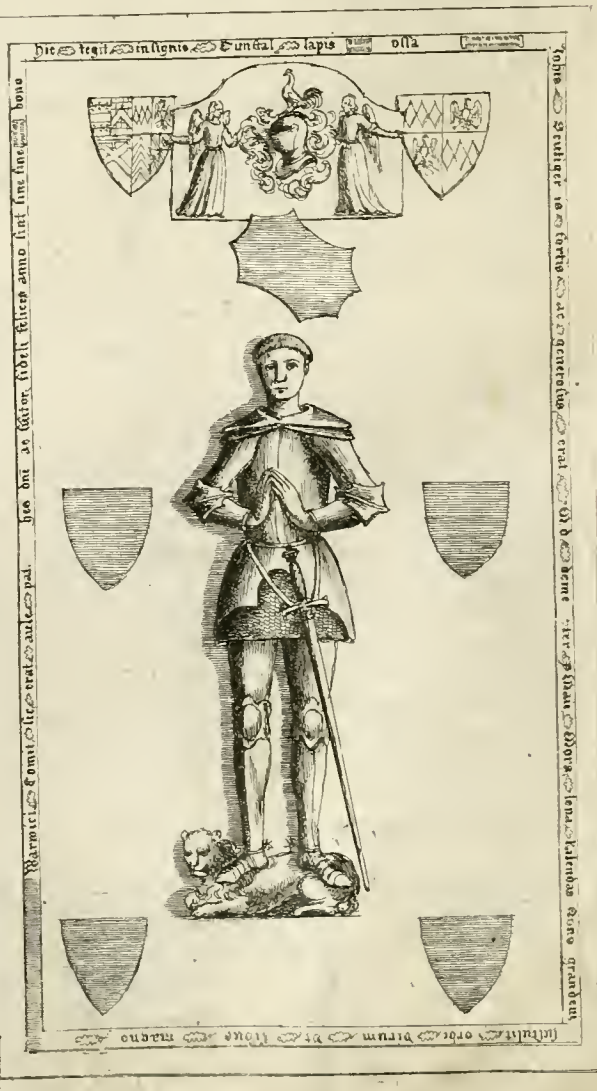


Ricardus Seruiens Robilissimi Comitis Warrewici Capitanei Regis Anglie et Franc de Calis

hic iacet Johes Manero Armiger

obiit die mens Junii anno dni M CCCC lxxxvii cuius aime ppitietur deus amen.

Sor y^ love of God & for the pay of Charitie pray for the soule of John Manero and endid his lyff wich ieth berid vnder this ston her as ye may se Whom Jhu Crist bryngt to heven into eu lestyng lyff where is ay ioy & blysse & neu^r sorow to be ouercom for his soule Gods of his grace therin sende pleyn hoyle to be ther med. at ther laste end.



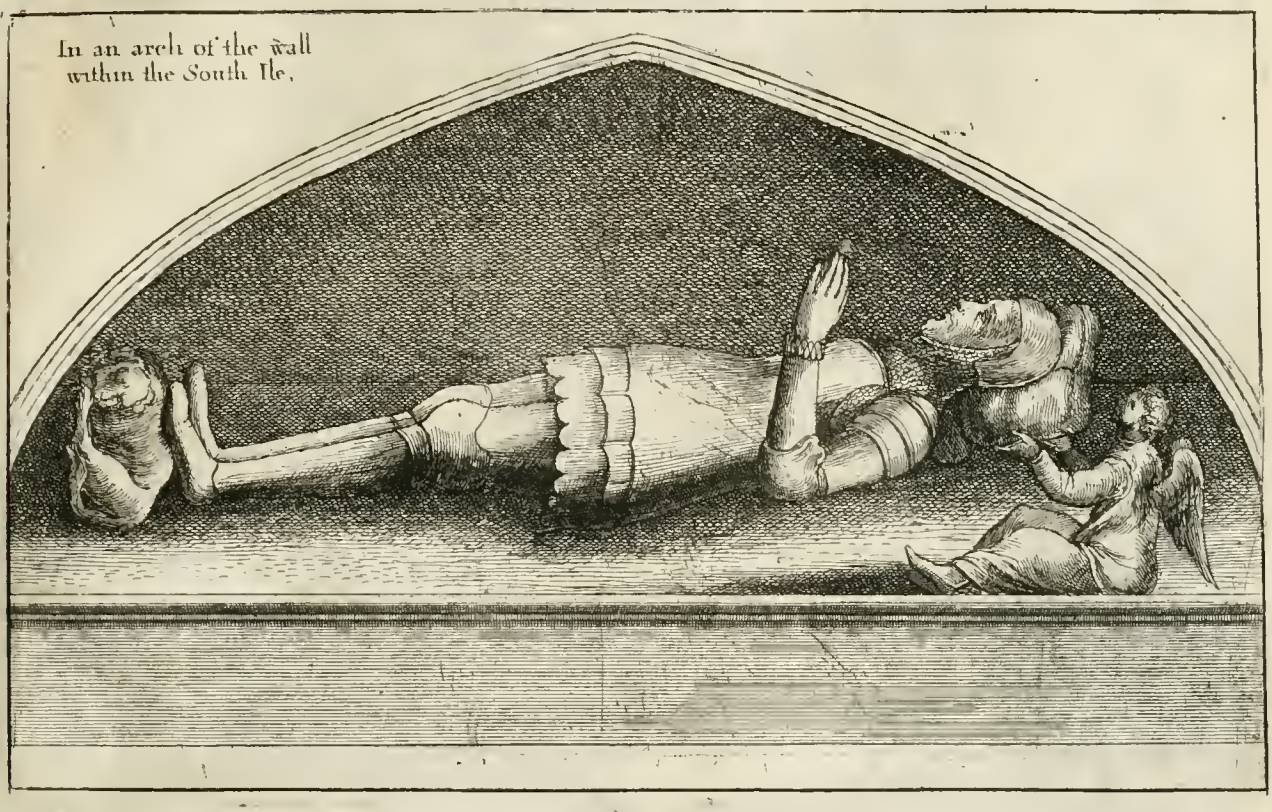
hic tegit inlignis Funeral lapis ossa

Marmoreis Comitis lice erat aulea pal. hec dni ac sacrar. fidei felices anno sint sine fine bono

Johes Scrutiger ac tertius ac nacneteius erat d dene ... Gloria ... kalendas Iena ... grandeus

Illustr ... orbis ... bi ... ilone ... magno

Having in my Story of the Earls repreſented their Monuments which are within this Church, Quire, and our *Lady Chapell*, I ſhall here exhibite the reſidue, now remayning, with ſuch monumentall Inſcriptions as be yet undefaced.



In the body of the Church, upon Marble grave-ſtones with plates of braſſe.

Hic iacent Willielmus Hopkins quondam burgenſis ville Warwici, qui obiit vii. die Februarii Anno Domini M. CCCCxliii, Et Margareta uxor eiuſdem, que obiit xiii. die Februarii Anno Domini MCCCCli, quorum animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

Hic iacet Ricardus Eilyn, bocher, quondam burgenſis & magiſter Gylde iſtius ville, qui obiit ii. die menſis Martii Anno Domini M. CCCClxvi. Cuius anime propitietur Deus, Amen.

Hic iacet Magiſter Johannes Stonys quondam Canonicus iſtius Eccleſie, ac Rector de Hanſlap & Bukby, qui obiit xiiii. die Auguſti Anno Domini M. CCCCLxxxvi, cuius anime propitietur Deus, Amen.

Orate pro animabus Benedicti Medley, et Agnetis uxoris eius.

Hic iacet Dominus Johannes Walker Capellanus Cantarie gilde qui obiit vicesimo primo die Auguſti Anno Domini M. CCCC. nonageſimo primo; cuius anime propitietur Deus, Amen.

Hic iacet Ricardus Bothe quondam burgenſis Warwici, Et Alicia uxor eius, quorum animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

Hic iacet Dominus Oliverus Alwode quondam Canonicus iſtius Eccleſie, ac Rector de Ilmyndon & Bukbroke, qui obiit. ii. die Novembris Anno Domini Milleſimo CCCCxxxi. cuius anime propitietur Deus, Amen.

Near the Belfrey-dore.

Quæ fuit Edmundi conjux Prior Elizabetha
Gregorii, *gentis Radcliffforum edita ſtirpe*
Fratris Appollinea *clari doctoris in arte*
Hìc placidè fatis defuncta in pace quieſcit
Mille novem demptis Chriſti numeravimus annos
Sexcentoſq; dies Octobris bis quoq; denos
Cum lenti crebros morbi perpeſſa labores
Ante diem periit ſummoq; in flore, puellis
Elizabetha, *Annaq; tenella prole relictis*
Quodq; unum potuit ſupremum pignus amoris
Hoc conjux dedit, & ſignavit carmine marmor.
1591.

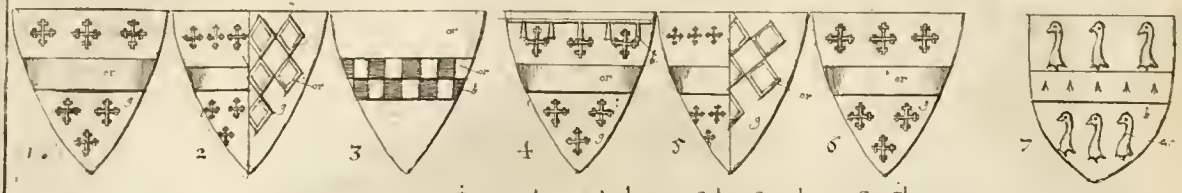
On a plate of braſſe fixt in the wall neer the Chapter-houſe dore, upon which are alſo the portraictures of a man and his wife in gownes.

Of your charite give thanks for the ſoules of Thomas Oken and Joane his wyff, on whoſe ſoules Jeſus hath mercy, Jeſus hath mercy. Amen. Remember the charyte for the yere for ever Anno Domini M. CCCCCLxxiii.

In a South window of the South Crosse Ile

In a North window of the Church

In a South window

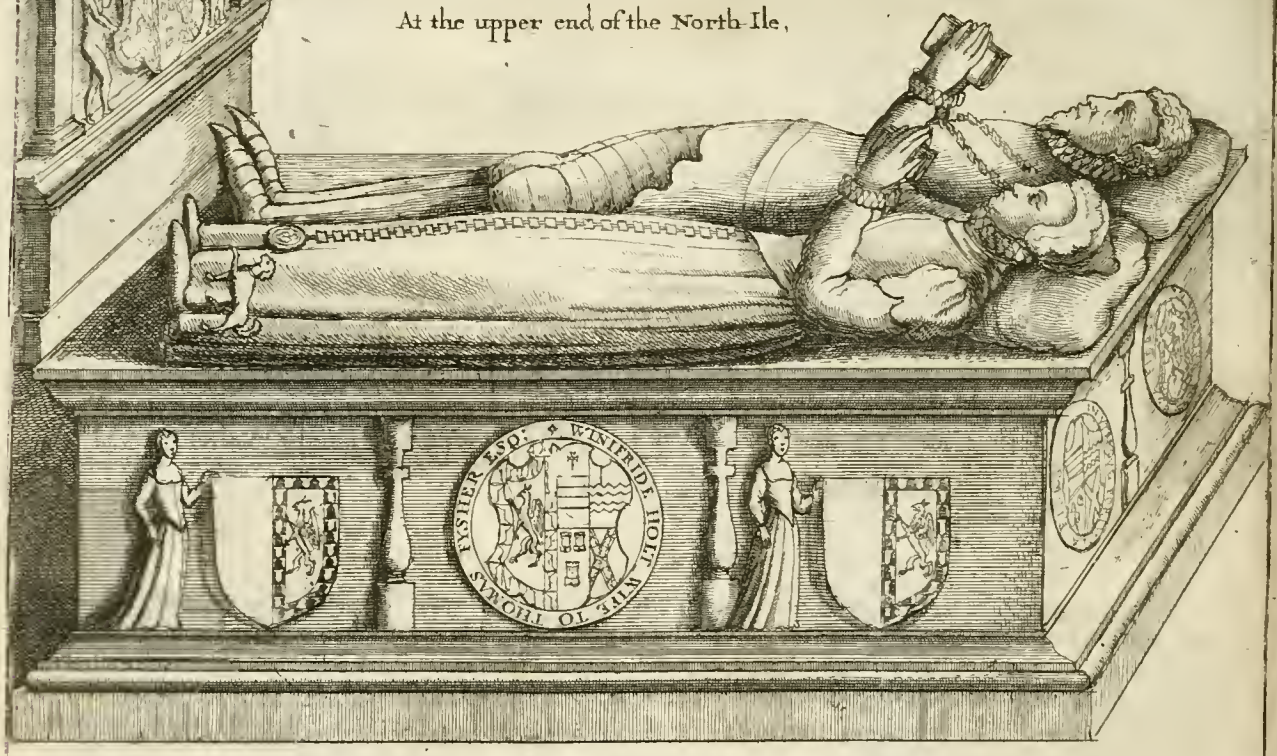


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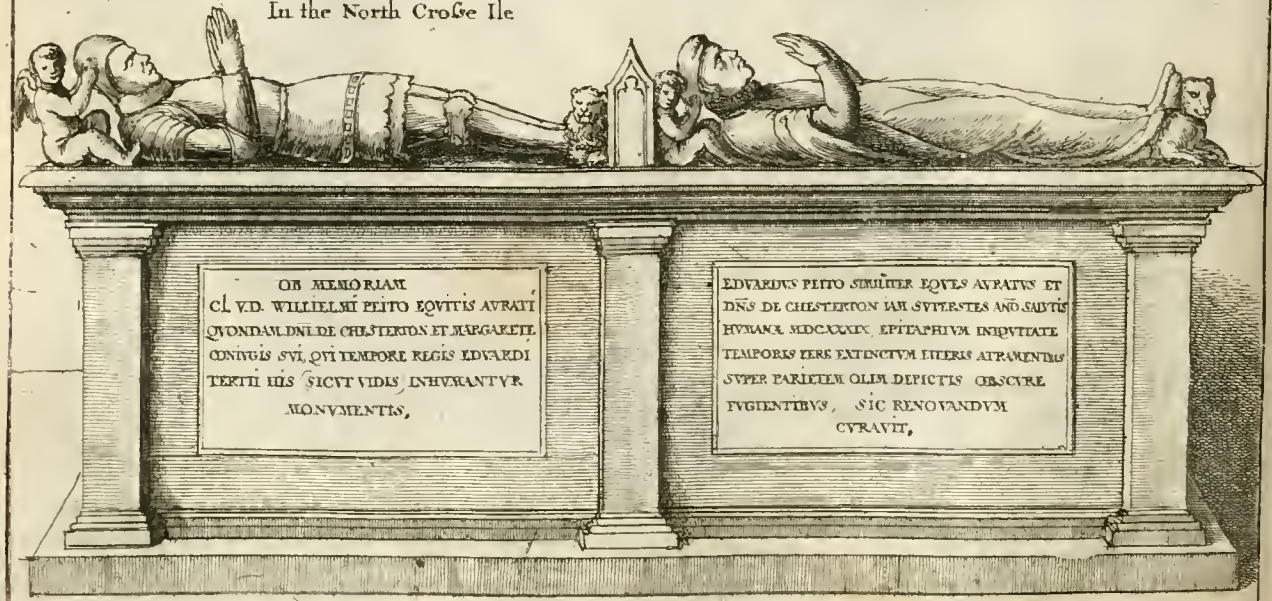
1 Beauchamp
2 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers
3
4 Beauchamp.
5 Beauchamp empaling ferrers
6 Beauchamp.
7 Spenser of Hodnell.
8
9 K. Edward the 3
10 Edward the black Prince
11 John of Gant D. of Lane;
12 Mauduit Earle of Warwick.

At the upper end of the North Ile,



Here lyeth intombed the bodies of Thomas fisher esq.r and Winifride his first Wife, W.ch Thomas deceased the twelveth day of January Anno domini 1577, and Winifride the thirde day of february Anno domini 1557, Whose soules God hath taken into his mercy most christianly
Edward fysher married Katherine daughter to S.r Richard Longe Knight, who had issue Thomas and John, Dorothy and Katherine,

In the North Crosse Ile



W Keller fecit.

And here, before I proceed further with these Monumentall Inscriptions, I must not omit to point at the particular pious works of the same *Thomas Oken*; who, having been born in this Borough of very mean parentage, and exercising the trade of a Mercer, by Gods blessing upon his industry, purchased lands here, as also in **Badsley**, **Beusale**, and **Harbury**, in this County, of good value; which by his deed *, dated 1. *Jan.* 13 *Eliz.* he past unto certain Feoffees; by whom they were so setled, as that, out of the profits thence arising, there should be yearly payd towards the increase of the head School-masters wages xl *Sol.* and as much to the under School-master; 4 *li.* to the poor of **Warwick**; *viz.* at *Christmas* 40 *s.* and at *Easter* 40 *s.* For 4. Sermons every year 40 *s.* To six poor Almesfolk that he appointed to be placed in three of his Houses for ever 24. *s.* a piece, with six black Gowns of Rugg or Cotton: Appointing, that the Collectors of the Rents issuing out of those lands should once every year give up their Accompts to the same Feoffees in the presence of the Bayliff and Burgesses of **Warwick**; and a Sermon to be preach't upon that day, for which the Preacher to have vi *s.* viii *d.* and the Bayliff, with the rest, xx *s.* for a dinner. But, besides all this, by his last Will † and Testament, bearing date 24. *Nov.* the year abovesaid, whereby he disposed his body to be buryed neer St. *Anne's* Altar within this Church, and those portraitures in brass of himself and his wife, with the Inscription, before inserted, to be made, did he give xxx *li.* to be distributed to the poor, by xii *d.* a piece. Ten pounds to 30. poor maydens to their mariages, *viz.* vi *s.* viii *d.* a piece; 100 *li.* to the Town of **Warwick** to buy land to enlarge their Common, wherewith they purchased a piece of ground called *Michaell's piece:* And to the Bayliff and Burgesses severall pieces of plate, which, ever since, have been transmitted from each Bayliff to his successour. To the Bayliff and Aldermen of **Stratford**, and their successours he also gave 40 *li.* to be set out to eight honest Tradesmen within that Town; *viz.* 5 *li.* a man, for three or four years together at eight pence in the pound; whereof the one half to go to the poor; the other to the same Bayliff and his brethren to pay 3 *s.* 4 *d.* unto a Minister that shall preach unto them a Sermon, the rest they themselves to make merry with, and at the end of their mirth, give God thanks and say the *Lords Prayer*. The like bequest made he to the town of **Banbury**, and dyed 30. *Julii Anno* 1573. 15 *Eliz.*

* *Ex ipso autogr. penes Baliv. & Burgenses Warwici.*

† *Id.*

Upon a Tablet, at the upper end of the North Isle over the Chapter-house dore.

Nomine non natura, Patri Fishero Generoso, quondam hujus Burgi Senescallo prudentissimo, Supervisori sagacissimo, Auditori fidelissimo, Gulielmus Spicerus, cùm adoptione, tùm affectione filius, rude hoc Monumentum filialis pietatis documentum posuit, non sine luctu.

Upon another Tablet hanging on the East side of the uppermost pillar in the North Ile.

NICHOLAS IFFELER

Borne at Ozenbrigge in the Province of Westphalia in Germany, as a travailing Pilgrim upon earth did leave his native Countrey, and made a free Denizen in England, inhabited here within this Borough of Warwick, where using the mistery of a Glasier painfully, and walking in his vocation uprightly, God so blessed the increase of his goods and good name, that he was preferred to be one of the principall Burgesses of this Borough; who for a short time enjoying that place, shewing himself an example worthy of imitation in sincere Religion and charitable devotion, did give order for the erection of an Hospitall for the necessary and continuall relief of eight poor persons, and bestowed likewise another portion of his lands for the further benefit of this Borough. And then departing out of this earthly tabernacle unto the celestiall Hierusalem, bequeathed his soule to God, through his mercy, of him to be received, his body to the earth, here to be buried, and his good name to posteritye, continually to be remembred; who lived and dyed the faithfull servant of Christ, upon the 14. day of January in the year of our Lord God 1591. of his age 80. Via fine devio, vita fine termino, est mihi Christus.

In a plate of brass fixt on the pillar by the Pulpit.

Hic jacet Margareta Uxor Gulielmi Vyner, quæ certa spe in Christo resurgendi, piè, placidéq; Deo animam reddidit 24. die Julii anno Domini 1609.

Upon the wall on the South side the Church.

Hic sepulta jacet Israel, Uxor Johannis Norton generosi, quæ xxix. die Novembris Anno Domini 1615. *spiritum emisit suum, cujus, juxta tam religiosam, integramq; in vitæ totius suæ erga omnes cursu semitam incessus, cum fideli piaq; emigratione sua certissimè testatus est, & quæ cordi sunt, obsignavit æternam, in & per Jesum Christum, super se esse pacem & misericordiam ut super Israelem Dei. Vita qualis, Finis talis.*

Upon the same wall.

In obitum Johannis Norton generosi hujus municipii nuper Senescalli, & deputati Recordatoris, qui obiit Septembris 14. *Anno Domini* 1635.

Sed non totus obit, pars petiit cœlica cœlum,
Vivit, & in terris nescia fama mori:
Frater amans, conjux fidus, virtutis amator,
Et cultor Domini non simulatus erat.
Posuit mœstissima conjux. D. N.

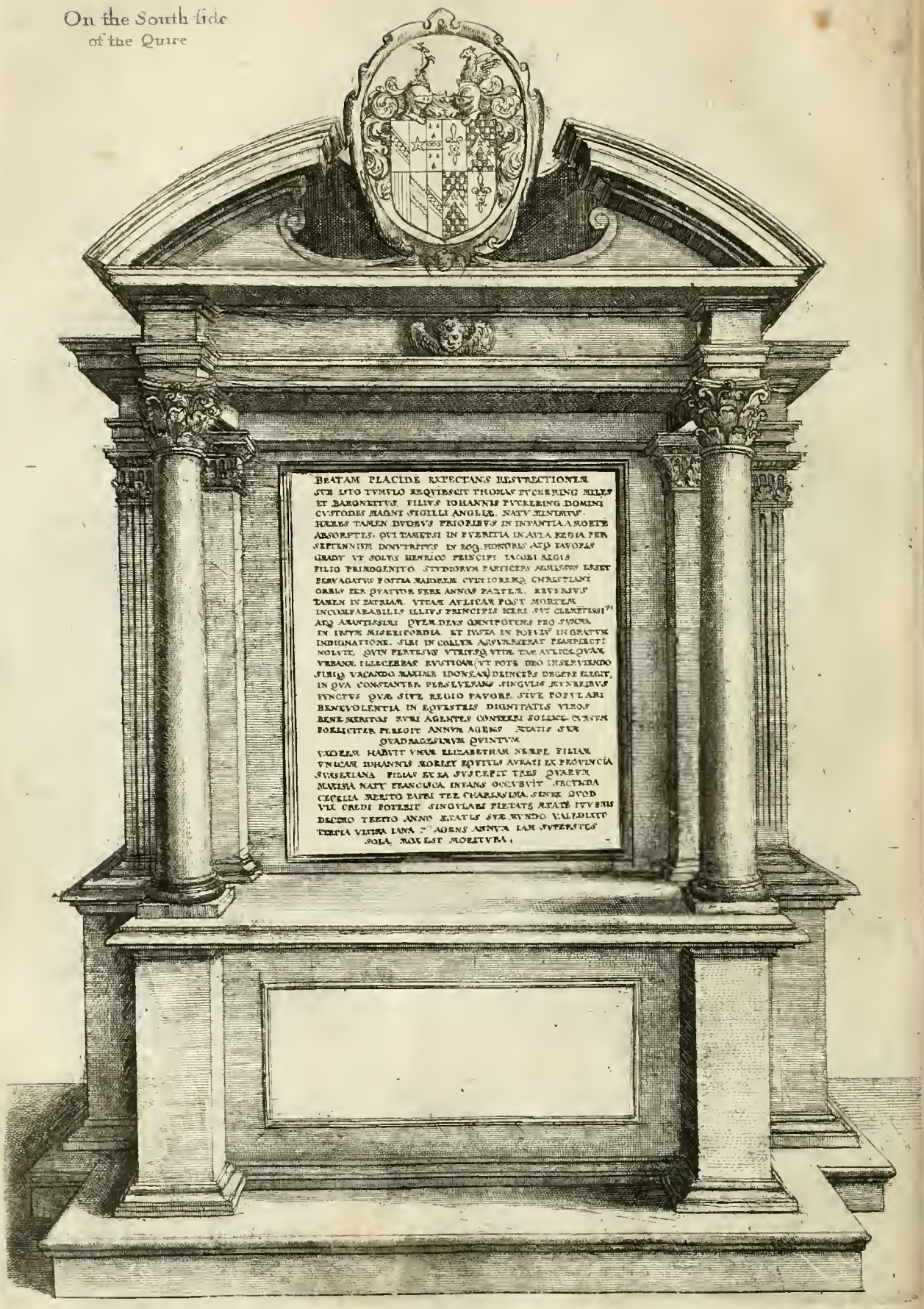
Upon the same wall.

QUIS HIC DORMIT?

WILHELMUS VINER.

Fuit olim Illustrissimo Domino Fulconi Domino Brook, per annos ferè quadraginta, œconomus. Quemque munere suo, summa fide, solertiaquè defunctum, eo in pretio habuit honoratissimus Baro, ut hinc petens beatas sedes eum illis accensuerit quibus curam Testamenti sui delegavit. Vir planè antiquis moribus, Et cui parem, effusâ præsertim dextrâ, vix inveneris. Scholas duas admodum horridas, & ruinæ propiores, alteram Norlechæ in agro Gloecestrienſi, in hac urbe alteram, sumptu non exiguo redintegravit

On the South side
of the Quire



& oppidò elegantes reddidit. Quin & hanc Warwicenſem perenni ſex librarum reditu (ut & hoſpitium quod eſt Lemingtoniæ ſeſquilibrali) auxit. Magna hæc in cenſu non magno, quippe centum annulas non ſuperante, & quatuor filiolis futuro patrimonio cœlitibus, maturè ſibi præmaturè ſuis, ſeptuagenarius acceſſit Aprilis xxviii. Anno Domini, M. DC. XXXIX.

Divers other perſons of note doe lye here interred, whoſe Monuments have been long ſince defaced, as the ſeverall Marbles yet remaining, whereupon their Portraitures and Epitaphs in braſs were fixt, doe manifeſt. Of theſe, (as *Leland*[c] teſtifieth) were *William Berkswell* Dean of this Collegiate Church, and one of the Executors to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, who ſaw the building of our Lady Chapell, and the ſtructure of thoſe buildings (at the Eaſt end of the Church-yard), called the Colledge, begun by the ſame Earl *Richard*, finiſhed. As alſo Dean *Aleſtre*, who tranſlated the body of Earl *Richard* into that Chapell; And Dean *Haſeley*, ſometime School-maſter to King *Henry* the 7. And moreover our heretofore eminent Antiquary *John Rous*, of whom I have ſpoke in **Guy-Cliffe**, who built a Library over the South porch of this Church, and dyed 14. *Jan. Anno* 1491. 6 H. 7.

And laſtly, the no leſs famous, in his kinde, *Thomas Cartwright*, whom Mr. *Camden* calls[d] *inter Puritanos anteſignanus*; and whom the Earl of **Leiceſter**, (who bore ſuch a ſway in thoſe days,) thought it no ſmall policy to court, his party in this Realme being ſo conſiderable; inſomuch as he made him Maſter of the Hoſpitall, then newly by him here founded.

But before I further proceed with my Monumentall matters in this Church, give me leave to digreſs a little in relating briefly the occaſion that moved this *Cartwright* to broach thoſe *Tenets* ſo much tending to the diſturbance of the Churches peace, as from credible tradition I have heard.

Being of *Trinity* Colledge in **Cambridge**, where Doctor *Whitgift* was Maſter, he made ſuit to be one of the diſputants before Queen *Elizabeth* at her entertainment in that Univerſity, and was admitted ſo to be; but miſſing of ſuch applauſe and advancement which he thereupon expected, and apprehending that the Doctor had been his back-friend, he quitted the Colledge, and, going beyond Sea, wrote againſt him in a Schiſmaticall manner. Of which writings I ſhall ſay no more than what the learned *Whitaker* in few words expreſſeth ——*Quem Cartwrightus* (ſaith he, ſpeaking of his ſecond Reply) *nuper emiſit libellum, ejus magnam partem perlegi; ne vivam ſi quid unquam viderim diſſolutius ac penè pueriliùs. Verborum ſatis ille quidem lautam, ac novam ſupellectilem habet, rerum omnino nullam, quantum ego judicare poſſum. Deinde, non modò perverſè de Principis, in rebus ſacris atq; Eccleſiaſticis authoritate ſentit: Sed in Papiſtarum etiam caſtra transfugit, à quibus tamen videri vult odio capitali diſſidere, verùm ne in hac cauſa ferendus, & aliis etiam in partibus tela à Papiſtis mutuatur. Deniq; (ut de* Ambroſio *dixit* Hieronymus) *verbis ludit, planèq; indignus eſt qui à quopiam docto confutetur.*

And I have been told, from good authority, that the reverend Biſhop *Andrew's* obſerved, that this *Cartwright* was the firſt that in the Church of **England** began the way of praying *ex tempore*, before his Sermon (which ſome call by the ſpirit.)

From the body of the Church I next come to the Quire.

On the North ſide of this Quire, towards the upper end, lyeth interred *William Parr* Marqueſſe of **Northampton**, as by his atchievements, *viz.* coat of Armes, Sword, Shield, Helme and Creſt, which I have ſeen there hanging, appeareth; but foraſmuch as there is no Monumentall Inſcription, I have here tranſcribed what Mr. *Cambden*, in his Annals of Q. *Eliz. Anno* 1571. hath ſaid of him.

Supremum vitæ diem, hoc anno placidè egit Guliemus Parrus, *Marchio* Northamptoniæ, *amænioribus ſtudiis, muſicis, amatoriis, & ceteræ Aulæ jucunditatibus verſatiſſimus; qui ab* Henrico octavo *primùm ad dignitatem Baronis* Parr *de* Kendalia, *deinde, ad nuptias* Annæ Bourchieræ, *Comitis* Eſſexiæ *unicæ hæredis, & ſimul ad Comitis* Eſſexiæ *titulum, cum Rex ejus ſororem duxiſſet; atque ab* Edwardo *ſexto ad Marchionis* Northamptoniæ *ſtylum & honorem provectus. Sub* Maria, *quòd pro* Jana Greja *Regina ſubornatæ arma ſumpſerit, Majeſtatis damnatus, ab eadem tamen mox condonatus, & ad patrimonium, ut poſtea ab* Elizabetha *ad honores reſtitutus. Liberos genuit nullos, ſed* Henricum Herbertum Pembrochiæ *Comitem, ex altera ſorore nepotem, reliquit hæredem.*

Monumentall Inſcriptions.

Dicit iacet Katerina primogenita nobilis viri Domini Thome de Belloc'mpo quondam Comitis Warwici qui iacet humatus in aula australi iſtius Eccleſie, que obiit in Feſto Conceptionis beate Marie Virginis Anno Domini Milleſimo CCClxx. octavo.

An Epitaph upon the death of Mrs Eliz. Chowne, who died the laſt day of Auguſt 1597.

Here lyes Elizabeth twice happy wife
Of two good vertuous men bleſt from above
With both Io' without both, a godly life
Till ſeventye five ſhe lived in perfect love,
Reſting a widow eight and twenty yeares
Loving to ſee her deareſt iſſue wed
Before her God in glory ſhe appears
Her corps feed wormes, her ſoule by Chriſt is fed
Anno ætatis ſuæ 75.

Memoriæ ſacrum
Ceciliæ Puckering filiæ natu ſecundæ Thomæ Puckering. Militis & Baronetti, quæ Xpō deſponſata obiit 9. die Aprilis An. Do. 1636. ætatiſq; ſuæ 13.

ANAGRAMMA;
Miſtres Ciſſely Puckering

I ſleepe ſecure Chriſt's my King.
Death's terrors nought affright mee nor his ſting
I ſleepe ſecure for Chriſt's my ſoveraigne King.

Epitaphium.

Birth breeding beauty grace and carriage ſweete
In thee dear Saint did altogether meete
The Sunne ne're ſaw a comlier face then thine
Nor heaven receiv'd a ſpirit more divine
Thrice happy parents ſuch a childe to breede
Begott again of God's immortall ſeede

Ceaſe,

Ceaſe ſorrowing then, ſith Saints and Angels ſing
To ſee her match't with an eternall King.

Memoriæ Sacrum.

Thomæ Rous, filii natu quarti Thomæ Rous de Rous-Lench in Comitatu Wigorniæ Baronetti, qui primis ætatis ſuæ obiit, nono die Septembris Anno Domini 1645.

Our Lady Chapell.

ON the South ſide, and adjoyning to the Quire of this Church, ſtands that ſtately and beautifull Chapell dedicated to the honour of the B. Virgin, the fabrick whereof was begun [e] by the Executors of *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** (according to the appointment of his Will) in 21 H. 6. and perfected [f] in 3 E. 4. together with that magnificent Tombe for the ſaid Earl, inferior to none in **England**, except that of K. H. 7. in **Weſtminſter** Abby; the charge of all which came to no leſs than 2481 *li.*-04 *s.*-07 *d. ob.* as by the particular accompts appeareth: but to how vaſt a ſum ſuch a piece of worke would have amounted to in theſe days, may be eaſily gueſt by that great diſproportion in the prizes of things now, from what they were then, the value [g] of an Oxe being about that time xiii *s.* iv *d.* and of a quarter of bread-corne iii *s.* iv *d.*

[e] *Ex Comp. W. Berkſwell unius Exec. Comitis Ric. penès Ball. & Burg. Warw.*

[f] *Ex Comp. Ball. Burg. Warw.*

[g] *Ex Compot. Balliv. Warw. Comit. de an* 7 *H.* 4.

That the beauty of this goodly Chapell and Monument, through the iniquity of later times, is now much impaired, all that have ſeen it may eaſily diſcern, and thereby gueſs at the glory wherein it once ſtood; to ſuch therefore would there be no great need to ſay more thereof; but for the ſatisfaction of others I have here thought fit to inſert a brief of the Covenants [h] betwixt the ſaid Executors, *viz. Thomas Huggeford, Nich. Rodye*, and *Will. Berkswell*, and the ſeverall Artiſts that were employed in the moſt exquiſite parts of its fabrick and ornaments, as alſo of the coſtly Tombe before ſpecified, bearing date xiii. *Junii* 32 H. 6.

[h] *Ex ipſis autog. penès Balliv. & Burg. Warwici.*

John Eſſex Marbler, *Will. Auſten* Founder, and Thomas Stevyns *Copper-Smyth, do covenant with the ſaid Executors, that they ſhall make, forge, and worke in moſt fineſt wiſe and of the fineſt Latten, one large plate to be dreſſed and to lye on the overmoſt ſtone of the Tombe under the Image that ſhall lye on the ſame Tombe; and two narrow plates to go round about the ſtone. Alſo they ſhall make in like wiſe, and like Latten, an Hearſe to be dreſſed and ſet upon the ſaid ſtone, over the Image, to beare a covering to be ordeyned; the large plate, to be made of the fineſt and thickeſt* Cullen *plate, ſhall be in length viii. foot and in bredth iii. foot and one inch. Either of the ſaid long plates for writing ſhall be in bredth to fill juſtly the caſements provided therefore; the Hearſe to be made in the comelieſt wiſe, juſtly in length, bredth, thickneſs, and height thereof and of every part thereof, and in workmanſhip in all places and pieces ſuch, and after an Hearſe of timber which the Executors ſhall make for a pattern: and in ten panells of this Hearſe of Letters, the ſaid workman ſhall ſet, in the moſt fineſt and faireſt wiſe ten Scutcheons of Armes ſuch as the Executors will deviſe. In the two long plates they ſhall write in Latine in fine manner all ſuch Scripture of Declaration as the ſaid Executors ſhall deviſe, that may be conteined and comprehended in the plates; all the champes about the Letter to be abated and hatched curiouſly to ſet out the Letters. All the aforeſaid large plates, and all the ſaid two plates through all the over ſides of them, and all the ſaid Hearſe of Latten, without and within, they ſhall repair and gild with the fineſt gold, as finely, and as well in all places through, as is or ſhall be any place of the aforeſaid Image, which one* Bartholmew *Goldſmyth then had in gilding; All the ſaid workmanſhip, in making, finiſhing, laying and faſtning to be at the charge of the ſaid workmen. And for the ſame they have in ſterling money Cxxv* li.

Will. Auſten *Citizen and Founder of* London xiv. Martii 30 *H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to caſt, work, and perfectly to make, of the fineſt Latten to be gilded that may be found, xiv. Images emboſſed, of Lords and Ladyes in divers veſtures, called Weepers, to ſtand in houſings made about the Tombe, thoſe Images to be made in bredth, length, & thickneſs, &c. to xiv. patterns made of timber. Alſo he ſhall make xviii. leſſe Images of Angells, to ſtand in other houſings, as ſhall be appointed by patterns, whereof ix. after one ſide, and ix. after another. Alſo he muſt make an Hearſe to ſtand on the Tombe, above and about the principall Image that ſhall lye in the Tombe, according to a pattern; the ſtuffe and Workmanſhip to the repairing to be at the charge of the ſaid* Will. Auſten. *And the Executors ſhall pay for every Image that ſhall lye on the Tombe, of the weepers ſo made in Latten xiii s. iv d. And for every Image of Angells ſo made v s. And for every pound of Latten that ſhall be in the Hearſe x d. And ſhall pay and bear the coſts of the ſaid* Auſten *for ſetting the ſaid Images and Herſe.*

The ſaid Will. Auſten. *xi. Feb. 28 H. 6. doth covenant to caſt and make an Image of a man armed, of fine Latten, garniſhed with certain ornaments,* viz. *with Sword and Dagger; with a* Garter; *with a Helme and Creſt under his head, and at his feet a* Bear *muſled, and a* Griffon, *perfectly made of the fineſt Latten, according to patterns; all which to be brought to* **Warwick**, *and layd on the Tombe, at the perill of the ſaid* Auſten; *the ſaid Executors paying for the Image, perfectly made and laid and all the ornaments, in good order, beſides the coſt of the ſaid workmen to* **Warwick**, *and working there to lay the Image, and beſides the coſt of the carriages, all which are to be born by the ſaid Executors, in totall* xl *li.*

Bartholomew Lambeſpring *Dutchman, and Goldſmyth of* **London** 23. *Maii* 27 *H.* 6. *covenanteth to repaire, whone, and pulliſh, and to make perfect to the gilding, an Image of Latten of a man armed that is in making, to lye over the Tombe, and all the apparell that belongeth thereunto, as Helme, Creſt, Sword, &c. and Beaſts; the ſaid Executors paying therefore xiii* li.

The ſaid Bartholomew *and* Will. Auſten *xii. Martii 31 H. 6. do covenant to pulliſh and repare xxxii. Images of Latten, lately made by the ſaid* Will. Auſten *for the Tombe,* viz. *xviii. Images of Angells, and xiv. Images of Mourners, ready to the gilding; the ſaid Executors paying therefore xx li.*

The ſaid Bartholmew 6. Julii 30 *H. 6. doth covenant to make xiv. Scutcheons of the fineſt Latten, to be ſet under xiv. Images of Lords and Ladyes, Weepers, about the Tombe; every Scutcheon to be made meet in length, bredth and thickneſs, to the place it ſhall ſtand in the Marble according to the patterns. Theſe xiv. Scotcheons, and the Armes in them, the ſaid* Bartholmew *ſhall make, repare, grave. gild, enamil, and pulliſh as well as is poſſible;*

and

and the same Scutcheons shall set up, and pin fast, and shall bear the charge of all the stuff thereof, the said Executors paying for every Scutcheon xv s. sterling, which in all amounteth to xli. x s.

The said Bartholomew *xx.* Julii 31 *H. 6. doth covenant &c. to gild, pullish, and burnish xxxii. Images, whereof xiv. Mourners, and xviii. Angells to be set about the Tombe, and to make the visages and hands, and all other bares of all the said Images, in most quick and fair wise, and to save the gold as much as may be from and without spoiling, and to find all things saving gold; the said Executors to find all the gold that shall be occupied thereabout, and to pay him for his other charges and labours, either xl.* li. *or else so much as two honest and skilfull Goldsmyths shall say upon the view of the work, what the same, besides gold and his labour, is worth: and the Executors are to deliver money from time to time, as the work goeth forward, whereof they pay Li.* li. *viii s. iv d.*

The said Bartholomew *iii°.* Martii 32 *H. 6. doth covenant to make clean, to gild, to burnish, and pullish the great Image of Latten, which shall lye upon the Tombe, with the Helme and Crest, the* Bear *and the* Griffon, *and all other the ornaments of Latten; and the said* Bartholomew *shall finde all manner of stuffe for the doing thereof, saving gold, and all workmanship at his charges, the said Executors providing gold, and giving to the said* Bartholomew *such sum and sums of money for his charges and workmanship as two honest and skilfull Goldsmyths, viewing the work, shall adjudge, whereof some of the money to be payd for the borde of the workmen, as the work shall go forward, whereof they pay xcv* li. *ii s. viii d.*

John Bourde *of* **Cozff.** *Castle in the County of* **Dozset** *Marbler* 16. Maii. 35 *H. 6. doth covenant to make a Tombe of Marble, to be set on the said Earles grave; the said Tombe to be made well, cleane, and sufficiently, of a good and fine Marble, as well coloured as may be had in* **England.** *The uppermost stone of the Tombe and the base thereof to contain in length ix. foot of the standard, in bredth iv. foot, and in thickness vii. inches: the course of the Tombe to be of good and due proportion to answer the length and bredth of the uppermost stone; and a pace to be made round about the Tombe of like good marble, to stand on the ground; which pace shall contain in thickness vi. Inches and in bredth xviii. inches. The Tombe to bear in height from the pace iv. foot and a half. And in and about the same Tombe to make xiv. principall housings, and under every principall housing a goodly quarter for a Scutcheon of copper and gilt to be set in; and to do all the work and workmanship about the same Tombe to the entail, according to a portraicture delivered him; and the carriages and bringing to* **Warwick**, *and there to set the same up where it shall stand: the entailing to be at the charge of the Executors: after which entailing the said Marbler shall pullish and clense the said Tombe in Workmanlike sort: And for all the said Marble, carriage and work, he shall have in sterling money xlv* li.

The said Marbler covenanteth to provide, of good and well coloured Marble, so many stones as will pave the Chapell where the Tombe standeth, every stone containing in thickness two inches, and in convenient bredth, and to bring the same to **Warwick** *and lay it: And for the stuff, workmanship, and carriage of every hundred of those stones, he shall have xl* s. *which in the totall comes to iv* li. *xiii* s. *iv.* d.

John Prudde *of* **Westminster** *Glasier* 23. Junii 25 *H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to glase all the windows in the new Chappell in* **Warwick**, *with Glasse beyond the Seas, and with no Glasse of* **England**; *and that in the fineste wise, with the best, cleaneste, and strongeste glasse of beyond the Sea that may be had in* **England**, *and of the fineste colours of blew, yellow, red, purpure, sanguine, and violet, and of all other colours that shall be most necessary, and best to make rich and embellish the matters, Images, and stories that shall be delivered and appointed by the said Executors by patterns in paper, afterwards to be newly traced and pictured by another Painter in rich colour at the charges of the said Glasier: All which proportions the said* John Prudde *must make perfectly to fine, glase, eneylin it, and finely and strongly set it in lead and souder, as well as any Glasse is in* **England**: *Of white Glasse, green Glasse, black Glasse, he shall put in as little as shall be needfull for the shewing and setting forth of the matters, Images and storyes. And the said Glasier shall take charge of the same Glasse, wrought and to be brought to* **Warwick**, *and set up there, in the windows of the said Chapell; the Executors paying to the said Glasier for every foot of Glasse ii* s. *and so for the whole* xci li. i s. x *d.*

It appeareth, that after these windows were so finished, the Executors devised some alterations, as to adde ..... for our Lady; and Scripture of the marriage of the Earle, and procured the same to be set forth in Glasse in most fine and curious colours; and for the same they payd the sum of xiii li. vi s. *iv* d. *Also it appeareth, that they caused the windows in the vestry to be curiously glased with Glasse of ii* s. *a foot, for which they payd L s. The sum totall for the Glasse of the said Vestry and Chappell* Xvi li. *xviii* s. *vi* d. *which in all contain by measure; The East window Cxlix. foot.* i. *quarter and two inches.*

The South windows CCCCClx. foot. xi. inches.
The North windows CCCv. foot.
The totall DCCCCx. foot, iii. quarters of a foot and two inches.

Richard Bird *and* John Haynes, *Citizens and Carpenters of* **London** *xii.* Febr. 28 *H. 6. do covenant to make and set up in the Chapell where the Earl is buried, or where the Tombe standeth, a pair of Desks of timber, Poppies, seats, sills, planks, Reredoses of timber, with patands of timber, and a crest of fine entail, with a bowtel roving on the crest. And also the Carpenters do covenant to make and set up, finely, and workmanly a parclose of timber about an Organloft ordained to stand over the West dore of the said Chapell, according to patterns: All these things to be made, set up, fastned, joyned, and ordered in as good sort as those in the Quire of S.* Maries *Church in* **Warwick**; *the Executors finding all manner of timber, and carriages; and giving and paying to the said Carpenters, for the workmanship xl.* li.

John Brentwood *Citizen and Steyner of* **London** 12. Febr. 28 *H. 6. doth covenant to paint fine and curiously to make at* **Warwick**, *on the West wall of the new Chappell there, the Dome of our Lord God* Jesus, *and all manner of devises and Imagery thereto belonging, of fair and sightly proportion, as the place shall serve for, with the fineste colours, and fine gold: and the said* Brentwood *shall find all manner of stuffe thereto at his charge; the said Executors paying therefore xiii* li. *vi* s. *viii* d.

Kristian Coleburne *Peinter dwelling in* **London** 13. Junii 32 *H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to paint in most fine, faireſt and curious wiſe, four Images of ſtone ordained for the new Chapell in* **Warwick**; *whereof two principall Images, the one of our Lady, the other of S.* Gabriell *the Angell; and two leſſe Images, one of S.* Anne, *and another of S.* George: *Theſe four to be painted with the fineſt oyle colours, in the richeſt, fineſt, and freſheſt clothings that may be made of fine Gold, Azure, of fine purpure, of fine white & other fineſt colours neceſſary, garniſhed, bordered and poudered in the fineſt and curiouſeſt wiſe: All the coſt and wormanſhip of painting to be at the charge of the ſaid* Kristian, *the Executors paying for the ſame xii* li.

i *Pewes Balliv. & Burgenſes Warw.*

By the Accompts[i] of the before ſpecified *Will. Berkswell*, one of the Executors to the ſaid Earl, (and then Dean of this Coll. Church) I find, that the ſtructure of this Chapell and Monument was begun in 21 H.6. but not totally finiſhed till 3 E. 4. (which was full 21. years;) And that the totall coſt thereof, in the work of Maſons, Quarriers, Smyths, Plummers, Carpenters, and other inferior Labourers, added to what thoſe principall Artiſts had, with whom the ſaid Executors ſo covenanted, as I have before expreſt, amounted to no leſs than MMCCCCLxxxi *li.* iv *s.* vii *d. ob.* At which time were alſo the Deanery and Colledge (both ſtanding at the Eaſt end of the Churchyard) reedified by thoſe Executors, the charge whereof came to DCCCCLxxxviii *li.* xix *s.* ix *d.*

But it was not conſecrated till[k] the year 1475. (15 E. 4.) that *John Halſe*, or *Hales* Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** had a ſpeciall Comiſſion for that purpoſe from *John Carpenter* then Biſhop of **Worceſter.**

k *Carp. vi 2. f. 74. b.*

Beſides this goodly Tombe of Earl *Richard* (which in the ſtory of his life I have accurately repreſented) there are in the ſame Chapell theſe following Monuments; *viz.* of *Ambroſe Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, *Robert Dudley*, Earl of **Leiceſter**, and of *Robert* his ſon, who dyed young as doe here follow.



Here under this Tombe lyeth the corps of the Lord Ambroſe Duddeley, *who after the deceaſſes of his elder brethren without yſſue, was ſonne and heir to* John *Duke of Northumberland.*

To whom Queen Elizabeth *in the firſt year of her raigne gave the Mannor of Kibworth-Beauchamp in the County of Leyc. to be held by the ſervice of being Pantler to the Kings & Queens of this realme at their Coronations. Which office & Mannour his ſaid father & other*

other his Anceſtours Earles of Warwick held. In the ſecond yeare of her raigne the ſaid Queen gave him the office of maiſter of the Ordinance.

In the fourth yeare of her ſaid raigne ſhe created him Baron L'iſle and Earle of Warwick. In the ſame yeare ſhe made him her Lieutenant generall in Normandy, and during the time of his ſervice there he was choſen knight of the noble order of the Garter.

In the twelveth year of her raigne the ſaid Earle and Edward *Lord Clinton, Lord Admirall of England, were made Lieutenants jointly and ſeverally of her Majeſties Army in the North parts.*

In the thirteenth year of her raigne the ſaid Qu. beſtowed on him the Office of chief Butler of England. And in the xv^th^ yeare of her reign was ſworn of her privy Councell.

Who departed this life without iſſue the xxi^th^ day of February 1589. *at Bedford houſe neer the Citty of London; from whence, as himſelf deſired, his corps was conveyed and interred in this place,*

Neare his brother Robert *Earle of Leiceſter, and other his noble anceſtors (which was accompliſhed by his laſt Will) and welbeloved wife the Lady* Anne *Counteſſe of Warr. who, in further teſtimony of her faithfull love towards him, beſtowed this Monument as a remembrance of him.*

John Dudley *eſquire, ſecond ſonne to* John *Lord* Dudley *and knight of the Garter, married* Elizabeth *daughter and heire of* John Bramſhot *Eſquier, and had iſſue* Edmund Duddeley.

Edmund Duddeley *Eſquire one of the privy Councell to king* Henry *the* 7^th^, *married* Elizabeth *ſiſter and ſole heire of* John Grey *Vicount L'ſle, deſcended as heire of the eldeſt daughter and coheire of* Richard Beauchamp *Earl of Warwick, and* Elizabeth *his wife, daughter and heir of the Lord* Berkley *and heir of the Lord* L'yſle *and* Ties, *and had iſſue* John *Duke of* Northumberland.

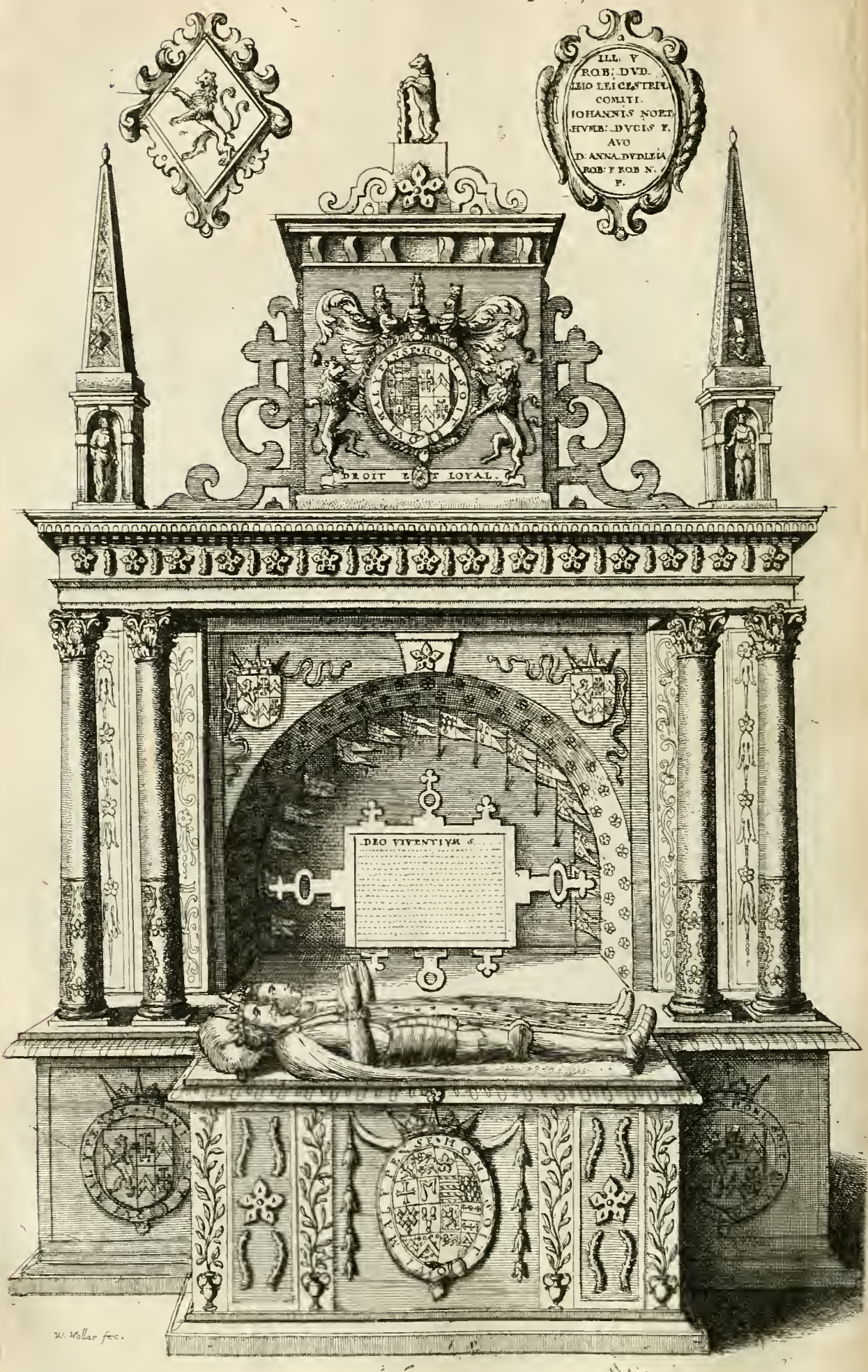
John *Duke of* Northumberland *and Earle of* Warwick, *Vicount* L'iſle *and knight of the Garter, married* Jane *daughter and heire of Sir* Edward Guildford *knight, and* Elianore *his wife ſiſter and coheire to* Thomas *lord* la Warre, *and had iſſue the ſaid Lord* Ambroſe.

The ſaid Lord Ambroſe Dudley *married, to his firſt wife,* Anne *daughter and coheire of* William Whorwood *eſquier, Attorney generall to King* Henry *the eight.*

The ſaid Lord Ambroſe *married to his ſecond wife* Elizabeth, *daughter of* Sir *Gilbert Taylbois* knight, ſiſter and ſole heire of *George* Lord *Taylbois.*

The ſaid Lord Ambroſe, *after he was Earl of* Warwick, *married to his third wife the Lady* Anne *daughter to* Francis *Earle of* Bedford, *Lord* Ruſſell, *and knight of the Garter.*

On the North side of our Lady Chapell.

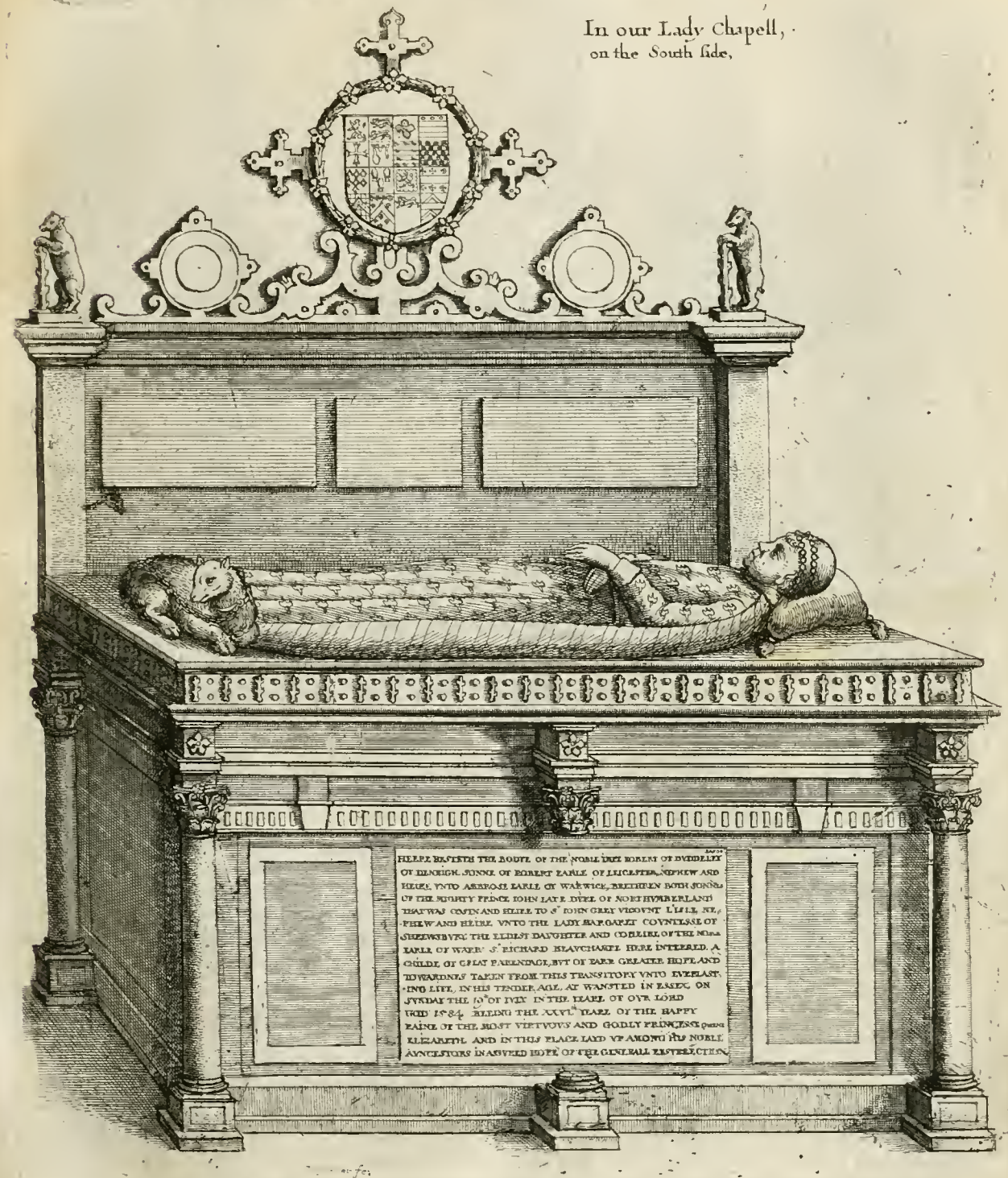


DEO VIVENTIUM S.

SPE CERTA resurgendi in Christo hîc situs est illustrissimus Robertus Dudleyus, Johannis Ducis Northumbriæ, Comitis Warwici, Vicecomitis Insulæ &c. filius quintus, Comes Leicestriæ, Baro Denbighiæ, Ordinis tum S. Georgii cùm S. Michaelis eques auratus, Reginæ Elizabethæ (apud quam singulari gratia florebat) Hippocomus Regiæ Aulæ, subindè Seneschallus, ab intimis Conciliis: Forestarum, Parcorum, Chacearum &c. citra Trentam summus Justiciarius. Exercitus Anglici à dicta Regina Eliz. missi in Belgio, ab anno M.Dlxxxv. ad annum M.Dlxxxvii. Locum tenens & Capitaneus generalis: Provinciarum confederatarum ibidem Gubernator generalis & Præfectus, Regniq; Angliæ Locum tenens contra Philippum ii. Hispanum, numerosa Classe & exercitu Angliam Anno M. Dlxxxviii. invadentem.

Animam Deo servatori reddidit Anno Salutis M. Dlxxxviii. die quarto Septembris. Optimo & charissimo marito, mœstissima uxor Leticia, Franciſci Knolles Ordinis S. Georgii equitis aurati, & Regiæ Thesaurarii. filia, amoris & conjugalis fidei ergò Posuit.

In our Lady Chapell, on the South side.



It now remains that I take notice of what else I have found worthy of note in relation to this Chapell and not already publiquely known; which is, that Sir *Henry Nevill* Kt. son and heir to *George Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, by *Eliz.* the third daughter to the noble Earl *Richard* before remembred, who dyed in his fathers life time, was here interred at the head of the said Earl, as appears by the Testament[1] of the

1 Comm. 2. 31.

the Lady his widow (daughter to Sir *John Bourchier* Lord *Berners*) who also bequeathed her body to be here buried; And to the intent that the Dean and Canons of this Coll. Church should devoutly pray for her soul, and for the soul of her said husband, and all Christen people departed, she gave unto them two Gowns of blew Velvet wherewith to make a Vestment and Copes, so far as they would reach, to be used in the same College, one of which gowns belong'd to her said husband; And direrected, that if those two gowns would not suffice to make a Chesiple, two Tunicles, a Cope, with Altar clothes, and frontell, that then her Executors should buy as much plain blew Velvet as might compleat the same, for to serve to the Altar in the said Chapell; And farther appointed, that her said Executors should find a Priest to sing in the said Chapell for her soul, and the soul of her said husband, and all Christen people deceased, for the space of three years next ensuing her decease: And to this Church she also bequeathed her Crysome gown of fine thred and lawn, to be disposed of for a *Corporas*.

Other memorable Legacies which she gave by this Testament were these; *viz.* a Ring of gold, with a table Diamond to be offered at the Shrine of S. *Thomas* of **Canterbury** in the honour of God, and that blessed Martyr. To her brother Sir *Humfrey Bourchier* Knight a Ring of gold with a flower de Lyce of Rubyes. To her brother *Thomas Bourchier* an Ouch of gold, made like a trunk, with a Dyamond, two Rubies, and two Pearles. To *Dame Eliz.* Lady *Wells*, her sister, a flower of gold with a Ruby, and two half Pearls. To her son, the Lord *Latimer*, her wedding Ring. To the Parson of S. *M. Magd.* at old Fish-street end, a Cruse of silver, and to *Thomas Nevill*, her son, her great Primmer. Of which Testament she constituted Executors Sir *John Bourchier* Knight, Lord *Berners*, her father, Dame *Margery* his wife, her mother, *Thomas Bourchier* her brother, and *John Bradshaw*; the same bearing date 2. *Octob. Anno* 1470. (10 *E.* 4.) and proved the xvi^th^ of that month, which shews that she dyed soon after it was made.

About ten years after this; *viz.* 20. *Sept. Anno* 1480. (20 *E.* 4.) Dame *Eliz.* Lady *Latimer*, third daughter to the said Earl, declared her last Will [m] and Testament, whereby she bequeathed her body to be interred in this Chapell, at the head likewise of her noble father, betwixt the above specified Sir *Henry Nevill* her son, and *Oliver Dudley* her son in Law; and appointed that there should be 4. stones of fair Marble, with portraitures upon them of copper, and gilt, according to her estate and degree, with Epitaphs representing their births and deceases, and other fit things to such purposes, cut upon the same, and be layd upon the graves of her husband, her son, her son in Law beforementioned, and her self. And further ordained that lands of x *l. per annum* value should be put in Feoffees hands, to the end that with the revenue thereof a Priest might be maintained for the saying of Masse and other Divine services at the Altar in the aforesaid Chapell of our Lady, to the honour of God, and remission of the offences of her said Lord and Father, her mother, her husband, her self, her sons, and all Christians, till such time as the Kings license could be procured for amortizing of lands to that value, to the purposes abovesaid: And moreover, with parcell of those revenues, bought a pair of goodly vestments of white Damaske, powdred with *Bears* and *ragged staves* of gold, and in the orfray the Scocheon of her Armes to be well and richly embroydered, and delivered to the said Chapell: And that a pair of Vestments of black stuff, with a like Scocheon in the orfray Crosse, to be used in the Church of **Wells**, in exercising the observances for her Lord and husband's soul (who was, it seems, there interred.)

m *Claus.* 20 *E.* 4. *in dorso, m.* 26.

In the East window of this Chapell, there are, besides those costly portraitures in glasse of Earl *Richard*, with his wives, and children, (which in my story of his life are represented) the pictures in their full proportions, of S^t^. *Alban* the protomartyr of **England**, S^t^. *Thomas* of **Canterbury**, S^t^. *John* of **Bridlington**, and of S^t^. *Winifride*; unto each of which, the renowned Earl *Richard*, by his last Will and Testament bequeathed his Image in pure gold, weighing xx *li.* in weight, and in his surcoat of Armes holding an Anker in his hand, appointing them to be offered at their severall Shrines in his name, as in my story of him I have already declared; so great an honour did he bear (as it seems) to those Saints.

On the North side of the Quire is a fair room built eight square, which was heretofore the Chapter house for the Dean and Canons of this Collegiat Church, but in our time converted to another use by the right honorable *Foulk* Lord *Brook*, who in his life time erected therein a very stately Monument for himself, of black and white Marble, the representation whereof is on the next page truly exhibited; his body being enbalmed and put into a coffin of lead in the Vault below.

Of the particular Churches which were heretofore in **Warwick**, and so united to this Collegiate Church of our Lady (as I have intimated) I will here briefly say something.

That of S. *Helene* stood [a] where the Priory of S. *Sepulchers* was founded, as I have already shewed, and by that means became swallowed up therein.

a *Reg. Coll. de warw. 56. b.*

S. *Michaells* at the lower end of the street called **Saltsord**, on the North part of the town; out of which the Canons of S. *Maryes* had a portion [b], *viz.* xi *s. per annum* as in 19 E. 1. was certifyed [c]; and the Lepers in the Hospitall there, vi *s.* viii *d.* But in 14 E. 3. the great and small Tithes, with all oblations thereto belonging, were rated [d] at v. marks and a half. This Church was governed antiently by its own proper Rector, who used to be presented by the Dean of the Collegiat-Church of our Lady, and the Prebendary thereof jointly; but in 41 E. 3. the number of its Parishioners was so much decreased [e]; as also the yearly revenue belonging thereto, that it became reduced, in a manner, to nothing; having but three Parishioners, and those onely Cottiers; so that the yearly value thereof scarce reach't to one mark, the Church it self being very ruinous, the Church-yard small, and not any House for the Parson then standing.

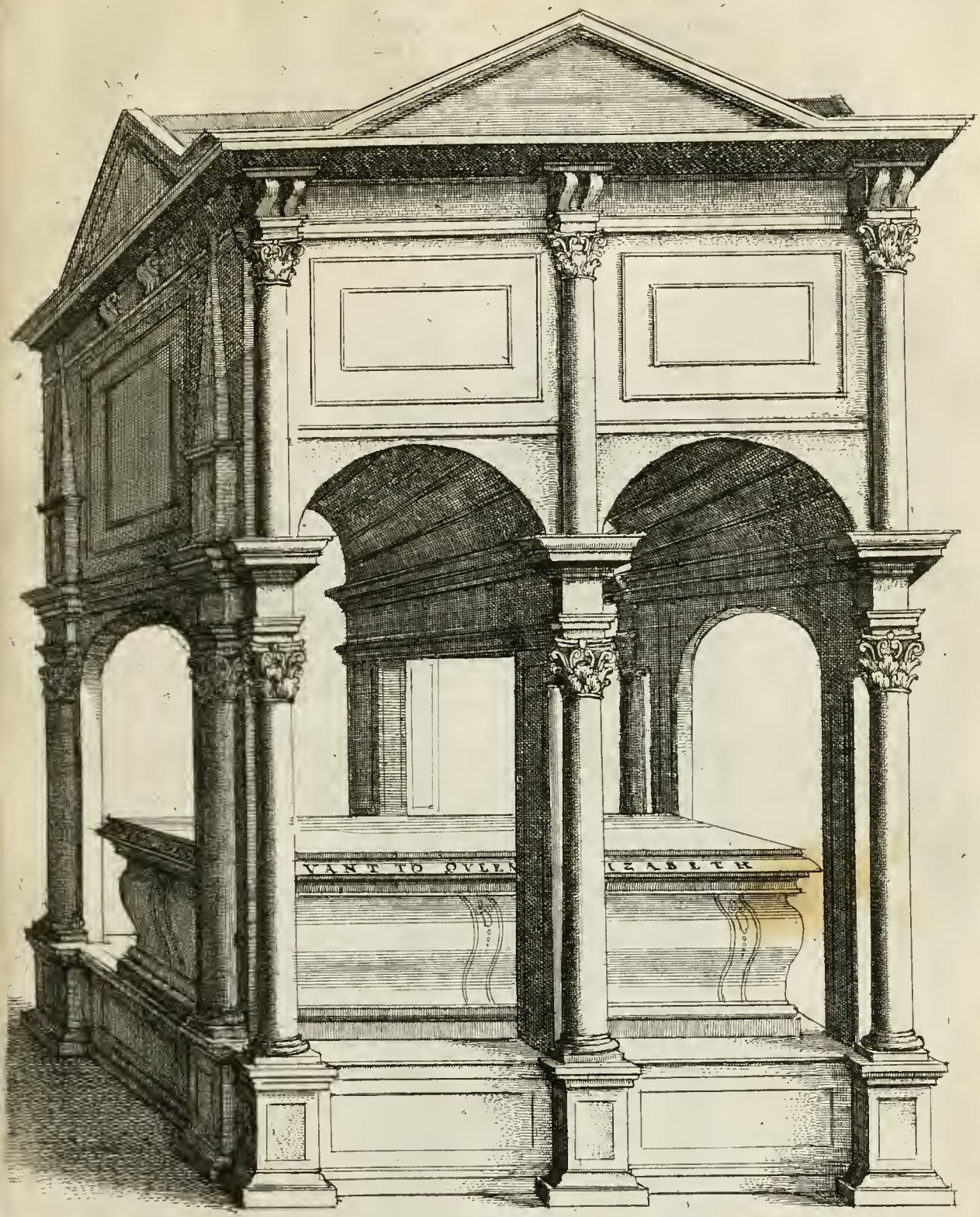
b *MS. Scacc. penès Rem.*

c *MS. Scacc. penès Rem.*

d *Rot. de Nonis gar &c. Ibid.*

e *Reg. Coll. de warw. 56. b.*

Patroni



The Epitaph.

1 FVLKE GREVIL 2 SERVANT TO QVEENE ELIZABETH 3 COVNCELLER TO KING 4 IAMES AND FRIEND TO S. PHILIP SYDNEY.

TROPHÆVM PECCATI.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & temp. Instit.	Patroni Ecclesiæ	Incumb. & tempt. Instit.	
Decan. & Canonici Eccles. Coll. B. Mariæ Warw.	Will. de Kenilworth Cap. 4. Non. Dec. 1296.	Thomas Comes Warwici.	Henr. Hynks Pbr. 12 Febr. an. 1353.	Br. vol. 1. f. 16. a.
	Rob. de Breodun Cler. 26. Dec. 1329.	Ric. Comes Warwici.	Ric. Wellys Cap. nlt. Sept. 1421.	Morg. vol. 1. f. 6. a.
	Rob. fil. Joh. in le Gate 22. Apr. 1338.		D. Will. Berkswell Canon. 3. Febr. 1434.	S. Germ. f. 257. b.
	Reginaldus Dod Pbr. 15. Dec. 1349.			

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Ib.f.57.a. The Church of S. *John Baptiſt* ſtood [f] in the midſt of the Mercate place (the outward fabrick whereof is yet to be ſeen) whereunto in 41 E. 3. there was a Rector belonging, preſentable by the ſaid Dean and the Prebendary of the Prebend, but without any manſion for his dwelling; the yearly value thereof then ſcarce amounting to four marks above all charges: but this Church had neither Church-yard nor any Eccleſiaſtique ſepulture pertaining thereto, the Pariſhioners being buried in the Church-yard of S. *Maries*.

Patroni	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff.f.122.a. Maidſt.f.35.b. S.Germ.f.126.a. *Decanus & Canon. Eccl. Coll. B. M. Warwici.*	*Hugo de Beoley Cap.* 10. *Kal. Nov. an.* 1281. *Henr. de Compton Pbr.* 2. *Kal. Aug.* 1315. *Will. de Lalleford Pbr.* 24. *Dec.* 1349.

f Regiſt. Coll. de Warw.f.57.a.

That of S. *Peters* antiently ſtood [g] in the midſt of the town, whereunto in 14 E. 3. nothing but ſmall Tithes appertained [h]. This alſo in 41 E. 3. had [i] a Rector preſentable by the ſaid Dean and the Prebendary of that Prebend, the value thereof being then ſcarce v. marks *per annum*, having no dwelling houſe, and without either Church-yard or Eccleſiaſtique ſepulture, the Pariſhioners burying their dead at S. *Maries*, whereunto it was appropriated [k] afterwards, *ſc.* in 22 R. 2. But in K. H. 6. time pulled down; whereupon that of S. *Peter*, in ſtead thereof, was in thoſe dayes newly built over the Eaſt gate.

g Regiſt. Coll. de Warw.f.57.a.
h Rot. de Nonis, &c. ut ſupra.
i Reg. Coll. de Warw.f.57.a.
k Ib.f.178.b.

The Church of S. *Laurence*, ſtanding at the lower end of the Weſt ſtreet, in the ſuburbe, was in 19 E. 1. valued [l] at viii. marks and a half, and in 14 E. 3. at ix. marks. In 41 E. 3. the Parſon was preſentable thereto by the Prebend thereof; at which time the Dean of the Collegiate Church and the Prebendary received two parts of the Tith corne belonging to it, the Colledge onely two parts of the Tith hay, Mills, and all ſmall Tithes, and the Rector the third throughout, which ſcarce amounted then to C *s. per ann.* but had a Church-yard and Eccleſiaſtique ſepulture. In 22 R. 2. it was appropriated to the ſaid Collegiat Church of our Lady, a *Penſion* of iii *s.* iv *d. per ann.* being thereupon reſerved to the Biſhop and his ſucceſſors out of it; and in 26 H. 8. valued [m] at iii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d. per ann.* which ſum the Dean and Canons of the ſaid Collegiat Church then received.

l MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R. d
m MS. penes S.A. eq.aur.f.1.a.

Patroni	Incumbentes, &c.
Gyff.f.144.a.	*D. Epiſc. auctoritate Dioceſana.*	*Gilb. de Kyneton Cler.* 10. *Non. Feb.* 1282.
Ib.f.193.b.	*Canonici Eccl. B.M. Warw.*	*Gilb. de Kington Subdiac.* 14. *Cal. Dec.* 1283.
Cob.f.30.b.	*D. Epiſc.*	*Henr. de Olney Cap.* 6. *Id. Nov.* 1322.
Ib.f.109.a. Hem.f.18.b.	*D. Adam de Herwynton Canon. & Preb. Eccl. Coll. B. M. Warw.*	*Thom. de Burneby Cler.* 9. *Kal. Junii* 1325. *Will. de Walſh accol. Nov. Oct.* 1338.
Wolſt.vol.1.f.17.b.	*Prebendarius de Compton.*	*Adam Coriate Pbr.* ..... 1339.
Ex.vol.1.f.22.a.	*Joh. de Bokyngham Preb.*	*Joh. Roer. Pbr.* 15. *Junii* 1357.
Wak.f.13.b.	*Prebendarius de Compton-Murdak.*	*Ric. de Broughton Pbr.* 27. *Aug.* 1380.

The Church of S. *James*, being originally, but a Chapell, and founded [n] over the Weſt gate of this town, was given to that of our Lady by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, upon the making thereof Collegiate by him in King *Henry* 1. time, as I have already ſhewed: And in 41 E. 3. was preſentable [o] by the Dean and Canons of the above recited Colledge; but, being at that time void, as it had been for many years, had no more revenue [p] than xx *s. per ann.* belonging to it, and neither Church-yard nor Eccleſtique ſepulture. In 6 R. 2. the advouſon thereof was beſtowed [q] on the Gild of S. *George*, in **Warwick**, whereof I ſhall ſpeak anon.

n Regiſt. Coll. de Warw.f.1.b.
o Ib.
p 57.
q Pat.6.2.p.3.m.16.

Patroni.	Incumbentes, &c.
Will. de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Thom. de Beoleg Pbr.* 3. *Id. Junii* 1294.	Giff.f.38.a.
Thom. de Bellocampo Com. Warw.	*D. Will. de Benynton Pbr.* 22. *Junii* 1330.	Hort.vol.f.20.b.
	Rob. Sotemay Pbr. 27. *Julii.* 1339.	Wolſt.vol.f.17.b.
	Philippus Boſſe Pbr. 18. *Maii.* 1340.	Ib.vol.f.37.b.
	D. Walt. de Ulnehale Cap. 20. *Martii* 1342.	Ib.f.53.
Thom. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Joh. de Harwode Pbr.* 19. *Junii* 1374.	S. Germ.175.a.
	Ric. Colet Pbr. 12. *Sept.* 1374.	Ib.f.178.
	Hugo de Pykton Cler. ult. Dec. 1378.	Wak.f.1.b.

The Priory.

FRom hence I come to the Priory of S. *Sepulchers*, ſituate on the North ſide of this town, on a moſt pleaſant aſcent; the Foundation whereof was begun [r] by *Henry de Neuburgh* (the firſt Earl of **Warwick** after the Conqueſt) in K. H. 1. time: the occaſion [s] thereof being by the recourſe of divers Pilgrims in great devotion to the *Holy Land* (the Chriſtians prevailing much about that time) who ſolicited this Earl to erect a Monaſtery in imitation of thoſe *Canons Regular*, there inſtituted in the Church of the *Holy Sepulcher* of our bleſſed Saviour; which Canons uſed [t] the like habite that other *Regular Canons* did, adding onely a double red Croſs upon the breſt of their Cope, this being the firſt [u] Houſe of that peculiar Order, either in **England, Wales, Scotland**, or **Ireland**. But after the deſtruction of **Hieruſalem**, again (which hapned [w] in *Anno* 1188. 35 H. 2.) almoſt all the Houſes of this Rule began to decay, ſo that then, the Religious perſons of this Order betook [x] themſelves to ſolicit and implore the aid of good people for help to regain the *Holy Land*, having power to beſtow great Indulgences upon thoſe that were bountifull thereto, their habite being then chang'd to a gray Cloake, and the Prior going with a Paſtorall ſtaff: howbeit, all their endeavours [y] for regaining the *Holy Land*, at laſt, comming to nothing, their lands and revenues were transferred [z] to the Order of Friers of the *Holy Trinity for redemption of Captives*, touching the firſt Inſtitution whereof I have ſpoke in **Thelesford**.

r Hiſt. MS. Rous f. 167.
s Hiſt. MS. Rous ut ſup.
t Hiſt. MS. Rous ut ſup.
u Ib.
w M. Par. p.145.n.2.
x Hiſt. MS. Rous ut ſup.
y Hiſt. MS. Rous ut ſup.
z Hiſt. MS. Rous ut ſup.

But this work, ſo begun by Earl *Henry*, was [a] not perfected till the days of *Roger* his ſon, and ſucceſſor in the Earldome; for [b] in his time, by the ſpeciall command of K. *Henry* 1. (the Canons of

a Rot. 1. Rous.
b Ex Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. f. 14. a.

All



Canonicus Regularis S.ti Sepulchri.

All-Hallowes, within whose Pariſh it ſtood, aſſenting) did *Simon* Biſhop of Worceſter conſecrate the Altar here; as alſo the Church-yard, for ſepulture only of the Canons there ſerving God; provided [c], that neither the ſaid mother Church of *All-Hallows*, nor the Church of our Lady ſhould receive any detriment in Tithes, Burialls, Oblations, Confeſſions, Viſitations of the ſick, nor in any other Cuſtomes and benefits belonging to them: In recognition [d] therefore to that mother Church of *All-Hallows*, this Church of S. *Sepulchers* was by the ſaid Biſhops Decree to give xxx *d.* yearly on the Feaſt day of *All Saints*, and either the Prior of this Houſe or ſome one for him to be there preſent at that time: which Church and Canons of *All-Hallows* were united to that of our Lady, when it

[c] Regiſt. Vol. de Warw. fol. 14.

was made Collegiate by the aboveſaid Earl, as I have already ſhewed. But whether there were ever any formall Charter of the Foundation hereof, made by either of the before ſpecified Earls, is hard to ſay; if ſo, 'tis periſhr, I believe; wherefore for want thereof, and of its recitall by any *Inſpeximus*, we are now utterly without knowledge of what it was at firſt endowed with; but probable it is, that thoſe lands, or the greateſt part of them, which lye adjacent to the ſite hereof, were then given thereto. Its other poſſeſſions (ſo far as I have authority to guide me) I ſhall here enumerate

The Church of **Snitfield** given [e] by *Hugh fil. Ricardi*; Certain lands lying betwixt **Dunſtall**, and **Stochull** (near **Warwick**) by [f] *Geffrey de Vinea*; A ſtone-houſe and ſome particular ground in **Warwick** by [g] *William* the ſon of *Gilbert Nutricius*; Thoſe grounds called **Levenhull**, ſituate on the Northweſt ſide of **Warwick**, by [h] *Robert de Morton* in 29 H. 3. One yard land in **Lighthorne** confirm'd [i] by *Nigell de Mundevill*, which his father gave when he bequeath'd his body to ſepulture here; Certain lands in **Upton** by [k] *Thomas de Arden*; The Church of **Haſele** confirm'd [l] by *Thomas de Cherlecote* Lord of **Haſele**, having been given by ſome of his Anceſtors. Certain lands in **Solihull** by [m] Sir *William de Odingſells*; An annuity of 50 *s.* by [n] *Margery de Nerburne*, given out of **Auſtrey**, in this ſhire: Certain lands in **Claverdon** by [o] *Ela Longeſpe* Counteſs of **Warwick**, which ſhe gave for the health of her ſoul, and for the ſoul of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** her husband, *William* Earl of **Salisbury**, her father, *Ela* her mother, *VVilliam* and *Richard* her brothers, and *Ida* her ſiſter, ſometime wife of *VValter fil. Roberti*.

Beſides all theſe, there belong'd [p] thereto five Meſs. one carucat of land, and x *s.* x *d.* yearely Rent, lying within the pariſh of S. *Clements*-Danes in the ſuburbs of **London**, together with the advouſon of the ſaid Church of S. *Clements*; all which the Prior and Canons of this Houſe exchanged [q] away unto *VValter Stapleton* Biſhop of **Exeter**, to the uſe of his Biſhoprick, for eight acres of land in **Snitfield** before ſpecified, with the advouſon of the Church, in 17 E. 2. Which Church they had then Licenſe [r] to hold appropriate to them and their ſucceſſors, and did [s] accordingly; ſo that, it ſeems, the former title they had thereto, by the grant of *Hugh fil. Ricardi*, either was not good, or elſe they had aliened it away ſoon after. It alſo ſeems, that much of the lands they had here at **Warwick**, was antiently Common; for by an Inquiſ. [t] taken 9 H. 8. I find that they had incloſed foure hundred acres here, and depopulated one meſs. whereunto eighty acres belonged. But over and above theſe lands had they ſundry liberties and priviledges, granted [u] to them by King *Henry* 2. and *Richard* 1. and confirm'd by King *Hen.* 3. and *Edw.* 3. ſo great an eſteem had they of that Order, as the Preamble of King *Henry* 3. Charter implies; *ſcil. pro reverentia S. Dominici Sepulchri*.

And by the Survey [w] taken in 26 *H.* 8. it appears, that beſides the Rectories of **Snitfield** and **Haſeley** above ſpecified, there belong'd to this Monaſtery, the Church of **Ozetham** *in Com.* **Rutl.** antiently of the Earl of **Warwick**'s advouſon, though when given thereto I am not very certain; all which, with the reſt of its poſſeſſions, lying in **Warwick**, **Hatton**, **Claverdon**, **Church-Lawford**, **Auſtrey**, **Snitfield**, **Pinley**, **Solihull**, and **Fenni-Compton**, were then rated at no more than x *li.* x *s.* ii *d.* over and above all repriſes: which undervalue, expoſing it to diſſolution by the Statute of 27 *H.* 8. *Robert Radford*, the then Prior, had a *Penſion* of 5 *li. per annum* granted [x] to him by the King for his maintenance during life.

Priores.

Elect. per Conventum.

- *Frater VVill. de Bereford* 11. *Cal. Nov.* 1284. — Giff. *f.* a.
- *Frater Hugo de Brok Canonicus de Kenillworth* 11. *Cal. Apr.* 1288. — Ib. *f.* 3c a
- *Petrus de VVarwic, Canonicus*, 16. *Junii* 1338. — Wolſt. *f.* 1. *f.* 13.
- *D. Joh. VVarwic Canon.* (*poſt. mortem Joh. Alveſtre ult. Pr.*) — Pult. *f.* 16 a.
- *Frater Rob. VVotton Canon.* 15. *Jan.* 1473. — Carp. *f.* 2. *f.* 48.
- *Frater Rob. Ichington* 12. *Maii* 1493. — Mort. *f.* b.

After which till 38 H. 8. the ſite of this Religious Houſe, with the lands in **Warwick** belonging thereto, continued in the Crown; but then, by the Kings Letters Patent [y] bearing date 24. *Septemb.* it was granted to *Thomas Hawkins* alias *Fiſher* Gentleman, and his heirs, to be held in Socage of the Caſtle of **Warwick**, by the Rent of xxvi *s.* ix *d ob. per annum.* Which *Thomas* accumulated a vaſt eſtate in Monaſtery and Church lands, the moſt whereof were waſted by his Son, as will appear when I come to the particular places where they lay: And therefore, having been, in his time, a man ſo eminent and active, it will not be amiſſe to ſay ſomething hiſtorically of him.

As for his parentage, all that I can ſay is from the relation of an aged Gentleman [z] ſometime the honour of this County for his ſingular knowledge in Antiquities; *viz.* that his true name was *Hawkins*, and that his father, being by profeſſion one that ſold Fiſh by retail at the Mercate Croſſe in **Warwick**, was thereupon called *Fiſher* by moſt people. This *Thomas* as he had good naturall parts, ſo wanted he not convenient education in learning; for I find, that being a ſervant [a] to *John Dudley* (heretofore Earl of **Warwick** and Duke of **Northumberland**) then Viſc. *L'iſle*, he was by him conſtituted [b] high Steward and Bailiff of his Mannour of **Kibworth**-*Beauchamp in Com.* **Leic.** 4. *Maii* 34 H. 8. and for his exerciſe of that Office during life, had an Annuity [c] of vi *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* granted to him, which Queen *Mary* in 1. of her reign confirmed [d]. In 38 H. 8. (as I have ſaid) he obtain'd the ſite of this Priory, with the lands adjacent; In 1 E. 6. the Lordſhips of **Biſhops-Itchington**, **Tachebrooke**, **Chadſhunt**, and **Geydon** in this County, of the then Biſhop of **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, with the advouſon of the Church of **Fenni-Compton**; In 2 E. 6. he purchas't [e] from the Biſhop of **Exeter** (of whom in [f]

Sutton

e *Ex ipſis autog. penes T. Puckring eq. aur. & Bar.*

m *Ibid.*

n *F. n. de div. Com. Levat. 3 ſept. Trin. 44 H. 3.*

o *Ex autog. penes* Will. Spenſer *eq. aur.*

p *Pat. 17. E. 2. p. 2. m. 21.*

q *Pat. 17. E. 2. p. 2. m. 21.*

r *Pat. 17. E. 2. p. 2. m. 21.*

s *Cobh. f. 110. a.*

t *Inq. ſuper depop.*

u *Cart. 2. E. 3. n. 44.*

w *M S. penes S. Archer eq. aur.*

x *Ex Reg. MS. in Bib. Aug.*

y *Pat. H. 8. p.*

z *Hen. Ferrer. Badſley.*

a *Ex Cart. per Th. Pur. eq. aur. Baſ. 123.*

b *Ex Cart. per Th. Pur. eq. aur. Baſ. 123.*

c *Ex Cart. per Th. Pur. eq. aur. Baſ. 123.*

d *Ex Cart. per Th. Pur. eq. aur. Baſ. 123.*

e *Pat. 3. E. 6. p.*

f *Pat. 3. E. 6. p.*

Sutton I have spoke) the Mannours of Chadham and Thorney in Sussex, as also of Horsley, and Tyting in Surrey, the Rectory of South-Mens, with the Mannour of Fernefelds in Hezingham (*alias* Hazinghay) *in Com.* Norf. with the advousons of the Rectories and Vicaridges of Chadham, Thorney, Horsley, South-Mens, Fernefelds, and Haringham; all which were [f] confirm'd by King E. 6. in 3. of his reign; about which time he also purchas't [g] from the Crown the Chantry of Alton *juxta* Bermingham, with all the lands & revenues thereto belonging, situate in this County, Leic. and Staff. shires: as also [h] lands in Pugton belonging to the Colledge of Stratford *super* Avon, with the Mannour of Draicote in this shire, belonging to the Colledge of Newark in Leicester; And, about the same time, joyned with *Thomas Dabridgcourt* in the buying of much more Chantry land; of which in this County these were part; *viz.* a Chapell in Bermingham with lands, &c. thereto belonging; the Chantryes of Deryate-end *juxta* Bermingham; of Hurley, Sutton-Colfield, and Hill-Morton; lands in Lapworth belonging to the Gild of Henley; lands in Longley pertaining to the Gild of Alton *Cantlow*; the Chantry of Allpath; as also *Marlers* in Coventre with the lands to them belonging; besides a multitude in other places, given originally for the maintenance of *Obits*, Anniversaries, Lamps and Lights in Churches, and the like: The Chapell of Bidford, as also that of Wharton *juxta* Polesworth, with the lands to them belonging; the Rectory of Pillerton-*Hercy*, with the advouson of the Vicaridge, and lands in Warwick belonging to a Gild there.

{Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 1.}

Ex Cartul. supradicto f. 12. a.

In 6 E. 6. he had a grant [i] of the Bailywick of Banbury, in Oxfordsh. being made Collector of the Ks. revenue within that Borough and Hundred; as also Governour of the Castle, having a fee of Lxvi *s.* viii *d. per an.* for exercising the office of Steward, and keeping the K. Court within that Mannour. In 4 *Eliz.* he purchas't [k] the Mannour of Herberbury, and divers lands in other parts of this County, which were sometime belonging to the Monasteries of Nun-Eaton, Kenilworth, and the Preceptory of Balsall. And being thus enricht with such ample possessions, he pull'd to the ground this Monastery, and raised in the place of it a very fair House, as is yet to be seen; which, being finished about the 8. year of Queen *Eliz.* reign, he made his principall seat, giving it a new name [l] (somewhat alluding to his own) *viz.* Hawkyns-nest, or Hawks-nest, by reason of its situation, having a pleasant grove of loftie Elmes, almost environing it; adorning the windows with his Armes; and likewise with the Armes of the Dukes of Somerset and Northumberland, expressing his name by a *Rebus* upon the timber work, as the T. R. with a Dolphin betwixt the Letters, do import

f. 13.

For his publique employments, besides what I have already mentioned, I shall speak of them from tradition. Having been first a servant to *John* Visc. *L'isle*, from thence he arrived to be Secretary to the D. of Somerset (Protector to K. E. 6.) and wanting not personall valour, was Colonell of a Regiment in the English Army, under the conduct of the said Duke and Earl of Warwick at Muskleborough field, in Scotland, in which battail the English had the day; where he taking te Cholours of some eminent person, in which a *Gr iffon* was depicted, had a grant by the said Duke that he should thenceforth, in memory of that notable exploit, bear the same in his Armes within a *Border Verrey*, which the Duke added thereto, in relation to one of the quarterings of his own coat (*viz. Beauchamp* of Hatch) as an honourable Badge for that service. I have also heard, that when the before specified Duke of Northumb. out of his ambition to get the whole sway of all into his power, had obtain'd a designation from King E. 6. that the Lady *Jane Grey* should succeed him in the Throne (as I have elsewhere intimated) with whom he had matcht his fourth son, Sir *Guilford Dudley*; he, apprehending that some stirrs might arise thereupon, by reason that the Kings, two sisters were thereby excluded, pivately conveyed a vast summe of money to the hands of this *Fisher* (in whom he reposed great confidence, as having been formerly his servant) to the end that Forces might be the better raysed in these parts, as occasion should require; which money was by him hidden in Bishops-Ichington pool; and that the Duke fayling of his ends, and losing his head (as is well known) *Fisher* became questioned, by authority from Queen *Mary*, for that money; but denying it stoutly, and put upon the Rack, was so extreamly tormented, that his fingers were pull'd out of the joynts, yet would never reveal it.

After which he lived till 19 *Eliz.* and then [m] on *Jan.* 12. *anno* 1576. departing this life, was interred at the upper end of S. *Maryes* Church in Warwick, where his Monument is yet to be seen, leaving *Edward* his son and heir xxx. years of age, whose inheritance left him by his father, was no lesse than what is now worth 3000 *li. per an.* as I have heard; but as such possessions (I mean Church lands, and the like) which were originally given to the maintenance of Gods service, wanting that blessing of continuance to the posterity of those that obtain them, as for the most part others have, doe often shift their owners, so we find it here; for the substance of all that had been thus rak't together, with so much care and industry, by the Father, was in a short time wasted by the Son, who lavish't it out so fast, as that foreseeing his his own ruin he betook himself to the course of unthrifts, which hastned it on the sooner; for making a fraudulent conveyance to deceive Sergeant *Puckring*, to whom in 23 *Eliz.* he had sold [n] this fair seat and lands thereabout, he was by him so [o] prosecuted in the Star-Chamber, that, had not the Earl of Leicester interposed, his Fine would have been very grievous; for prevention whereof he, at length, consented, that an Act of Parliament to confirm the estate to the said Sergeant *Puckring* (then Lord Keeper of the great Seal) should be made; and being yet intangled with debts was committed Prisoner to the Fleet, where he remained all the dayes of his life: which conveyance, from the before specified *Edward Fisher*, being to [p] *George Chowne* and others 1. *Octob.* 23 *Eliz.* they past [p] away their right therein to the said Sergeant *Puckring* 13. *Octob.* 24 *Eliz.*

m *Esc.* 19 *Eliz.*

n o p *Ex autog. penes praefat.* Th. P.

This Sergeant *Puckring*, being Speaker [q] in the Parliament of 28. *Eliz.* upon answer to Queen *Eliz.* propositall, as to some expedient whereby the life of the Queen of Scots might be saved, urged that the Sentence given against her should be put in execution. In 36 *Eliz.* he was Knighted [r], and dyed in 38. whereupon M[r] *Cambden* in his Annals [s] of that time hath this expression, *Infra hunc annum*

q *Annal. Eliz. per* Cambd. *p.* 469.

r *MS. in officio Armorum.* [M. 18.]

s *p.* 682.

annum nonnulli insignioris notæ & nobilitatis, ex hujus vitæ statione evocati fuerunt, è quibus inprimis memorandi Joh. Puckeringus magni Angliæ Sigilli Custos, qui ob famularum sordes, & corruptelas in Ecclesiasticis beneficiis nundinendis, ipse, vir integer, apud Ecclesiasticos haud benè audivit: But he left issue *Thomas* his son and heir, afterwards made Knight and Baronet, a Gentleman much accomplisht with learning, and observation by travail in forrain parts, in his younger years; who afterwards lived here in great esteem, for his prudence, having been elected Burgess for **Warwick**, or some other place, in sundry Parliaments; and departing this life 20 *Martii anno* 1636. left only one daughter, called *Jane*, to inherit this with other fair possessions; who, besides her weakness of body, hath been attended with some misfortunes, whereof, for brevity, I pass by the mention; and dyed lately without issue; whercupon Sir *Henry Newton*, son to Sir *Adam Newton* of **Charlton** *in Com. Cantii* Baronet, nephew to the said Sir *Thomas Puckring*, is, by his said uncle's designation, become heir to this and the greatest part of his estate

The next place of note for antiquity, lying within the precincts of **Warwick**, is the Hospitall of S^t. *Michael*, situat on the North side of the town, at the lower end of that street called **Saltsford**, neer the Chapell of S^t. *Michaell* before spoken of. This being founded [t] by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, about the later end of H. 1. or beginning of King *Stephen*'s time, had, besides what it was then endowed withall, little given thereto, other than those obventions [u] and Tythes of the assarts of **Wedgenok**, as also of the paunage and venison, by *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick**; so that the whole revenue thereof, by the [w] Survey taken in 26 H. 8. was certified to amount unto no more than x *li.* ii *s.* iv *d.* over and above repriscs; all which issued out of lands in **Warwick**, excepting vi *s.* viii *d.* yearly Rent of Assize for something that belong'd thereto situate in **Aven-Derset**; out of which xxvi *s.* was annually payd to certain Leprous persons residing there, towards their maintenance. But by another Survey [x] made in 37 *H.* 8. I find that the revenue thereof, over and above all reprises amounted to x *li.* xix *s.* x *d.* And that it was founded by a King, to give Almes weekly to poor people, as also to harbour them; Howbeit at that time there being no Master there resident, the same was demised by Leate, with all the Rents and profits thereto belonging, unto one *Richard Fisher*, paying therefore yearly x *li.* which *Richard* did then weekly distribute 8 *d.* to the poor, and found four beds for their lodging, giving viii *d.* a week to a certain poor woman attending on the poor men, and making their beds. But at this time the poor people, there resident, are onely women, and viii. in number, having iv *li. per annum* distributed amongst them out of the Priory lands (late Sir *Thomas Puckrings*) at *Michaelmasse* and our *Lady-day* by equall portions. A Catalogue of its Guardians (*scil.* such as I have found) are here inserted, with the times of their admission to that charge, and the names of those by whom they were constituted.

t *Rot.* J. Rous.

u *Ex Collect.* W. Burton.

w *Ms. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 7. *a.*

x *Ex alio Cod. MS. penès eundem* S. A. *f.* 15. *b.*

Patroni	Guardiani.	
D. Episc.	*Frater Henricus de Cobynton 3. Kal. Julii* 1300.	*Giff. f.* 45 *a.*
Frater Rogerus Bertram, solus tunc frater in eadem domo existens.	*D. Will. de Lichfeld Vicar. de Wasperton, prid. Non. Maii* 1308.	*Ren. f.* 9. *b*
Confratres ejusdem Hospit.	*Frater Thom. de Olouthon 3. Id. Aug.* 1315.	*Maid. f.* 3 *a.*
Thom. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*D. Nich. de Southam 4. Junii* 1339.	*Wolst. vol f.* 12. *b.*
	Frater Will. de Knytcote 10 Sept. 1343.	*Ib. vol.* 2. 58. *b.*
	Regin. Dod Pbr. 7. Jan. 1361.	*St. Germ* 112. *b.*
	D. Joh. Kekenwich 10. Apr. 1388.	*Wak. f.* 52.
Ric. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Walt. Lambard 11. Nov.* 1410.	*Pev. f.* 26.
	D. Will. Blakemore Cap. 22. Junii 1425.	*Morg. vo.* 1. *f.* 32. *a*
	Will. Berkswell Cler. 15. Martii 1431.	*Pult. f.* 12 *b.*
Ric. Nevill Co. Warwici.	*D. Thomas Went Cap. 28. Apr.* 1450.	*Carp. vol f.* 82. *b.*
	D. Thom. Clerke Cap. 20. Sept. 1460.	*Ib. f.* 155.
D. Henricus Rex Angliæ.	*Williel. Herryson Cler. 28. Sept.* 1501.	*Gyg. 2 f.* 1 *a.*
Phil. & Mar. Rex & Regina Angl.	*D. Ric. Judson Pbr. 21. Oct.* 1556.	*Heath f.* 22. *a.*
	D. Will. Mason. Pbr. 2. Oct. 1557.	*Ib. f.* 27

The Hospitall of S. Iohn Baptist.

IN the Suburb on the East part of the town, is there a street called **Smyth's-street**, where the Jews long since resided [y]; neer unto which stood the Hospitall of S^t. *John Baptist*, founded [z] by *Will.* Earl of **Warwick** in H. 2. time, for [a] entertainment and reception of strangers and travailers, as well as those that were poor and infirm. What endowment it had at first I am not certain, but in *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. I find [b] it certified, that there was a caruceate of land and a Dove-house pertaining thereto, the land then valued at x *s.* and the Dove-house at ii *s.* howbeit the Record doth not express where it did lye. Something there was belonging to it, situate in **Ditchford**, in this County; *viz.* one mes. and half a yard land, [c] given by *Fraricus de Dicheford* Lord of that Mannour, besides certain small proportions of errable land by other private men; as also in [d] **Alton**, which, considering that the Donors were mean persons, I forbear to mention. But in 6 E. 3. Sir *John de Bishopsdon* Knight, having obtained License [e] from *Henry* Earl of **Lancaster**, chief Lord of the Fee, gave [f] the advouson of the moity of the Church of **Norton-Perhull**, in this County, thereto; which moitie was appropriated [g] accordingly by *Wolstan* Bishop of **Worcester**; in consideration whereof the Master and Brethren of this Hospitall, by their publique Instrument, [h] bearing date on the Feast day of S^t. *John Port Latine*, granted for them and their

y Lel. *Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 165.

z *Rot.* I. Rous.

a *Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 13. *b*

b *MS. in Scacc. penes Rem. R.*

c *Ex vet. exemp. penes* Antl. Stoughton *ar.*

d *Ex a tog. penès eundem* Antl. S.

e *Ex a tog. penès eundem* Antl. S.

f *Pat.* 6 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 1.

g *Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 13. *b.*

h *Ex autog. penes Car. Scacc. in baga de* Cates-

their ſucceſſors unto the ſaid Sir *John* and his heirs for ever, the ſervice of two Prieſts, Friers of the ſaid Hoſpitall, dayly to celebrate divine ſervice there, for the good eſtate of him and Dame *Beatrice* his wife, during their lives, and afterwards for their ſoules, and for the ſoules of their Anceſtors, heirs, and all the faithfull departed; which two Friers the ſaid Sir *John* and Dame *Beatrice* and their heires ſhould yearly make choiſe of out of the reſt of the Friers of this Hoſpitall, for the performance of that ſervice. And in 19 E. 3. *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** gave[i] the advouſon of the other moytie of this Church of, **Mozton**; which was alſo appropriated[k] thereto by *Reginald Bryan* Biſhop of **Worceſter** 16 *Apr. anno* 1359. 33 E. 3.

So that in 37 H. 8. it was certified[l], that the totall of all the revenues belonging thereto, were xix *li.* xvii *s.* iii *d. ob.* over and above all repriſes; and that it was founded to maintain one Maſter, two Chaplains, and two poor folks there continually; as alſo to keep Hoſpitality: But at the time of that Survey[m] was there no ſuch thing, one *Anthony Stoughton*, ſervant to the Queen (a younger branch of the *Stoughton's* of **Stoughton**, an antient family in **Surrey**) having obtain'd a grant thereof from the King for his life; yet the Chapell was then ſtanding, and the lead thereof prized at xii *li. ſcil.* 4 *li.* the fouder. When it was ſeized into the Kings hands, or upon what ground I cannot well reſolve, in regard the Statute for diſſolution of the ſmall Houſes in 27 H. 8. extended onely to Monks, Canons, and Nuns; and that the ſame King by his Letters Patent[n] bearing date xx. *Decemb.* 32. of his raign, granted an eſtate for life therein to *Anthony Stoughton* above ſpecified, unleſs it were by Surrender; becauſe ſuch Hoſpitalls were not diſſolved by Act of Parliament till 37 H. 8. How it was therefore in this particular I ſhall not farther trouble my ſelf to gueſs; but if the King had not a ſound title thereto, when he granted that eſtate for life to *Anthony Stoughton*, the Act of Parliament in 37. of his reign did make it good; after which I find, that Queen *Eliz.* by her Letters Patent[o] dated 25. *Junii* 5. *Eliz.* granted the inheritance thereof to the ſaid *Anthony*, and his heirs male, who dyed[p] ſeized of it 9 *Dec.* 17 *Eliz.* leaving iſſue *William* his ſon and heir, then 31. years of age, father of *Anthony* the preſent poſſeſſor thereof.

Patroni	Guardiani.
Thomas Comes Warwici.	*Henr. Bobby frater ejuſdem domus* 5. *Cal. Jan.* 1336.
	Frater Phil. de Besford 7. *Kal. Martii* 1343.
	Joh. de Kelingwick confrater, 9. *Apr.* 1363.
Fratres ejuſdem Hoſpit.	*Joh. Hadham confrater ult. Aug.* 1404.
	D. Ricardus Leylond 8. *Oct.* 1461.
	Frater Walt. Straunge 17. *Maii* 1494.

The Black Friers.

IN the Suburbe on the Weſt ſide of **Warwick** ſtood the Houſe of *Friers Preachers*, commonly called **Black Friers**. This Order was begun[q] by S[t]. *Dominick* a Spaniard in the time of Pope *Innocent* the III, who being at firſt a Canon, with a few that he choſe to be his companions, inſtituted a new Rule of ſtrict and holy living; and leaſt they ſhould grow ſluggiſh in the ſervice of God by ſtaying at home, in imitation of our bleſſed Saviour, he appointed them to travail far and wide to preach the Goſpell, their Habite being a white coat with a black cloak over it; (as in the following page may be ſeen) which Order *Honorius* the III. (who ſucceeded Pope *Innocent*) confirmed; and *Gregory* the ix. canonized him for a Saint.

In *anno*[r] 1221. (20 H. 3.) they firſt came into **England**, and, towards the later end of H. 3. reign, ſetled[s] here at **Warwick**, *John de Pleſſets* being then Earl. It ſeems that they afterwards enlarged their manſion; for I find, that in 9 E. 2. they purchas'd[t] of *Avicia de Pilardynton* a certain piece of ground, containing Clx. foot in length, and C. foot in bredth adjoyning thereto, for that purpoſe, and had the Kings pardon[u] for ſo doing. The like pardon[w] had they in 18 E. 3. for ten acres of land lying here in **Warwick**, acquired of *John de Peito* the younger; as alſo for half an acre more of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, ſituate neer their habitation and to enlarge the ſame.

To this Houſe were the *Botelers* of **Sudley**, and the *Montforts* of **Colſhill** Benefactors[x]; ſo likewiſe was *William Harewell* ſometime of **Wotton-Wawen** in this County Eſquire, as appears by an Indenture[y] made 9. *Oct.* 16. H. 7. between *Thomas Latimer* D[r] of Divinity, Prior of the *Friers Preachers* here, and the ſaid *William*: For, in conſideration of xl *li.* ſterling, which he gave to the repair of their Church, and other neceſſaries, they covenanted, that there ſhould be a perpetuall Chantry by one of the Friers thereof, to ſing Maſſe at the Altar of S[t]. *Peter* of **Willain** in the ſaid Church, betwixt the houres of nine and ten every day, for the good eſtate of the ſaid *William* and *Agnes* his wife, whilſt they lived, and for their ſouls after their departure hence; as alſo for all Chriſten ſouls; and that during their lives, there ſhould be every day ſaid, by the Prieſt who was to perform that ſervice, after *Confiteor* and *Miſereatur*, turning his face to the people, a *Pater noſter* and *Ave*, for the proſperity of the ſaid *William* and *Agnes*; and after their deceaſe, for the ſouls of the ſaid *William* and *Agnes*, and all Chriſten ſouls: As alſo turning his face to the people *De profundis clamavi*, with this Oriſon, *Inclina Domine aurem tuam ad preces noſtras*; which Maſſe to be called *William Harewell's* Maſſe.

But this Houſe was ſurrendred into the Kings hands by Deed[z], dated *Oct.* xx. 30 H. 8. whereunto theſe names are ſubſcribed.

Frater Thomas Norman, Ord. Præd. Warw. Prior.	*Joh. Watts.*
Ric. Walton Sacriſta.	*Ric. Perſo.*
Thomas Bachalaun.	*Joh. Tove.*
Nich. Alexander Sub-Prior.	*Rog. Peche.*

i *Pat.* 19 E. p. 2. m. 12. Br. *vol.* 1. 91. *a.*

k *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur.* f. 24. *b.*

l *Eſc.* 18 *Eliz.*

m f. 26.

n *Pat.* 34. *b.*

o *Pat.* 78.

p *vol.* f. 6. *a.*

q Polyd. Virg. *de invent. rerum lib.* 7. *c* 4.

r Anon. Eveſh. *in bibl.* Bodl. [K. 84.] f. 49 *a.*

s *Rot.* 1. Rous.

t *Eſc.* 9 E. 2 *n.* 10.

u *Pat.* 10 E. 2. p. 2. m. 2.

w *Pat.* 18 E. 3. p. 1. m. 16.

x Lel. *Itin. vol.* 4. f. 165.

y *Ex autog. penès* Car. D. Carrington.

z *Exautog. in Curia Augm.*

Which being *Mendicants*, had no *Penſions* allowed unto them during life, as the Monks and Canons had: The ſite whereof, and all that belong'd thereto, was by the Kings Letters [a] Patent bearing date 5 *Jan.* 5 E. 6. granted, *inter alia*, to *John* Duke of **Northumberland** and his heirs; and that it was ſoon after demoliſh't we need not doubt; ſo that what became of the ground whereon it ſtood, after it eſchaeted to Queen *Mary*, by his attainder, is not worth while to enquire.

a *Pat.* 5 E. 6. *p.* 4.

The Gilds.

OF *Gilds*, or *Fraternities*, there were at firſt two in **Warwick**, but afterward (for ought I ſee) they were both joyn'd together. The one of theſe was in honour of the *Holy Trinity*, and the *Bleſſed*



Dominicanus.

Virgin

Virgin, and the other of S. *George* the Martyr, both begun in 6 *R.* 2. the former by *Will. Hobkyns*, *John Cooke*, *Will. Lyndraper*, *Ric. Martin*, *Will. de la Chaumbre*, *Tho. Pavye*, *John Mountford*, *Tho. Raidy*, *John Hukyn*, *Ric. de Cheſtre*, *John Hering*, *Rob. Broun*, and *Rob. Walden*, all Inhabitants of **Warwick**; for which they had the Ks. License[b], bearing date 2. *Maii* the ſame year; the place of their aſſociation being the Church of our Lady, formerly mentioned. And within ten years after had the Brethren therof License[c], to purchaſe vi Meſſ. iii Toſts, xii Cottages, viii ſhops, xxxviii acres of land and a half, iii acres and iii Rods of Meadow ground, and 30 *s.* Rent in **Warwick**, to find three Prieſts to ſing Maſſe daily in the ſaid Church of our Lady for the good eſtate of the ſaid K. *Ric.* of his Q. and of his Mother; as alſo of *T. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, and *Margaret* his wife, *Richard* their ſon, and of Sr. *Will. Beauchamp* Kt. during their lives in this world; and for their Souls after their departure hence, and the ſouls of *E.* 3. K. of **England**, *Edw.* P. of **Wales**, Father to the ſaid K. *Ric.* 2. *Thomas* ſometime E. of **Warwick**, and *Kath.* his wife, and all the Faithfull deceaſed.

b *Pat.* 6. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 11.

c *Pat.* 16. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 8.

The other of theſe *Gilds* (*viz.* of S. *George*), was begun the ſame year, by *Rob. de Dynelay*, *Will. Ruſſell*, and *Hugh Cooke*, of **Warwick**, by vertue of the ſaid Ks. License[d] bearing date 20 *April.* whereby they had power to receive others alſo of this Borough into their Fraternity, and to build and found a Chantry for two Prieſts to ſing Maſſe every day in a Chapell over the Gate called **Hongyn-gate** in **Warwick**, for the good eſtate of the ſaid King *Richard* & Queen *Anne* his Conſort, and of the ſaid King's Mother, as alſo of *Michaell de la Poole*, and all the Brethren and Siſters of the ſaid *Gild*, during their lives in this world, and for their Souls after their departure hence, as alſo for the ſouls of K. E. 3. *Edw.* P. of **Wales**, Father to K. *Ric.* 2. and other the Ks. Progenitors, and all the Faithfull departed; whereunto likewiſe *Tho. Beauchamp* then E. of **Warw.** had licenſe to give the Advouſon of the Church of S. *James*, ſituate over the ſaid Gate.

d *Pat.* 6. *R.* 2. *m.* 16.

The ſame year did the Brethren of this Gild purchaſe[e] two Meſſ. one Toft and a Quarry in **Warw.** for the uſe therof. But that *Gild* of the *Holy Trinity* became at length united[f] to this of S. *George*, though the direct time of ſuch their conjunction I have not found; for in 10 *H.* 6. it ſo appears[g]; and that *Tho. Eſcop* Baker was Maſter thereof. In 26 *H.* 8. I find[h], that there were five Prieſts belonging thereunto, each whereof had Cvi *s. per an.* Stipend, which amounted to 26 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per ann.* But by the Survey[i] taken, in 37 H. 8. it is evident, that the Revenue thereof amounted to xxxii *l.* x *s.* v *d.* out of which was yearly payd to four Prieſts celebrating Divine Service xxi *l.* vi *s.* viii *d. viz.* Cvi *s.* viii *d.* a peice. To *Ric. Hawes* gent. Auditor thereof xiii *s.* iiii *d. per ann.* To *Ric. Ward* Collector of the Rents xl *s. per ann.* To eight poor people of the ſame *Gild* viii *d.* a week of antient cuſtome, amounting to xxxiiii s viii *d. per ann.* And to two of the Canons celebrating Divine Service in the Quire of the Collegiate Church here at **Warw.** ii *l.* vi *s* viii *d. per ann.*

e *Inſc.* 16. *R.* 2. *m.* 19.

f *Rot. penès Regem. R. in Scacc.*

g *Inſ. S. penès S. Arch. eq. aur. f.* 2.

h *Inſ. alio R. penès eſdem S.* A 16. *a.*

Of which foure Prieſts, two did then ſing Maſſe in the ſaid Church of our Lady, and the other two in the two Chapells built over the ſeveral Gates of **Warw.** *viz.* that of the Eaſt gate of S. *Peter*, and the Weſt S. *James*, having their Colledge[k] or manſion on the North ſide the ſaid Chapell of S. *James*. But the remainder of the Revenues, ſaving what was diſpoſed of as aboveſaid, was imployed towards repairing the great Bridge, here in **Warw.** over **Avon**, containing 13 Arches, and of the High-waies about the town. Howbeit in 36. *H.* 8. the Maſter and Brethren thereof ſold[l] parcell of the lands belonging thereto, for which they received the ſumme of 39 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* which ſumme they beſtowed[m], partly for obtaining the Coll. Church of our Lady in **Warw.** from the K. to be made uſe of as a Pariſh Church, and partly for the erecting of a new School within this Town.

k *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 165

l *Ex præfato MS. penès eundem S. A.*

m *Ex præfato MS. penès eundem S. A.*

All that I farther find relating to this *Gild*, is, that after the general diſſolution of ſuch Fraternities by Act of Parl. in 37. *H.* 8. the Hall belonging thereto, ſituate on the North-ſide the Weſt-gate, was granted[n] unto Sr. *Nic. le Strange* Kt. and his heirs by K. E. 6. 23 *Julii* in 4 of his reign; and that it being afterwards acquired by *Rob. Dudley* E. of **Leiceſter**, was in 28 *Eliz.* made an[o] Hoſpitall by him for 12 men beſides the Maſter; *ſcil.* impotent perſons, not having above 5 *li. per an.* of their own, and ſuch as either had been or ſhould be maimed in the Warrs in the ſaid Q.s. ſervice, her Heirs and Succeſſors, eſpecially under the conduct of the ſaid Earl or his Heirs, or had been ſervants and tenants to him and his Heirs, and born in the Counties of **Warw.** or **Glouc.** or having their dwelling there for five years before: And in caſe there happen to be none ſuch hurt in the Warrs, then other poor of **Kenilworth**, **Warwick**, **Stretford** *ſuper* **Avon** in this County, or of **Moſton** under *Edge* or **Erlingham** in **Glouceſterſh.** to be recomended by the Miniſter and Churchwardens where they laſt had their aboad; which poor men are to have Liveries (*viz.* Gowns of blew cloth, with a *Ragged ſtaff* embroydered on the left ſleeve) and not to go into the Town without them.

n *Pat.* 4. *E.* 6. *p.* 6.

o *Ab exemplo. Statut. eo juſdem Hoſp. penès Ball. & Burgenſes Warw.*

But beſides this Hoſpital of the E. of **Leiceſter's** Foundation, is there another without the ſaid Weſt gate, in part of the buildings ſometime belonging to the before ſpecified *Gild*, wherein are viii poor women who have xxxiiii *s.* viii *d.* payable amongſt them by even portions (once a quarter) out of Sir *Thomas Puckering's* eſtate; which women doe alſo receive clothing for two years in *December*, from the Bayliff of **Warwick** and Miniſter of S. *Maries*, provided for them out of the ſumme of viii *li. per ann.* payable out of Sir *Tho. Puckering's* eſtate for that purpoſe; and for the like clothing of the poor in St. *Michaels* Hoſpitall; and the third year have they the ſaid ſumme of viii *li.* ſhared equally amongſt them. Two other Houſes for poor people which have Trades, did the ſaid Sir *Tho. Puckering* build of fair aſhler ſtone, within this Borough; *viz.* the one in **Joſce-pool** lane, antiently called **Wall-ditch**, and the other in a lane leading towards the Weſt gate from the Mercate place, on the firſt whereof is this Inſcription in capitall letters.

Domunculas haſce Thomas Puckering Miles & Baronettus benevolo, utpote amici, vicinique in hunc Burgum affectu motus, (cujus meliorem ſtatum resq; ſecundiores ex animo optat) ſibiq; in hac parte Executoris munere fungi optimum

ratus

ratus, dum esset ætatis adhuc mediæ, suis sumptibus in proprio fundo extrui curavit, industriæque (sine qua urbes Burgique marcescunt) excitandæ, adaugendæque perpetuo dedicavit, An. salutis MDCxxxiii.

And on the other, the very same, excepting the ar, which is *An. salutis* MDCXXXV.

HAving now discovered what I can on the North side the Bridge, I come to that part of the Suburb lying South of it; where first I will begin with St. *Nicholas* Church, within the precincts of which Parish, not onely all that part of **Warwick**, situate on the South side of **Avon**, stands, together with **Myton**, now a depopulated place; but also the Eastern suburbe on the North of **Avon** antiently called **Cotes**, and now **Coten-end**; with **Woodlow** and **Stockhull**, of all which I purpose to speak particularly by and by.

As to the exact time when this Church was first founded, I cannot directly point; but do conclude, that if it were not a little before the Norman Conquest, it was immediatly after; for [p] that which is at present the Chancell, in the *Saxons* time was the Quire to the house of Nuns situate where this Church and Church-yard now are; which Nunnery being destroyed by *Canutus* the Dane *in an.* 1016, (as in my story of Earl *Wolgeat* I have already intimated) was again rebuilt, as it seems; for it appears, [q] that *Henry de Newburgh*, the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman line, gave unto the Nunns here serving God, for the health of his soul, and for the souls of *Margaret* his wife, *Roger* his Son, E. *Robert* his brother, and all his Ancestors, the town of **Clopton**. After which they continued not long; for I find that Earl *Roger*, son and successor to the said *Henry* in 23 H. 1, upon the endowment of the Collegiat Church of our Lady before spoken of, then newly by him founded, granted [r] *inter alia*, this Church of St. *Nicholas* to the Canons thereof *ad eorum victus necessarios*, for those are the words of his Charter.

In an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) this Church was valued [s] at xviii Marks and a halfe, having three Rectors then belonging thereto; and in [t] 14 E. 3, at xviii Marks, the tithe Hay with the small tithes being rated at xiii Marks: But it was antiently appropriated [u] to the Collegiat Church of our Lady, and the fruits thereof divided [w] into three portions; To the one of which, the Dean of the said Coll. Church presented; and to the second and third the two Prebends. In 41 E. 3. the Cure was served [x] by two Priests, which were presentable by the said Dean and Canons to the Bp. of **Worcester**, by whom they were to receive Institution, one of those Priests having charge of all the parishioners on the South side the Bridge, and the other of those on the North; which Priest, to whom the said South part appertained, had the South part of the Quire, and the other the North, in the celebration of all divine Offices; and each of them ten Marks *per an.* Salary [y], payd at the Feast of St. *Michael* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady, by equal portions, by the Treasurer of the Collegiat Church before specified. Howbeit, notwithstanding the Appropriation above mentioned, such was the neglect of those that had the Government of that Coll. Church, that the benefit of this and others, which of right ought to have been enjoyed accordingly, was with-held, so that in 22 R. 2. it became again united [z] thereunto; whereupon *Tideman* then Bp. of **Worcester**, by his Instrument [a] bearing date at **Hartlebury** 15 *Junii an.* 1401. (2 H. 4) ordained a Vicaridge here, assigning to it a certain proportion of Tithes and Oblations, as by the same more fully appeareth.

But after this there was a new Composition [b], or Ordination made by *John Carpenter* Bp. of **Worcester**, bearing date at **Northwike** 4 *Feb. an.* 1461 (1 E. 4) whereby there were xx Marks sterling *per an.* to be paid quarterly, *viz.* at *Michaelmasse*, *Christmasse*, the *Annuntiation* of our Lady, and the *Nativity* of St. *Joh Baptist*, by the said Dean and Canons to the Vicar; with vi *s.* viii *d. per an.* more at *Michaelmasse*, in lieu of a house for his habitation; In consideration whereof, the Vicar for the time being, was to find a fitting Priest, at his own charge, to assist him in the celebration of Divine Service in that Church; which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was certifyed [c] to consist in that Annuity of xiii *li*, vi *s.* viii *d.* the Rectory [d] being then valued at xx *l.* vi *s.* viii *d. per an.* which with the Advowson of the Vicaridge coming [e] to the Crown, by the dissolution of the said Coll. Church, was 15 *Maii* 27. H. 8. granted [f] by the K. to the Burgesses of **Warwick** and their successors, for so were the Inhabitants then stiled.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
. . . . .	*Rob. Capellanus Comitis Warw. 3. Cal. Junii* 1286.	Giff. f. 25 a.
Rob. de Northampton Canon. Eccles. b. Mariæ Warw.	*Ric. VVinchcomb. Pbr. x. Cal. Oct.* 1294.	Ib. f. 382.
	Joh. de London Cler. 26. Cal. Oct. 1294.	Ib. b.
W. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Henr. de Sotton Subdiac. 9. Cal. Oct.* 1297.	Ib. f. 415.
D. Epis: per lapsum.	*Ric. Brid Cler. 15 Cal. Apr.* 1299.	Ib. f. 451
D. Rad: de Hengham.	*Nich. Horn. Diac. in festo S. Trin.* 1303.	Geyn. f. 1. a.
Præbendarius Eccl: Coll: b. M. Warw.	*Nic. de Yerdley Pbr. 2. Non. Feb.* 1312	Ren. f. 77.
Canon. Eccles. B. M. Warw.	*Will. de VVigorn. Cler. 3. Id. Julii* 1325.	Cob. f. 1. a.
Adam de Herewynton Præbend. in Eccl. Col. B. M. Warw.	*Rog. de la Felde Pbr. Non. Oct.* 1338.	Hem. f. 11
	D. Rad. de Aston Pbr. 3. Id. Dec. 1338.	Ib. f. 19.
Decan. Eccl. Coll. B. M. Warw.	*Rob. fil. Joh. in le Gate accol. 9. Junii* 1339,	Wolst. vol. f. 12. b.
Præb. de Comton in Eccl. Col. Warw.	*Ric. de Braundeston Cap. 17 Julii* 1339.	Ib. f. 17.
Adam de Herwynton Præb.	*Phil. de Sapercote Pbr. 24 Aug.* 1341	Ib. vol. 2. 50. a.
Joh. de Walecote Patr. dictæ portionis.	*VVill. Iweyn accol. 19, Sep.* 1343.	Ib. f. 58.
Joh. de Bokingham Præb.	*Adam Carles 12 Jan.* 1345	Ib. f. 93.
	Joh. Yldesley 13 Octob. 1350.	Thor. f. 1 b
Joh. de VVapenbury Canon. in Eccles. Coll. VVarw.	*Henr. de Langeton Pbr. . . . . 1361.*	Br. vol. f. 35. a.
	VVill. de Southam Pbr. 7. Oct 1361	Ib. f. 38.
Decan. VVarw.	*Joh. Dranfeld 16. Nov.* 1363.	Bar. f. 3 b.
Præb. de Compton.	*VVill. de Bernyngton Pbr. 4 April.* 1362.	Ib. f. 39.

[p] *Hist. MS* J. Rous *p.* 120.

[q] *Ex autog. in offic. Armorum.*

[r] *Regist. Coll. de Warw. f.* 12. *a.*

[s] *MS in Scac. pen. s Rem. R.*

[t] *Rot. de Nonis &c. in Scac.*

[u] [w] [x] [y] *Ex Regist. Coll. de war. f.* 57. *b.*

[z] *Ib. f.* 178. *b.*

[a] *Tid. f.* 63 *a.*

[b] *Carp. vol* 1. *f.* 67. *a.*

[c] *Ms. pen* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 2.

[d] *Ib. f.* 1.

[e] [f] *Pat.* 3 *H.* 8. *p*

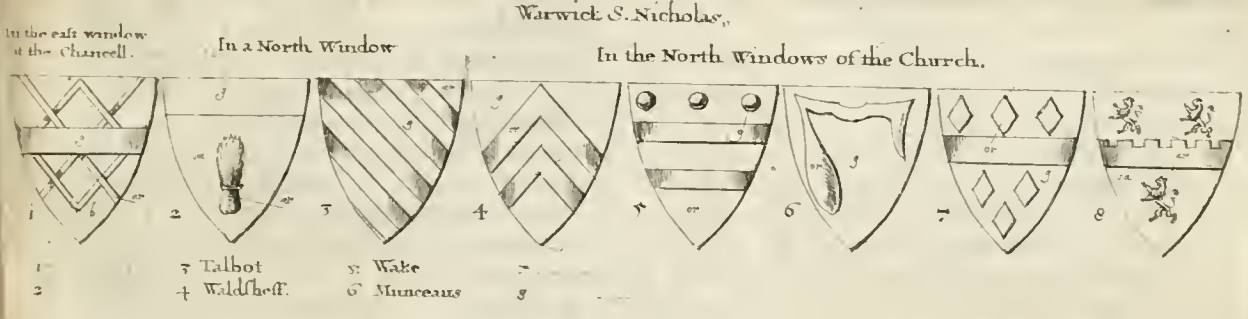
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wak.f.38.a	Preb. de Compton	Will. de Soonley XI Junii 1384
	Patroni Vicariæ.	
Morg. vol. 1.f 30.b.		D. Simon Oldenhale 26 Martii 1425
carp.vol.1. f.124.a.		D. Joh. Belle Cap. 24 Decemb. 1454
lb.f.137.a.		Rich. Cokke Cap. ult. Apr, 1456
b.f.152.b.	Decan. & Cap. Eccl. Col. V Warw.	D. Ric. Leylond Cap. 2. Martii 1460
b.f.164.b.		D. Joh. Manton sen. 8 Oct. 1461.
lle.f.153.		Tho. Crosby Cap. 9 Oct. 1493.
eron.f.40		D. Joh. Green Pbr. 3 Sept. 1528.
eath f.12	Jac. Orme gen. ratione concess. D. & Cap. Eccl. Coll. Warw.	D. Joh. Lane Pbr. 6 Dec. 1546
	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Wil. Bennet Art. Magr. 29 Aug. 1537.
	Ballivus & Burgenses V Warw.	Hercules Marcel. Cler. 30 Oct. 1599.
		Joh. Rogers Cler. 30. Oct. 1599.
		Joh. Turner Cler. 3 Julii 1606.
		Ric. Roe Cler. 29 Nov. 1616.

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In this Church was there antiently a Chantry, founded [g] by *Rob. le Purser* of **Warwick** in 17 *E.* 2. unto which, by the Ks. speciall license, he gave five Marks and xxi *d. per an.* Rent issuing out of a Mess. and certain lands lying here in **Warwick**; but in 10 *E.* 3. *John le Purser*, Sonn and Heir to *Robert* the Founder, being a servant [h] to *Tho. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, granted [i] this Chantry, with the Rents thereto belonging, unto the said Earl, to be removed into the Castle, and there to continue for ever, and to be presentable by him the said Earl and his Heirs.

g *Ex Cartul. Warw. Com.f.108. a.*

h *lb.f.* i *109.a.*



IN this part of the Suburbe there was also a House of *Templars* founded, [k] and endowed with Lands by *Roger* E. of **Warwick** in *H.* 1. his time, which afterwards came [l] to the Preceptory of **Balshall** in this County, and in 9 *E.* 2. were certify'd [m] to be of the yearly value of xiiii *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.* the Arable being Clx Acres, then rated at iii *d.* an acre, the Meadowing xxiv acres at iii *s.* an acre; certain Pasture ground, at xx *s. per an*, a Water-mill at xxvi *s.* viii *d. per an.* Pleas and Perquisites of Court xx *s. per an.* one Croft at v s. *per an.* and twenty foure Freeholders paying 4 *li.* 12 *s.* 7 *d.* yearly rent.

k *Ut. Ioh. Ris.*

l *Itin. 4. f. 11.*

m *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.16.b.*

In this *Temple* was there a Chantry [n] for the antient Earles of **Warwick**, and the Revenue thereof certifyed at lxvi *s.* viii *d. per an.* But upon the suppression of that Order, all the Lands which they here enjoy'd, came to the *Hospitalars* (as in **Balshall** I shall manifest) and continued in their hands till that generall Deluge in 30 *H.* 8. swept them away: After which, these their Possessions, as parcell of the Preceptory of **Balshall**, were granted [o] in 3 *E.* 6. to *John Dudley* E. of **Warwick**, and *Jane* his wife and their Heirs, and since that have returned to the Crown by the attainder of the said *John* in 1 *M.* but how they are now disposed of, I have not thought worth my enquiry.

o *Pat. 3. E. 6. p.*

Having compleatly done with the Borough, I shall now take notice of the Hamlets belonging to **Warwick**: *viz.* **Long-Bridge**, **Miton Coton-end**, **Stockhill**, **Leventhill**, and **Woodlow**, some whereof have been many years since depopulated; beginning with **Long-bridge**, which is in the Parish of St. *Maries.*

Long-Bridge.

THis being situate near a narrow Foot-Bridge, which standeth over a small Torrent, coming from **Budbrook**, thence assumed its name: Howbeit, I do not discern that it was ever a Mannor of it self; but that the Lands therein did, [p] part belong to the Monasterie of **Thelesford**, part to [q] the Collegiat Church of **Warwick**, part to [r] the *Hospitalars*, part [s] to the Priory of **Chaucumbe** in **Northamptonshire**, and the rest to particular persons: Nor have I seen it so much as mentioned in Record till 4, *E.* 1. that one *John de Honele* was presented [t] before the Justices Itinerant, as an Inhabitant thereof, for withdrawing his suit from the County and Hundred Court.

p *Pat. 37. H.8.p. 3.*

q *Esc.4.et* r *5.Ph.& M.*

s *Pat.7. E. 6. p.11.*

t *Inq. per Hundr. penès Camer. Scac.*

Miton.

THis is situate well neare a mile above **Warwick**, on the Southern bank of **Avon**, but there is now no more left of it than a Grove of Elms in the place where the Village stood. In the Conquerors time the E. of **Bellent** was possest of [u] the greatest part of it, *viz.* two hides, the third then belonging to S. *Maries* Church in **Warwick**; which two hides are certifyed in two places [w]; *viz* amongst the E. of **Bellent's** Lands, and amongst those of *Turchill de Warwick*; in the first whereof he is said to hold them of the

u *Domesd. lib.* w

King, and in the later, of *Turchill*'s Fee: but that it is one and the self same Land which is meant thereby, is evident by these testimonies; first that the two Mills there, are mentioned in both; secondly the value, *viz.* vi *l.* and lastly in the one *Algarus Comes* is said to have been owner thereof in *Edw.* the Confessors daies, and in the other *Edwinus Comes* (the sonn and heir of Earl *Algar*) which makes no difference, in regard that the said *Edwine* succeeded his Father in that Inheritance. In that Record [w] it is variously written, **Mutone** and **Moitone**, so that for the Etymologie of the name I do not well know what to say, except it be British, **Mwy** in that language signifying the same with *Major*, and **Mwyd** *humectatio sive madefactio*; in either of which senses, for ought I see, it might have its originall denomination; First as being greater than **Cotes**, (which was, the next Village lying near **Warwick**) or secondly by reason of the moist situation of it, standing on the bank of **Avon** somwhat flat and low.

That this came to *Henry de Newburgh*, the the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman line; either with the residue of *Turchill*'s Lands, or by some accord with the E. of **Pellent** (his brother) there is no doubt at all to be made, forasmuch as it appears that his posterity enjoy'd it: In [x] those dayes there was a Chapell here, wherein several Canons officiated, unto which *Roger* E. of **Warwick**. Sonn to the said *Henry*, did, about the beginning of K. *Stephens* time, [y] grant ten Acres of his demesn land in this place, and five acres of Arable, with a house, and half an acre of Meadow; and did besides, confirm the gift of eight acres, which *Wil. fil. Godardi* past thereto. That it continued to the succeeding Earls I need not stand to prove, forasmuch as it was a member [z] of **Warwick**; but it hath been long since [a] depopulated.

w *Ex Regist. Col. de Warw. f. 9. a.*
x *Ex Regist. Col. de Warw. f. 9. a.*
y *Ex Regist. Col. de Warw. f. 9. a.*
z *Esc. 21. R. 2.*
a *Hist. MS. J. Rous p. 143.*

Hethcote.

ADjoining to **Myton** field, on the South part, do lye certain Grounds called by the name of **Hethcote**, which *Walter Power* gave [b] to the Coll. Church of **Warwick** in 2. *H.* 4. by the name of the Mannour of **Hethcote**, to the intent that the Dean and Canons of that Coll. Church should annuallie solemnize two *Obits*, one for the Soul of *Margaret* his late wife, and the other for his own. After the dissolution of which Church, was it granted [c] by the name of the Leasow called **Hethcote** to *George Tresham* gent. and *Edw. Twyniho* and their Heirs in 37 *H.* 8. and from the said *George* to [d] *Will. Morcote*, who in 6. *E.* 6. dyed [e] seized of it, leaving *Will.* his Grandson, *viz.* sonn to *John*, his next Heir, and then 9 years of age.

b *Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 5. m. 3.*
c *Pat. 37. H 8. p. 15.*
d *Mich. Rec. 37. H. 8.*
e *Esc. 6. E. 6.*

Cotes.

THis is that part of **Warwick**, which lyes on the East part of the town, beyond the little Brook coming from the Priory Mill, and is now called **Coton-end**. In *Edw.* the Confessors time *Edwine* E. of **Mercia** held [f] it; but after the Norman Conquest, K. *Will.* had it in his own hand, in whose time it was certifyed to contain one hide, there being then two Mills rated at C *s.* and the Woods containing 3 Furlongs in length and as much in breadth. In the Conq. Survey [g] it is written **Cotes**, which in our old English signifies the same with *Domus*. It seems that upon the advancement of *Henry de Newburgh* to the Earldome of **Warwick**, it was by the K. bestowed on him; for it appears [h] that the same *Henry* gave certain lands lying here, to the Churches of our Lady and *Allhallows*, which *Rog.* his son and successor confirmed [i]; adding his Grant [k] of all the Tithe thereof, and C. acres of land in 23. *H.* 1. when he united those two Churches, making that of our Lady Collegiate: But there is no more to be said of it, forasmuch as it was so united to **Warwick**, that part thereof being in the possession of the Earls, which did not belong to the Colledge.

f *Domesd. lib.*
g *Domesd. lib.*
h *Regist. Coll. de Warw. f. b.*
i *Ib. f.*
k *12. a.*
l *Ib.*

Stokehull.

ON the Northwest side of **Warwick** lyes **Stokehull**, now onely known by certain grounds bearing that name, but heretofore it hath been a petty Hamlet, as the name imports, **Stoke** signifying the same with *Villa*. The first mention I find thereof is in the foundation of the Collegiate Church of **Warw.** by E. *Roger* in *H.* 1 time, where he grants [l] thereto the Tithes of certain Lands situate therein; so that there is no question but it came to *Henry* E. of **Warwick**, as all the rest of the lands thereabout did; *viz.* upon his advancement to that Earldome, or in augmentation of it, as I have elsewhere shewed: Howbeit till 14 *E.* 1. I have not seen any thing more thereof that is remarkable; but then was there a Fine levied [m] of the moyetie of this Mannour by *John le Lou* and *Amice* his wife Plantiffs, and *Philip le Lou* and *Margery* his Wife deforc: whereby the said moyetie became setled upon the same *John* and *Amice*, and the Heires of *Amice*: And further than this have I no more to say of it, other than that it is in *Rous* his [n] Catalogue amongst the antiently depopulated Villages, whereof he makes so much complaint.

m *Obl. Ioh. Bot.*
n *Hist. MS. I. Rous p. 143.*

Levenhull.

THis place, lying neer to the last, hath no habitation now thereon, yet do the Grounds retain the name; but what I have seen [o] of it, is no more, than that *Rob. de Morton*, who stiles himself *Dominus de* **Levenhull**, by his Deed, whereupon a Fine was levyed xv. *Hill.* 29 *H.* 3. granted to the Monastery of S. *Sepulchers* here in **Warwick**, *totam terram illam extra Warrewyke, ex parte occidentali, quæ appellatur* **Levenhull**; which it seems was a Purchase; for the Canons of that House gave fourty Marks of Silver in consideration of that Grant, and covenanted to pay to the said *Robert* and his Heirs 13 *s.* 4 *d. per an.* at the Feasts of S. *Mich.* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady, by even portions.

o *Exam. penes. A. eq. ad.*

Woodlow.

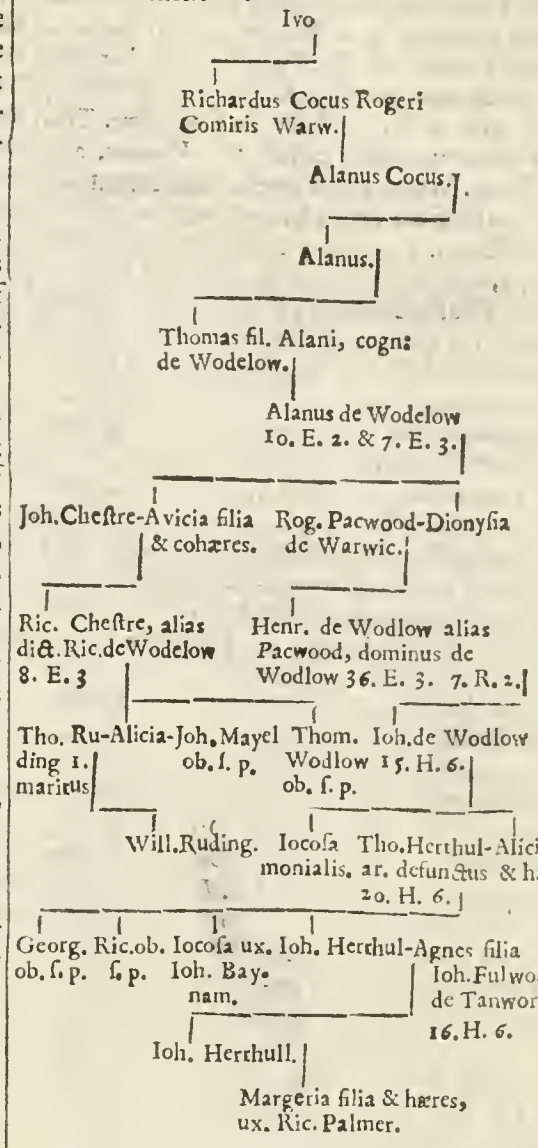
Woodlow.

THE first mention I find of this place, is in that foundation of the Collegiat Church at **Warwick**, made by Earl *Roger* in 23. *H.* 1 where the Tithes of certain lands lying here, are given thereto; and in that grant [p] it is called **Wudulau**: By which testimony, tis plain enough, that it was originally part of those possessions, which *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl after the Norman Conquest, had hereabouts: and there is no doubt (I think) to be made, but that it was a member of **Warwick**. In *H.* 1 time, one *Richard* the Sonn of *Yvo*, Cook to the before specified Earl *Roger*, [q] held it; but having no grant thereof in writing, and leaving a Sonn called *Alan*, whom he had trained up in his own profession, the said *Alan* succeeding in that office as servant to *William* E. of **Warwick** (sonn to Earl *Roger*) obtained a special Charter [r] from him, in *H.* 2 time, of this Lordship to himself and his Heirs, whereby the Metes and Bounds thereof are exactly set forth. By which Charter he also granted to the said *Alan* and his Heirs power to keep a Court of all his own proper Tenants, aswell those residing in **Warwick** as at **Woodlow**, and to take Toll of them for all things that they should buy or sell within the Borough of **Warwick**: Ratifying moreover to him and his Heirs, ths office of *Master Cook in his Kitchen*, which the said *Richard* his father heretofore held in his, and E. *Roger* his fathers time; with all Fees of his Kitchen belonging to the Master Cook, both, in liveryes and Horses, as the Esquiers of his household then had, and as the said *Richard* his father used to have in the days of the same Earl *Roger* and his the said Earl. And moreover granted unto him and his heires a yard land lying in **Cotes**, with whatsoever lands the said *Richard* his father held in **Warwick**, to hold therewith freely and quietly, *&c.* with *Tol* and *Team*, *Sach* and *Soc Infatheycol* and in free socage; paying yearly to the said Earl and his heires a pair of Gloves at *Easter* for all secular service, suit of Court, and demand whatsoever: for which grant and confirmation the said *Alan* gave unto him x *s.* in money, xij Geese, and a firkin of wine.

From this *Alan* descended the family of *Woodlow* (as the pedegree * here inserted sheweth) so named in respect of their residence here, who bore [t] for thir Armes *Gules, a fesse argent betwixt six crosses crosslet Or*, differing nothing from the coat of *Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, but in the colour of the *fesse*: Of which was one *Thomas de Woodlow* Feodary [u] to *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, for all his lands in this County, in 10.H.4. And in [w] 5. H. 5. one of his Councell.

In 15. H. 6. this Mannour, [w] being entailed by *John Wodelow*, was setled upon *George Herthul*, his granchild, with divers remainders: but it seems that some of these *Herthulls* past away their right herein, to *Alice* the daughter of *Ric. Chester*, grandchild and heir (after the death of her brother *Thomas*) to *Avicia* one of the daughters and coheirs of *Alan de Wodelow*; for after the death of her second husband, *sc. John Mayell*, being in her free state of widowhood, by her deed [x] bearing date at **Warwick** on the feast day of S. *Hillary* 27. *H.* 6. she granted the capital mess. of **Woodlow**, with all the lands thereto belonging (excepting some that had been exchang'd away) to *John Brome* of **Warwick**; which *John* was he that became owner of **Badsley-***Clinton* in this County (as I shall there shew:) from whose son *Nich: Brome*, by *Lettice* the daughter of *Nich: Catesby*, his third wife, is descended [y] *Robert Brome* Gent. now residing here, to whom the inheritance of this place still continues. y *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers

It seemes, that this was antiently a little village, though now reduc't to one house; for I find [z] it in the list of those places, whereof *John Rous*, in his complaint of the Depopulations in this County, doth make mention. z *Hist. MS.* I. Rous *p.* 143.



Chesterton.

HAving now done with all the places of note within the precincts of **Warwick**, and following the river *Avon* about a mile and halfe lower, I find it increast by a petty torrent, which, coming from the Southeast, joyneth therewith. This brook riseth within the precincts of **Chesterton**, of which place being next in order to discourse, I shall observe, that antiently it had many Inhabitants, for no lesse than Lxxix families doth *Rous* [a] make mention of, that there resided, which by depopulation were in his time reduced to three, but now are augmented to the number of xiiii. Through this Lordship doth one of those famous Roman ways (whereof I have spoke) *scil.* **Fosse**, extend it self; upon which, as is apparent, hath been a Roman Fortification, and within the com- a *l. bp.* 145

passe thereof divers old coynes digg'd up. That such fortified places had the name of Ceaster by our Ancestors the Saxons; is evident enough; so that we need not look farther for an Etymologie of this Towns name, antiently written **Ceastreton**, and **Cestreton**, than the situation thereof so neer to that place.

b *Regist. Pr. de Coventre f. 75. a.*

Part of this Village being given[b] by Earl *Leofrike* to the Monks of **Coventre** upon the foundation of that Monastery (1. *Edw. Conf.*) was by the Conq. Survey[c] certified to contain 1 hide and a half, and valued at L.s. By which Survey it also appears that *Henry de Ferers* (a great man at that time) had half a hide here, then held of him by one *Wazelinus* and valued at x. *s.* But the greatest proportion, viz 3. hides did *Ric. Forestarius* at that time hold, which was rated at C. *s.* and whereof 4 Theins[d] were possest in *Edw.* the Conf. time. This *Ric. Forestarius* is also called *Ric. Venator*, and *Ric. Chineu.* what he had here in **Chesterton** was a third[e] part of the town; being given[f] to him by *Will.* the Conq. together with other lands in Sergeanty; *viz* by the service of keeping the Forest of **Kanoc** in **Stafford-shire**, paying to the K. x marks yearly for the Bailywick thereof, and for the said lands he so held. Which *Ric.* founded[g] the Church here, endowing it with lands of two marks *per an.* value, and had issue one only daughter called *Margerie*,[h] married to *Walter Crok*, who in 5. *Steph.* gave[h] 3. marks of gold to the K. *pro rehabendo Ministerio suo*, which I conclude to be for his office of Forester in the Forest of **Canok**; and xiiii. *l.* xi. *s.* v. d. for the land of *Ric. Chinewe*, (his wifes father.)

d Servants to the K.

c *Testa de Nevill. fub tit. de ſerjeantiis arrent.*

f *Testa de Nevill. fub tit. de ſerjeantiis arrent.*

g *Testa de Nevill. fub tit. de ſerjeantiis arrent.*

h *Rot. P.*

i *Regiſt. de Kenill. p. 157.*

To this *Walter* succeeded *Will.* his son[i] and heir, who gave[k] to the Monks of **Radmore**, in the said Forest of **Canok** (afterwards translated to *Stonley* in this County) all his lands in **Wirley** in *Com.* **Staff.** in consideration whereof he was made partaker of the whole benefit of their *Cistertian* Order, and promised that his body should have sepulture in their *Monastery*. On the Canons of **Kenilworth** he conferred[l] the Church of **Chesterton**, and granted[m] to the Kts. *Templars* a yard land in this Lordship; but an ill fate attended him, for he was hang'd[n], though for what appears not; whereupon his lands were seized[o] into the K. hands, who gave[p] them in marriage to one *Rob. de Broc*, with *Margerie* his the said *Will.* sister. Which *Rob. de Broc*, being a man of note in his days, for he is called[q] *Mareſcallus Angliæ, & Foreſtarius de Canoc.* gave[r] to the Monks of **Stoneley** a mes. and half a yard land lying in **Radway** in this County, and dyed[s] in 5 *R.* 1. leaving issue *Margerie*[t] his only daughter and heir, marryed[u] to *Hugh de Loges*; who in 7. *R.* 1. payd[w] lx marks fine towards the raysing that great sum of money for the Ks. redemption, for which he had the custody of the Forest of **Canok** with his house at **Grimbaldeston**, and the land of *Rob. de Brok*, whose daughter and heir he had wedded, rendred to him.

k *Reg. de Stonley f. 9. a.*

l *Ex Reg. de Kenill. ut ſupra.*

m *Ex Cod. MS. penès Rem. R. in Scac.*

n *Testa de N.*

o *ut ſupra.*

p *ut ſupra.*

q *Cart. 19 E. 2. n. 6. per. Inſp.*

r *Cart. 19 E. 2. n. 6. per. Inſp.*

s *Ex autog. penès Edw. Peito eq. aur.*

t *Testa de N.*

u *Testa de N. ut ſupra.*

w *Rot. P. 7. R. 1. Staff.*

It seems that this *Hugh* was in armes against K. *John* in those turbulent times towards the end of his reign, for which his Castle of **Grimbaldeston** and Forestership of **Canok** were seized into the Ks. hands: for I find that the said King, by his Precept[x] bearing date 1. *Dec.* 17. *Joh.* directed to *Thomas de Erdington*, appointed, that in case he found good pledges for his faithfull service to him, and sure custody of the Forest of **Canok**, with the said Castle, that then he should render them to him; but he lived not above a year afterwards, as I guess; for in 1. H. 3. the custody of his heir, called *Hugh*, was committed[y] to *Will. de Cantilupe*, which *Hugh* held this Mannour of **Cestreton** and Forestership of **Canok** in sergeanty, as his Ancestors had done; and had suit[z] with the Kts. Templars for that hide of land given to them here, in **Chesterton**; whereof I have already spoke, but could not recover it. In 19. H. 3. he received a command[a] from the *K.* to permit *Will. Fitz-Walkelin* to enter his Hart hounds at hunting the Stag in his Bayliwick. In 25. H. 3. he payd[b] C *l.* fine to the K. for some miscarriages in his said office of Forester. In 36. being a prisoner[c] in **Warwick** gaol upon an Appeal prosecuted against him for killing of *Rog. le Straunge*, he was bayled. The next year following I find[d] that the Shiriff of **Staffordshire** had command from the K. not to distrain him to take the order of Knighthood, except it did appear that he had other lands for which he ought to be a Kt, than those that were in Sergeanty. but he was the last of this family that held the Stewardship and Bayliwick of **Canok**-Forest; for it appears[e], that K. H. 3. disposed thereof to Sir *Thomas de Weſeham* Kt. and his heirs, who past away the inheritance of it, in 12. E. 1. to *Philip de Montgomeri*, the K. confirming[f] the grant.

y *Clauſ. 1. H. 3. m. 22.*

z *Plac. apud weſtm. oct. Mich. 9. H. 3. rot. 21.*

a *Clauſ. 15 H. 3. m. 11*

b *Rot. P. d. eodem an.*

c *Clauſ. 36 H. 3. m. 31.*

d *Clauſ. 3 H. 3. in d.*

e *Ex autog. penès Will. vic. Staffordiæ.*

f *Will. Com berſo*

This *Hugh de Loges* lived to be a very old[g] man, and was not[h] *compos mentis* before he dyed. It seemes he had conceived some displeasure against his son and heir, *viz. Ric. de Loges*, and therefore did endevour to disherit[i] him of this Lordship and other lands, selling[k] this to the Kts. *Templars*; which *Richard* was a busy[l] actor in that rebellion of the Barons in *H.* 3. time, being of the retinue[m] to *Ralph* Lord *Basset*; in respect whereof, all his lands in this County and **Staff.** were seized on, and bestowed[n], *inter alia*, by the K. on *Thomas Corbet* of **Shropshire**. 30. *Nov.* 50. H. 3. but submitting to the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilw.** as appears[o] by *James de Audley's* undertaking for him therein, he being at the time when **Kenilworth** castle was rendred, with[p] young *Sim. Montfort* in the Isle of **Ely**, and finding good sureties, *viz. Will. de Mortein*, and *Will. de la Rye* for his future fidelity, was received[q] into the K. protection as his good subject. And in *August* following, *sc.* 51. H 3. found so much favour, that whereas his father had, to the disherison of him, aliened this Mannour of **Chesterton** to the *Templars*, the K. taking[r] advantage of its being soe conveyed without License, forasmuch as it was held of him in *Capite* by Sergeanty, seized upon it, and in consideration of Cxx. marks Fine, reinvested[s] him therein, promising that he would not permit the said *Hugh* to do any thing tending to the disheriting him of this, or any other lands so held; provided that he did conveniently maintain his said father during life, at that time old and weak, and not in his senses, as I have intimated.

g *Pat. 51 H. 3. m. 5*

h *Pat. 51 H. 3. m. 5*

i *Pat. 51 H. 3. m. 5*

k *Pat. 51 H. 3. m. 5*

l *Eſc. 50. H. 3.*

m *Eſc. 50. H. 3.*

n *Ex autog. penès Will. vic. Staffordiæ.*

o *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 3.*

p *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 3.*

q *Ib. m. 2.*

r *Pat. H. 3. m. 9.*

s *Pat. H. 3. m. 9.*

After which in 3. E. 1. this *Ric. de Loges*, being very much indebted, obtained License from the K. that for raysing of some money, he might demise his lands for a certain time: but, it seems, that under colour of this liberty to set, he absolutely sold part of them; whereupon the Shiriff of this County had command[u] to seize them into his hands for the Ks. use, *sc.* in 5. E. 1. in which year he was[w] with the K. and his Army in **Wales**: what Agreement he made appears not, but certain it is that he repossest them again: for in

t *Pat. 3. E. 1. m. 15*

u *Rot. Fin. E. 1. m.*

w *Pat. E. 1. m. 8*

13,

x *Clauſ. 17. Joh. m. 14.*

13. E. 1. being queſtioned by what authority he held a **Court-Leet** here, and claimed Aſſize of Bread and Beere within this Lordſhip, he pleaded [x] Preſcription, and had allowance of thoſe priviledges. In 14. *E.* 1. being then [y] a K^t, he bore for his Armes *Arg.* 3. *piles gules, with a Buck trippant Or, in a canton azure*, as appears by his ſeal, and dyed [z] in 21. *E.* 1. leaving *Ric.* his ſon and heir, then 28 years of age, who doing his homage had livery [a] of his lands; but enjoy'd them not long: for in 28. *E.* 1. he departed [b] this life, leaving one only daughter, called *Elizabeth*, [c] his heir, then 4. years of age, whoſe marriage was granted [d] by the K. the next enſuing year to *Nich. de Warrewyk*; Which *Nich.* matcht [e] her unto his own ſon *Nicholas*, who did his fealty and had livery [f] of her lands in 6. *E.* 2. which *Nich.* had iſſue [g] *John de Warrewyk* his ſon and heir, who by the K. ſpecial command, entailed [h] this Lordſhip in 9. *E.* 3. for default of iſſue by himſelfe and *Margaret* his wife, upon *John de Sanderſted* of **Rodbaſton** and his heirs, the ſame *John* having marryed [i] his mother.

During the time that this *John de Sanderſted* held it, he obtained a Charter [k] of **Free Warren** in all his demeſn lands here, to enjoy during his own life, and afterwards to the right heires thereof. But upon his death, in [l] 27. *E.* 3. *John* the ſon of *Will. de Peito* became poſſeſt thereof, by marriage [m] with *Alianore* daughter and heir to *John* the ſon of the before ſpecifyed *Nich. de Warwick*; from which time the Familie of *Peto* have had their principall ſeat here. Being therefore now to proceed with what I have found hiſtorically relating thereto, to the end the more light may be given, as well to what I have already ſpoke, touching the ſucceſſive Poſſeſſors of this place, as to what I ſhall ſay of the reſt, I have here inſerted this enſuing Pedegree.

And becauſe this family of *Peto* hath been ſo eminent in former times, as by what followes will appear, I ſhall aſcend ſomewhat higher in my diſcourſe thereof, than the time that I find them firſt poſſeſt of **Chesterton**, eſpecially conſidering that they had lands in this County before.

The firſt mention, I meet with of this name and Family in **Warwickshire**, is in [n] 6. E. 1. Where *Ric. de Peito* is recorded to have been poſſeſt of certain lands in **Dalton** *juxta* **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**; which (I ſuppoſe) were thoſe that he had [o] from *Roeſe Truſſell*, and which ſhe purchaſed of *Walt. de Lodington*; for *Walt.* the ſon of *Will de Lodington* commenced ſuit [p] againſt him, and againſt the other *Walter* for divers lands here, about that time. This *Ric.* being a man of the ſuperiour ranck amongſt the gentry of his time, was one [q] of the Coroners in this County, and dyed [r] in that office, 28. E. 1. as appears by the Writ for cauſing another to be choſen in his ſtead, in which he is called *Ric. de Pictavia*. To him ſucceeded *John* [s], a perſon learned in the Lawes, who by his eminencie in that profeſſion (as tis moſt probable) was the firſt advancer of this Family to thoſe fair poſſeſſions, which qualifyed his deſcendants the better for ſuch great and noteable employments as thy afterwards had in the world. In [t] 15. *E.* 2. and ſo every year after, during [u] that Ks. time, he was conſtituted one of the Juſtices for Gaol-delivery in this County; ſo alſo [w] in the firſt and ſecond years of K. E. 3.

Ric. Chineu, cui Rex Will Conq. dedit tres partes de Cheſterton.

Walr. Croc-Margeria filia 5. Steph. & hæres.

Will. Croc-Rachinilda ſuſpenſus. — Rob. de Broc-Margeria Mareſc. Angl.

Hugo de Loges-Margeria filia & 7. R. 1. 1. H. 3. hæres.

Hugo de Loges 19. & 54. H. 3.

Ric. de Pictavia 6. E. 1. 28. E. 1. — Ric. de Loges miles, 50 H. 3. ob. 21. E. 1.

Joh. de Peito-Johanna dictus ſenior filia Will. 15. E 2. 4. E. 3 Moryn. — Hugo de Loges — Ric. de Loges obiit 28. E. 1.

Joh. de Peto jun. obiit 47. E. 3. ſ. p. — Will. de Peto 19 E. 2. — Margareta filia & hæres Rob. de Langley. — 6 E. 2. Nich. de Warwick — Eliz. filia & hæres.

Will. de Iſab. filia Peto 18 E. 3. — Thomas Hen. de Bromwich — Thomas de Peto 35. E. 3. — Joh. de Peto miles, obiit 19. R. 2. — Elianora filia & hæres.

Will. de Peto obiit 8. H. 4. — Johanna filia Joh. de Thornbury obiit 6. H. 5. — Rob. Corbet mil. Mil. ſecundus maritus.

Will. de Peto. obiit 4. E. 4. — Carh. filia Joh. Greſly mil. 8. H. 6.

Joh. de Peto obiit 3 H 7. — Elianora filia Rob. Mantfeld 32 H 6.

Edw. Peto, obiit 3 H 7. — Goditha filia Thomæ Throgmorton mil. relicta 17 H 7.

Petr. Peto Card. — Marg. filia Joh. Baynam mil. nupta 4 H 8 — Joh. Peto 18 H 8 — Agnes filia Ric. Cooke 17 H 7.

Joh. Peto obiit 5. & 6. Ph. & M. — Anna filia Joh. Ferrers de Tamworth militis.

Humfr. Peto obiit 27 Eliz. — Anna filia Baſilii Feilding de Newnham ar.

Will. Peto ar. obiit an. 1619 — Elianora filia Walr. Aſton de Tixhall in com. Staff. mil.

Edw. Peto miles — Eliz. filia Adæ Newton de Charlton in Com. Cantii mil. & Bar.

Edw. Peto ar. — Eliz. filia Grevilii Verney de Compton eq. aur.

In 3. he was [x] one of the Justices appointed for conservation of the Peace. In 4. one [y] of the K^ts for this Shire in the Parl. then holden at *Westm.* at which time he was called *Joh. de Petto senior*, in regard his eldest son bore that name, who before that time acted in sundry publick employments, as I shall shew by and by. In 9. *E.* 3. he was one [z] of the two Commissioners constituted for the arraying of all men in this Shire, according to their estates and degrees; as also [a] for conservation of the Peace according to the statute of **Northampton**. In [b] 12. *E.* 3. one of the Justices for Goal delivery at **Warwick**. In [c] 14. one of the Commissioners assigned for selling the Nones of Sheaf, Wool, and Lamb; as also for [d] levying and collecting a Tenth, then granted unto the K. in Parliament; and in 21. and 22. E. 3. was in [e] Commiss. for the Gaol delivery at **Coventre**: but he wrote himself of [f] **Drayton**, where he held [g] lands of *John de Trussel* by the x^th. part of a Knights fee. It seemes that in his age he travelled into those parts of **France** from whence his ancestors came, for I find [h] that he dyed in **Gascoin**, and left issue 2 sons, *John* and *Will.* both well advanced by good marriages; whereof *John* had to wife *Alice* the widow of *John de Langely*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Isabel de Hulles* (which *Isab.* was daughter and coheir to *Rog. de Herdebergh*, as in **Wilts** I have already declared,) & *Will.* married *Margaret* daughter and heir to *Rob. de Langley*, (as in **Wolfhamcote** I have shewed) whose posterity became heirs also, at length, to *Geffery de Langley*, the principall branch of that family: But with *John*, called *Joh. de Peito junior*, during his fathers life time, I will proceed.

The first mention I find of his publick employments, is in 6. *E.* 3. and then was he in Commission [i], in this County, for assessing and collecting a xv^th and x^th granted to the K. in Parl. In [k] 7. *E.* 3. he had the office of Eschaetor for the Counties of **Heref. Glouc. Worcester, Salop, Staff.** and the Marches of **Wales**, and substituted [l] *John de Saundersted* (of **Wotton**-*Wawen* in this shire) his deputy therein, for the Counties of **Salop, Staff.** and Marches of **Wales**: which office this *John de Peito* held [m] for 2. years. In 10. E. 3. the K. having a x^th granted to him in the Parl. then held at **Nottingham**, for support of his warrs against the Scots, he was appointed [n] to be one of the Receivers thereof for this County; in which year the K. by his special Pat. [o] exempted him from Knighthood, during his life, except he himself should be willing thereto; and made him one [p] of the Commissioners for to hear and determine matters of felony and misdemeanor in this Shire. The next ensuing year was he again assigned [q] to be one of the Receivers of the xv^th and x^th then granted to the K. in Parl. and also one [r] of the Commissioners in this County & **Leicestershire** for explaning the K. meaning in certain particulars handled in that Parl. In 15. E. 3. was he appointed [s] one of the Assessors and Collectors of the *Nones* of Sheaf, Wool, and Lamb in this County, granted to the King in Parliament the preceding year.

In 17. E. 3. he had a Pat. [t] specially exempting him from the office of Sheriff, Eschaetor, or any other; as also for serving upon any Jury, without his own good will. In [u] 20. E. 3. he should have attended the K. in person, over into **France**, with his Army; and for that purpose did array himself accordingly; but by a particular Pat. he had then leave to stay behind, and was also exempted from contributing to the charge of that voyage: and not onely so, but at the special request of *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**, had the Kings Letters Patents [w] of priviledge granted to him, that he should not, during his life, be exposed to attend him in any warlike service, nor be charged with finding any men at Armes, Hoblers, or Archers, except he himself were willing thereto. This *John* was also a Lawyer as well as his father, and of Councel [x] to *Wolstan* Bishop of **Worcester** in all his affairs relating to this Shire, and so likewise to the Prior and Monks of **Worcester**, with whom he became retained [y] in 17. *Edw.* 3. and covenanted to be for them in all causes and upon all occasions, and not against them or their Monastery for any person whatsoever. To his second wife, hee wedded [z] the Lady *Beatrice de Bishopsden*, widow of Sir *John de Bishopsden* Knight, but daughter [a] and heir to *John de Sheldon*; and bearing a venerable respect to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in this County; not only gave [b] them the advouson of the Church of **Lockley**, to be appropriated to the use of that Monastery, but lands of good value in **Lockley**; in consideration where of, they assigned [c] a certain Annuity to be paid to a Chantry Priest, which should sing Masse daily in the Chapel of our Lady, adjoyning to the Parish Church of **Sheldon**, for the good estate of him the said *John*, and the Lady *Beatr.* his wife, *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and the Lady *Catherine* his wife, and *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**, during their lives, and afterwards for the health of their soules; as when I come to **Sheldon** shal be more fully shewed.

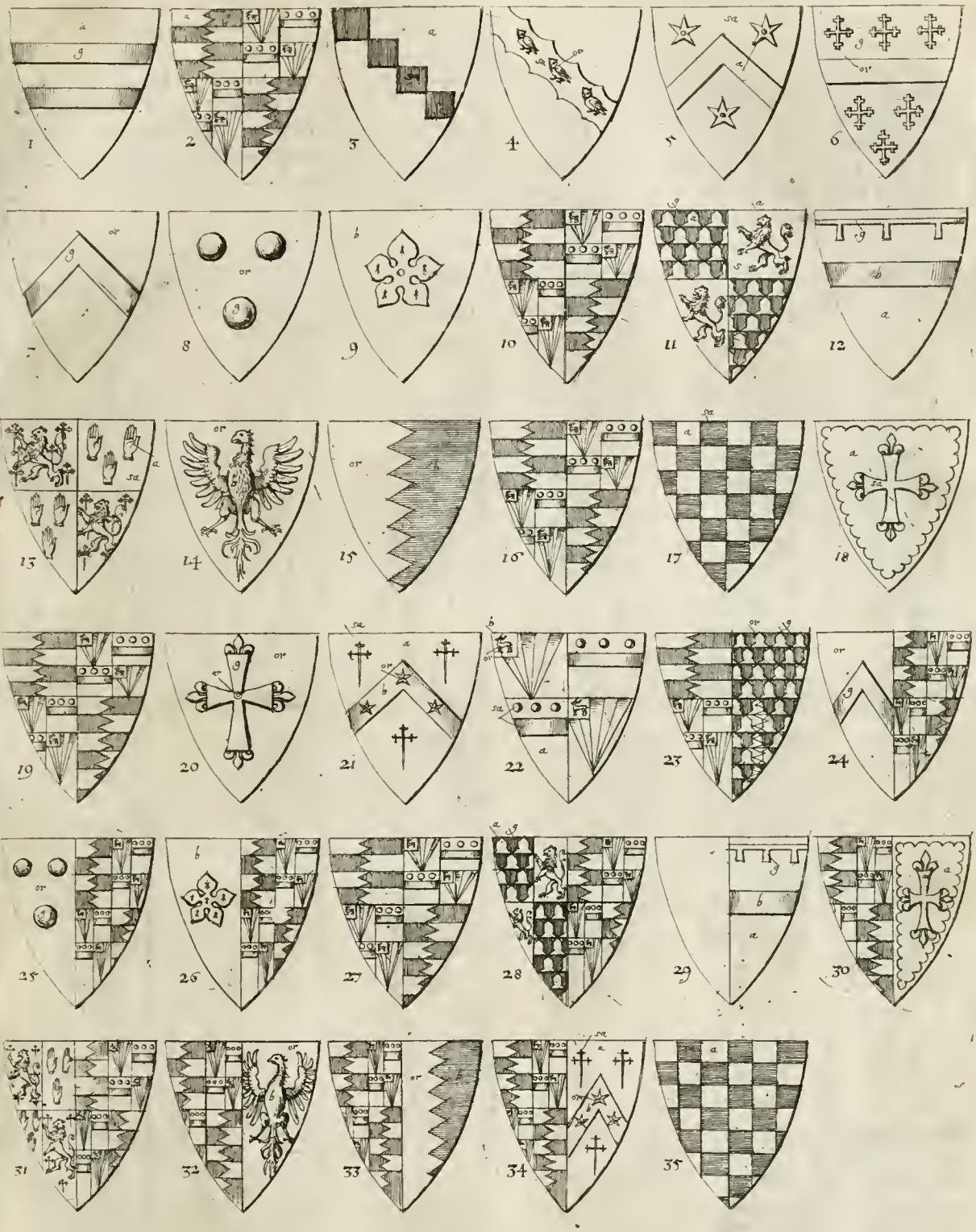
In 7. *Edw.* 3. he bore [d] for his Armes *three Maydenheads*, as his father had done; but afterwards, *scil.* 16. *Edw.* 3. he changed that coat, and gave [e] *upon a Cheveron, betwixt 6. Crosses Crosslets fitchè, 3 mullets*; which armes he assumed (as I conceive) out of some special relation that he had to *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon** (of whom in **Warwicke** I have spoke) who bore for his coat *Arg. 6 Crosse Crosslets fitchè sable, upon a cheif azure, two mullets Or, peirced gules.* But in 47. *Edw.* 3. he dyed [f] without issue, leaving his brother *William* his heir, then lx. years of age. Which *William* having wedded the heir of *Langley* (as hath been said) was Sheriff [g] of this County and **Leicestershire** in 14. *Edw.* 3. In [h] 17 *Edw.* 3. there were divers Proctors of Cardinalls, and others from the Court of **Rome**, as well English as forrainers, who by virtue of the Popes Bulls made out processe against sundry persons, much derogating from the King's royall power in this his Realm; whereupon Commissions were issued out to divers persons through **England**, for the finding them out, and arresting and bringing them before himself and his Councell; of which Commissioners this *William de Peito* was [i] one of those that were assigned, for this County, to that purpose. So also in [k] 18. *Edw.* 3. to enquire, what persons were seized of lands to the value of *C s. per annum*, and upwards to a thousand pounds, over and above all reprises, and to make certificate thereof to the King. And likewise in [l] 21. *Edw.* 3. for levying the subsidy of Wools then granted to the King in Parliament towards the supporting his warrs with **France**.

And,

x *Pat.* 3. E. 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 16.
y *Claus.* 4. E. 3. *in d. m.* 7.
z *Cl.* 9. E. 3 *in d. m.* 33.
a *Pat.* 9. E. 3. E 2. *m d. m.* 24.
b *Pat.* 12. E. 3. *in d. m.* 9.
c *Claus.* 14. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.
d *Pat.* 14. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 47.
e *Pat.* 21 E. 3. *p.* 1 *in d. m.* 33. *Pat.* 22 E. 3. *p.* 1 *in d. m.* 31.
f *Ex autog. penès præfat.* E. P.
g *Rot. penès* S. Clark B.
h *Ex vet. membr. penès eundem* E. P.
i *Pat.* 6. E. 3. *p* 3 *m.* 19.
k *Rot. F.* 7. E. 3. *m.* 19.
l *Ex aug. penès* Car. D. Caringtoln
m *Rot. F.* 9. E. 3. *m.* 19.
n *Rot. F.* 10 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 34.
o *Pat.* 10. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 34.
p *Ib. p.* 2. *in d. m.* 18.
q *Rot. F.* 11 E. 3. *m.* 34.
r *Pat.* 11. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 3.
s *Pat.* 15. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m* 31.
t *Pat.* 17. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m* 20.
u *Rot. Fr.* 20. E. 3. *in d. m.* 17.
w *Pat.* 20. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.
x *Ex Regist. vocat. the white booke penès D. & Capwigorn f.* 181
y
z *Ex autog. penès* Ca mer. Scac *in baga o* Catesby.
a *Esc.* 4 E. 3. *n.* 2
b *Ex a tog. p nès*
c D. D by.
d *Ex aut penès* C. Caring-ton.
e *Ex aut penès* E Pero eq *aur.*
f *Esc.* 47 3. *n.* 28.
g *Rot.* 14. E. 3.
h *Pat* E. 3 2. *in m.*
i
k *Pat.* E. 3. *p* *in d. m.*
l *Rot. F.* E. 3. *m.*

and being a person learned in the Lawes, had in 30 E. 3. a Grant [m] from *Eliz. de Burgherſh*, Lady of **Clopas**, one of the daughters and heirs to Sir *Theobald de Verdon*, of an Annuity of ten marks *per an.* iſſuing out of her Mannour of **Brandon** in this County, for his good and lawfull Counſell in her affairs.

In an olde Canton window of the Hall at Cheſterton.



1 Mauduit.
2 Peto quartering Loges and Langley
3
4 Savile
5 Shukburgh
6 Beauchamp E. of Warw.
7 Stafford
8 Courtney
9 Aſtley.
10 Peto quartering Loges and Langley
11 Greſley and Waſneys quartered.
12. Everingham.
13 De la Ware quartering Manſeild.
14 Montgomery
15 Edgbaſton.
16 Peto quartering Loges and Langley
17 Ellenbrig.
18 Swinerton
19 Peto quartering Loges and Langley
20. Frevile.
21 John de Peto 7 E. 3.
22. Loges quartering Langley.
23 Peto empaling Ferrars.
24 Stafford empaling Peto
25 Courtney empaling Peto.
26. Aſtley empaling Peto
27 Peto quartering Loges and Langley,
28. Greſley empaling Peto
29 ... empaling Everingh.
30 Peto empaling Sumerſon
31 De la ware empaling Peto
32 Peto empaling Montgomery.
33 Peto empaling Edgbaſton
34 Peto empaling Peto,
35 Ellenbrig.

In 35 E. 3. he with his Sonns, *John* and *Thomas* attended [n] upon *Raph* E. of *Stafford* in his Iriſh journey that year: unto which *Raph*, he was ſtiled [o] *Atturnatus generalis*; but he varied from his Father in the bearing of his Arms, and took *barry of 6 peices Arg. and Gules per pale indented and counterchanged*, as appeareth by his Seal [p]; which Coat his Poſterity have ever ſince retained. When he dyed, I am not certain, nor how long he lived after 4 R. 2. but he had iſſue [q] *Will. John* and *Thomas*; which *William* married [r] *Iſabel* the daughter of *Henry de Bromwich*, and dyed (as

m Ex aut. penès E. Theobald.

n 35. E. 3. m. 1.

o Ex aut. penès præfat. E. P

p Ex aut. penès præfat. E. P

q Ex aut. penès præfat. E. P

r F. Levat. xv. Mich. 18. E. 3.

(as I ſuppoſe) ſhortly after, for I find little mention further of him: So that *John* was his Heir, and became the firſt Lord of **Cheſterton** of this Family, by [f] marriage with *Elianor* daughter and heir of *John* the ſon and heir to *Nich. de Warwick* before ſpecified; which *John*, being a Kt. [t] in 38. *E.* 3 ſerved afterwards as one of the Kts. for this Shire, in the ſeveral Parliaments of [u] 42, 43, and 45 *E.* 3. held in thoſe years at **Weſtminſter** and **Wincheſter**, in which ſaid 45 year he ſuperintended [w] the Aſſeſſment and Collection of the Subſidy for this County, then granted to the K. In [x] 5. *R.* 2. he was alſo one of the Kts. for this Shire: and the ſame year a Commiſſioner [y] for conſervation of the Peace, and arreſting of the Rebells. In [z] 7 and 10 *R.* 2. he was again Kt. for this ſhire; In 11 *R.* 2. Lieutenant [a] to the Conſtable of **Dover**-Caſtle. In 12 he with Sir *John Lakenhith* Kt. were [b] Lieutenants in the Court Military to the Conſtable and Marſhall of **England**; ſo alſo [c] in 15 *R.* 2. and dyed [d] in 19 *R.* 2. leaving *Will.* his ſon and heir then 30 years of age, who did his Homage the ſame year, and had Livery [e] of the lands of his Mothers Inheritance. Which *Will.* was in 21 *R.* 2. conſtituted [f] one of the Comiſſioners for Aſſeſſing and gathering a xv. and tenth then granted to the K. in Parliament, and in 4 *H.* 4. alſo was a Commiſſioner [g] of Array in this County.

f *Rot. f.* 27. *E.* 3 *m.* 9. *Eſc.* 27. *E.* 3. *n.* 57. *et n.* 114.

t *Regiſt. Col. de Warw. f.* 163. *b.*

u *Clauſ. de iiſd. ann. in d.*

w *Pat.* 45. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 34

x *Clauſ.* 5. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 5.

y *Pat.* 5. *R.* 2. *in d.* 1. *m.* 4.

z *Claus de iiſd. an d*

a *Rot. ſ con.* 11 3 *m.* 16.

b *Pat.* 2 *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *n.* 1.

c *Pat.* 1 *R* 2. *p.* 2. *n.* 9

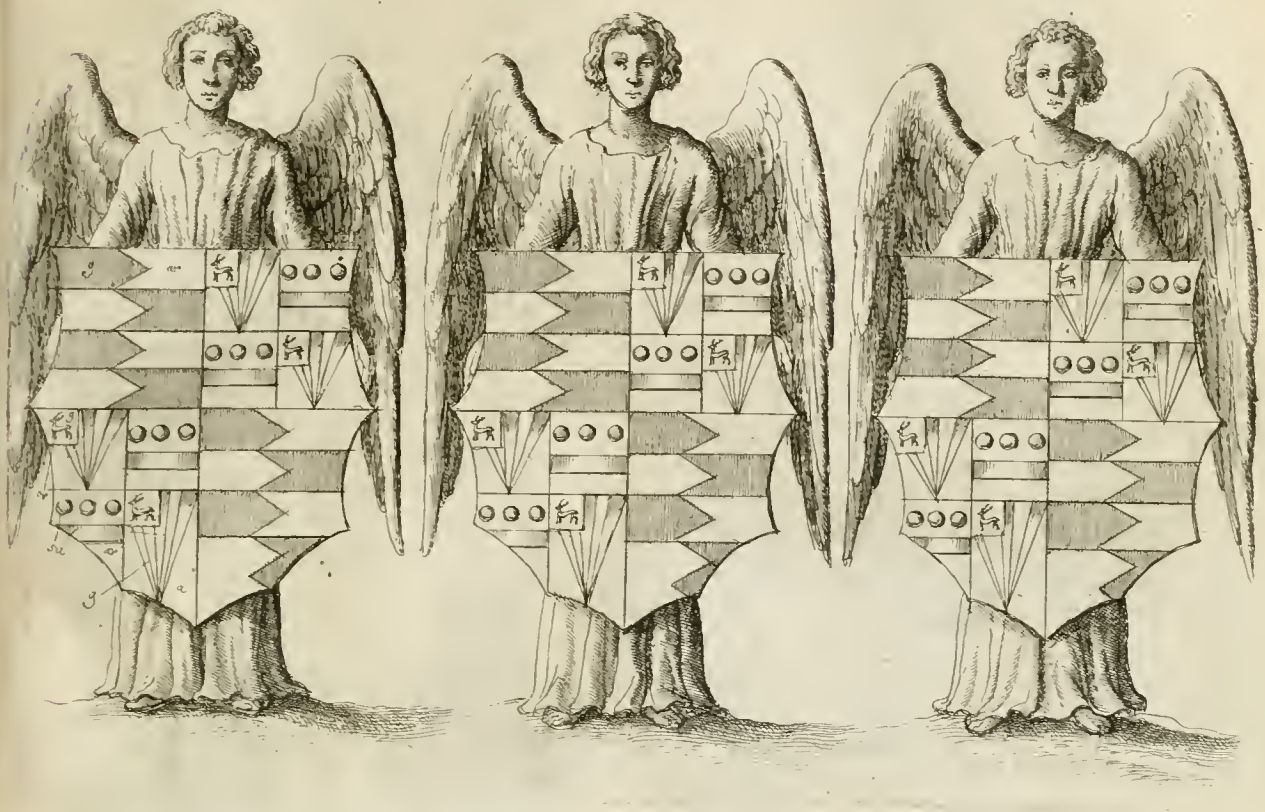
d *Eſc.* *R.* 2. *n.* 3.

e *Rot. F.* 9. *R.* 2. *m.* 4.

f *Rot. F.* 21. *R.* 2. *m.* 12. g *Pat.* 4. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 1.



In another window of the Hall at Chesterton.



In 6. H. 4. he releaſed [n] all his right in the advouſon of the Church of **Wolfhamcote** to the Dean and Canons of the Collegiate Church of **Warwick**, which *T. Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** (who in 15. R. 2. gave the ſame unto them) had of the grant of Sir *John Peyto* Kt. (his father) in 38. *E.* 3. In conſideration whereof the ſaid Dean and Canons did oblige [i] themſelves by Indenture, that ſo ſoon as they ſhould have notice of his death, they would forthwith cauſe his body to be brought unto **Warwick**, if he departed this life within this County, and at their own chardges interre the ſame in the before ſpecifyed Coll. Church, in ſuch place where he the ſaid *Will.* ſhould appoint, and keep his *Anniverſary* on the day of his death every year, regiſtring his name in their *Martyrologe*; as alſo pray for him and his anceſtors, as Founders and Patrons of the ſaid Church at **Wolfhamcote**; And moreover cauſe his grave to be covered with a Monumentall ſtone, whereupon his Armes with his Epitaph ſhould be graven, according to the direction of him the ſaid *Will.* or his Counſel; whence I gueſs, that the raiſed Monument in the North croſſe of the Coll. Church at **Warwick** was for this man, though ſome painting on the wall of late years directed Sir *Edw. Peito* (the heir of this family) in repairing it to cauſe a new Inſcription to be put thereon, intimating it to be of *Edw.* 3. time. He wedded [k] *Joan*, the daughter of Sir *Joh. Thornbury* Kt. (who overliving him, afterwards married [l] to Sir *Rob. Corbet* Kt.) and departed [m] this life in 8. *H.* 4. leaving iſſue *Will.* his ſon and heir, whoſe lands, by reaſon of his minority, were in 10. *H.* 4. committed [n] to the cuſtody of *John Knightley* the younger, untill he came of full age.

In 3. *H.* 5. there was a purpoſe [o] to have matcht this young gentleman with *Eliz.* the daughter of Sir *Rob. Franceys* Kt. but ſhe lived not long, neither was [p] he above xvi years of age at that time. This *Will.* was one of thoſe perſons of quality, who, bearing antient Arms from their Anceſtors, had ſummons [q] in 7. *H.* 5. to ſerve the K. in perſon for defence of the Realm; and in 2. *H.* 6. became retained [r] with *Ric. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** for term of life, for which he had a *Penſion* of xx marks *per an.* In 8. H. 6. he was knighted [s], and in 10. *H.* 6. retained by Indenture [t] to ſerve the K. in his French warrs for half a year, with xxx men at Armes himſelf accounted for one, as alſo CL. Archers, well and ſufficiently mounted, armed, and arrayed according to their degrees; and in conſideration thereof to receive 2 *s. per diem* wages, for himſelf, and xii *d. per diem* for his men at Armes, with the accuſtomed reward; *viz.* according to the proportion of C. marks for xxx men at Armes the quarter, and for each of his Archers vi *d. per diem*; it being then covenanted betwixt them, that the K. ſhould have the third part of all he might get by the warr, and the third of the thirds of whatſoever his retinue did gaine in that Voyage, by Priſoners, gold, ſilver, or Jewells, and ſuch prizes that exceeded the value of x. marks, and were not to be imployed for victualling of the Army: And the ſaid Sir *Will.* to make benefit of all Priſoners, taken by him, or thoſe of his retinue in that Voyage, except Kings, Kings ſons, or any of the blood royall of **France**, or any of the principal Commanders of the French Kings

o *Pat.* 3. H. 5. p. 2.

p *Eſc.* 13. H. 4. n. 37.

q *Ex Rot. penès. Camer. Scac.*

r *Ex Compot. warw. Com.*

s *Pat.* 8. H. 6. p. 2. m. 16.

t *Ex autog. penès. Cleric. Pell.*

Army, bearing the arms of **France**, or of the Constables or Marshalls of **France**, or those which were Actors in, or consenting to the murther of *John* D. of **Burgoin.**

At that time he bore his own paternal Coat, quarter'd with *Langley, viz. Arg. a Fesse sable with 3 pellets in Chief*; and for his Crest, *upon a Torse a pair of wings*, as is to be seen by the impression of his Seal [u]. In 15 *H.* 6. he was Shiriffe [w] of this County and **Leicester-shire**, and the next year following had a special Patent [x] exempting him from the office of Shiriffe, Escheator, Coroner or any other; as also from serving on Juries; which favour the K. granted to him *in recompensationem bonorum obsequiorum quæ fidelis miles noster Will. Peito nobis in guerris nostris, & aliter impendit, & adhuc impendet*, as the words thereof do import. In 17. *H.* 6. being again retained [y] to serve the K. in his Warrs of **France** and **Normandy**, for halfe a year, where the said K. or his Councel there, or his Lieutenant or Governour in that Realm, or the Dutchy of **Normandy** should think most fit, he was to have 50 men at Arms, and 210 Archers, well and sufficiently mounted, armed, and arrayed; and in consideration thereof 2 *s. per diem* wages for himself, 12 *d. per diem* for each of his men at Arms, with the reward accustomed, and 6 *d.* for his Archers, as also the benefit of all Prisoners, as upon his former retainer; which Indenture bears date 25 *Maii* the same yeare. After which, *viz.* in *June* following he shipt over his forces, with divers other retained in like sort and mustered [z] by Sr. *Jo. Montgomery* K. *Jo. Stanlaw* Treasurer of the Dutchy of **Normandy** and *Ric. Curson* Esquires; and being thus honourably employed, spared not his own purse for advancement of the Ks. service, as the large summes of mony taken up on trust, for which Sr. *Will. Mountfort*, Kt. *John Curson* Esq; Sr. *John Gresly* Kt. *Will. Lucy*, *Rob. Francevs*, and *John Pultney* Esq; stood engaged with him in Statute a [a] merchant do manifest.

Of this Sr. *William* I further find, that he was Lieutenant [b] generall of the Marshallship of **France**, under the famous *John Talbot* E. of **Shrewsbury** *in An.* 1448. 27. *H.* 6. and Captain [c] of the Bastile before **Dieppe**; but was there taken [d] prisoner by the French, and put to ransome [e] himself at a very great Fine, for raising whereof he had the Ks. License [f] to morgage this Lordship of **Chesterton**, with those of **Sow** and **Wyrley** before specified; and in 30 *H.* 6. pawned [g] them to Sr. *Drew Barentine* Kt. *Walt. Mauntell* and others for 390 *li.* In a Grant of his, that I have seen, he stiles [h] himself *Guillaume Peito chivalier maistre d'ostell de treshaut & puissant Prince Monsr. le Duc de Somerset, generall Governeur en France et Normandy*: But after this misfortune befell him at **Dieppe**, I have not observed any thing very notable of him, so that 'tis like he retired from those publike services. He married [i] *Katherine* the daughter of the before specified Sr. *John Gresly* Kt. about the 4 of *H.* 6. and departed [k] this life in 4. *E* 4 leaving [l] issue *John* his Son and Heir, then 30 years of age; who in 32 *H.* 6. wedded [m] *Elianor* the daughter of *Rob. Mantfeld*; and had livery [n] of his lands in 7 *E.* 4. at which time the K. respited [o] his Homage: The next year following he payd 8 *l.* Relefe [p] to the K. for this Mannour, held by grand Sergeanty to keep the Forrest of **Canok**, as I have already said: But of him I have seen nothing further memorable, than that he rebuilt the ancient Mannour house of this Lordship, as the Armes in a great Canton Window of the Hall, which I have in pag. 377. represented, do shew: and that he dyed [q] on the Even of the blessed Virgin *Assumption*, 3 *H.* 7. leaving issue [r] *Edward* his Son and Heir then 30 years of age: which *Edward* had to wife [s] *Godith* the daughter of *Tho. Throgmorton* Esq; and departed this life at **Throgmorton** in *Com. Wigorn*: (her fathers house) as it seems; for at **Fladbury** (which is the parish Church to it) he lieth buried, as his Monument, whereof this is a true shadow, witnesseth, having issue [t] *John* 9 years old and upwards, and a younger sonn called *Peter* [u] a Cardinall in Q. *Maries* daies.



Which *John*, being thus in minority, was committed [w] to the tuition of *Rob. Throgmorton* his Uncle, but afterwards had 2 wives; first *Anne* [x] the daughter of *Ric. Cooke*, and secondly [y] *Margaret* daughter to Sr. *John Baynham* Kt. and left issue *John*, who married [z] *Anne* the daughter of Sr. *John Ferrers* of **Tamworth** Castle, about the 33 of *H.* 8. Which *John* dyed [a] 11 *Sep.* 5, & 6. *Ph. & M.* leaving *Humphrey* [b] his Son and heir, then 26 years of age, who in 1. *M.* married [c] *Anne* the daughter to *Basill Fielding* of **Newnham** Esq; and in 27 *Eliz.* dyed. To whom succeeded *Will.* and to him Sr. *Edward &c.* as the Pedegree before inserted sheweth.

Within the Precincts of **Chesterton** was there another Mannour, whereof one *Gilbert le Harpour* dyed [q] seized in 32 *E.* 1. but whether this was that proportion that belong'd originally to the

u *Penès præfat.* E. P.

w *Pat.* 15 *H.* 6. *m.* 29.

x *Pat.* 16. *R.* 2. *P.* 1. *m.* 6.

y *Ex autog. penès Cleric. Pell*

z *Pat* 17. *H.* 6 in d. *m.* 23.

a *F. levat. Octab. Pur.* 24. *H.* 6.

b *Ex autog. penès* c *præfat.* E. P.

d *Pat.* 27. *H.* e 8. *p.* 2. *m.* 15. f

g *Pat.* 30. *H.* 6 *p.* 1. *m.* 21.

h *Ex autog. penès* i *præfat.* E. P.

k *Esc.* 4. *E.* 4. l *n.* 19.

m *Pat.* 32. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.

n *Rot. F.* 7. *E.* 4. o *m.* 8.

p *Mich. Fin.* 8. *E.* 4.

q *Esc.* 3 *E.* 1. *n.* 4

r *Esc.* 3 *H.* 7.

s *Ex aut. penès cu* E. P.

t *Esc.* 3. *H.* 7.

v *Ex ver. membr. penès præf.* E. P.

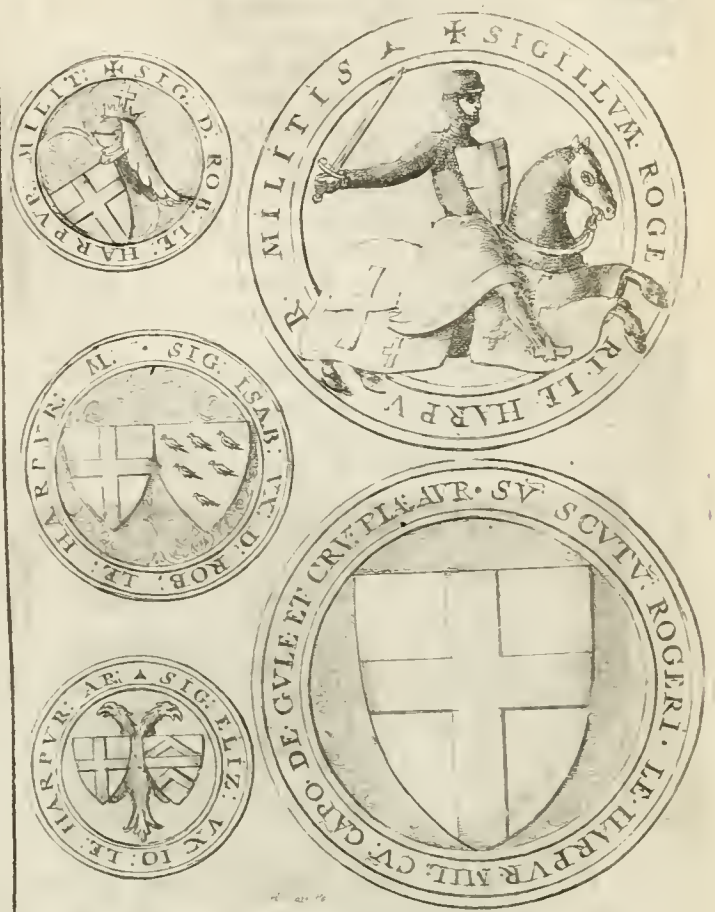
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x *Ex* y *tog. penès,* z *eund.* F. P

a *Esc.* b *Eliz.*

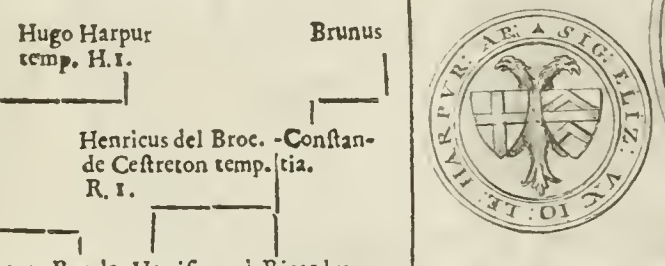
c *Ex au tog. penès præfat.* E. P.

the Monks of **Coventre** in the Conquerors time, or that which *Henry de Feriers* then held (whereof I have already spoke) or both, is hard to say: Evident it is, that one *Geffrey le Brune* posseſſed [r] certain lands here in *H.* 2. time, and had a Daughter named *Conſtance* [s] wedded to *Henry del Broc*; from which *Henry* deſcended [t] the ſame *Gilbert le Harpour*; but the ſaid land did not all come to him by her, for it apears [u] that *Brune* beſtowed part of it on the *Templars*; and that *Jeffrey Fitz-Stephan*, the firſt Maſter of the *Temple* here in **England**, in *H.* 2. time, by the common conſent of the reſt of that Order in this Realm (here at **London**) gave [w] that part ſo beſtowed on them, to the ſaid *Henry* and *Conſtance* and their Heirs, paying to the Knights *Templars* and their Succeſſors 20 *s. per Ann.* Howbeit the reſt that *Brune* had here, deſcended (as I conceive) to the ſaid *Conſtance*; For I find [x] that *Rob. fil. Odonis* (at that time Lord of **Herberbury**) confirmed it unto the ſaid *Henry* and *Conſtance*, to enjoy as freely as the ſame *Brune* held it; the extent [y] thereof being 4 Meſſuages, and 4 yard land, and held of his Heires by the ſervice of 20 *s.* payable at the *Annuntiation* of our Lady, and St. *Michael* the Archangell by even portions.



But the laſt of this Family that had to do here, was *John* the ſon of *John le Harpour*; who in 25 *E.* 3. paſt * away all his lands in this place, as alſo what he had in **Pillardſinton** *Hercy*, unto *Will de Peito* and his Heirs (ſo that ſince that time the Deſcendants of the ſaid *Will.* have enjoy'd them, together with the other Mannour here in **Cheſterton** (whereof I have allready ſpoke) Which *John* dying [b] withour iſſue, left *Richard* his Brother and Heir; and he *John*, from whom the *Harpours* late of **Ruſhall** in **Staffordſhire**, who flouriſht there in an eminenr condition, for divers Ages, did deſcend [c]; *Edward Harpour* Eſq; being the immediate Heir [d] male to them, and now living.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Giles*) was given [p] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Will. Croc* in *H.* 2.. time, as I have already ſhewed; yet I find, that K. *Ric.* 1. by his Letters Pat. [q] bearing date 10. *Aprill.* 5. of his reign, preſented thereunto one *Euſtace* a Clerk, upon the vacancy thereof, by reaſon that *Rob. de Broc* (whoſe daughter and heir became wedded to *Hugh de Loges* before recited) was then dead, and his lands at that time, in reſpect of the Tenure in Sergeanty, in the Ks. hands. However the K. then preſented, there is no doubt but that the right was in the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth**, and ſo continued till they paſt [r] it away to *Rog. Molend* B. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** and his ſucceſſors in 12 *E.* 1. After which, *ſc.* in 19. *E.* 1. I find it valued [s] at 24 Marks; and in 11. *E.* 2. that the K. in conſideration [t] of the Mannour of **Grenesford** *in Com.* **Midd.** which *Walt. Langton* then Bp. of **Coventre** and **Lich.** (as alſo *L.* Treaſurer [u] of **England**, and one of the Execu-



There was alſo a certain place here, held [z] likewiſe by the ſaid *Gilbert le Harpour* of the K. by *Grand Sergeanty*; *viz.* to keep the *Hay* called **Teddeſley-Hey** within the Forreſt of **Canoke** at his proper coſts. And that the Anceſtors of the ſame *Gilbert* had ſome poſſeſſions in this County, long before is very probable; for it appears [a] that one *Hugh Harpur* was a witneſſe to the Grant of certain lands made to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by *Hugo fil. Richardi*, in the time of K. *H.* 1. From which *Hugh* I find the line of his Deſcendants thus deduced by the learned *Cambden*, and the Seals of Arms of ſome of them ſo drawn from certain original Charters, by that judicious Antiquary (my worthy friend) Sr. *Tho. Shirley* Kt. as they are here expreſſed.

* *Ex autog. penès Edw. Peto eq. aur.*

b *Eſc.* 43. E. 3.

c *Ex ciuſdem Familiæ immemate per Guil. Camb. delin.*

d

p *Regiſt. de Kenill. p.* 157.

q *Ex ipſo autog. penès præfat. E. P.*

r *F. levat. oct. Joh. E.* 12. E. 1.

s *MS. in Scac.*

t *Pat.* 11. E. 2. p. 2. m. 14.

w *Clauſ.* 45 *E.* 3. *m.* 19.
x *Pat.* 11. *E.* 3. *ut ſupra.*
y *Clauſ.* 45. *E.* 3. *m.* 19.

tors [w] to K. *E.* 1) gave unto him, granted Licenſe [x] to the ſaid *Walter* and his Succeſſors, that he or they might diſpoſe and aſſigne the Advouſon thereof, *inter alia*, in pure Almes to be appropriated for the founding of Chantries, and performance of other pious works for the ſoul of K. *E.* 1. and his Anceſtors Kings of **England**: but no performance [y] was made thereof accordingly, the ſaid Bp. as alſo his two Succeſſors *Rog. de Northburgh* and *Rob. de Stretton* retaining [z] the ſame in their hands till 45 *E.* 3. that the K. being very much moved, directed his Precept [a] to the ſaid *Roger de Stretton*, bearing date 8 *Aug.* commanding him upon his Allegiance, that he ſhould proceed in fullfilling the pious intention of K. *E.* his Father therein, before the Feaſt of St. *Michaell* enſuing.

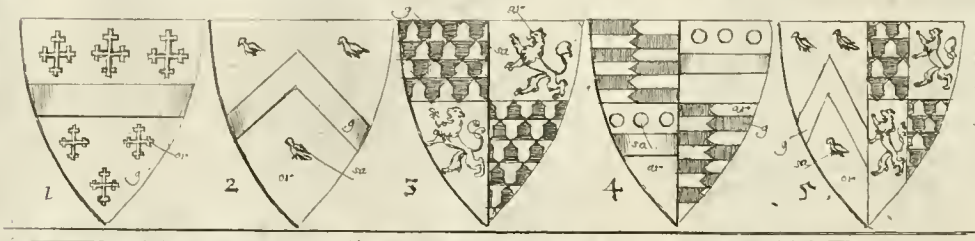
b *Pat.* 14. *H.* 4. *m.* 13

That there was a new Licenſe [b] granted by K. *H.* 4. bearing date 1 *Dec.* 14. *H.* 4 giving power to the then Bp. to beſtow it upon the Vicars Choral of **Lichfield**, and that the ſaid Vicars ſhould appropriate the ſame, is evident; Howbeit the Record of its Appropriation I have not ſeen; but do ſuppoſe it was made by *John Burghill* Bp. of **Coventre** and **Lich.** in *H.* 4. time, or beginning of *H.* 5. For upon the inſtitution of the firſt Vicar thereto, *John Lacy* by name, 10 *Maii an.* 1414. (2 *H.* 5.) the Vicaridge is there [d] ſaid to be *de novo ordinata*: which *John Lacy* is he (I ſuppoſe) whom the Record calls *John Preſt*, who had the Ks. Letters Patents [e] of pardon granted to him for receiving and harbouring Sr. *John Old Caſtle*, Lord *Cobham*, here at **Chesterton** upon the Monday next following the Feaſt of S. *Peter ad vincula* (commonly called *Lammas*) in 3 *H.* 5. knowing him to be an Heretick, and holding divers opinions contrary to the Catholike Faith, for which he then ſtood indicted, as the Pat. importeth. But in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicar here had no more than 5 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for his annuall ſtipend [f] from the Vicars of **Lichfield**, to whom the Church was ſo appropriated, as I have ſhewed.

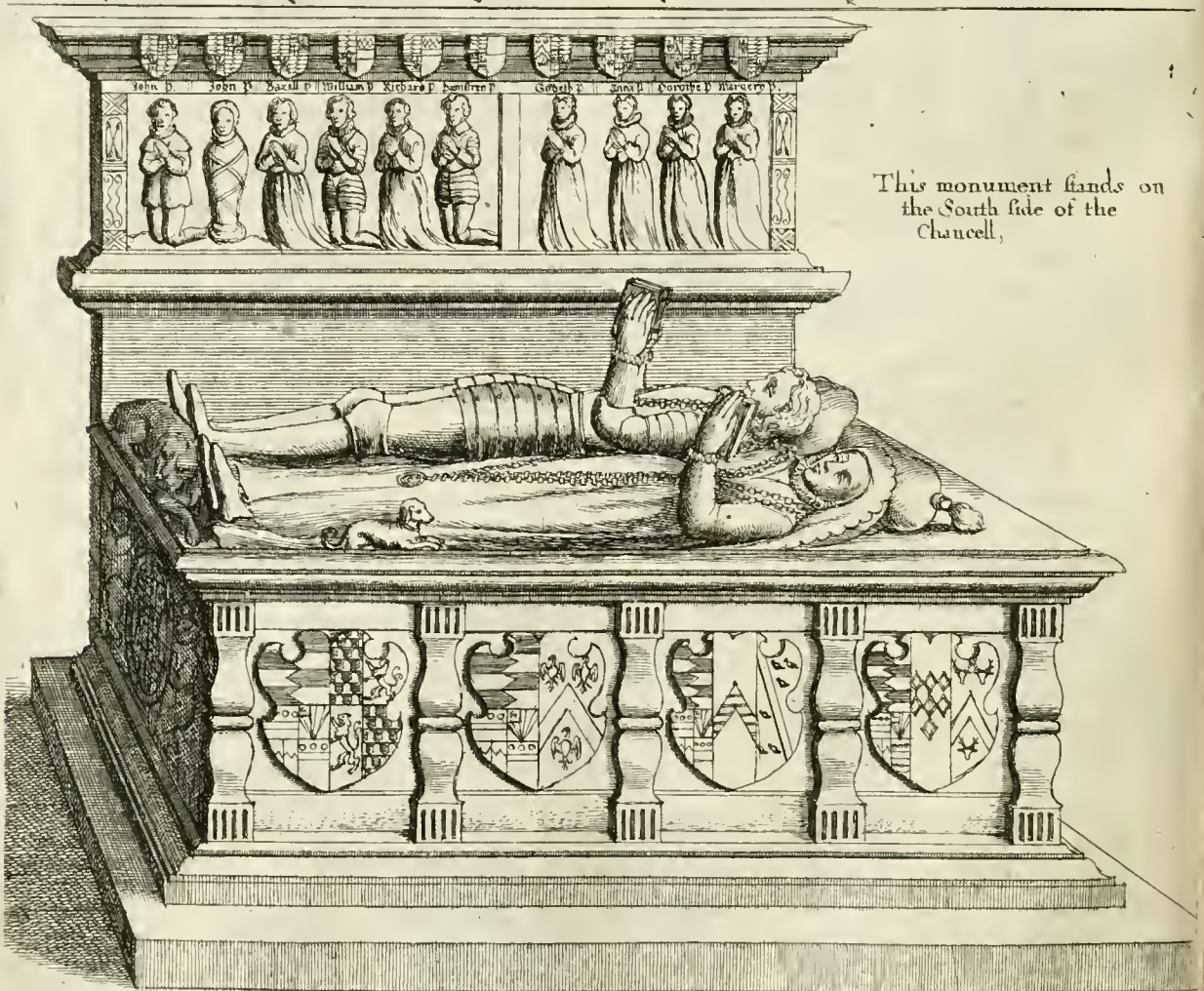
d *Burg f.* 34. *b.*
e *Pat.* 5. *p.* 1. 11.
f. *Mſs pe nes S Ar cher aur. f.*

Cheſterton

Armes in the Church Windows.



1 Beauchamp
2 Stafford of Pipe
3 Greſley quartering walſuch's
4 Peyto quartering Langley
5 Stafford of Pipe empaling Greſley.

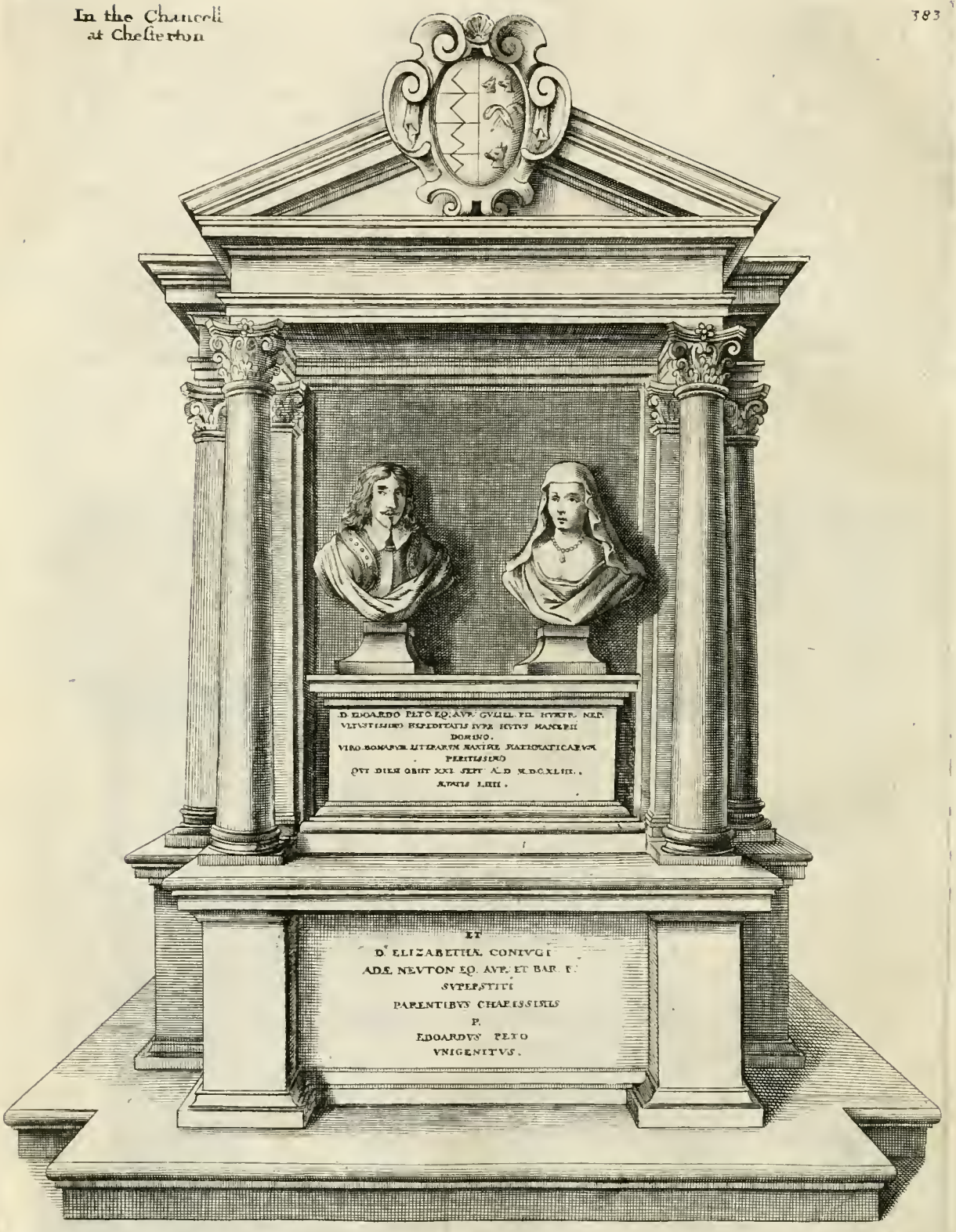


This monument ſtands on the South ſide of the Chancell.

Here lyeth the bodies of Humfrey Peyto & Anna his Wyfe, the Wch Humfrey deceaſſed the xxv^th of March 1589. and the ſayd Anna Peyto deceaſſed the xxvi^th of January 1604. Whoſe ſoules God graunt a ioyfull reſurrection. In God is our hope.



In the Chancell
at Chesterton



Ioh. Stone delin et fecit.

In the South Ile of the Church.

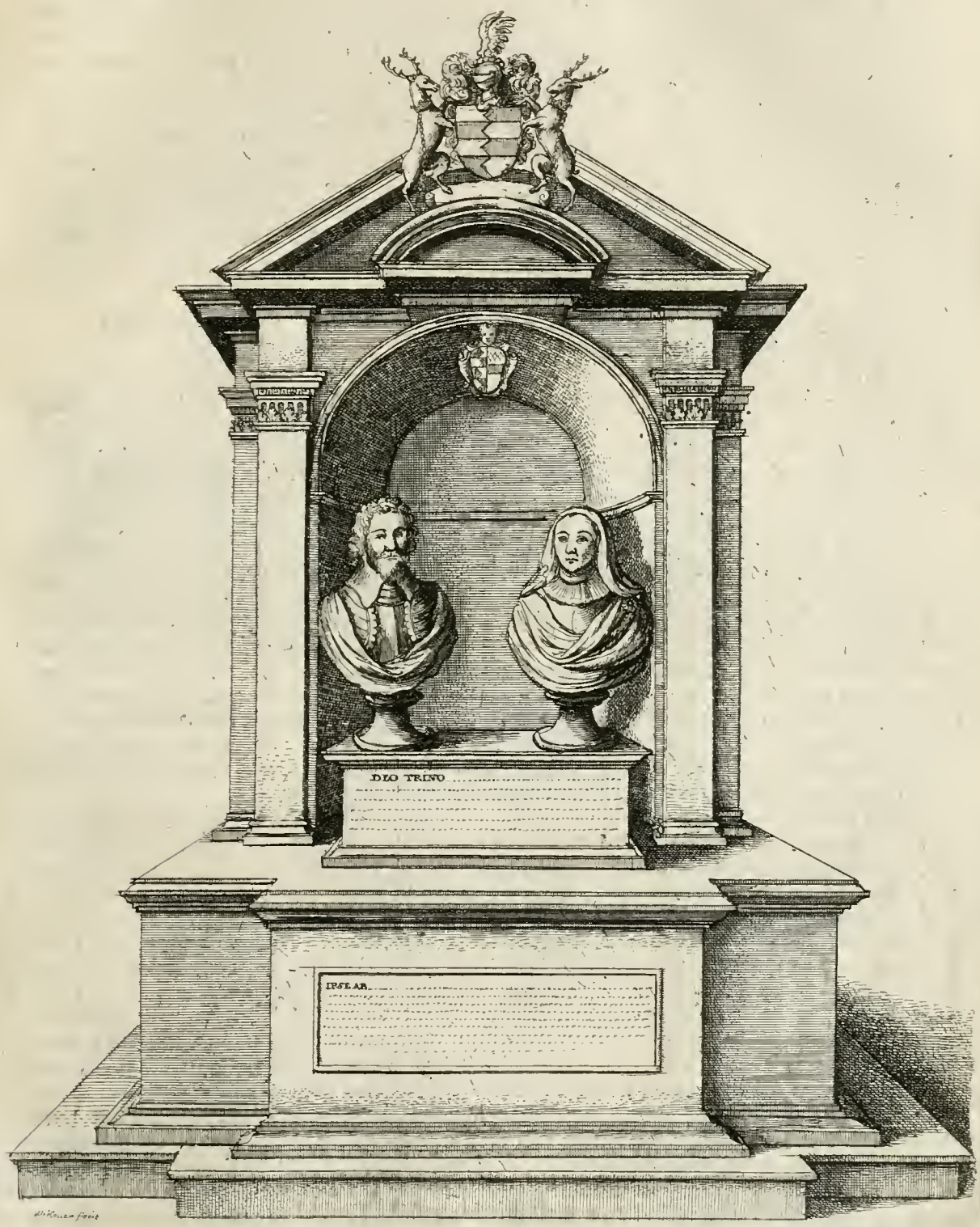
DEO TRINO ET VNI SACRVM.

GVLIELMO PEYTO OPTIMÆ MEMORIÆ VIRO VETVSTAE PICTAVIORVM PROLI LAVDATISS' ET SVI TEMPORIS PRISCO, MAIORQVE SVORVM AB HENRICI SECVNDI REGIS TEMPORIBVS HIC EQVESTRI DIGNITATE FVNCTO, INDEVM PIETATE IN EGENOS MVNIFICENTIA MORQVE SVAVITATE IN OMNES, POLLICI IMITATORI EDVARDVS FILIVS SVVS EQVES AVRATVS. MOESTVS MOERENS.

M P C.

IPSE AB ELIENORA FILIA D. GVALTERI ASTON MILITIS AMITA D GVALTERI ASTON BARONIS DORFARE DE TIXALL LEGATIONEM REGIAM IN HISPANIAM PRIDEM GERENTIS QVINQVE FILIOS GVALTERVM HENRICVM EDWARDVM. GVILLELMVM DEVONIVM ET IOHANNEM. SEX AVTEM FILIAS ELIZAB: ANNAM, KATHERINAM, MARGARETHAM, IVDITHAM ET ELIONORAM CONIVDE SVA AMANTISS: SVSCEPIT.

HIC MENSE DECEMB: ANNO A VERBO CARNEM FACTO ⌘ D CIↃ: ILIA FEBRVAR. ∞ IↃC XXXVI. FATIS CONCESSERVNT.



Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	Patroni Vicariæ.	
angt. f. 5.	*Dominus Rex.*		*Nich. de Guldeford Cler.* 16 Oct. 1296.
			Thomas de Clopton Pbr. 4 *Cal. Sept.* 1328.
ortbb. f. a.			*John de Deping* 6 *Cal. Oct.* 1328.
f. 22. b.	*D. Episc. Cov. & Lich.*	*D. Episc. Cov. & Lich.*	*Rob. de Patricha Pbr.* 3. *Id. Maii* 1340.
f. 36. b.			*Joh. de Northburgh Cler.* 18 *Cal. Martii* 1341.
f. 38. b.			*Joh. Mondevill Cler.* 15 *April.* 1375. — Stret. f. 23. a.
			D. *Joh. Lacy* 10 *Maii* 1414. — Burgh. f. 34 b.
			Will. Ives Pbr. 19 *Junii* 1426. — Heyw. f. 18. b.
			Rob. Saxundale Pbr. 15. *Feb* 1441. — Ib. f. 40. b.
			Joh. Welford Canonicus de Stone 3 *April.* 1452. — Bo f. 13. a.
			Joh. Audley Pbr. 13 Oct. 1453. — Bowl. f. 20. b.

Kingston, alias Little Chesterton.

THis, being in the parish of **Chesterton**, is also by depopulation reduced only to one House; but it was given [g] by *Turchill de Warwick* to the Monks of **Abingdon** in *Will.* the Conq. time, *Siward* son to the said *Turchill* (then a youth) consenting thereto, and the K. himself confirming [h] it. By the Conq. Survey [i] it was valued at C *s.* and certifyed to contain 1 hide, one *Alwol* having held it in *Edw.* the Conf. days. At the time of the said generall Survey, the Abbot of **Abingdon** had another hide of land in this place, rated at L *s.* pawn'd onely to him by the said *Turchill*, which (I suppose) was not redeem'd; for by an antient Roll [k], written about K. *John's* time, it appears that the Monks of **Abingdon** then possest it, and that the extent thereof amounted to IX. carucats of land. But notwithstanding that this gift was soe confirm'd to the Monks by the Conq. yet did *Henry de Newburgh*, after he had, by the favour of K. *Will. Rufus*, in the beginning of his reign, obtained *Turchill's* lands in augmentation of his Earldome, lay his claim [l] thereto; soe that *Rainaldus*, the then Abbot, was glad to give [m] him a mark in gold to ratify their title. After which, *sc.* in 4. *H.* 1. the said Monks granted [n] it, in fee to one *Auskitill*, who held lands of them at **Tadmarton** in *com. Oxon.* in exchange for those wherein the said *Auskitill*, upon this agreement, quitted his title: But [o] forasmuch as that land at **Tadmarton** had been taxed to the K. in all payments for 5 hides, and that this at **Chesterton** was assest at no more than one, the said *Auskitell* allowed the Monks all the Tithe of his corne arising out of this.

To which *Auskitell*, in K. *John's* time, succeeded one Sir *Rob. de Kyngestune* Kt. in the possession of this place (whether by descent or otherwise is hard to say) which Sir *Rob.* gave [p] some lands, lying here, unto *Will. de Ardern* of **Rodburne**, with *Avicia* his daughter in frank marriage: but in 36. *H.* 3. one *Will. de Ley* was owner [q] of it, and held it of the Monks of **Abingdon** by the service of a Kts. fee. 'Tis not unlike, but that this *Will. de Ley* might be son to Sir *Rob. de Kyngestune*, and changed his name by residing at his Mannour of **Ley** in **Berkshire**, as was usuall enough in those times, when sirnames were but in their infancy. To whom succeeded [r] *Thomas de Ley*, who had a whole carucat of land here, and a virgat in demesn, with x Servants holding severall proportions of him under particular Rents, and certain servile employments: And to him *John de Leye*, who in 6. E. 3. obtain'd a Charter [s] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here, and at **Leye** in **Berksh.** which *John* in 12. E. 3. past [t] away all his estate herein to *Thomas de Leye*, his brother, his Seal of Armes being 3. *lyons passant upon a bend cottized:* From which time till 3. *R.* 2. have I seen noe more mention of it; but then was it possest [u] by *Cath:* the widow of Sir *Thomas Besyles* Kt. daughter [w] of *John* (son, as I suppose, of the said *Thomas Leye*) which Sir *T. Besyles* had issue Sir *Peter*, who dyed [x] without children; whereupon *Rob. Craunford* son of *Margaret*, daughter of *Alice*, sister to *John*, father to the above specifyed *Catherine*, became his heir [y], and was 30 years of age 3. *H.* 6. howbeit, soon after this, *viz.* in 10. *H.* 6. *John Verney* Clerk, Parson of **Bredon** in **Worcesterch.** with others, were certifyed [y] to be Lords thereof (of which *John* I shall say more, in **Compton-Murdak**) But it seemes, that he and the rest were onely Feoffees in trust for *Ric. Verney* esq. (after wards Kt.) his brother, in those turbulent times; for I find, that in 25. *H.* 6. *Tho. Hugford* esq. *Nich. Rody*, and *Will. Berkswell* Clerk (to whom, belike, the other Feoffees past their interest) by their deed [z] bearing date 10. *Maii*, released to the said *Ric. Verney*, and *Elianore* his wife, all their right in this Mannour; the depopulation whereof, as may seem by *Rous* his complaint [a], hath been antient. From which Sir *Ric. Verney* descended Sir *Ric. Verney*, late of **Compton-Murdak** Kt. who, in our time, setled a considerable part thereof, together with the Mannour-House, upon *John Verney* his younger son, whose posterity do still enioy it.

g Ex Regist. de Abend f. 122. b.
h Ibid.
i Domesd. lib.
k Penès Camer. Scac. in baga de Ragman.
l Regist. de Abend f. 137. a.
m Ibid.
n Ib. f. 159. a.
o Ibid.
p Ex autog. penès Camer. Scac. in baga de Catesby.
q Testa de Nevill.
r Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 92. b.
s Ex autog. penès Grev. Verney eq. aur.
t Fin. levat. Oct. Pur. 13. E. 3.
u Ex autog. penès eundem G. Verney.
w Esc. 3. H. 6. n. 28.
x Ibid.
y Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.
z Clauſ. 25. H. 6. in d. m. 6.
a Hist. MS. I. Rous p. 143.

Tachebrooke Episcopi.

FOllowing this petty stream I come next to **Tachebrook**, commonly called *Bishops* **Tachbrook**, for distinction from the other which is in this parish. In the Conq. time it was held [b] by the Bp. of **Chester** (*id est* **Cov.** and **Lich.**) and contained 7. hides, having then 2. Mills rated at xii *s.* but all at vii *l.* being part of the possessions belonging to the Church of St. *Chad* at **Lichfield**, as *Domesday book* witnesseth, wherein it is written **Taschebroc**. I can but guess at the Etymologie of the name; perhaps it might be from the Brittish word **tegwch**, though there be so much difference in the orthography; for in pronuntiation there can be no great dissonance, and therefore considering that **tegwch** signifyes the same that *pulchritudo* and *serenitas* doth, it may be applicable enough to this little brook, which is soe pure and clear a torrent.

To the successive Bishops of this Dioces it continued till *E.* 6. time; of which *Reg. Molend* in 43. H. 3. obtaind a Charter [c] of **Free warren** for himself and his successors in all his demesn lands here. In 7. *E.* 1. it appears [d], that the Bp. held 3 carucats of lands here in demesn; and that he had XIX servants who work't 3 dayes a weeke for him through the whole year, and used to mow *ad magnam Precariam* (which I take to be his generall Reap, or some such day in Harvest.) That he had also IX Cottiers who payd certain Rents, and did work in Harvest; as also six Freeholders that did the like, and a **Court Leet**, with Gallows; for which, together with Assize of Bread and Beer he pleaded Prescription in [e] 13. *E.* 1. and had allowance of them: But in 1. *E.* 6. it was passed [f] by *Ric. Sampson*, the then Bp. to *Thomas Fysher* esq. together with *Bishops* **Ichington**, **Geydon**, and **Chadshunt**, (as in *Bishops* **Ichington** is shewed;) which alienation was confirm'd [g] by the Dean and Chapter, as also [h] by the K. who granted unto the said *T. Fisher* and his heirs certain Liberties to be exercised within the precincts of these Lordships (whereof I have also made mention in **Ichington**:) which *T. Fysher* dyed [i] seized thereof in 20. *Eliz.* leaving *Edw.* his son and heir, who sold it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Chad*) hath for a long time been a Prebend [k] of **Lichfield**, and had a Vi-

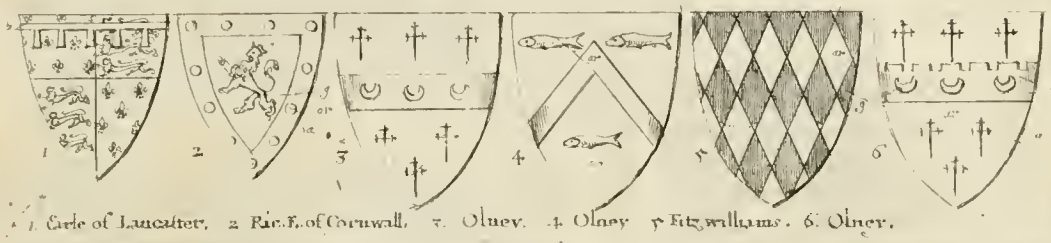
b Domesd. lib.
c Cart. 43. H. 3. m. 4.
d Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 68.
e Rot. de Quo W.
f Ex Regist. D. & C. Lich.
g Ibid.
h Pat. 3. E. 6. p. 6.
i Esc. 20. Eliz.
k Ex Regist. D. & C. Lich.
l Ibid.

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car antiently endowed [l]. In *an.* 1291. (19. E. 1.) it was valued [m] at xxx marks, and in 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge at [n] Cxiii *s.* iiii *d. per an.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Episc. Cov. & Lich.	*Hugo Leyng Cap.* 4. *Id. Oct.* 1327.	
	Ioh. de Stamford 3. *Non. Iulii* 1345.	
	Will. de Stretford 7. *Id. Nov.* 1348.	
	Ric. de Derset Pbr. 7. *Id. Julii* 1349.	
	Hugo de Leeth Pbr. 16 *Cal. Feb.* 1353.	
	Rob. de	
	Barthol. Power Pbr. 11. *Dec.* 1390.	
	Will. atte Kirk Pbr. 8. *Oct.* 1391.	
	Henr. Bowyar Pbr 24. *Apr.* 1394.	
	D. Ric. Wytherley Cap. 4 *Sept.* 1405.	
	Joh. Burwell Cap. 24. *Apr.* 1406.	*Ib. f.* 17. *b.*
	Ric. de Oughton Pbr. 10. *Dec.* 1423.	*Heyw. f.* 12. *a.*
	Joh. Jeykyn Cap. 21. *Junii* 1425.	*Ib. f.* 15. *b.*
	Will. Radchiff Pbr. 10 *Dec.* 1440	*Ib. f.* 40. *a.*
	Thomas Browell Pbr. 4. *Jan.* 1444.	*Ib. f.* 43. *a.*
Prebend. de Tachbrok in Eccl. Cath. Lich.	*Ric. Waterton Pbr.* 10 *Junii* 1453.	*Bowl. f.* 20. *a.*
D. Episc Cov. & Lich.	*Thomas Compton Cap.* 4. *Feb.* 1457.	*Ib. f.* 25. *b.*
	Ric. Walker Pbr. 29. *Oct.* 1493.	*Ib. f.* 140. *b.*
Thomas Fysher ar.	*Joh. Antrobus* 11. *Junii* 1575.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 6. *b.*
Timoth. Wagstaff ar.	*Nath. Williams Cler.* 14. *Feb.* 1623.	*Morton bund. in cert.*
Eliz. Wagstaff vidua.	*Ric. Harvye Cler. in art. Magr.* 26 *Julii* 1626.	*Ib.*

Tachbroke.



1. Earle of Lancaster. 2. Ric. E. of Cornwall. 3. Oluey. 4. Olney. 5. Fitzwilliams. 6. Olney.

Tachebrooke-Malory.

THough this be in the Hundred of **Knightlow**, yet becauſe it is contained within the pariſh of *Biſhops* **Tachebrook** I have reſerved it to be here ſpoken of. It is called **Tachebrook-***Malory* for diſtinction from the other, in regard the *Maloryes* were antiently Lords thereof, as I ſhall ſhew anon, and in the Conq. time was certifyed [o] to contain viii hides except one Virgate, all which were then poſſeſt by the Earl of **Wellent**, and valued at xl *s.* but in *Edw.* the Conf. days one *Baldwin* was owner thereof.

By the ſaid E. of **Wellent**, or *Robert* E. of **Leic.** his ſon, was *Raph Boteler* of **Overley** firſt enfeoft of it, as it ſhould ſeem; who granted it to *Geffrey de Clinton*, (Founder of the Caſtle and Priory at **Kenilworth** in *H.* 1. time) or to *Geffrey* his ſon; for by his gift [p] of certain lands lying within this Lordſhip to the *Templars*, it appears that he was poſſeſt thereof: But in the family of *Clinton* it continued not long; for *Henry de Clinton*, ſon to the laſt *Geffrey*, gave the whole Village with the Mill, and ſervices of the Freeholders to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in which grant it is written **Tachelesbroc**, (though in the Conq. Survey **Tacesbroc**.) It ſeems, that before the ſaid grant from *Boteler* to *Clinton* was made, *Malory* had ſome eſtate in this Lordſhip paſt to him by *Boteler*; ſo that, in the beginning of K. *Johns* time, there growing diſpute betwixt them touching their titles, they came at length to an Agreement, whereupon all was ſetled by a Fine in 3. *Joh.* in manner and form following (by the conſent of *Raph Boteler* heir to the beforementioned *Raph*, and ſuperior Lord of the Fee; *viz.* that the Canons of **Kenilworth** ſhould quietly enioy the one half of this Lordſhip, *ſc.* that which lyes North, together with the antient Mannour houſe, and the Mill, holding it of the ſame *Henry de Clinton* and his heirs by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee, the ſaid *Henry* and his heirs holding it over by the like ſervice of the before ſpecifyed *Raph* and his heirs. And that all the reſt of this Village ſhould remain to *Henry Malory* and his heirs to be held of the ſame *Raph* and his heirs by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee; at which time divers of the Tenants, here, held [q] in Villenage, and being then preſent and privy to this Agreement, acknowledged themſelves to be Villains.

This *Henry* was the ſon [r] of *Askitell Malore*, who forfeited [s] all his lands, in *H.* 2. time, for taking part with young K. *Henry* in that rebellion againſt his father; but by a Fine of lx. marks, which he the ſaid *Henry* payd to the K. in 1. *Joh.* he had reſtitution [t] of them again. To the Monks of **Combe**, and Canons of **Kenilworth** he gave [u] certain lands in **Herberbury**, and to the Nunns of **Poleſworth** 3 yard land in **Osbaſton** *in com.* **Leic.** But the ſucceſſion of theſe *Maloryes*, for the time that they continued Lords of this place, can I not exactly point out: certain it is that the ſeat where they moſt reſided was **Walton** *on the Woulds* in **Leiceſterſh.** though they were likewiſe owners of **Botley** in this County; in all which places, (*ſc.* **Walton**, **Tachebroke**, and **Botley**) had *John Malory* a Charter [x] of **Free-warren** granted

[l] *Reg. de Cumba* f. 142. *a*
[m] *Rec. de K. nill. pag.* 175.
[n] *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10 *per Inſp.*
[o] *Cart.* 9. *E.* 3. *n.* 10.
[p] *Rot. P.* 1. *Joh.*
[q] *Ib.*
[r] *Rot. P.* 1. *Joh.*
[s] *Rot. P.* 1. *Joh.*
[t] *Rot. P.* 1. *Joh.*
[u] *Reg. de Cumba* f. 142. *a* *Rec. de K. nill. pag.* 175.
[x] *Cart.* 9. *E.* 3. *n.* 10.

granted to him and his heirs dated 17. *Nov.* 9. E. 3. which *John* in 10. E. 3. had licenſe [y] to amortize one meſſ. with the appurtenances, lying within this Lordſhip, for maintenance of a Preiſt to ſing Maſſe daylie in the Chapel of St *James*, ſituate here in **Tachebroke**, for the health of his ſoul, and the ſoules of *Margery* his wife, with all the faithfull deceaſed. As for the two half Kts. fees, which *Boteler* thus had here, as aboveſaid, they were by him and his heirs held [z] over of the Earls of **Leiceſter** (deſcendants from the E. of **Bellent** before ſpecifyed) to whoſe **Court Leet**, held for the Honour of **Leiceſter** (the Inhabitants of this place (in token of the Royalty belonging to thoſe Earls) did antiently uſe to appeare [a].

This Lordſhip continued in the family of *Mallore* till towards the later end of *H.* 6. time, if not longer. Whether any of them ſold it to *Benedict Medley* (Clerk of the Signet to K. *H.* 7. as in **Whitnash** I have ſhewed) or from whom it was that the ſaid *Benedict* purchaſed it, I am not ſure; but apparent it is, that he dyed [b] ſeized of it in 19. *H.* 7. leaving *Will.* his ſon and heir 23. years of age, who with *Raph Maxfeild*, then Prior of **Kenilworth**, depopulated [c] 8. meſſ. here, and converted *CCCX.* acres of land into paſture, which kept ſix Plows, ſo that now there is not above 4 Houſes left in all the Village. After the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, was by Q. *Eliz.* in 4. of her reign, granted [d] to *Barth: Brokeſby* and *Edw. Downing*, who ſold [e] the ſame to *George Medley* eſq. heir to the before ſpecifyed *Benedict*; to whom ſucceeded *Henry Medley* eſq. who dyed [f] ſeized of the whole in 21. *Eliz.* leaving *Henry* his ſon aud heir 14. years of age.

y *Pat.* 10. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 20.

z, a *Eſc.* 25. *E.* 1.

b *Eſc.* 19. *H* 7.

c *Inq. ſuper depop.* 9. *H* .8.

d *Pat.* 4. *Eliz. p.* 2.

e, f *Eſc.* 21. *Eliz.*

Naſpes.

WIthin the pariſh of *Bps*-**Tachebrook** lyeth a place called **Naſpes**, which hath not now above 4. houſes in it, but antiently [g] it was more populous. The firſt mention I find [h] of it is in 7. *R.* 1. where *Ric. des Aſpes* payd one mark to the K. for ſeiſin of his lands here; and in 9. *E.* 2. it was certifyed [i] to be a Hamlet belonging unto **Tachebrook** before ſpecifyed.

g *Hiſt. MS. I Rous. p.* 143.

h *Rot. P.* 7. *R.* 1.

i *Nom. Vill.*

Barford.

BElow **Tachebrook**, about 2 miles, this petty rivulet falls into **Avon**, on whoſe Southern bank, a little below, ſtands **Barford**, where is now a fair ſtone Bridg of many Arches. In the Conq. time *Will. fil. Corbucion* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in **Stodley**) held [k] one hide here, of the K. valued at L *s.* but in *Edw.* the Conf. days at xx *s.* being then poſſeſt by *Saulf.* The reſidue of this town, at the ſame time held by one *Hugh* of *Oſbernus fil. Ricardi*, was then certified [l] to contain 4 hides and valued at xl *s.* having a Mill rated at ii *s.* in both which places it is written **Bereforde:**

I am of opinion, that from the ſaid *Hugh* deſcended that family, who aſſumed their ſirname of this place, and the rather for that I find one of them in [m] 23. and [n] 24. *H.* 2. bearing the ſame Chriſten name: but whether *Amfridus de Bereford* mentioned in [o] 26. *H.* 2. were the ſon of this *Hugh*, I cannot poſitively affirm; howbeit, that he was the father of *Walter de Bereford* is moſt certain [p]; which *Walter* left iſſue [q] *Henry*, and a daughter called *Dionyſia* [r] married to ..... *de Naſford* by whom ſhe had iſſue [s] *Henry de Naſford*, who became heir to his uncle, and ſo conſequently Lord of this Mannour: From this family of *Bereford*, did deſcend (as I conceive) that male branch, who were Lords of **Wilſhaw** and **Shotſwell** in this County. But in the line of *Naſford* this Lordſhip continued not above 4 generations; for to *Henry de Naſford*, aboveſpecifyed, ſucceeded *Will.* his coſyn and heir, who had iſſue *John*, which was the laſt of that name, as the deſcent here drawn doth ſhew

k, l *Domeſd. lib.*

m *Rot. P. de an.* 23. &

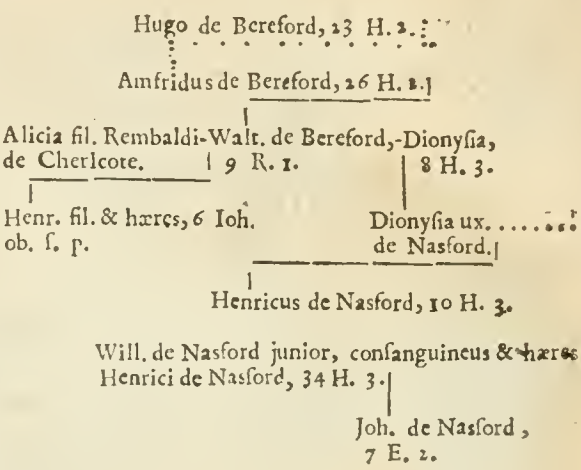
n 24. *H.* 2.

o *Rot. P.* 26. *H.* 2.

p *Regiſt. Kenill. p.* 158.

q *Ex autè penès* T. Lucy *de Cherlcote cq. aur.*

r, s *Plac. apud Weſtm. term.* 1. *H.* 3. *rot.* 1.



Of theſe were Beneſactours to the little Monaſtery of **Thelelford**, hard by; *viz.* [t] *Walt. de Bereford* and *Alice* his wife, with *Henry* their ſon; as alſo [u] *Will. de Naſford*, and *John* his ſon; which *John* confirmed [w] what his anceſtors had ſo given; and further added, that the Canons of that Houſe ſhould have free liberty of Fiſhing in the river of **Avon** every day in the week, except Sundays; *viz.* from *Le* Mill to his Mill pool; as alſo Common of paſture for their Cattell in the Common of **Bereford**. In 7. *E.* 1. upon that Inq. then taken, it appears [x], that the ſaid *Will. de Naſford* was then Lord of this Mannour, and that he held it of *Theobald de Verdon* by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee; who held it over of *Rob. de Mortimer* of **Ricards-Caſtle** (deſcended from *Osb. fil. Ricardi* before mentioned, as I have elſwhere ſhewed;) at which time the ſaid *Will.* then had [y] here in demeſn two carucats of land, a watermill, and free fiſhing in **Avon** with a **Court-Leet** and Gallows; as alſo 4 Tenants holding 4 yard land by baſe ſervice. And moreover it is evident that the Kts. *Templars* then held [z] here, of his fee, one yard land; and the Canons [a] of **Thelelford** xi, five whereof were given [b] to them by *Alice* the wife of *Walter de Bereford*.

In 13. E. 1. the ſaid *Will. de Naſford* claymed [c] here, a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Weyfs, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer by Preſcription, all which were allowed: to whom ſucceeded *John* his ſon and heir, who being the laſt of that family (as I have intimated) was one of thoſe that did partake [d] with *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** and others, in the murder of *Piers de Gaveſton*, for which offence he had his pardon [e] in 7. *E.* 2. which *John*, about that time (it ſeems) paſt away this Lordſhip to the ſaid Earl; for in 9 E. 2. *Thomas* E. of **Warw.** was certified [f] to be Lord thereof, it being then

r, u, w *Pat.* 3. *E.* 1. *p.* 2. *m.* 8 *per Inſp.*

x, y *Inq. H.* 3. &c 63. *b.*

z, a, b *Ib.* 64. *Ex autog. in* Hatton

c *Rot. Quo w*

d *Pat. E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15 *cedul.*

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f *Nom. Vill.*

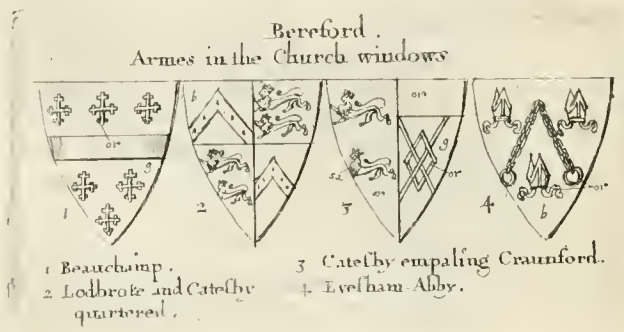
then in the Kings hands, by reason of his minority: And yet afterwards in 14 E. 3. do I find, [g] that the same Earl had a grant thereof from *William de Clinton* Earl **Huntingdon**, unto himself and his heirs, with the reversion of certain lands, which *Julian* his wife held in dower of the Earl of **Pembroke**'s inheritance, his Charter bearing date here at **Bereford** the Sunday next after the Feast day of S. *Mathew* the Apostle: After which time it continued to the succeeding Earls of **Warwick**, as appears by sundry Authorities [h], till all the rest of their possessions came to the Crown (as in my discourse of *Anne* Countess of **Warwick** is manifested) wherein it rested till 1 E. 6. but then, together with the Castle of **Warwick**, was granted [i] to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, and his heirs; upon whose attainder [k] in 1 *M.* it divolved again to the Crown, and was by Queen *Eliz.* in 4. of her raign, together with other lands, past [l] to *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, and the heirs male of his body; whereof fayling it return'd to the Crown.

Here was also a reputed Mannour, within the precincts of this parish, belonging to the Collegiate Church of **Westbury** in **Gloucestershire**, though how or when it came thereto I have not found; but after the dissolution, *viz.* in 35. *H.* 8. the King sold [m] it to Sir *Raph Sadler* Knight, and his heires; who (it seems) past it to *John* Earl of **Warwick**: for in *6 Eliz.* the Qu. granted [n] it to *Ambrose* Earl of **Warwick**, and the heires male of his body, in like sort as the other Mannour whereof I have already spoke.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was, in K. *John*'s time, given [o] by *Henry de Bereford* to the Canons of **Thebelesford**: but some Releasse did they make thereof to him again, or to his heirs: for in 4 E. 1. *Will. de Nasford* bestowed [p] the Advouson of it on the Monks of **Evesham**, for which grant they made him partaker of all their spirituall benefits.

In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [q] at xi. marks, and in [r] 26. H. 8. at xii *li.* having never been appropriated.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumb. & tempt. Instit.	
Abbas & Conventus de Evesham.	*M^r. Joh. de Norton* 14. *Cal. Martii* 1280.	
	Will. de Wellesburn . . . . 1298.	
	Walt. Roos accolitus 1. *Julii* 1339.	
	Joh. de Wengrave Pbr. 20. *Oct.* 1363.	
	Joh. Thorp. 17. *Sept.* 1385.	
	Joh. Parkere penult. Nov. 1395.	
	D. Rob. Forster Cap. 2. *Nov.* 1442.	
	M^r. Henr. Pantry 1. *Jan.* 1457.	
	Ric. Hacker Cler. 17. *Jan.* 1464.	
	D. Baldw. Hide Cap. 15. *Aug.* 1466.	
	D. Joh. Smyth Cap. 9. *Nov.* 1468.	
	D. Will. Ewkeston Cap. 22. *Dec.* 1470.	
	D. Rob. Adams in Art. Bacc. . . . . . 1505.	*Gyg. 2. f. 46. a.*
	Will. Landisdale Cap. penult. Sept. 1524.	*Feron. f. 17. a.*
	D. Rob. Kendale Cap. 21. *Oct.* 1526.	*Ib. f. 31. b.*
Rog. Barlo gen. ratione conceff. Decan. & C. de Westbury in Com. Glouceft.	*Joh. Sewell Cler.* 24. *Martii* 1549.	*Heath. f. 13. b.*
Steph. Hales, Civis Lond. gen.	*D. Ric. Michel Cler.* 13. *Jan.* 1558.	*Ib. f. 32. a.*
Edw. Combes gen.	*Jac. Wheler Cler. ult. Feb.* 1576.	*Bull. f. 12. b.*
Rowley Warde ar.	*Magr. Tho. Warde Cler.* 9. *Jan.* 1623.	*Ib. f. 106. a.*



Wasperton.

A Little below **Barford** lyes **Wasperton**, one of the towns that Earl *Leofrik* gave [s] to the Monastery of **Coventre** upon the first Foundation thereof (1 *Edw.* Conf.) which in the Conquerors Survey, was certified [t] to contain five hides and written **Wasmertone**, there being then a Mill rated at xx *s.* At that time also it yeilded four Horse-load of Salt, and a thousand Eeles *per annum*, having woods of half a mile in length, and two furlongs in bredth, all being valued at lxx *s.* But in H. 2. dayes, the Monks of **Coventre** past [u] away this Lordship to *Walter de Cherlecote* (of **Cherlecote** close by;) which grant was confirmed [w] by K. R. 1. and King *John*, and enjoyed accordingly the greatest part of H. 3. time; for in 36. H. 3. *William de Lucy*, (heir to the family of *Cherlecote*) was certified [x] to hold it of those Monks by the fourth part of a Knights fee: but by some Agreement made with this *William* (as it seems) they got it again; for in 41 H. 3. I find that they had **Free-warren** granted [y] to them therein, together with their other lands: And in 51 H. 3. in that ample Charter, [z] whereby their possessions, which they then peaceably enjoyed, were confirmed to them, it is, amongst the rest, there mentioned. I am of opinion, that the extent of the woods, which, by the Conq. Survey it was certified to contain, were wholly in **Packwood**, that being a member [a] thereof, and lying in the *Wood-land*.

In 7 E. 1. I find [b], that the Monks of **Coventre**, had two carucats of land here, in demesn, and xxii. tenants holding xiv. yard land at will, and performing sundry servile labours in stead of Rent; as Plowing, Mowing, Reaping, making Hay, and the like, as well at **Coventre** as here; as also 3. Cottiers, which payd some Rent in money, and did some

s *Cart. 19 E. 2. n. 3. per Insp.*
t *Domesd. lib.*
u, w *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy eq. aur.*
x *Testa de Nevill.*
y *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.*
z *Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 8.*
a, b *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 64. b.*

some work, according as the Prior should direct; And fishing in **Avon**, so far as their Lordship stretched. As for the priviledge of having a **Court-Leet** here, Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, Weyfs, and the like, which they had in all their Lordships, I need not so particularly enumerate them, having in **Coventre** fully shew'd that they were allowed [c] upon their claim in 13. E. 1. After the dissolution of which Monastery this Lordship continued in the Crown but a short time; for in 31 H. 8. the King by his Letters Patent [d] dated 16. *Apr.* past it away to *William Whorwood* Esquier his Solicitor generall, and to *William Walter* and *Katherine* his wife, and their heirs: which *William Whorwood*, as it seems, releas't his interest to the said *William Walter*; for I find [e] that *William Walter* of **Wimbleton** *in Com. Surr.* Esquier dyed seized thereof 10. *Sept.* 29 *Eliz.* from whom it came to *Kath.* one of the daughters of Sir *William Walter* Knight, now the wife of Sir *Simon Fanshaw* Knight (as in **Binton** is more fully manifested.)

c *Rot de de Quo W.*

d *Pat.* 31 H.8.p.5.

e *Esc.* 30 *Eliz.*

The Church (dedicated to S. *John Baptist*) was antiently a Chapell [f] belonging to **Hampton** *Episcopi*, having always used to be presented to as a Vicaridge by the Parson of **Hampton**: which Vicaridge in 26 H.8. was valued at 5 *l. per annum.*

f *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.64.b.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Giff. f. 95. a.	*Galfr. de Hulle Cap.* 2. *Cal. Sept.* 1279.
Ib. f.230. a.	*Will. de Alrewych Pbr.* 2. *Id. Julii* 1285.
Ren. f.19. b.	*D. Ric. de Stuford Cap.* 7. *Id. Dec.* 1309.
Wolst. f.10. b.	*Rog. Patthelow Pbr.* 2. *Maii* 1339.
Ib. f.13. b.	*Henr. Dicon Pbr.* 21. *Junii* 1339.
Br. vol.1. f. 1. a.	*D. Joh. de Pebworth* 17. *Sept.* 1350.
Ib. f.10. b.	*Hen. Hyntes Pbr.* 17. *Junii* 1354.
Br. f.22. a.	*Walt. Muleward Pbr.* 10. *Junii* 1357.
Wit. f.15. b.	*Ric. Purcas Cap.* 12. *Cal. Aug.* 1367.
Wak. f.28. a.	*Joh. Parkere Cap.* 23. *Oct.* 1381.
Ib. f.45. a.	*Will. Stephens Pbr.* 26. *Jan.* 1386.
Pev. f.36. b.	*Joh. Repyndon Cap.* 27. *Junii* 1411.
10. f. 53. b.	*Joh. Hanne Cap.* 3. *Martii* 1412.
Carp. vol. 1. f.210. a.	*D. Joh. Bukley Cap.* 17. *Martii* 1466.
Carp. vol. 2. f.74. a.	*D. Will. Lynne Cap.* 26. *Oct.* 1475.
Gyg. 2. f. 43. a.	*D. Thomas Lownde Cap.* 20. *Junii* 1505.
Ib. f.142. b.	*D. Joh. Swanson* 21. *Sept.* 1515.
Jeron. f. 49. a.	*Magr. Will. Palden in decr. Bacc.* 14. *Julii* 1531.
Ib. f.53. a.	*D. Joh. Pole Pbr.* 17. *Maii* 1532.
Bell. f.33. a.	*D. Thomas Wylson Pbr.* 17. *Apr.* 1543.
Bull. f.19. a.	*D. Episc. per lapsum Rectoris Eccl. de Hampton Episc.* — *Hamo Leghe Cler.* 8. *Julii* 1581. — *Will. Harvey Cler.* 23. *Apr.* 1588.

Ib. f.58.

Upon a Gravestone in the Church is this Inscription.

Hic jacet Thomas Crosse, quondam Firmarius de Wasperton, qui obiit XIII. die mensis Aprilis Anno D. MCCCCLxxiii. Cujus animæ propitietur Deus, Amen.

Hethcote.

THis is in the Parish of **Wasperton**, but whether it was ever a Village or not, I cannot affirm, howbeit the appellation shews, that there hath been a House at least, the last syllable, *viz.* **Cote** signifying as much: And it is probable that the ground hath formerly been of a Heathy condition; for so doth the first part of its name intimate, though now, by good husbandry, it be of a better kind. As it was originally a member of **Wasperton**, so did it pass [g] therewith from the Monks of **Coventre** to *Walter* the son of *Thurstan de Cherlecote*, being confirm'd [h] by King *Richard* 1. but in that grant it is called *Terra de* **Hethcote**, so that it had not then the reputation of a Village. It should seem that it came not to the Monks of **Coventre** again with **Wasperton**; but was given by some of the *Lucyes* (descendants of the before specified *Walter de Cherlecote*) unto the little Monastery of **Thelesford**, close by; yet when, or by which of them I have not seen: Nether do I find more of it, than that in 19 E. 1. it was certified [i] that the Prior of **Coventre** had a portion of x *s. per annum* out of it, which, by the Inquis. [k] taken in 26 H. 8. doth appear to have been in lieu of Tithe-corn; And that after the dissolution of the said House of **Thelesford** it was granted [l] to *Thomas Ardern*, and *William Walter*, and to the heirs of *William Walter*, by the name of five severall pasture grounds, called **Hethcote**; since which time it hath appertained to the posterity of the said *Will. Walter*, as **Wasperton** hath done.

g *Ex tog. nes. Luc eq.*

h

i *MS.* *Scacc. penès R. R.*

k *MS.* *nes S. eq. aur. 25. b.*

l *Pat.* 3 *H.8. p.*

Lighthorne.

A Little below **Wasperton**, **Avon** is somewhat increased with a torrent called **Thelesford** brooke, which riseth in **Lighthorne**, as the Map will shew: Ascending therefore to the head of it, I first come to **Lighthorne**. In King *Edward* the Confessors days *Raph* Earl of **Hereford** was owner [m] of this place; who being ruined by *VVill.* the Conquerour, as most of the English-men were, it was bestowed, [n] with other lands in this County, upon *VVilliam Buenvasleth* a Norman; and at the time of the generall Survey certified to contain five hides, besides the Inclosure, there being at that time a Grove containing two furlongs in length, and xx. perches in bredth, all which were rated at vii *li.* But the direct time, or manner how it came first to the family of *Mundevile* I have not yet discovered, yet do believe it was very early, that is to say in H. 1. time; for in H. 2. days did *Nigel de Mundevile* confirm [o] to the Canons

m *Do mes. lib.*

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o *Ex aut. penès T. Puckrin eq. aur. B.*

of

of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick** a yard land lying in this Lordship, which his father bequeathed to them, with his body to be buried in that Monastery, whose name (as I take it) was *Ranulph de Munnevile*; for such a one lived in this County in H. 1. time, and was a witness [p] to that Charter of Earl *Roger* 23 H. 1. whereby he founded the Collegiate Church at **Warwick**; as also to his grant [q] of **Salford** to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, about the same time; And, by what afterwards appears, [r] 'tis most certain, that *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, had these lands of *William Buenvasleth* by Agreement or otherwise, and thereof enfeof'd [t] *Mundevile*, together with **Berkswell**, to hold by the service of one Knights fee; for of a Knights fee was he enfeof'd [t] in H. 1. time, and by the service of one Knights fee was *Richard de Mundevile* certified [u] to hold this Lordship and **Berkswell** of the Earl of **Warwick** in 20 H. 3. in both which he had **Free-warren** [u] granted to him, as also in **Thorp**-*Mundevile in Com. Northampt.* by the Kings Charter dated at **Clarendon** 19 *Nov.* 37 H. 3.

As for the name I find it variously written in antient Records; *viz.* **Leitethorne**, **Litlethirn**, **Lichthirn**, **Lythtehirne**, and in *Domesday-book* **Liftecorne**, where doubtless some Letters are mistaken; for I am confident that the last syllable should be **hirne**, which in our old English signifies *a corner*; and by what I guess at the former syllable, *viz.* **Lich**, which is the same with *Cadaver*, I suppose that it had originally its name from some sepulture of dead bodies there.

Of these *Mundeviles* I shall say more in **Berkswell**, because that was their seat, the beforespecified *Richard* being the last of them that had to do in this County; for in 6 E. 1. he past [w] away his interest in the reversion of these Mannours to *Will. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, reserving onely an estate for life to himself and *Maud* his wife, and the longer liver of them; in consideration whereof the said Earl granted [x] to them his Mannour of **Hayles** to enjoy during that terme. In 7. E. 1. it appears [y] that the said *Richard* and his wife so held it for life, and that there was then a certain Park [z] here containing four acres, and five carucats of land, held by the Lord in demesn; as also xxi Tenants holding ten yard land and a fourth part, performing sundry servile works, and ..... Freeholders [a] holding two yard land and a half under certain Rents, and doing suit to his three weeks Court; And likewise that what the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick** had here, was then [b] held by Freeholders, paying severall Rents. After which, *viz.* in 13 E. 1. the beforespecified *Richard de Mundevill* challenged a **Court-Leet** here with Assize of Bread and Beer by [c] Prescription; but it being found that the King was in possession of those liberties, he was amerc't, for that claim. Which *Richard* and his wife were dead before the 29 E. 1. as it seems; for by the Inquis. [d] taken after the death of *Maud de Beauchamp*, widow to *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, I find that she dyed seized of this Mannour, *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, (her son and heir) being then of full age.

Upon the death of which *Guy*, *scil.* 9 E. 2. it was (*inter alia*) assigned [e] to *Alice* his Countess in dower: and after the attainder [f] of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in 22 R. 2. given [g] by the King to *Thomas Holland* Duke of **Surrey**: But the deposition of King R. 2. shortly after ensuing, annihilated that grant; so that in 2 H. 4. the said Earl dying [h] seized thereof, it was assigned to [i] *Margaret* his Countess as part of her dower, and continued to the successive Earls till it came to the Crown with the rest of their lands (as in **Warwick** I have shewed) After which I find [k] that King H. 8. made a Lease of it in 21. of his reign, for xxi. years to *Roger Wigston* Esquier: and in 36. by his Letters Patent [l] dated 9. *Apr.* in consideration of 536 *li.* 18 *s.* 11 *d.* sold it to Sir *Thomas Pope* Knight and his heirs, together with the advouson of the Church: and the next year following granted [m] to him the said *Thomas* and his heirs all the lands lying within this town, and formerly belonging to the Priory of S. *Sepulchers* at **Warwick**; which are at this day possest by his descendant, *viz.* Sir *Thomas Pope* of **Wroxton** in **Oxfordshire**, (a younger son to the late Earl of **Downe**.)

In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) was valued [n] at xxvi. marks, and in [o] 26 H. 8. at xv *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.	
Guido de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Magr. Henr. de Hampton Pbr.* 15. *Cal. Julii* 1307.	*Geyn.f.*46. *a.*
D. Rex ratione custodiæ terræ & hared. Guidonis Com. Warw.	*Joh. de Asheberghe Cler.* 10. *Cal. Maii* 1327.	*Cob.f.*128. *a.*
Thomas de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*D. Will. de Chilmersh Diac.* 4. *Julii* 1331.	*Horl.vol.*2. *f.*43. *a.*
	Joh. de Blockley Pbr. 7. *Aug.* 1349.	*S. Germ.f.* 129. *b.*
Thomas de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Rob. Childe Cap.* 1. *Dec.* 1382.	*Wak.f.*34. *b.*
Henr. Rex. Angliæ ratione minoris ætat. Ric. filii & hæred. Thomæ Com. Warw.	*Will. Kydermyster* 18. *Julii* 1402.	*Cliff.f.*16. *b.*
Ric. de Bellocampo Com. Warw.	*Thomas Taylard Cap.* 19. *Julii* 1431.	*Pult.f.*92. *a.*
Attornati Ricardi Comitis Warw.	*D. Joh. Nowell Cap.* 13. *Martii* 1437.	*Bourch.f.* 45. *a.*
D. Henr. 6. Rex Angl.	*Thomas Canke Cap.* 23. *Junii* 1460.	*Carp.vol.* 1. *f.*154. *b.*
Henr. 7. Rex Angliæ.	*Will. Benet Cler.* 19. *Aug.* 1494.	*Mort.f.*56. *b.*
	D. Alanus Hynske 6. *Aug.* 1501.	*Gyg.* 2. *f.* 16. *a.*
Leonardus Worsley gen. ratione advoc. sibi conceff. per D. Regem.	*D. Will. Benet Pbr.* 21. *Apr.* 1541.	*Bell.f.*18. *a.*
Thomas Pope miles.	*D. Joh. Vernam Pbr.* 20. *Apr.* 1548.	*Heath.f.* 14. *a.*
Will. Pope de Wroxton in Com. Oxon. ar.	*Rad. Lees Cler.* 24. *Jan.* 1602.	*Bul.f.*78. *a.*

In a South window of the Chancell these Armes.

Chequy Or and Azure a Cheveron ermine. } old Earls of **Warwick**.

Gules a fesse betwixt 6. Crosse Croslets Or. } Beauchamp E. of **Warw.**

Of these Incumbents, *John de Blockley* in 37 E. 3. intended the foundation of a Chantry here,

and to have endowed it with lands of good value, as may seem by the return of a Writt [p] of *Ad quod dampnum* to that purpose; but I do not discern that it was done accordingly.

p *Esc.* 37. E. 3. n. 6.

Morton-Merhull.

FOllowing this petty stream, it leads me next to **Morton-Morrell**; for so it is vulgarly called, but more truly **Morton-Merhull**, in regard that the town is divided into two parts, whereof the one, *scil.* where the Church stands, is called **Morton** from the low moorish ground adjoyning thereto, and the other, distant from it about a quarter of a mile, **Merehull**. In [q] the Conquerors time there was no distinction at all in it, the whole bearing the name of **Morton** being then possest by the Earl of **Pelleut**, and containing five hides, which were valued at xi *li.* but before the Norman invasion one *Derman* owned it. That most of the lands in this County, which the said Earl of **Pelleut** then had came to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick** (his brother) is very clear, the moity of this town being part, the other half descending to his own posterity (I mean the Earls of **Leicester**) with the residue: but to whom or when these Earls granted either of their shares away, is not otherwise to be known (I think) than by circumstances; for till about the beginning of E. 1. time there is little discovery to be made by Record, unless that which is mentioned [r] in 20 H. 3. of *Agatha Trusbut* her holding one Knights fee of the Earl of **Warwick** in **Morton** be meant of this **Morton**.

q Domesd. lib.

r *Testa. de Nevill.*

It seems that the Earl of **Warwick**'s half was first granted [s] to *John Fitz Alan* of **Wolfrinton**; which *John* was certified [t] to hold it of *William Mauduit* Earl of **Warwick** in 52 H. 3. by the service of half a Knights fee: by whom I suppose it was that *Thomas Trimenell* became enfeoft thereof; for it is evident [u] that the said *Thomas* possest it in 4 E. 1. but shortly after *Eustace de Hacche* in right of *Avicia* his wife, widow [w] to the said *Thomas*, and held it of the heirs of the same *John Fitz Alan* by the service of half a Knights fee, paying a pair of gilt Spurrs or vi *d.* yearly, as the Record [x] of 7 E. 1. manifesteth; In which is also shewed, that the same *Eustace* then had here in **Morton**, two carucats of land in demesn, and was Patron of half the Church: and that he had four Tenants holding..... yard land of him, by performing certain base services, 5. Cottiers and 6. Freeholders; as also a **Court-Leet**, and weyfs: And moreover that he had in **Merehull** 6. Tenants holding 6. yard land under the like servile employments; but depopulation [y], since, hath shrunk the Inhabitants into a lesse number. The same Record [z] calls it **Sale-Morton**, by way of distinction from the severall other **Mortons** in this County; but I cannot well guess at the reason, unless it should be from one of that name residing there, which possibly may be; for one *John Sale* was a Tenant to the same *Eustace* for part of his lands in **Merehull** at that time.

s *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 65. b.*

t *Esc.* 52. H. 3.

u *Inq. per Hundr. penès Camer. Scacc.*

w *Ex autog. penès W. Sheldon. ar.*

x *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. ut supra.*

y *Hist. MS. I. Rous p.* 144.

z, a, b *Inq. per H. Nott &c. f. 66. a.*

As for that half belonging to the Earl of **Leicester**, it was by one of those Earls given [a] to an Ancestour of *William de Bishopsden*, and by the same *William* to *Henry de Harecourt*, or one of his Predecessors, to hold by the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee, and 1 *d.* which *Henry* in 7 E. 1. held two carucats of land, here, in demesn, and had ix Freeholders and 8 tenants, who held ..... land in servage of him. At the same time the Knights *Templars* of **Balsall** [b] held certain lands here, which were given to them by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, as I believe; for it appears by the Account [c] of their possessions in this shire in 31 H. 2. that they had them of the Earl of **Warwick**'s grant. Of which *Henry de Harecourt* I find [d], that he was slain here at **Morton**, and left issue [e] one only daughter called *Margaret*, first [f] married to *John Pipe*, and [g] afterwards to *John de Saundrestede*; which *John de Saundrestede* and she, in 22 E. 3. levyed a Fine [h] of this Mannour; whereby, for want of issue of his body by her, it was entayled upon *Henry de Pipe*, her grandchild (as the descent in **Erdington** will shew) and *Ingrith* his wife, and the issue of their two bodyes, the remainder to the right heirs of the said *Margaret*. During the time that the said *John de Saundrestede* had to do here, he obtained a Charter [i] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands in this place, whereof the future possessors were to take benefit after the decease of him and his said wife: But touching the descendants of the same *Henry* and *Ingrith*, resolving to speak more in **Erdington**, I will now proceed in observing what else I find memorable of this place, in order of time, relating to the successive Lords thereof.

b *Ib. f.* 66.

c *Cod. MS. in Scacc. penès Rem.*

d, e, f *Ex. mem. penè H. F. rers.*

g *Rot. F. 27 E. 3.* 9.

h *xv. M.* 22 E. 3

i *Cart.* 2 E. 3. n.

In 7 E. 1. the same *Eustace de Hacche* was a Knight [k], being then meniall [l] servant to the King. In 10. E. 1. he had **Free-warren** [m] granted to him in all his demesn lands here, and at **Chesterton** in this County; as also at **Hacche** in **Wiltshire**, (which shews that there was his chief seat.) In 9 [n] and 21 [o] E. 1. he was in Comiss. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In [p] 22. he attended *Edmund* Earl of **Lancaster** in an expedition into **Gascoine** for the Kings service. In 24. he received command [q] with the rest of the great men, to attend the King at **Carleol** on the xv. of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist*, to march with his Army into **Scotland** against *Robert de Bruis* then assuming the title of King in that Realm. In [r] 26 E. 1. he was at that memorable Battail of **Fawkirk** in **Scotland**: and being summoned [s] to Parliament amongst the Barons in 27, 28, 30, 32, and 33 E. 1. dyed [t] in 34 E. 1. leaving *Julian* the wife of *John Hansard* his daughter [u] and heir, then of full age. After the decease of which *Eustace*, *viz.* the next ensuing year, was there a Fine [w] levyed betwixt the said *Avicia*, and *Nich. Trimenell* and *Margerie* his wife, whereby this Mannour, then passing by the name of **Morton-D'aubeny**, became setled upon the said *Avicia* for life, and after her decease upon the same *Nicholas* and *Margerie*, and the heirs male of their two bodyes.

k, l *Rot. nès & Cap. Lich*

m *Cart.* E. 1. n. 3.

n, o *Patte iisd. an. dorf*

p *Pat.* E. 1. m.

q *Claus.* E. 1. in m. 16. *cedula.*

r *Ex ve Rot. pen W. le Nve eq. aur.*

s *Claus. iisd. an. do so.*

t, u *Rot.* 34. 1. m.

w *xv. I.* B. 35 E.

But whether the said *Avicia* were an heir or not, I am not certain; neither have I yet found whose daughter she was; howbeit her paternall coat was three *Lyons rampant*, as appears by her Seal [x], wherein the Armes of *Thomas Trimenell* and Sir *Eustace de Hacche*, her two husbands, are also set, all meeting in point, which was the usuall way in those antient times of expressing the husbands Armes before empaling came in use (*Trimenells* coat being a *Crosse engrailed, and debruised with a bendlet*, and that of *Hacche* the like *Crosse engrailed*:) which *Nich. Trimenell* was the son [y] of *Thomas*; and being also a Knight [z], had issue *John*, who had the like dignity [a], and served K. *Edw.* 3. in his

x, y, z *Ex. ing. nès Shel don.*

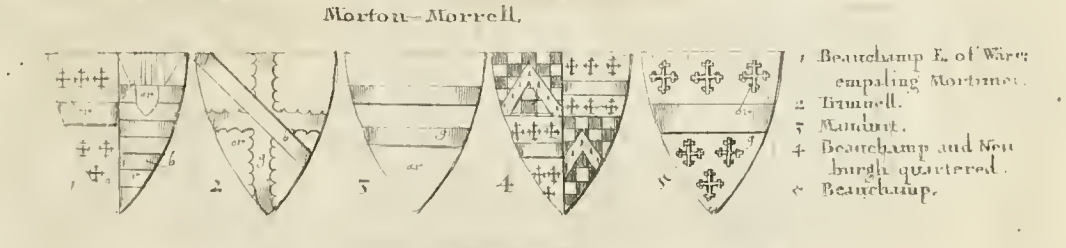
a *Ex auc. penès D. Cap. Lic.*

his Scottish wars, where he behaved himself so gallantly, that, for that very respect (as the Patent [b] expresseth) the King was pleased to pardon him a very great misdemeanour; *viz.* the drawing of his knife at the publique Assizes held at **Coventre**, before *Ric. de Wilughby* and other the Kings Justices there sitting, to the great terrour of the people then present. Which Sir *John* in 19 E. 3. sold [c] this Mannour of *Morton D'aubeny*, with the advouson of the moytie of the Church to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: To whose posterity it continued till all the possessions of that great Earldome came to the Crown, in 3 H. 7. as it **Warwick** is manifested. After which it was granted [d] by K.E. 6. to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, who had the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers Mannours in this County, formerly belonging to those Earls: which *John* after he was advanced to be Duke of **Northumberland**, past [e] it away to *John Coleburne* gent. 28. *Oct.* 6 E. 6. who dyed [f] seized thereof 13. *Junii* 1. *M.* leaving *John* his son and heir two years of age; which *John* had issue Sir *Edmund Coleburne* Knight, who sold it to *Richard Murden* gent. which *Richard* left issue one onely daughter called *Mary* wedded to Sir *Stephen Harvey* Knight of the Bath; by whom she had two sons, viz. *Francis* and *Richard*, both dead unmarryed; and five daughters, viz. *Mary*, *Elizab.* *Sara*, *Elianore*, and *Stephana*.

The Church (dedicated to the *Holy Croße*) being in *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [g] at xv. marks, was then divided betwixt two Rectors. In 6 E. 3. Sir *John de Bishopsdon* Kt. gave [h] the advouson of his moytie thereof to the Hospitall of S. *John Baptist* in **Warwick**, which was appropriated [i] thereto 16. *Apr. anno* 1359. 33 E. 3. there being a *Pension* [k] of 2 *s. per annum* thereupon reserved to the said Bishop and his successors. The other moytie was intended to have been appropriated to the Nuns of **Pinley** in this County, who had obtained the Kings License for that purpose, as appears by a Petition [l] exhibited to *W.* then Bishop of **Worcester**, by one *Rob. de Holand* in their behalf; but whether it were so appropriated or not I cannot say.

[l] *Ex vet. membr. penès* T Lucy *eq. aur.*

Patroni medietatis Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.	
D. Eustachius de la Hacche miles.	*Magr. Joh. de S. Brigida Pbr. Non. Martii* 1280.	*Giff. f.* 113. *a.*
	Alanus de Barkeby 15. *Cal. Junii* 1282.	*Ib. f.* 175. *a.*
	R. Clericus D. Petri de Leicester & Subdiac. Id. Jun. 1283.	*Ib. f.* 183. *a.*
Gilbertus de Kirkeby. Clericus.	*Rad. de Kirkeby* 7. *Cal. Martii* 1283.	*Ib. f.* 202. *b.*
	Rob. Tancard Subdiac. 4. *Cal. Nov.* 1288.	*Ib. f.* 296. *b.*
D. Eustachius de Hacche.	*Joh. Trimenell Cler.* 5. *Cal. Martii* 1291.	*Ib. f.* 350. *b.*
. . . . .	*Achardus de Longo Prato* . . . . . 1293.	*Ib. f.* 370. *b.*
Rad. de Kirkeby.	*Thomas de Iccumbe* 16. *Cal. Nov.* 1294.	*Ib. f.* 383. *a.*
Eustach. de Hacche miles.	*Magr. W. de Coventre* 2. *Cal. Apr.* 1299.	*Ib. f.* 451. *b.*
Rad. de Kirkeby.	*Rob. de Wylewys Cler.* 16. *Cal. Jan.* 1300.	*Ib. f.* 462. *b.*
. . . . .	*Will. Brett accolitus* 2. *Id. Junii* 1303.	*Geyn. f.* 15. *b.*
Nich. Trimenell.	*Rad. de Snellestone Pbr.* 16. *Kal. Julii* 1314.	*Maid. f.* 8. *a.*
Joh. fil. D. Nich. de Trimenell.	*D. Andreas de Herberbury Cap.* 11. *Kal. Maii* 1322.	*Cob. f.* 28. *b.*
Magr. & Confratres Hosp. S. Joh. Warw.	*D. Thom. de Goldlesdone Pbr.* 26. *Oct.* 1339.	*Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 29. *b.*



Monumentall Inscriptions in the Chancell, on the South side.

Elizabeth Infant daughter of Stephen Harvy of Milton-Malsoures, in the County of Northampt. Esq. by Mary his wife sole daughter and heir of Richard Murden Esq. Lord of this town Obiit Julii 3. 1623.

Memoria Justorum non labilis.
Richardus Murden de Morton-Morrell Armiger, qui vita simul & Provincia Vicecomitis Warwicensis excessit Oct. xxx. M. DC. xxxv.
Et Maria uxor ipsius, filia Thomæ Woodard de Butlers-Merston in eodem agro armigeri; Quorum filiam & unicam hæredem Mariam duxit Stephanus Harvey Northamptonienſis, ex honorando ordine Balneariorum Eques.
Expectamus adventum Domini Jesu Christi.

Qui legis in propriam discede paratior urnam;
Maturè cineres qui sapit, ille sapit.

Newbold-Pacy.

ABout a mile lower, lyes **Newbold**, commonly called **Newbold**-*Pacy*, for distinction from those other **Newbold's** already spoke of in **Knightlow**-*Hundred*, in regard that the family of *Pacy* were antiently Lords thereof. This was one of those towns which *Hasculf Musard* (of whom I have spoke in **Lemington**-*Hastang*) had of the Conquerors gift; at the time of whole generall Survey *Hunfridus*, progenitor to the family of *Hastang*, held it; the extent thereof being then certified [m] at five hides, and the value C *s.* Whether it was *Atropus Hastang*, the son of *Hunfridus* above specified, or the second *Atropus* that enfeoft

[m] Domesd. *lib.*

Pacy thereof, I cannot certainly determine, but that it was one of ther is not to be doubted; for it appears [n] that *Adam de Pasci* posseſt it in K. *John's* time; which *Adam* had issue [o] *Robert*, who in 2 *H.* 3. was one of the Sureties [p] for *Robert Marmion* the younger, that he ſhould faithfully keep the Caſtle of **Tamworth** in this County, for the Kings uſe, and deliver it up to him, if occaſion ſhould be: which *Robert* had issue [q] *Will.* the father of another *Robert*, and of *Will.* (as I take it) who in 7 E. 1. was certified [r] to hold this Mannour of *Robert de Haſtang* by the ſervice of one Knights fee, having then in demeſn only half an acre of land, and xiv. Tenants occupying 8. yard land, for which they were to perform divers ſervile employments: As alſo 5. Cottiers and 3. Freeholders, holding ſeverall proportions.

n *Reg. de Noſtell in bibl. Hatt. f.* 134.
o
p *Rot. F.* 2. *H.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 6. *in d.*
q *Regiſt. de Noſtell f.* 334.
r *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 60. *b.*

At the ſame time I find [s], that the Knights *Templars* had 8. yard land in this Lordſhip; *viz.* 4. in demeſn, and 4. held in villenage; all which were granted to them by *Euſtache Fitz-Hugh* and *Clement Fitz-Robert*. Of this *Will. de Pacy* it appears [t], that being impleaded by the Canons of **Noſtell** in 28. E. 1. touching the Advowſon of the Church here at **Newbold**, he obtained a Mandate from the King, directed to the Juſtices of the Common pleas, commanding them not to take any advantage of his abſence, in regard he was then employed in his ſervice. To which *Will.* ſucceeded [u] *Ric. de Pacy*, of whom I find no mention after [w] the 21. of E. 3. nor after that time any thing conſiderable in reference to what that family had here, ſaving that it was antiently depopulated [x]. But that which the *Templars* had here, was in 7 E. 6. paſſed [y] out of the Crown to *Thomas Lucy* Eſquier, and his heirs.

s *Ib. f.* 61. *a.*
t *Clauſ.* 28 E. 1. *m.* 7. *in cedula.*
u *Plac. de B. term. Mich.* 3. E. 2. *rot.* 133.
w *Eſc.* 21 E. 3. *n.* 7.
x *Hiſt. MS.* I. Rous *p.* 143.
y *Pat.* 7 E. 6. *p.* 6.

The Church being given [z] to the Canons of **Noſtell**, *in Com. Ebor.* by *Atropus Haſtang* in H. 1. time, was in *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued [a] at 13. marks: After which it came to the Provoſt and Scholars of Queens Colledge in **Oxford**, who obtained an Appropriation [b] thereof from the Pope, whereupon the Vicaridge was endowed, as appears by the Biſhops Inſtrument [c] bearing date at **London** 20. *Oct. anno* 1349. (23 E. 3.) who reſerved a *Penſion* [d] of half a mark to himſelf and his ſucceſſors, to be payd yearly at Chriſtmaſſe out of the fruits of the Rectory; which *Penſion* was augmented as it ſeems; for I find that in *anno* 1350. the ſaid Provoſt and Scholars by their publique Deed [e] dated 10. *Febr.* granted to *John Thoresby* then Biſhop of **Worceſter** and his ſucceſſors, in reſpect of that Appropriation, xx *s. per annum.*

z *Regiſt. de Noſtell f.* 143. *a.*
a *MS. in Scac.*
b *Thor. f.* 15. *a.*
c
d
e *Regiſt. de Penſ. penès D. & Cap. wigorn. f.* 14. *a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.	
Prior & Conv. S. Oſwaldi de Noſtell.	*Adam de Sengrave Cler. prid. Cal. Nov.* 1321.	*Cob. f.* 27. *b.*
	Joh. de Sybeſton Cap. 13. *Cal. Feb.* 1324.	*Ib. f.* 36. *b.*
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Præpoſiti & Scolares Aulæ Regin. Oxon.	*Joh. Grover Pbr.* 3. *Julii* 1395.	*S. Germ. f.* 205. *b.*
	D. Joh. Severle Pbr. 19. *Junii* 1402.	*Cliff. f.* 60. *a.*
	D. Will. Seman Pbr. 2. *Maii* 1404.	*Ib. f.* 66. *b.*
	D. Joh. Leyr Pbr. 29. *Dec.* 1408.	*Pcv. f.* 5. *a.*
	D. Will. Gerard Cap. 6. *Martii* 1431.	*Morg. vol.* 2. *f.* 123. *a.*
	D. Will. Beverle Cap. 12. *Dec.* 1438.	*Bourch.* 54. *a.*
	D. Joh. Graunge Cap. 2. *Martii* 1444.	*Carp. vi* 1. *f.* 11.
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*D. Rob. Lord* 20. *Julii* 1460.	*Ib. f.* 15 *a.*
Præpoſ. & Scolar. Aulæ R. Oxon.	*D. Thomas Hewſe Cap.* 20. *Nov.* 1470.	*Carp. vi* 2. *f.* 14.
D. Epiſc. per lapſ.	*D. Nich. Burton Cap.* 11. *Maii* 1473.	*Ib. f.* 37.
Præpoſ. & Scolares Collegii Reginæ Oxon.	*D. Joh. Pynchware in art. Bacc.* 10. *Martii* 1478.	*Alc. f.* 5 *a.*
	D. Joh. Tiptote 16. *Oct.* 1490.	*Mort. f.* 1. *b.*
	Joh. Brocden 20. *Maii* 1512.	*Gyg.* 2. 90. *b.*
	D. Ambr. Hylton in Art. Magr. 6. *Junii* 1532.	*Jeron.* 53. *b.*
	Georgius Warwic. Cler. in Art. Magr. 4. *Jan.* 1594.	*Bull. f.* 4. *b.*
	Thomas Richardſon Cleric. Art. Magr. 22. *Decemb.* 1624.	*Ib. f.* 10. *b.*

Aſhorne.

THis Hamlet is in the Pariſh of **Newbold**-*Pacy*, and, doubtleſſe, had that name originally, (though corruptneſs in pronunciation hath ſomewhat altered it) by reaſon of its Eaſtern ſituation from **Newbold**; for the later ſyllable now written **horne**, was at firſt **hyrne**, which being an old Engliſh word ſignifies a corner; and the fomer *viz.* **Aſh** was **Eſſe** and proceedeth from the word **Eaſt**, as **Eſſeby** which is uſually called **Aſhby**.

As it is of **Newbold** Pariſh, ſo was it formerly a member thereof, being held of the *Haſtang's*, who were Lords of the whole; but which of them firſt paſt it away I have not ſeen; howbeit, inaſmuch as I find that the family of *Balaunce* were poſſeſt of it for divers deſcents; and that *Rog. Balaunce* levied a Fine of lands here, in 7 *R.* 1. (wherein it is written **Haſſorne**) I may without much raſhneſſe conclude, that they were Lords thereof as antiently. The next that I meet with, of that name, is *Will. Balaunce*, whoſe ſervice for one Knights fee, held of *Robert Haſtang*, part whereof I conclude to be for this place, was in 12 H. 3. remitted [f], he being then ſervant to *Stephen de Lucy*. From which *Will.* deſcended *Thomas*, who in 7 E. 1. held [g] this Lordſhip of *Robert de Haſtang* by the ſervice of half a Knights fee, and had at that time two carucats of land here in demeſn; as alſo nine Tenants holding four yard land in ſervage. At that time I alſo find [h], that one *Hugh de Bromle* and *Avicia* his wife held certain lands here of the ſaid *Robert de Haſtang* by the third part of a Knights fee; and that he had one carucat in demeſn, and four tenants holding one yard land and a fourth part: As alſo that the ſame *Hugh* gave one yard land here to the Monks of **Worceſter**, which at that time the Biſhop of **Cheſter** held of them; and likewiſe that the Freres of **Thelesford** then held one yard land here, of the ſame *Hugh*, for xii *d.* and half a pound of Cummin: Of which family was *Nich. Balaunce* the laſt male branch that had to do here; which *Nich.* had iſſue *Joane*, marryed [i] to *John Veſſy* of **Brentingthorp** *in Com.* . . . . . , who by their Deed [k] bearing date at **Coventre** on the Feaſt

f *Clauſ.* 12. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.
g
h *In. pcH. Nt. &. f.* 61. *b.*
i *Cart. w. w. Cl. f.* 9. *b.*
k

Feast day of S^t *Dunstane* 32 E. 3. granted this Mannour to *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, and *John Whateley* and their heirs: which *John Whateley* by his Release[l], dated on Munday next after the Feast of S^t *Martin* ensuing, quitted to the said Earl and his heirs all his interest therein: To whom it continued till 8 H. 6. that *Richard Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick** gave[m] it to his Chantry at **Guyes-Cliffe**, whereof I have already taken notice. Which Chantry, with all the Mannours, messuages, lands &c. thereto belonging, being granted[n] by *Thomas Moore* and *Roger Higham*, the last Chantry Priests thereof, unto Sir *Andrew Flamock* Knight and his heirs, as their deed dated 4. *Junii* 1 E. 6. manifesteth, this Mannour then past to him thereby; but what is become of it since, I have not seen.

Thelesford Priory.

UPon the Southern bank of this torrent, within lesse than a flight shoot of its conjunction with **Avon**, stood a little Monastery, somewhat neer the Road-way leading from **Wellesburne** towards **Warwick**, as it thwarteth the Foord; which was founded, in H. 3. time, by Sir *Will. Lucy* of **Cherlecote** Knight to the honour of God, *S. John Baptist*, and *S. Radegund*; the persons profest here, being of the Order of the *holy Trinity for redemption of Captives*: But before I further proceed to speak of the particular endowment which it had, I must first first say something of the same S. *Radegund*, and then briefly take notice of the originall and first occasion of this Order. She was the daughter[o] of *Bertarius* King of **Thuring**, and wife to *Clotharius*, the fift King of **France** of the *Merovignian* line, who dyed in the year of Christ 564. and being a Lady much devoted[p] to prayer and Almesdeeds, often fastings, and chastening her self with hair-cloth (which she wore under her royall apparell) as she one day walk't alone in the Garden of her Palace, hearing the voices of Prisoners in fetters imploring pitty to them, she betook herself to Prayer; whereupon their fetters burst in sunder, and they became loosed (as saith my Author.) This *Radegund* took the habit[q] of Religion at the hands of S. *Medard* Bishop of **Noyon**, and founded[r] a Monastery for Nuns at **Poictiers**, in honour of the holy Crosse, whereof she was Abbesse, living there in great sanctity, daily ministring relief to poor people, and departed this life on the Ides of *August*; in which Abby she had sepulture[s], and was canonized for a Saint.

But of this Order[t] of the *holy Trinity for Redemption of Captives*, is *S. John de Matta* (born at **Faulcon** in **Provence** *anno* 1154.) said to be the Founder; who being Student in the University of **Paris**, where he attained to the degree of Doctor, grew so famous for his learning and holiness of life, that divers eminent Prelates came to be his assistants at his first Masse; in the performance whereof, at the Elevation of the Host, an Angell cloathed in white appeared before him, bearing a Crosse of red and blew upon his brest, having also his hands a Crosse layd upon the heads of two slaves that kneeled down by his side: From which time God revealed unto him, how he would be served in the foundation of a new Religious Order; inciting him to leave all his goods, to forsake the present world, and to retire himself into the Desart; which he accordingly did, and distributing all that he had to the poor, resorted to an holy Anachorite called *Fœlix de Valois*, who lived in an Hermitage within the Dioces of **Meaux** (six leagues distant from **Paris**) called **Cerfroy**, in Latine *Cervus frigidus*, in regard that there, at the foot of a little hill was a fair clear and cold Fountain, within which a white Hart used to come for refreshment. Which two devout Hermites began[u], within this solitary place, an Order of *the holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives*, about the year of grace M. CXC IV. where they continued for the space of three years, living in great austerity from any company of men; and being on a day in Prayer, were inspired of God to goe to **Rome**, there to declare their intentions to his Holiness, and to receive from his hands the Habit and Rule of the Order which they desired to institute; for the better effecting whereof, they had Letters testimoniall from the Bishop of **Paris**, making mention of the vision which the said *John de Matta* had at the time that he first celebrated Masse. u w x } *Ibid.*

When they came to **Rome** they were courteously received[w] by Pope *Innocent* the 3. who forthwith celebrating the holy Masse on the 28. of *Jan.* being the Octaves of S^t. *Anne*, did, at the time of his elevation of the Host, behold the like vision of an Angell cloathed in white as aforesaid, with two Captives chain'd; whereof the one was a Christian, the other a Moore: After which he assembled his Cardinalls, and made known what he had seen, and sent for the Anachorites, declaring also to them, that the Spirit of God did conduct them to those their designes, and that he was the onely Author of the Order they would institute: whereupon he gave them white[x] Robes, with a Crosse red and blew (as on the following page is to be seen) declaring to them the mystery of his vision; *scil.* the white Robe representing the candour of an innocent life, and the purity of conscience: The three colours, *scil.* of the habite and Crosse, signifying the three persons of the holy Trinity, the white *the Father Eternall*; the blew, which was the traverse of the Cross, the *Son in his Passion*; and the red, *the Charity of the holy Ghost*; and the two Prisoners bound and fettered, had relation to *the redemption of Captives*; appointing that this Institution should be called *The Order of the holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives*; and that all the possessions, which they should enjoy, might be equally divided into three parts; *viz.* the one for the entertainment and reception of Religious persons, the other to relieve the poor, and the third to redeem Christians kept Captive by the Infidells.

Having now done with the Order, I come to this particular place, founded[y] by Sir *William de Lucy*, who stiles[z] himself *Filius Walteri de Cherlecote*, and sometimes *Walteri militis de Cherlecote*, *id est* of Sir *Walter de Cherlecote* Knight. Which *William* gave, as the words of his Charter[a] import, to *God*, *St. John Baptist* and *S. Radegund* the Virgin, xiii. acres of his demesn land belonging to **Cherlecote**, and next adjoyning to the way which leads from **Cherlecote** to **Tellesford-bridge**, on the west part the torrent called **Tellesbroc**; with the Meadow ground belonging to the said xiii. acres: As also all that land lying Eastward of the said way and bounded on the other side with certain errable ground, which heretofore belonged to y z a b } *Pat. 3 E. 3. p. 2. m. 8. per Inspe.*

Gerald



Trinitarianus.

Gerald de Cherlecote, in pure and perpetuall Almes, free and discharged from all secular service and demand, to build thereupon a Church to the honour of the before specified Saints, and an Hospitall for the relief of poor people, receipt of Pilgrims, and sustenance of Religious men there serving God for ever. Adding [b] to this his gift the advouson of the Church at **Cherlecote**; and confirming half a yard land in **Cherlecote**, which *Cecily* his mother had granted thereto.

Having signified thus much as to its Foundation, I will now enumerate the severall Benefactors that the Canons of this Priory had, beginning with the posterity of the pious Founder; whereof *Fouk de Lucy*, his grandchild, was the first, who gave them leave [c] to incloſe a way which interposed betwixt the Church of **Tesleshold** and their habitation. To him succeded Sir *William de Lucy* Knight, which *William* gave [d] them liberty to incloſe two acres of land lying neer to their Houſe, and joyn them to the [c] [d] id.

the Court thereof; as also a certain parcell of ground called the Hay, lying at the head of those two acres along by the brook called Thenilsforbrok, so far as the breadth of those two acres extended. In Berefort much was given [e] thereto; *scil.* by *Alice* the wife of *Walter de* Berefort, and daughter to *Reinbald de* Cherlecote, five yard land. By *Philip de Kynton* a good proportion, which he had purchased of *Henry de Bereford* and others. By *Henry de Bereford* the Church [f] of Berefort, and certain lands within that Lordship. By *Will. de Nesford*, sometime Lord of Berefort, the fishing [g] in Aven from Le-Milne to his own Mill pool, with liberty to make a Pound upon their land at Berefort, to keep in such cattell as should trespass upon them; as also three yard land called the Free hide, exempt from *Warth* and *Scutage* and all secular services; and to have free ingress and egress to and from the Common of pasture at Berefort for their cattell.

By [h] *Richard Malore* son to *William Malore* of Kirkby in Leicester-shire, certain lands in the same Kirkby, with the advouson of the Church; as also the Chapells of Shilton and Pakinton in that County. By [i] *William Putot*, a yard land with a messuage and 4. acres lying in Ashorne; in consideration whereof he and his tenants were to be quitted from paying any small Tithes for their lands in Newbold; as also of *Chircheset* [r]. By [k] *William de Odingsells* certain lands lying within his Lordship of Solihull, at a place called Hundeshale. By [l] *William de Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick three parcells of errable land, the one called Cley-pits, the second Mozecroft, and the third Ferny-furlong, with Common thereto belonging when the fields are open. By [m] *Roger de Cherlecote* all his lands and tenements in Hethcote, *viz.* from Godewyneschich above Hethcote along to Newbold brook; and from the torrent which runneth through the midst of Hethcote to Newbold brook in bredth, unto the way leading from Newbold towards Warwick. Divers petty grants of sundry others, for brevity, I omit. Which endowments by severall persons so conferred; enlarged the revenues belonging to this Monastery so much, as that the Canons built their Church a new about the beginning of *Edward* 1. time, as may seem by the Consecration [n] thereof upon the day of the translation of *S. Thomas* the Martyr *Anno* 1285. 13 E. 1. which was solemnly performed by *Godfrey Giffard* the reverend B^p. of Worcester, who then preacht [o] upon this Text there *Domus tua decet, &c.*

The Benefactors that it afterwards had were these. In 28 E. 3. *Thomas Lucy* then Lord of Cherlecote and *Philippa* his wife, who gave [p] certain lands in Cherlecote to these Friers that they should celebrate divine service, and pray devoutly for the soul of *William de Clinton* sometime Earl of Huntingdon; as also for the souls of them the said *Thomas* and *Philippa*. In 18 R. 2. Sir *William Lucy* Knight, *Roger Straunge*, and *John* Vicar of the Church of Wellesburne gave [q] unto them one mes. xl. acres of land, and vi. acres of meadow, lying in Ashorne, and Newbold-*Pacy*: and in 7 H. 7. Sir *William Lucy*, then Lord of Cherlecote releast [r] to them certain Priviledges which he and his Ancestors had in Thelesford; *viz. Toll, Tack, Stallage*, and *Blodshed*. Other passages, as had relation to this House of Thelesford, from the *Lucyes* I shall mention anon, when I speak of that family in Cherlecote.

Upon the Survey [s] taken in 26 H. 8. the value of all that belong'd thereto, over and above reprises, was certified to be no more than xxiv *li.* xix *s.* yet through the Kings favour, (or rather for that it was of so small consequence) the dissolution thereof was forborn in 27 H. 8. when the rest of the lesser Houses went to wrack; so that till 30 H. 8. it stood: but then, following the example of others, the poor Friers here, by their publique [t] Instrument dated 26. *Octob.* 30 H. 8. surrendred it up to the K^s. use; the names of those that subscribed thereto, being *Edw. Davie* Minister. *Frater Jacobus Brown. Will. Lacie. and Nich. Turnar.* Of which the Prior (*scil. Edward Davie*) had a *Pension* [u] of 5 *li. per an.* granted to him during life; but the rest nothing.

After this *scil.* 7 *Julii* 35 H. 8. the King, in consideration of 648 *li.* 19 *s.* 02 *d.* sold [w] the site thereof, together with a thicket of trees neer adjoyning to the House, containing seven Acres, and called by the name of Thelesford-grove; as also certain lands in Cherlecote and Wasperton belonging thereto, unto *William Whorwood* Esquier, and *William Walter*, to be held in *Capite*, by the C. part of a Knights fee, under severall Rents: Since which it is, by purchase, come again to the *Lucies* of Cherlecote.

Ministri Domus de Thelesford.

Frater [x] *Elias* 31 *H.* 3.
Robertus [y] *temp. E.* 1.
Henricus [z] 2 *E.* 2
Thomas [a] *de Offinton* 3 *E.* 3.
Thomas [b] *de Cherlecote* 28 *E.* 3.
Williel. [c] *de Clarindon temp, R.* 2.
Johannes [d] *Brokeden* 7 *H.*7.
Edmundus [e] *Alceyter* 26 *H.* 8,
Edw. [f] *Davy* 30 *H.*8.

Charlecote.

Aton passing on scarce a mile lower leaveth Charlecote upon its Eastern bank, whereof one *Saxi* was possest before the Norman invasion, but afterwards the Earl of Pellent. By the Conquerors Survey [g] it was certified to contain three hides, having two Mills prized at xxi *s.* the whole being rated at iv *li.* In that Record it is written Cerlecote, and had its appellation originally from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, as I guess, *Ceorle* being a name then in use as we find in some antient Authors [h]. In those days it was of the parish of Wellesburne (hard by) as when I speak of the Church shall be shewed; and came doubtless to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of Warwick with most of those lands which were the said Earl of Pellent's (his brother) in this Shire; whose son and heir, *viz. Roger* Earl of Warwick in 23 H. 1 gave [i] to his Collegiate Church of Warwick, then newly by him founded, half a hide of land lying here, with the Tithe of the whole Lordship, and of the two Mills before specified.

By the same Earl *Roger*, was *Thurstane de Montfort* (a great man in those days) enfeof't of large possessions in this County, as in Beldesert I shall manifest; whose son *Henry de Montfort*, with *Alice de Harecourt* the widow of *Robert de Montfort* his elder brother, gave to *Walter* the son of *Thurstane de Cherlecote* all this Village of Cherlecote; which grant King R. 1. by his Letters [k] Patent bearing date at Dover 6. *Decemb.* .... confirmed to the same *Walter* and his heirs, adding divers immunities and priviledges thereto; all which were ratified [l] by King *John* in 5. of his raign. 'Tis not unlike but that the said *Thurstane de Cherlecote* was a younger son unto the before specified

[e] *Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.*
[f] *Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.*
[g] *Pat. 3 E. 3. ut supra.*
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[i] *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy eq. aur.*
[k] *Ex autog. penès T. L. eq. aur.*
[l] *Pat. 3 E. 3. ut supra.*
[m] *Pat. 11 ..p. 1. 2. per ..p.*
[n] *Giff. f. 250. 2.*
[o] *Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 9. a.*
[p] *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy.*
[q] *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy.*
[r] *Esc. 18 R. 2. n. 62.*
[s] *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy.*
[t] *Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.*
[u] *Ex Regist. in Cur. Augm.*
[w] *Pat. 26 H. 8. p. 8.*
[x] *Pat. 3 E. 3 p. 2. m. 8. per Inspex.*
[y] *Morton f. 68. b.*
[z] *Pat. 3 E. 3. ut supra.*
[a] *Pat. 3 E. 3. ut supra.*
[b] *Ex autog. penès T. Lucy eq. aur.*
[c] *Esc. .... R. 2.*
[d] *Ex autog. penès præf. T. Lucy.*
[e] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 9. a.*
[f] *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*
[g] *Domesd. lib.*
[h] *H. Hunt. f. 199. b. n. 40.*
[i] *Reg. Coll. de warw. f. 12. a.*
[k] *Ex autog. penès T. L. eq. aur.*

Thurſtane de Montfort; for that he was paternally a *Montfort* the *MS.* Hiſtory [m] of **Wrorhall** imporeth; and that the ſame *Thurſtane* was his father, not onely the likelyhood in point of time, but his Chriſten name doth very much argue.

m *penès* Ioh. Burgoin *Bar.*

From this *Walter de Cherlecote* (who was a [n] Kt.) by *Cecily* his wife, deſcended *William* that aſſumed the ſirname of *Lucy*; which makes me think that ſhe was an heir to ſome branch of that family; for it hath antiently been uſuall enough with the deſcendants of great heirs to relinquiſh their paternall names, and take the Mothers, as M *Cambden* [o] doth ſufficiently manifeſt. Which *William* had a confirmation [p] of this Lordſhip made to him by *Thurſtane de Montfort* ſon and heir of *Henry de Montfort* above ſpecified; whereby it appears that upon the originall grant, made to *Walter* his father, the ſumme of ten pounds of ſilver was annually reſerved from him and his heirs, to be payd at the Feaſts of S^t. *Michaell* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions; at the time of which confirmation made, he the ſaid *William* did his homage for this place. This *William* was [a] in Armes with the Barons againſt King *John*; but returning to his allegiance in 1 H. 3. had his lands, ſeized upon for that offence, reſtored [b] to him, as appears by the Kings Mandate to the Shiriffs of **Worceſter, Glouceſter, Warwick**, and **Leiceſter**-ſhires, within which Countyes his eſtate lay. In 6 H. 3. he had the Kings Letters Patent [c] of confirmation made to him, of the Hundred of **Kinton**, originally granted [d] to *Walter* the ſon of *Thurſtane de Cherlecote* by King H. 2. and ratified by King *John*, but had been ſeized [e] upon by King H. 3. with the demeſns of the Crown, and ſuch Effects as had hapned.

n *Ex autog. in Officio Arm.*

o *Camb. Brit. p.* 142.

p *Ex autog. penès eund.* T. Lucy.

a } *Pat.* 1
b } *H.* 3. *p.*
c } 2. *m.* 11.

c *Pat.* 6 H. 3. *m.* 5.

d *Ex autog. penès* T. Lucy. *eq. aur.*

e *Pat.* 6 H. 3. *m.* 5.

In 18 H. 3. *Walter de Laſcy* (a great Baron in that age) confer'd upon this *William* and his heirs the Stewardſhip of all his lands that he then had, or that he might have in **England**, with two carucats, part of the demeſn belonging to his Caſtle of **Ludelaw**. In conſideration of which two carucates the ſaid *William* and his heirs were to be Conſtables of that Caſtle for the ſafe cuſtody thereof; and to maintain for ever a Prieſt, a Porter, and two Centinells there, as formerly had been uſed, except at ſuch times as the ſaid *Walter de Laſcy* himſelf, or his heirs, ſhould come thither; and then he and his heires to remain in the outer ward, during their ſtay there: But for the times of hoſtility it was agreed, that the ſaid *Walter* and his heirs ſhould fortify and defend it themſelves at their own coſts, and the ſaid *William* and his heirs to remain in the ſame outer Ward whilſt it ſhould be ſo fortified. And further that the ſaid *William* and his heirs might take the like rates taxt upon Bread and Beer in the town of **Ludelaw**, in the abſence of the ſaid *Walter* and his heirs, which he had uſed to have, or ought to receive when he was there in perſon: As alſo that the repair, which he and his heirs ſhould make there, upon occaſion, to be by the view of two honeſt men, and at the charge of the ſame *Walter* and his heirs: And that he & they, ſhould have ſufficient proviſion of fewell in the woods belonging thereto, as other Conſtables thereof uſed to have. And further that whenſoever the ſaid *William* or his heirs, by the command of the ſaid *Walter* and his heirs, or his or their Bayliffs ſhould be called to any place, where the ſaid *Walter* or his heirs were to hold their Courts, receive Accompts, or upon other occaſions, that he and they ſhould have entertainment for themſelves and their Horſes, during their abode there for that purpoſe, at the charge of the ſaid *Walter* and his heirs: which Agreement [f] beareth date at **Trim** in **Ireland** 1. *Auguſti* 18 H. 3.

f } *Ex*
g } *tog.*
h } *nes*
cune
T.

This *William de Lucy* was a Knight [g] in 17 H. 3. and Executor [h] to his brother *Stephen de Lucy*, by whoſe death he had a great perſonall eſtate. In 20 H. 3. the Cuſtody [i] of this County and **Leiceſter-ſhire** was committed to his charge, together with the ſtrong Caſtle of **Kenilworth** 23. *Apr.* in which truſt he continued [k] for the ſpace of 3. years: And in 25 H. 3. was he joyned in [l] Commiſſion with the then Shiriff, *viz. Philip de Aſcells*, and ſome others, for viewing all the Caſtles of this County, and certifyng the defects in every of them under their Seales to the King. In 26 H. 3. the before recited *Walter de Laſcy* ſealed a [m] bond unto him of *CCClxxii li.* ſterling, in conſideration that he ſhould diſcharge all his debts owing to any Jews in **England**, except thoſe of **Hereford**, and **Oxford**; which ſum was to be paid by *Lxxx li. per annum*, untill it might be diſcharged; and in caſe of making default, the ſaid *Walter* and his heirs were to abide ſuch Eccleſiaſticall cenſure, and the like Penance, if need were, as the Archbiſhop of **Canterbury** with the Biſhops of **Saliſbury** and **Bath** ſhould impoſe on them that were debtors to thoſe who were ſigned with the Croſſe, according to the Conſtitution of Pope *Honorius*, the ſaid *William de Lucy* being ſo ſigned. And in [n] 28 H. 3. did *Roys de Verdon* (of whom in **Brandon** I have ſpoken) agree with him for *Cxx li.* to diſcharge all the debts which the ſaid *Walter de Lacy* and *John de Verdon*, with *Margerie* his wife, then owed to the Jews, except to thoſe of **Hereford**, unto whom the ſaid *William* was bound to pay 80 *li.* due to them from the ſame *John de Verdon*.

i *Pat.* 20 H. 3. *m.* 9.

k *Rot. P. de iiſ an.*

l *Clauſ.* 26 H. 3. *in*

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This *William de Lucy* was he that founded [o] the Monaſtery of **Thelesford**, whereof I have lately ſpoke; and had a Chapell within his Mannour-houſe here at **Cherlecote**, allowed [p] unto him for himſelf, his wife and family, by *Roger de Cherlecote* Parſon of the Church of **Cherlecote**, with reſervation of his obedience to the mother Church of **Cherlecote**, as touching all Oblations, and acceſſe thereto with his ſaid wife and family, upon ſeven Feſtivall days in the year; *viz. Chriſtmaſſe, Candlemaſſe, Eaſter*, the *Aſcenſion, Whitſuntide, S. Leonard*, and *All-Hallows*. He bore for his Armes *Verry ..... three Lucies hauriant d'Argent*, as may ſeem by the impreſſion of one [q] of his Seales: but by another [r], there is nothing of *Verry* at all. He marryed two wives; viz. *Iſabell* [t] daughter to *Abſalon de Aldermoneſton*, with whom he had certain lands given [t] to him by *Gervaſe* then Abbot of **Pershore**. The ſecond was *Maud* [u], ſiſter and one of the coheirs to *John Cotele*, of whoſe inheritance he had the Mannour [w] of **Bereuton** in **Hantſhire**: and departed [x] this life about 32 H. 3. leaving iſſue [y] Sir *William Lucy* Knight his ſon and heir; of whom I find nothing memorable but his marriage, which was with a great heir; *viz. Amicia* [z] daughter and heir to *Will. de Furches*, and heir alſo to *William Fitz Warin*: by whom he had iſſue *Fouk* [a] *de Lucy*, of the retinue [b] to *Peter de Montfort*, one of the rebellious Barons that took up Armes againſt the King, in 48 H. 3. (of whom in **Beldeſert** I have ſpoke) & was in ſuch favour with them for his activeneſs in thoſe times, that being indebted to one *Elyas le Blund* a Jew of **London**, in

o *Pat.* E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 8. *per Inſpex.*

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T. Lucy

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u } *Inſ. F.*
w } *H.* *m.*

x *Pat.* 3 *p.* 2. *m.* 8. *per Inſpex.*

y } *an.*
z } *pe-*
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a *Pat.* 3 E. 3. *ut ſupra.*

b } *ot. F.*
c } *9. H.*
m. 7.

in a great sum of money, which himself and his Ancestors had taken up at interest, he procured a speciall Mandate [c] (dated 7. *Maii* 49 H. 3.) directed unto the Commissioners, unto whom the estates of the Jews, then seized upon, were intrusted, to deliver up the bonds and to discharge him thereof, acquitting him of all interest money due thereupon, but reserving the payment of the principall into the Exchequer; for at that time those Barons had [d] the Kings person in their custody, whom they took Prisoner in the battail of **Lewes**, and made use of his great Seal and all other Regall authority in his name.

But what a dismall fate attended them, though they prospered for a while, that which I have said in **Kenilworth** will plainly manifest; the sum whereof is, that being utterly vanquisht, soon after, at **Evesham**, their estates thereupon became confiscate, most of which were given away to those that had firmly stuck to the King, amongst whom *Robert Waleraund* had [e] this of our *Fouk de Lucy*; howbeit, by that favourable Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, being admitted to Composition, he reenjoy'd it again; and for CC. marks of silver obtained [f] from *Peter de Montfort*, son and heir to the before specified *Peter*, a discharge of that x *li. per annum* Rent, reserved out of this Lordship upon the originall grant thereof to his Ancestor (as hath been already noted;) paying only for the future, a pair of gilt Spurs or 4 *d.* at Christmasse only, to the said *Peter* and his heirs for all services whatsoever: All which was certified [g] into the Exchequer by that notable Inquis. of 7 E. 1. and moreover that he then held here two Water-mills, and two Carucats of land in demesn, together with the whole Mannour, except six yard land called the **Hullelond**: As also, that he had xxii. Tenants which held 42. yard land at will, performing severall services, *scil.* Plowing, Reaping, Mowing, making Hay, Harrowing, carrying Wood, and the like; and paying certain yearly Rent in money: And likewise a **Court-Leet** [h], with other liberties, granted to his Ancestors by King *Ric.* 1. and confirm'd by King *John*; which **Court-Leet** was not to be kept but in the presence of the Kings Bayliffe, as the said Charter testifieth.

This *Fouk* was a speciall lover of good Horses, as it should seem; for in 11 E. 1. he gave [i] x^l. marks to two Londoners, that were Merchants of Horses, for a black Horse; about which time a fat Oxe was sold [k] but for xvi *s.* In 13 E. 1. being questioned by what authority he held a **Court-Leet** here, and had Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, *Infangthef*, weyfs, &c. he produced King *John's* Charter [l] above mentioned: but the Jury then found, that he and his Ancestors had kept their **Court-Leet** without the presence of the Ks. Bayliff, and so he did at that time, notwithstading the said Charter, for which respect he had a day assigned him to make good his claim. In 14 E. 1. he was constituted [m] one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: In [n] 15 E. 1. one of the 4. Knights to take care that the Articles for conservation of the Peace, according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**, should be observed in this County: And the same [o] year, as also in [p] 17 E. 1. again one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. He was a Benefactor to the Canons of **Thelisford**, as I have already there shewed; and dyed in [q] 31 E. 1. leaving issue, by *Petronill* [r] his wife, *William Lucy* his son [s] and heir then 26. years of age, who had livery [t] of his lands the same year: which *Will.* was a Kt. [u] in 2 E. 2. if not sooner, and bore for his Arms *Gules semé of Crosslets with three Lucies hauriant d'Argent* as by his Seal appears.

Whose publique imployments were as followeth; *viz.* Knight for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster** in [w] 6 E. 2. In that at **York** [x] 15 E. 1. Again at **Westminster** [y] 17 E. 2. In that of **Northampton** [z] 2 E. 3. and of **Westminster** [a] in 10 E. 3. For the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick** he was in Commission in [b] 10, 16, 17. and 19 E. 2. For conservation of the Peace according to the statute of **Wincheſter** in [c] 13 E. 2. In 15 E. 2. [d] for choosing Foot-Souldiers, and conducting them to **New-Castle** upon **Tine** to march against the Scots: so also [e] in 16. at which time the number so conducted were, in this County, full *CCC.* In [f] 18 E. 2. for ordering of those Knights, Esquiers, and other Souldiers, which were to serve on Horseback, with the K. in his Warrs of **Gascoin**: And in [g] 19 E. 2. for conservation of the Peace according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**. To the Canons of **Thelisford** he was also a Benefactor [h] as other of his Ancestors had been. And by *Elizabeth* [i] his wife left issue *William* his son and heir, who in 15 E. 2. was [k] in that Welch expedition for the Kings service; and in [l] 18 E. 3. a Knight, being then in Commission (with others) to enquire within this County, and to certify the names of all persons who had Lands and Rents to the value of an *C s.* and upwards to a thousand pounds *per annum*, deducting the services and necessary repriſes. In 19 E. 3. he received Summons [m], with many other persons of quality, to prepare himself with Horse and Armes, by the Feast of S^t *Laurence*, for to wait upon the K. in his French expedition.

This [n] was the time when that notable battail of **Cressy** (whereof our Historians make relation) was fought, he being of the retinue [o] of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, but exempted from attendance at that time: being then joyn'd in [p] Commission with the Shiriff, and some others to array *Clx.* Archers in this County for the Kings service: but after the 22 E. 3. I find no mention of him. By *Elizabeth* his wife he left issue [q] *Thomas Lucy*, who had two wives; viz. *Elizabeth* and *Philippa*; which *Philippa* in 28 E. 3. joyned with him in a grant [r] of certain errable land, lying here in **Therlecote**, to the Canons of **Thelesford**, to the intent that they should celebrate Divine Service, and pray devoutly there, for the soul of *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**; as also for the souls of them the said *Thomas* and *Philippa*.

This *Thomas* had issue [s] *William Lucy*, who being a Knight [t] in 5 R. 2. was the same year retained, by Indenture, [u] with *John of Gaunt* Duke of **Lancaster** King of **Castile**, &c. to serve him with one Esquier for terme of his life, aswell in times of Warr as Peace; for which service to have *xx li. per an.* besides his dyet: and in 1 H. 4. was one [w] of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**.

To him succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir, retained [x] also with the said D. of **Lanc.** for terme of life, to serve him aswell in times of Peace as Warr; for which he was to have *x.* marks *per an.* wages. This *Thomas* being a Kt. [y] in 7 H. 4. served [z] the same year for this County in the Parl. then held. In 8 H. 4. he was constituted [a] Shiriff of this and **Leicestershire**, and having been of the retinue [b] to *Richard de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, for which he had

Math. Westm.

Pat. 53 E. 3. m. 6.

Ex autog. penès D. L.

Ing. per Nott. 7 E. 1. n. 2. a.

f. 63.

x autog. penès præd. T. L.

T. Walſ. m. 8 E. 2. n. 82.

Plac. de Quo W. Pat. 14 E. 1. m. 3.

Pat. 15 E. 2. m. 13.

Pat. 15 E. 1. in d.

Pat. 17 E. 1. in d.

Inſc. 31 E. 1. m. 12.

x autog. penès eund. T. Lucy.

Clauſ. 31 E. 1. m. 12.

[c] *Pat. de eiſdem an in dorſo.*

[d] *Pat. 15 E. 2. p. 2. m. 8.*

[e] *Pat. 16 E. 2. p. 2. m. 19.*

[f] *Pat. 18 E. 2. p. 1. m. 6.*

[g] *Pat. 19 E. 2. p. 1. m. 1.*

[h] [i] *Ex autog. penès præſat. T. L.*

[k] *Pat. 15 E. 2. p. 2. m. 30*

[l] *Pat. 18 E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 17.*

[m] *Rot. Franc. 19 E. 3. m. 3.*

[n] *T. Walſ. p. 156.*

[o] *Rot. Franc. 20 E. 3. in d. m. 15.*

[p] *Ib. 29. m. unus.*

[q] [r] [s] *Ex autog. penès eund. T. L.*

[t] *Pat. 22 E. 3. p. 2. m. 8. per Inſpex.*

[u] *Pat. 22 R. 2. p. 2. m. 8. per Inſpex.*

[w] *Clauſ. 1 H. 4. in d. m. 21.*

[x] *Pat. 22 R. 2. p. 2. m. 37.*

[y] [z] *Clauſ. 8 H. 4. in d. m. 7.*

[a] *Rot. F. 8 H. 4. m. 22.*

[b] *Ex Compot. Balliv. Warw. Com penès Will. Peirpoint. ar.*

[w] *Clauſ. 6 E. 2. in d. m. 19.*

[x] *Clauſ. 15 E. 2. in d. m. 9. in ced.*

[y] *Clauſ. 17. E. 2. in d. m. 24.*

[z] *Clauſ. 2 E. 3. in d. m. 26.*

[a] *Clauſ. 10 E. 3. in d. m. 25.*

[b] [c] *Pat. de eiſdem an in dorſo.*

xx li. per annum Fee, wedded [c] *Alice* the onely daughter of Sir *William Hugford*; but by the death without iſſue of *Margerie*, daughter to *William* ſon and heir to the ſaid *William* at length his [d] heir; by whom he had a fair inheritance of lands, lying in the Counties of [e] **Bedford** and **Salop**, [f] and departed [g] this life 28. *Julii* 3 H. 5. leaving *William* his [h] ſon and heir 13. years of age; the ſaid *Alice* taking to husband [i] *Richard Archer* (of **Tanworth**) Eſquier within 8. weeks after his ſaid deceaſe.

This *William* was during his minority, in Ward to [k] *John Boteler* of **Werington** *in Com.* **Lanc.** Eſquier, and in 2 H. 6. upon the death of *Eliz.* the widow of Sir *John Clinton* Knight, found Coſen and [l] heir to her; *viz.* ſon of *Alice Hugford*, daughter of *Margerie*, ſon of *James Pabenham*, ſon of *Joan*, ſiſter of *William*, father of *William*, father to the ſaid *Elizabeth*. In 12 H. 6. I find him liſted in [m] the Catalogue of thoſe men of note in this Shire, that made oath for performance of ſuch particular things as were determined of in the Parliament held at **Weſtminſter** that year. In 14 H. 6. he was conſtituted Shiriff [n] of this County and **Leiceſter-ſhire**; ſo alſo in [o] 28 H. 6. and the ſame year join'd in Commiſſion [p] with the Lord *Grey* of **Groby**, and others for treating with the people about a loan to the King. So likewiſe [q] in 31 H. 6. with *Humfrey* Duke of **Buck.** and others for that purpoſe. It ſeemes that he adhered to the Houſe of **Yorke** in thoſe turbulent times, when ſo much blood was ſpilt in that quarrell with the Lancaſtrians: for in 38 H. 6. he had a Protection for [r] himſelf and all his goods from the Earls of **March** and **Warwick**, which bears date 18. *Julii*, and departed [s] this life in 6 E. 4. leaving, by *Elianore* [t] his wife, daughter [u] to *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin** *William* his ſon and heir 26. years of age; who in 7 E. 4. doing fealty [w] for the Mannour of **Haverſham** *in Com.* **Buck.** held of the K. as of his Honour of **Peverell**; as alſo for the Mannour of **Shrewley**, in this County, held alſo of the King as of his Dutchy of **Lancaſter** had his homage reſpited [x].

This *William* was one of the Commiſſioners for conſervation of the Peace in this County in [y] 11, 12, 13. and 14 E. 4. in which fourteenth year he had, for ſome great and ſpeciall conſiderations the gift [z] of an *Cl. li.* beſtowed upon him by the King, out of the profits of this County and **Leiceſter-ſhire**, being the ſame year made Shiriff [a] of theſe Counties. In 20 E. 4. I find [b] that he was a Knight. In 1 H. 7. created [c] Knight of the Bath at the Queens Coronation. In 6 H. 7. conſtituted [d] one of the Commiſſioners of Array in this County for ſetting forth men in defence of the Realm againſt *Charles* the 8. King of **France** then threatning an invaſion thereof; being alſo in Commiſſion [e] for Conſervation of the Peace in this Shire at the ſame time. In 7 H. 7. he quitted [f] to the Canons of **Thelesford** thoſe liberties which he and his Anceſtors uſed to have in **Thelesford**; *viz. Toll*, *Tack*, *Stallage* and *Bloodſhed*, (as in **Thelesford** I have ſhewed;) And by his Teſtament [g], bearing date 2. *Julii anno* 1492. in the ſame 7th year of King H. 7. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chancell of the Pariſh-Church of **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, in this County. To eight Churches next adjoyning to **Cherlecote**; *viz.* **Hampton**, **Waſperton**, **Berefold**, **Newbold**, **Wellesburne**, **Loxley**, **Alveſton**, and **Shirburne**, he gave *vi s. viii d.* a piece. To the reparation of the high Altar in the Church of **Cherlecote** *vi li. xiii s. iv d.*; and an acre of his demeſn lands in **Cherlecote** to be for ever at the diſpoſition of the Church-Wardens there, for the behoof of the ſame Church. To the Houſe of **Thelesford** for the obſervation of his Exequies *xl s.* To the Nuns of **Pinley** for the like *xl s.* To the Canons and Vicars of the Collegiate-Church in **Warwick**, for the like, *xx s.* To the Warden and Prieſts of **Stratford**, for the like, *xx s.* And, conſtituting [h] Sir *Edward Raleigh* Knight, *Robert Throkmorton*, and *Thomas Breton* Eſquiers his Executors, departed [i] this life 3. *Julii* the ſame year, leaving iſſue *Edmund* [k] his ſon and heir 28. years of age, with *William*, *Henry*, and *Humfry* his younger ſons [l], and *Mary* a daughter [m]. And of the Lady *Alice*, his widow, I find, that by her Teſtament [n], dated *ult. Sept.* 1494. 10 H. 7. ſhe bequeathed her body to ſepulture within the Chancell of the ſaid Collegiate Church of the *Holy Trinity* in **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, before the high Altar, on the left ſide her ſaid husband.

To the before ſpecified Sir *William* ſucceeded the ſaid *Edmund Lucy*, his ſon and heir by [o] *Margaret* his firſt wife: which *Edmund* was a Commander [p] in King H. 7. Army at the battail of **Stoke** (*juxta* **Newark**) in the ſecond year of that Kings raign: and in *Aprill* 7. H. 7. retained [q] by Indenture to ſerve the ſaid King in his Warrs for one whole year, with two men at Armes, having with him his Cuſtrell * and his Page, and three Demilances, *xxx.* Archers on foot, and *vi.* Bills, of good and able perſons; taking for himſelf, and his men at Armes *xviii d. per diem* wages; for his Demilances *ix d. per diem*; and Archers, and Bills *vi d. per diem:* this being the time [r] that King *Henry* took his voyage into **France**, and beſieged **Bulloin** till a truce was taken. In 10 H. 7. (20. *Sept.*) he had Summons [ſ], amongſt divers others of great quality, to attend the King in perſon upon the Feaſt day of *All Saints*, the ſame year, ready fitted to be made Knight of the Bath, with *Henry* the Kings ſon, who was alſo to be at the ſame time created Duke of **Yorke**: But it ſeems he did not accordingly appear; for in *Aprill* following, his Teſtament [t] bears date, wherein he is ſtiled Eſquier, by which Teſtament he bequeathed his body to be buried in our Lady Chapel, within the Monaſtery of **Thelesford**, on the North ſide of his mother *Margaret Lucy*. To the ſaid Houſe of **Thelesford** he bequeathed a Croſſe of ſilver and gilt, of ten pounds value, to be bought by his Executors. Fourty marks he appointed to be ſpent and given on the day of his buriall, by the hands of his Executors, to Prieſts, Clerks, and poor people: And alſo willed, that at his *Months mind* xii. poor men, holding Torches, ſhould have each of them a black Gown and hood, and *iv d.* in money: Likewiſe, that his Anniverſary ſhould be kept at **Thelesford**, for the ſpace of *xx.* years after his death, and *xl s.* ſpent thereat, for *Dirige* overnight, Maſſes, and to poor people.

He further willed, that one Prieſt, of the ſame Order of thoſe at **Thelesford**, ſhould ſing in the ſaid Chapell for his ſoul, for the ſouls of *Jane* his wife, and Sir *William Lucy* Knight his father, and all Chriſten ſouls by the ſpace of ſix years next after his deceaſe: And that the ſame Prieſt ſhould have yearly for ſo doing, during the ſaid ſix years, 8. marks to be payd by the hands of his Executors: And that a Marble ſtone of 7. foot in length, and

4. foot

c Rot. F. 1 H. 5. p. 1. m. 5.
d Rot. F. 1 H. 5. p. 1. m. 5.
e Rot. F. 1 H. 5. p. 1. m. 5.
f Clauſ. 2 H. 5. m d. m. 24.
g Eſc. 3 H. 5. n. 14.
h Eſc. 3 H. 5. n. 14.
i Eſc. 3 H. 5. n. 14.
k Chichley f. 346.
l Eſc. 2 H. 6.
m Pat. 12 H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.
n Rot. F. 14 H. 6. m. 22.
o Rot. F. 28 H. 6. m. 20.
p Pat. 28 H. 6. p. 1. m. 17.
q Pat. 31 H. 6. p. 1. m. 1.
r Ex autog. penès cund. T. L.
ſ Eſc. 6 E. 4. n. 30.
t Ex autog. penès cund. T. L.
u Ex autog. penès cund. T. L.
w Rot. F. 7 E. 4. m. 6.
x Rot. F. 7 E. 4. m. 6.
y Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.
z Pat. 14 E. 4. p. 2. m. 8.
a Rot. F. 14 E. 4. m. 13.
b Reg. Coll. de Knoll. f. 54. b.
c MS. in bibl. Cott. [ſub effig. Claudii C. 3.] f. 23.
d Pat. 6 H. 7. in d. m. 5.
e Ib. m. 18.
f Ex autog. penès præfat. T. L.
g Dogget Qu. 15
h Dogget Qu. 15
i Eſc. 8 H.
k Eſc. 8 H.
l Dogget ut ſupra
m V.
n Q. 21.
o Hor. Q. 2
p Poly. Virg. f. Angl. 573. n. 30.
q Ex autog. penès cr. Pell.
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ſ Clau. 10 H. 7
t Hor. Qu. 6.

4. foot in breadth, with the Armes of himself and his wife, and their portraictures, together with an Inscription, might be laid upon his grave. Of which Testament he constituted Sir *Reginald Bray* Kt. (a great man in that time) to be Supervisor. When he dyed I am not certain; but the Probate thereof bears date 19 *Maii anno* 1498. 13 H. 7. By *Jane* his [u] wife he left issue *Thomas*, one of the Sewers to K. H. 8. in the first year of his reign: which *Thomas* had by the Ks. Letters Pat. [w] bearing date 21. *Sept.* the same year, the custody of all the lands belonging to *George Catesby* (of **Ashby**-*Legers in Com.* **Northampt:**) esq. then deceased, to hold during the minority of *Will. Catesby*, his son and heir; and took to wife *Eliz.* [x] the widow of the said *George*, daughter [y] to Sir *Ric. Empson* of **Easton-Neston** in that County.

u Vox Qu. 1.

w Pat. 1 H. 8. p. 1. m. 8.

x } Ex autog. penès eund. T. L.

y }

This *Thomas* was a Knight [z] in 6 H. 8. but how long before I am not certain; and in 16 H. 8. Shiriff [a] of this County and **Leicesterch.** By his Testament [b] bearing date *ult. Julii* 17 H. 8. he bequeathed his body to be buried in the *Gray-Friers* at **London**; appointing, that within a year after his decease, there should be a stone laid upon his grave, with the portraiture of himself, his Lady, and children, and his Armes at the 4. corners thereof; as also such an Inscript. as his Executors should devise, to the intent that good people might have remembrance to pray for his soul, and all Christen souls (for those are his words.) He also willed, that a Priest should be found, by his said Executors, to say Masse, and to pray for his soul in the Parish-Church of **Cherlecote**, or **Ashby**, for the space of 3. whole years after his decease; and left issue [c] by the sayd *Eliz.* 3. sons; *Will. Thomas*, and *Edmund*; and 3. daughters, *scil. Anne*, *Radegund*, and *Barbara*. To *Thomas* he gave the Mannour of **Clepbzook** *in Com.* **Leic.** and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his son *Edmund*, to whom he bequeathed the Mannours of **Bekering**, and **Sharpenho** in **Seginho** and **Richmont** in **Bedfozdsh.** with remainder to his son *Thomas* for want of issue male of the said *Edmund*: and departing [d] this life on the 3. of *Sept.* 1525. (17 H. 8.) was buried [e] before the Altars in the *Gray-Friers* Church before specified; which Church is yet standing, and now commonly known by the name of **Christ-Church** near **Smithfield** in the Suburbs of **London**; but if you look there for his Tombe stone, it is not to be found: For of *Cxiv.* persons that were buried there, whereof *John Stow* [f] makes mention, reciting the name of each that had a Monument; amongst which is *Margaret*, daughter to *Philip* K. of **France**, and wife to K. E. 1. *Isabell* wife to K. E. 2. *Joan* Q. of Scotts, daughter to K. E. 2. with divers of the English Nobility, and other persons of speciall quality; and in particular the name of this Sir *T. Lucy*, there is not now one to be seen: And if you desire to know what is become of their Tombes, hearken to what the same Author says; viz. [g] *All these, and five times so many more have been buried there, whose Monuments are wholy defaced: for there were ix. Tombes of Alabaster and Marble, inviron'd with strikes of iron, in the Quire; and one Tombe in the body of the Church, also coped with iron, all pulled down; besides Cxl. grave-stones of Marble; all sold for fifty pounds, or thereabouts, by* Sir Martin Bows, *Goldsmyth and Alderman of* **London.**

z *Mich. R. 6 H. 8. Rot. 15.*

a *Rot. P. de eodem an.*

b } Iankyn

c } Q. 27.

d } Ex eod. MS. in bibl. Cotton. [sub effigie Vitellii F. 12.]

e }

f *Survey of London p. 345, 346.*

g *Ib. p. 347.*

Thurstanns de Cherlecote.

- Rog. de Cherlecote 7 R. 1. [a]
- Walt. de Cherlecote miles 5. Ioh. — Cecilia
  - Thomas de Cherlecote 7. H. 3. [b]
  - Henr. de Cherlecote [c]
  - Ysab. filia Magistri Alsolonis de Aldermoneston. — Will. cogn. de Lucy. 1 H 3.
    - Matilda soror & cohæres Ioh. Cotele.
    - Galf. de Lucy 48. H. 3.
  - Tho. de Cherlecote 51 H. 3. [d]
  - Rog. cogn. de Witele. [e]
  - Williel. de Lucy 34 H. 3.
    - Amicia filia & hæres Will. de Furches.
  - Rob. de Hasele 30 E. 1. [f]
  - Fulco de Lucy obiit 31 E. 1.
    - Domina Petronilla.
  - Ioh. de Hasele de Whitnash 36 E. 3. [g]
  - Will. de Lucy miles, æt. 26. an. 31 E. 1.
    - Elizabetha 2 E. 2.
  - Ric. de Hasele 36 E. 3. [h]
  - Will. de Lucy jun. 15 E. 2.
    - Eliz. relicta 28 E. 3.
    - ... ux. Galfr. fil. Rob. Lascells [i]
  - Philippa ux. 2. 28 E. 3.
    - Thomas de Lucy 25 E. 3.
      - Will. de Lucy miles 5 R. 2.
    - Eliz. filia & hæres Guidonis filii Roberti 25 E. 3. [k]
  - Thomas Lucy miles obiit 3 H. 5.
    - Alesia soror & hæres Will. Hugford 1 H. 5.
      - Will. Lucy obiit 6 E. 4.
        - Alianora filia Reginaldi D. Gray de Ruthin. [l]
      - Ric. Archer 2. maritus 3 H. 5.
  - Alesia ux. 2. obiit 10 H. 7. [n]
  - Will. Lucy miles obiit 7 H. 7.
    - Margareta filia Ioh. Brecknock, thesaur. Regis H. 6. [m]
  - Maria ux. Will. Ioh. Densell. [o]
  - Will. Lucy 10 H. 7. [p]
  - Edw. Lucy 28. an. 10 H. 7. [q]
  - Edm. Lucy æt. 8 H. 7. [r]
  - Iohanna 9 H. 7. [s]
  - Radegunda.
  - Edm. Lucy ob. 17 H. 8.
  - Tho. Lucy miles
    - Eliz. filia Ric. Empson mil. relicta Georgii Caresby ar.
    - Anna 10 H. 7. [t]
  - Edm. Lucy.
  - Thomas Lucy ob. 5 E. 6.
  - Will. Lucy ar.
    - Ric. Farmer ar.
      - Anna.
      - Radegunda.
      - Barbara.
  - Edm. Timoth. Will. Ric.
  - Tho. Lucy, factus miles 7 Eliz. [a]
    - Jocosa filia & hæres Thomæ Acton. ar.
      - Elizab.
      - Maria.
      - Jana.
      - Martha.
      - Jocosa.
  - Thomas Lucy factus miles 36 Eliz. obiit 1 Iac. [b]
    - Constantia filia & hæres Ric. Kingsmill.
  - Franc. Lucy.
  - Will. Lucy S. Theol. Dr.
  - Ric. Lucy eq. aur. de Broxburne in Com. Bedf.
  - Tho. Lucy miles obiit 7. Dec. 1640.
    - Alicia filia & hæres Thomæ Spenser de Claverd. ar.
  - Fulco.
  - Thomas.
  - Georgius.
  - Ric. Lucy.
  - Rob. Lucy.
  - Spenser Lucy ob. s. p.
  - Const. ux. Will. Spenser eq. aur.
  - Marg. ux. Briani Broughton ar.

a *Cartul. warw. Com. f. 88. a.*

b } Ex autog. penès T. Lucy eq. aur.

c }

d *Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 47.*

e *Ex autog. penès Car. D. Carington.*

f *Cartul. warw. Com. f. 90. b.*

g } Ex autog. penès Will. Bolton

h }

i *Ex autog. penès eund. T. Lucy.*

k *Ex autog. penès Camer. Scacc. in baga de Catesby.*

l *Rot. L. Rous in d.*

m *Ibid.*

n }

o } Vox Q. 21.

p }

q }

r } Ex autog. in Scacc. ut supra.

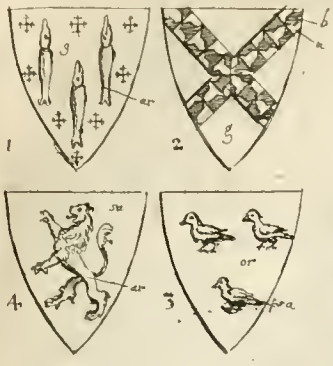
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t *Horne Q. 22.*

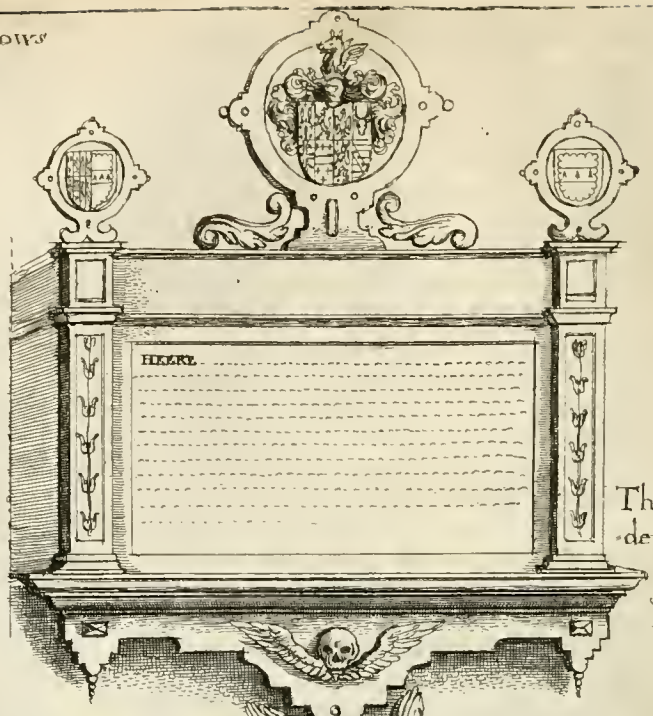
a } MS. in Officio Arm. [M. 18]

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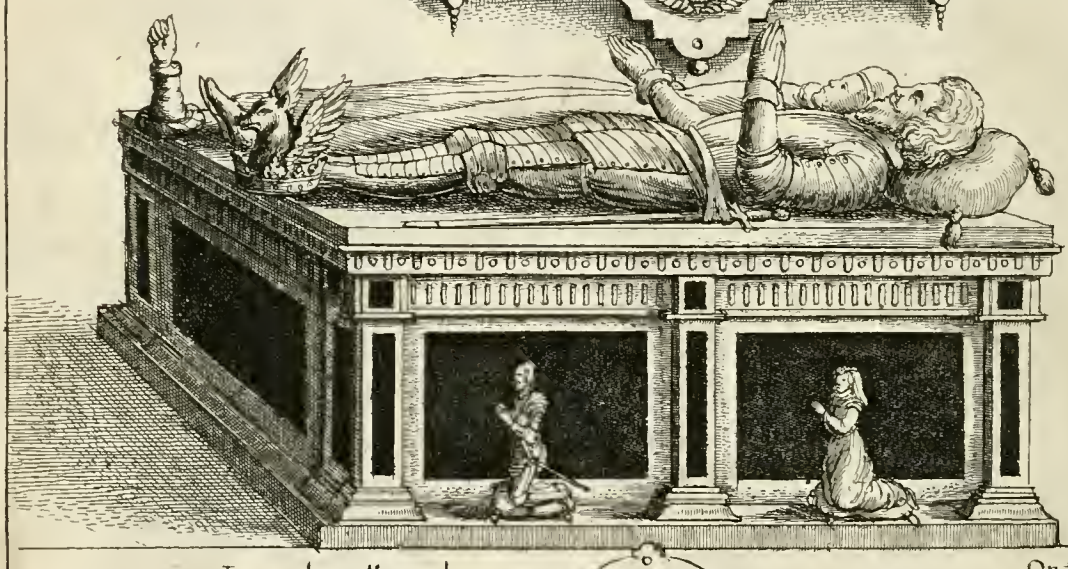
Armes in the Church windows



1 Lucy
2 Willington
3 Corbet
4 S. Theobald de Verdon.

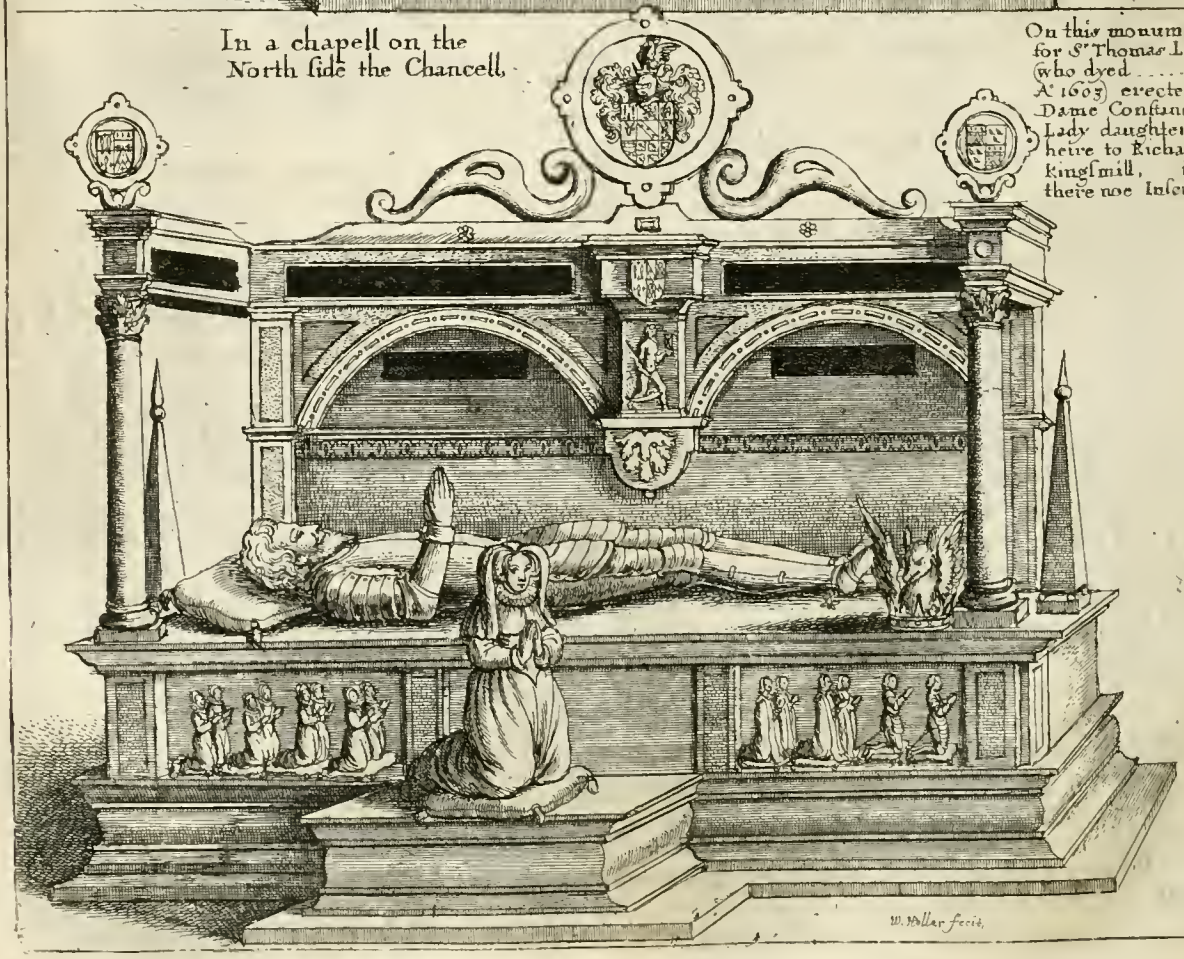


This monument standeth on the South side the Chancell.
See the Epitaph on the next page.



In a chapell on the North side the Chancell.

On this monument for S^r Thomas Lug^r K^t (who dyed ..... A^o 1603) erected by Dame Constance his Lady daughter and heire to Richard Kingsmill, is there noe Inscription.



Of *William Lucy*, son and heir to the said Sir *Thomas*, I find that he wedded [n] *Anne* the daughter of *Richard Farmer* esquier, and dyed [i] ..... 5 E. 6. leaving issue [k] *Thomas* his son and heir (afterwards a Knight) *Richard*, *William*, *Timothy*, and *Edward*; and these daughters; *viz. Alice*, *Mary*, *Jane*, *Martha*, and *Joyce*: which Sir *Thomas* in 1 *Eliz.* built the House here at **Cherlecote**, of brick, as it now stands. But of his descendants I shall need to say no more, than what the Pedegree here inserted, together with their Monumentall Inscriptions do shew.

Buck 9. 24.

That which I have else to take notice of, relating to this place, is, that it is one of the towns whereof our Countreyman *Rous*, *temp. Edw.* 4. complained [l] of, for Depopulation: And that the Church in H. 1. time, being a Chapell [m] of **Wellesburne**, was by *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester** then confirmed [n] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, having been annexed to the said Church of our Lady in **Wellesburne** by *Henry de Newburgh*; the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, as appears by the Confirmation [o] thereof, made by *William* Earl of **Warwick**, grandchild to the same *Henry*, in H. 2. time. What agreement was made, touching it, with the said Canons of **Kenilworth** by the *Cherlecotes* (who were antiently Lords of this Mannour, as I have shewed) hath not yet appeared to me; but some such thing there was; for otherwise could not *William de Lucy*, Founder of the Monastery of **Thebelesford** in H. 3. time, have given the advouson thereof, as he did [p], to the Canons of that House. It seems there was a portion of xx *s. per annum* then reserved to the Priory of **Kenilworth**; for so much doe I find [r] that they had out of this Chapell in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.)

Hist. MS. Rous p. 14.

Reg. de Kenil. p. 85.

Ex alio reg. de Kenilw. penes dw. Gresould gen.

Pat. 3 E. 2. m. 8. & Inspex. MS. in ac. penes m. R. Pot. de mis garb. id. & Morton f. 68. b.

In 14 E. 1. it was valued [s] at 4 marks: And by a Certificate [t] upon an Inquisition taken in 12 H. 7. it appears, that upon the grant thereof to the said House of **Thelesford**, by *William de Lucy* before specified, it was appropriated to that Monastery; but that *Robert*, Prior in E. 1. time, gave the right of Presentation to the Vicaridge, unto *Fouk de Lucy* then Lord of **Cherlecote** and his heirs; with whom it continued till about the beginning of H. 7. time, that Sir *Will. Lucy* Kt. bestowed the same patronage upon the Canons of **Thelesford**, and their successors, *Edmund* his son and heir confirming the grant. At the time of this Inquisition taken the Vicaridge was found [u] to be of xii. marks *per annum* value, being endowed with all *Oblations* and *Obventions*, Tith corne only excepted; and that the Vicar there, was lyable to find Bread, Wine, and Wax for the daily Celebration of Divine Offices, and in every usuall Visitation to pay *xvi d.* towards the expences of the Ordinary.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumb. & tempt. Instit.	
Fulco de Lucie.	*Joh. de Wilee Cler.* 18. *Kal. Dec.* 1268.	*Giff. f.* 7. *a.*
	Joh. de Wyk Pbr. Id. Julii 1285.	*Ib. f.* 230. *a.*
Will. de Lucie.	*Rob. de Syleby Pbr.* 2. *Id. Julii* 1306.	*Geyn. f.* 37. *b.*
Attornati Baldwini de Bereford mil.	*D. Rob. Pardu* 11. *Cal. Jan.* 1366.	*wit. f.* 14. *b.*
Baldw. de Bereford miles.	*Will. Manning. Pbr.* 17. *Oct.* 1378.	*wak. f.* 11. *a.*
	Joh. Cook Pbr. penult. Oct. 1386.	*Ib. f.* 44. *b.*
Will. Lucie ar.	*Will. Onne Cap.* 17. *Junii* 1431.	*Pult. f.* 91. *a.*
	D. Thomas Buschebury Pbr. 2. *Martii* 1435.	*Bourch. f.* 14. *a.*
	D. Steph. Heyward Cap. 24. *Nov.* 1463.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 183. *a.*
Will. Lucie ar.	*D. Will. Smyth Cap.* 26. *Oct.* 1475.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 74. *b.*
	D. Tho. Suarte Cap. 12. *Dec.* 1483.	*Alc. f.* 120. *a.*
	D. Will. Blamford Cap. 16. *Febr.* 1485.	*Ib. f.* 154. *a.*
Minister & Confratres de Thelesford.	*Joh. Wilson Confrater Domus de Thelesford* 29. *Julii* 1504.	*Gyg. vol.* 2. *f.* 37. *b.*
	Joh. Brokeden Pbr. 23. *Jun.* 1515.	*Ib. f.* 138. *b.*
Ric. Verney ar. & D. Eliz. Lucy ux. ejus, nuper ux. Th. Lucy mil. defuncti.	*D. Andreas Warburton Pbr.* 24. *Maii* 1534.	*Jeron. f.* 67. *b.*
Tho. Lucie ar.	*D. Nich. Smith Cler.* 23. *Julii* 1562.	*Heath. f.* 36. *b.*
Tho. Lucy miles.	*Joh. Davies Cler.* 21. *Aug.* 1577.	*Bull. f.* 14. *a.*
	Ric. Southam Cler. 25. *Maii* 1582.	*Ib. f.* 21. *b.*
Thomas Lucy miles.	*Mich. Wood Cler.* 10. *Aug.* 1619.	*Ib. f.* 99. *b.*

HERE ENTOMBED LYETH the Lady Joyce Lucy wife of Sir Thomas Lucy of Cherlecote, in the County of Warwick Knight, daughter and heir of Thomas Acton of Sutton in the County of Worcester esquire, who departed out of this wretched world to her heavenly kingdome, the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord God 1595. *and of her age lx. and three: All the time of her life a true and faithfull servant of her good God, never detected of any crime or vice; in religion most sound; in love to her husband most faithfull and true; in friendship most constant; To what in trust was committed to her most secret; In wisdome excelling; in governing of her house and bringing up of youth in in the feare of God that did converse with her, most rare and singular. A great maintainer of hospitality; greatly esteemed of her betters; misliked of none unlesse of the envious. When all is spoken that can be said, a woman so furnished and garnished with vertue as not to be bettered, and hardly to be equalled by any. As she lived most vertuously, so she dyed most godly. Set down by him that best did know what hath been written to be true.*

Thomas Lucy.

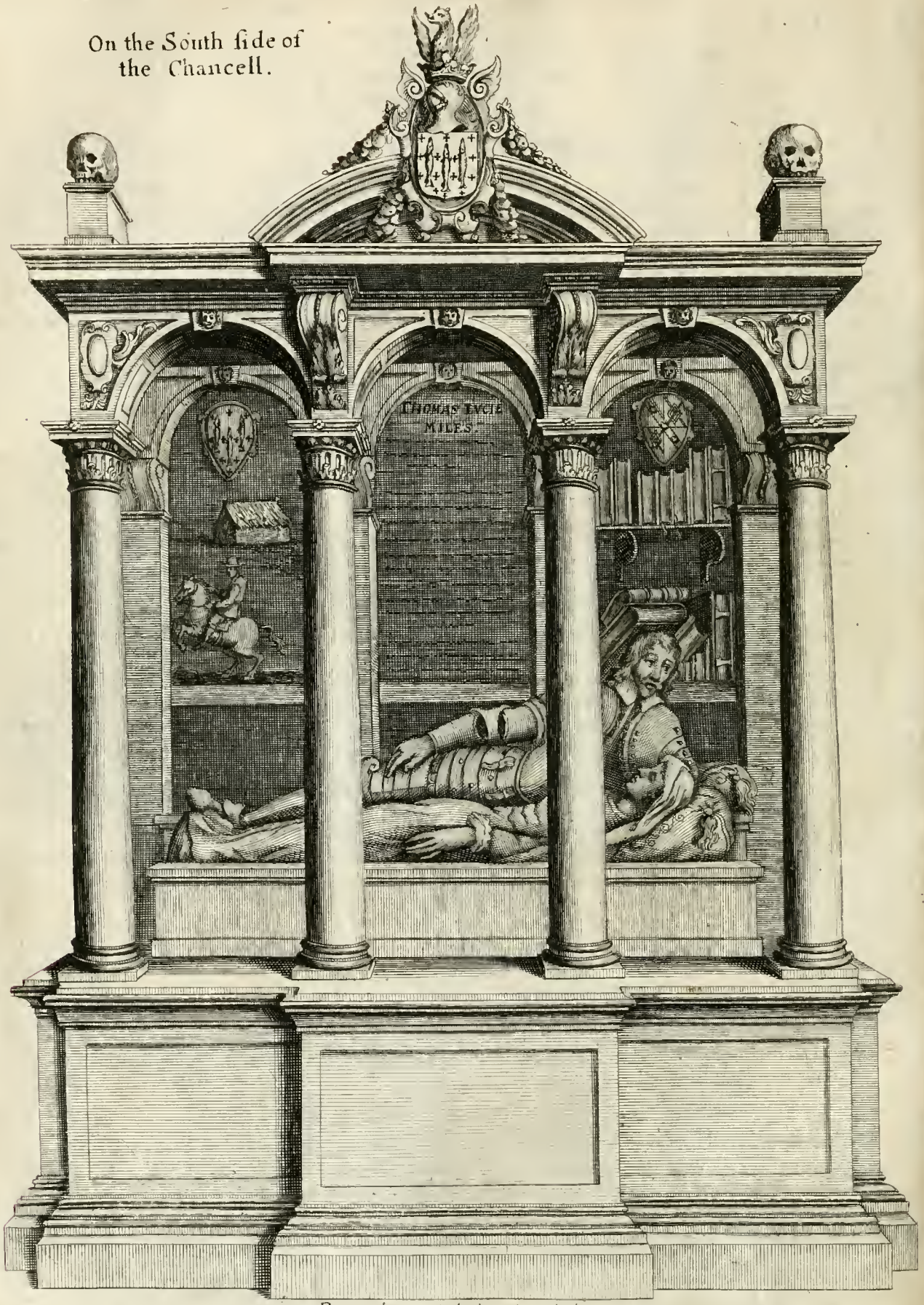
On grave stones of marble in the body of the Church.

Hic iacet Edmundus Wykham quondam filius Thome Wykham generosi cuius anime propitietur Deus.

Hic iacet Dominus Johannes Waesker quondam Capellanus istius Ecclesie cuius anime propitietur Deus, Amen.

THOMAS

On the South side of the Chancell.



Lombart, sculpsit Londini.

THOMAS LUCIE
MILES.

AGRI VARVICENSIS DECUS ET DELICIÆ, antiquissimâ oriundus familiâ, virtute nihil duxit antiquius: quâ majoribus suis etiam perillustribus emicuit (si fas dicere) major, & illustrior. Quantus extiterit in illum patria amor, quanta illius in patriam pietas, publica regni comitia (quibus sæpenumero popularis illum ardor inservit) abundè perhibent. Rei familiari splendidissimæ, nemo aut melius prospexit au minùs servit: promentibus indies liberalitate & magnificentiâ quæ frugalitas condiderat Patrem familias præstitit qualem perpauci. Famulorum, si quem morbus corripuerat & ipse statim male habuit, adhibuit medicum, suis sumptibus restituit. Qui pater in hero erga servos, facile judices quid fuerit in patre erga suavissimam prolem,

prolem, in marito erga dilectissimam uxorem! Mensæ (quæ nunquam non opipera) bonus quisq; gratissimus accubuit, præsertim si Theologiam sapuit, & musas imbibit: quarum ipse sitientior dubium an scientior fuerit. Musæum certè animatum audiit: Neque minus benigna pauperculis janua: Cui famem omnibus eximenti, qui valedixit etiam benedixit. Multas operas, præcipuè ne nihil agentes malè agerent quotidiè exercuit. Multis opidulis etiam plaustra cibariorum quotannis transmisit. Bellatorem equum, qui apud illum plurimus, et nusquam loci pluris, nusquam generosior animi gratia sæpiusculè pressit, cui nisi callidius fuisset quam sibi moderatus (nam equo intentior læsit intestina) nondum ille, quo fuimus fœlices, & quo non alter fuit in terris fœlicior, fuisset in cœlis fœliciissimus. Nobis autem occidit, sibiq; exortus est, Decembris viii. anno Dom. M.DC. XXXX.

Ætatis suæ Lvi.

ET ALICIA UXOR IPSIUS FILIA ET HÆRES Thomæ Spenser de Claverdon armigeri. Cujus eximias virtutes prohibet hoc marmore (quod nec illas capit) nimia superstitis modestia. Hoc solum patitur fuisse conjugis dum erat in vivis observantissimam; posuisse mortuo hoc qualecunque monumentum; factumq; præ amore atq; mœrore (uti ceruis) marmoreum.

A little below **Cherlecote**, is **Avon** increased by the confluence of another Torrent, which hath its rise from the Eastern side of this Hundred, as the Map will shew: But such is the hillyness of that part, wanting the like streames to water it, which in most other places are to be seen, as that the situation of the towns cannot be observed as elsewhere: Taking notice therefore of them, by those other eminent marks, as may best demonstrate how they lye, wherein that mountanous tract, called **Edge-Hill** will stand me in much stead, I shall begin with **Herdwick**-*Priors*, in which Parish are contained the Villages of *Priors*-**Herlton**, and **Shukborough**-*inferior*.

Herdwick-Priors.

THis was one of those *xxiv* towns, which Earl *Leofrike* gave to the Monks of **Coventre** in *Edward* the Confessors days, when he founded that Monastery, as in **Coventre** I have manifested; and in the Conquerors Survey is certified [o] to contain *xv.* hides, then valued at *x li.* In that Record it is written **Herdwiche**; but touching the Etymologie of its name I need not here speak, having already in **Herdwick** *juxta* **Lemington** delivered my opinion, all places of the same denomination proceeding from the like cause. There is not much to be said of this Lordship, in regard that it continued to the Monks of **Coventre** so long as that Monastery stood, which Monks had **Free-warren** granted [p] to them in all their demesn lands here in 41 H. 3. *viz* 5. carucats, as appears by that Inquis. [q] of 7 E. 1. the test being held by Tenants, whereof *xxix.* were such as occupyed 17. yard land, for which they payd certain particular Rents, and performed divers servile duties: Besides which **Free-warren**, they had also at that time a **Court-Leet** and Gallows.

But after the dissolution of the Monasteries, it was by the Ks. Letters Patent [r] dated 25. *Apr.* 34 H. 8. granted unto Sir *Edm. Knightley* Kr. and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to *Valentine Knightley* his brother, &c. with **Offchurch**, as I have there more fully shewed. Which Sir *Edm.* [s] dying 12. *Sept.* in the same 34. year of H. 8. without issue male, his brother *Valentine* (then a Knight) became possest thereof; who, by a speciall Patent dated 4 & 5 *Ph.* & *M.* had License [t] to alien it unto Sir *John Spenser* Knight, and *Edward Griffin* Atturney generall to the Queen, and their heirs: but nothing was done therein, as it should seem: For in 8 *Eliz.* the said Sir *Valentine* dyed [u] seized thereof, leaving *Richard* his son and heir of full age; which *Richard* sold it in Q. *Eliz.* time to one *Raph Blount* (an antient servant to Sir *Valentine*) which *Raph* had issue *Richard*, who inclosed all that belong'd to the Mannour, and then sold it to Sr *William Samuel* of **Upton** *in Com.* **Northampton** Knight, who gave it to *Arthur* a younger son, that sold it to *William* Lord *Spenser*, whose younger son *Robert* is the present owner thereof.

The Church belonging to the Monks of **Coventre**, and of their patronage; as Lords of the Mannour, was by *Roger Molend* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** appropriated [w] to them in *An.* 1260. (44 H. 3.) being endowed [x] with two carucates of land. *In Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [y] at *xxvii.* marks, and the Vicaridge at *lx s.* but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [z] at *xxiii li. xvi s.* over and above *xxvi s. viii d.* yearly payd out thereof to the Monks of **Coventre**, and *iv s.* for Synodalls.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Will. de Bourton Pbr. 1. Feb.* 1313.	*Langt. f.* 38. *a.*
	Rad. de Suham Diac. 3. Id. Martii 1333.	*Northb. f.* 27. *b.*
	Joh. Bokervile Cap. xvi. Cal. Dec. 1354.	*Ib. f.* 59. *a.*
	Will. de Welneford Cal. Dec. 1363.	*Strett. f.* 12. *a.*
	Joh. Reynbolt Pbr. 25. Apr. 1384.	*Ib. f.* 31. *b.*
	Ric. Jekell 7. Julii 1410.	*Burgh. f.* 25. *b.*
	Joh. Frankelene 25. Sept. 1410.	*Ib. f.* 26. *a.*
	Walt. Moell 17. Aug. 1413.	*Ib. f.* 33. *b.*
	Ric. Stayton Cap. 8. Junii 1423.	*Heyw. f.* 11. *a.*
	Ric. Whitelombe Pbr. 5. Dec. 1428.	*Ib. f.* 22. *a.*
	D. Joh. Hulle Pbr. 22. Oct. 1431.	*Ib. f.* 26. *b.*
	Joh. James Pbr. 19. Oct. 1432.	*Ibid. f.* 29. *a.*
	Thomas Pedyne Pbr. 8. Junii 1433.	*Ibid. f.* 31. *a.*
	Ric. Styler. 6. Julii 1433.	*Ibid.*
	Robert Lemyng 1. Jan. 1454.	*Bowl. f.* 10. *b.*
	Magr. Tho. Jones in utroq; jure Bacc. 25. Sept. 1500.	*Ib. f.* 205. *a.*
	Tho. Orton. in decret. Bac. 8. Oct. 1501.	*Ib. f.* 206. *b.*

[o] *omes. lib.*

[p] *rt. 41 H. 3. m. 4.*

[q] *q. per Rot. f. 75. a.*

[r] *p. 34 H. p. 1.*

[s] *Esc. 36 H. 8.*

[t] *Pat. 4. & 5. Ph. & M. p. 11.*

[u] *Lib. 2. Cedul.*

[w] *Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.*

[x] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 74. b.*

[y] *MS. in Scac.*

[z] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 49. a.*

Sampſ. & B. ſ. 9. b.		*D. Thomas Jackſon Cler. 20. Jan. 1556.*
Ib. ſ. 11. b.	*Henr. Waver, aliàs Over de Civit. Coventriæ Grocer.*	*Bernardus Maſſy in art. Magr. 25. Oct. 1558.*
Bentham bund. H.		*Thurſtanus Mooſeley 26. Maii 1562.*
Sampſ. & B. ſ. 43. a.	*Ric. Atkyns, hac vice, ex conceſſ. Ric. Over.*	*Leonardus Hariſon Cler. 24. Junii 1569.*
Overton bund. F.	*Rob. Spenſer miles, Baro de Wormleighton.*	*Georgius Hale Cler. 3. Sept. 1604.*

In a window of the Church theſe Armes.

1. *Azure a feſſe Ermine betwixt 6. Cranes heads eraſed Arg.* } Spenſer.

2. *Spenſer* empaling *Kitſon.* } *viz. Sable 3. Lucies hauriant d'argent, with a Lyon rampant ..... betwixt 2. Annulets upon a chief Or.*

Merſton-Priors.

THis, being in the Pariſh of **Herdwick**-*Priors*, was with it, amongſt divers other Lordſhips, given to the Monks of **Coventre** by Earl *Leofrike* in *Edw.* the Confeſſors days: yet is there no particular mention of it in the Conquerors Survey, it being there involved with **Herdwike**. Which Monks in 41 H. 3. had a Charter [a] of **Free-warren** extending to all their demeſn lands here as, it did to the reſt of their Mannours: And in [b] 7 E. 1. had *xxxviii.* Tenants, who held 23. yard land in this place, paying ſeverall Rents and performing divers ſervices, *ſcil.* Plowing, Mowing, Reaping, and the like; all which uſed to do ſuit to the Priors Court twice in the year. After the diſſolution of that Monaſtery, it was granted [c] out of the Crown, with **Herdwick**, &c. to Sir *Edmund Knightley* Knight, and hath ever ſince paſſed therewith; being now poſſeſt by the Lord *Spencer*.

The Chapell, as a member alſo of **Herdwike**, was appropriated [d] to the Monks of **Coventre**.

a *Cart. 41 H. 3. m. 4.*
b *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. ſ. 76. a.*
c *Pat. 34 H. 8. p. 1.*
d *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. ſ. 75. a.*

Shukborough-Inferior.

IN the Conquerors time *Ric. Foreſtarius* held [e] half a hide here, then valued at *xx s.* afterwards, as by an authentique Record [f] appears, reputed for three yard land. From which *Richard* (who is there called *Ric. Cheneu*) it deſcended, by *Margerie* his daughter and heir to *William Crok*, and ſo by *Margerie* the ſiſter of *William*, ſon to the ſaid *William*, to *Robert de Brok*, who by a fair Charter [g] (with his portraiture in his Seal on Horſeback) wherein he calls himſelf *Domini Regis Angliæ Mareſcallus*, gave [h] to *Roger Helie, aliàs de Bentley* this land in **Succeberge**: From whom deſcended *John de Bentley*, who in 28 E. 1. was certified [i] to hold one hide of land here of *Richard de Loges*, lineall heir unto *Robert de Broc*, (as in **Chesterton** is ſhewed:) And from him *William de Bentley*, Lord of **Bentley** *in Com. Staff.* who in 47 E. 3. granted [k] to *John*, the ſon of *William de Catesby*, and his heirs, all his lands in **Over-Shukborough** and **Nether-Shukborough**, with the **Court-Leet**. But more of this **Nether-Shukborough** I have not ſeen, till 3. *Eliz.* that *Thomas Shukborough* Eſquier was found [l] to dye ſeized thereof; from whom it is deſcended unto Sir *Richard Shukborough*, now living, together with **Over-Shukborough**, as I have there ſhewed.

e Domeſd. *lib.*
f *Teſta de* Nevill.
g *Ex autog. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*
h *Teſta de* N.
i *Eſc. 28 E. 1. n. 31.*
k *Ex autog. penès cund.* S. A.
l *Eſc. 3. Eliz.*

Wormleighton.

IN the Conquerors time part of this town, being in the Earl of **Mellent's** poſſeſſion [m]; *viz.* one hide and a half, which one *Giſlebertus* held of him, was valued at *iv li. x s.* and then written **Wimerestone**: Another part, but much greater, did *Turchill de Warwick* then [n] poſſeſſe, which was certified to contain three hides, and rated at *x li.* one *Warinus* being at that time his undertenant for it. In that place it is written **Wimenestone**: A third portion, here, did one *William* hold [o] at the ſame time of *Goiſfrid de Mannevile*, *viz.* half a hide and a fourth part, valued at *xv s.* and there it is written **Wimelestone**: which makes me conjecture that the denomination thereof might originally proceed from the name of its owner, *ſcil. Wimere*, or ſome ſuch name.

Whether it were by King *Henry* the firſt immediatly diſpoſed of to *Geffrey de Clinton*, his Chamberlain and Treaſurer (of whoſe advancement I have in **Kenilworth** made mention) or to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, and by him granted to the ſaid *Geffrey*, I am not certain: howbeit, that the ſaid *Geffrey* enjoy'd it, is clear enough from what I ſhall ſhortly manifeſt; for *Geffrey de Clinton*, ſon to that *Geffrey*, gave [p] the Church of this place to the Monaſtery of **Kenilworth**, and afterwards enfeoft [q] *Ric. Walſh* in the whole Mannour, to hold by the ſervice of a Knights fee; which grant *Henry de Clinton*, his ſon, ratified [r] to the ſaid *Richard* and his heirs, in conſideration whereof he received *viii.* marks of ſilver; but therein it is written **Wilmelathtune**. This *Richard Walſh* had iſſue [s] *Will.* and two daughters, *ſcil. Petronill* and *Sybill*; which *William* dyed without iſſue, as I gueſſe; for the ſame *Henry de Clinton* confirm'd [t] this Mannour unto his ſaid ſiſter, and their heirs, to hold by the like ſervice of a Knights fee, and quitted [u] unto them their Relief, for all which they gave him *xx s.* in ſilver. What became of *Sibill* I know not; but *Petronill* was wedded [w] to *Geffrey Peche*, about King *Ric.* 1. time, and [x] had with her the inheritance hereof, which continued to his poſterity, in the male line, till H. 4. time (whereof in **Hampton** in **Arden** I have ſpoke.)

To *Geffrey* ſucceeded *Richard* [y], and to him, *John* [z], who in 7 E. 1. was certified [a] to hold it immediatly of *Theobald de Nevill*, by the ſervice of a Knights fee, and he of *Richard de Harecourt*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**: At which time the ſaid *John* had here two carucats of land in demeſn, and *xiii.* Tenants holding 7. yard land and a half, beſides 3. Freeholders; as alſo a **Court-Leet**. It was then likewiſe found, that *John Paſſelew* held of the ſaid *John Peche* two carucates of land, here, by the ſervice of half a Knights fee: which *John Paſſelew* had *xiv.* Tenants holding ſeverall proportions thereof; (but in that Record it

m, n, o *Donſday lib.*
p *Regiſt. de Kenilw. 5. & 1 f.*
q, r *Exutoge-neſs. Mat-for.*
s, t, u, w, x *Ibi.*
y *Teſta de N.*
z *Eſc. 52 H. 3.*
a *Inquiſ. H. Nott. &c. f. 8. b.*

is

is written **Wylmelechtone.**) For which **Court-Leet**, together with Assise of Bread and Beer he pleaded[b] Prescription in 13 E. 1.

Of this family did divers bear the name of *John*; to one of which in 28 E. 3. there was a Charter [c] of **Free-warren** granted in all his demesn lands here. After which *viz.* in 12 H. 4. this Mannour, with divers other, was by a Fine [d] then levied, setled upon *Catherine* the widow of the last Sir *John Peche* for terme of life; and after her decease upon *William Mountfort* of **Colshill**, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Margaret*, she being daughter and heir to the before specified Sir *John Peche* (as in **Hampton** in **Arden** is manifested.) From which Sir *William* descended Sir *Sim. Montfort* Knight (as in **Colshill** I have shewed) who being attainted [e] in 10 H. 7. forfeited this Lordship with the rest of his lands; the inheritance whereof was granted [f] out of the Crown 7. *Maii* 13 H. 7. to *Will. Cope* Esquire, Coferer of the houshold to the K. to be held in Socage, paying *xx.* marks *per annum* into the Exchequer. Which *Will. Cope* in 14 H. 7. depopulated *xii.* mes. and 3. Cottages here, as was certified by one Inquis. [g] and inclosed *CC xl.* acres of land: And Sir *Edw. Raleigh* Knight wasted *vi.* messuages more. After which, *viz.* 3. *Sept.* 22 H. 7. the said *Will. Cope* sold [h] this Lordship to *John Spenser* Esquier, who soon after began the structure [i] of a fair Mannour-house, wherein, when that Inquis. was taken he had his residence, with *lx.* persons of his family, being a good Benefactor to the Church in Ornaments and other things. From which *John* descended Sir *Robert Spenser* Knight created [k] Baron *Spenser* of this **Wozmleighton** 21. *Julii* 1. *Jac.* whole grandchild, *viz. Henry* Lord *Spenser*, now, *scil. an.* 1640. enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) being [l] given to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in King *Stephens* time, by *Geffrey de Clinton*, son to *Geffrey* the Founder of that Monastery, was confirmed [m] to them by *Richard Peche* Bishop of **Coventre**, in H. 2. time: Out of which *Geffrey Muschamp*, Bishop in King *John*'s time, gave [n] unto those Canons a Pension of *xl s. per annum* to be received during the life of *Adam de Kelinton* the then Incumbent: And granted [o], that, after his decease or resignation, two parts of the fruits and profits belonging thereto, as well in lands and Rents, as obventions of the Church-yard and Altar, should be appropriated to that Monastery; and the third part wholy redound [p] to the Vicar. Some question there grew afterwards betwixt the Lord of this Mannour, and the Canons of **Kenilworth**, touching the advouson thereof; but in 23 H. 3. they grew to an Agreement, at which time *Richard Peche* quitted his [q] interest thereto.

In *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory, so appropriated, was valued [r] at *xv.* marks, and the Vicaridge at *x s.* But in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [s] at *vi li. xiii s. iv d.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	
Prior & Conventus de Kenilworth.	*Roger de Shuscote Pbr.* 16. *Cal. Jan,* 1305.	
	Nich. de Radeway 7. *Cal. Oct.* 1328.	
	Adam de Thorp 4. *Cal. Sept.* 1337.	
	Adam de Thorp-Mundevill Cap. 7. *Id. Dec.* 1348.	*Ib. f.* 47. *a.*
	Will. le Hunt Cap. 13. *Cal. Jan.* 1350.	*Ib. f.* 54. *a.*
	Will. de Lavington Pbr. 29. *Sept.* 1375.	*Strett. f.* 23. *a.*
	Ric. de Rossale Pbr. 23. *Junii* 1389.	*Sk. f.* 4. *b.*
	Will. Bacon 4. *Apr.* 1396.	*Ib. f.* 12. *b.*
	Joh. Bagworth Pbr. 27. *Jan.* 1397.	*Ib. f.* 13. *b.*
	Adam Merston Cap. 23. *Nov.* 1402.	*Burgh. f.* 10. *b.*
	Will. Merston Cap. 25. *Febr.* 1406.	*Ib. f.* 18. *b.*
	Alanus Thame penult. Aug. 1409.	*Ib. f.* 23. *b.*
	Joh. Bekenyll 19. *Nov.* 1427.	*Heyw. f.* 20. *a.*
	Thom. Halle Pbr. 16. *Martii* 1492.	*Bowl. f.* 140. *a.*
	D. Joh. Symonds 2. *Maii* 1518.	*Bl. f.* 8. *b.*
Joh. Spenser de Aldthorp in Com. Northampt. miles.	*Joh. Awgood Cler.* 6. *Aug.* 1554.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 1. *b.*
	D. Thom. Knyght Pbr. 21. *Oct.* 1556.	*Ib. f.* 9. *b.*
	Thom. Tayler Cler. 16. *Apr.* 1575.	*Ib. f.* 46. *a.*
	Georgius Hale Cler. 29. *Martii* 1586.	*Bund. B.*
Rob. Spenser miles, Baro Spenser.	*Will. West Cler.* 9. *Sept.* 1604.	*Overton bund. F.*

Wormleighton.
Armes in the Church windows.



1. Beauchamp. 3. Puding.
2. 4. Spenser of Hodnell impaling Puding.

Fenny Compton.

IN the valley below **Wozmleighton**, Southwestwards, stands **Fenny-Compton**, which takes its name from the situation, **Combe** and **Cumbe**, in our old English, signifying a hollow place or deep valley, (as in **Cumbe**, I have already shewed) and **Fen** dirt.

In the Conquerors time part of it was possest by [t] the Earl of **Pellent**, and part by *Turchil de Warwick*. That which the Earl of **Pellent** then had here (wherein the Church stood) was by the generall Survey [u], then made, certified to contain 4. hides and 3. virgats of land, which were valued at *iv li. Gislebertus* (who held part of **Wozmleighton** of the said Earl) being his Tenant thereto. Howbeit that which *Turchill de Warwick* had, was somewhat more, and held [w] of him also by two undertenants, *viz. Almarus*, who occupyed two hides thereof, rated at *xl s.* and *Rogerius* 3. hides and one virgate, valued a *L s.* all which had been the freehold of *Ordric*, *Alwin*, and

t Domesd. u Domesd. w Domesd.

Vlſi in King *Edward* the Confeſſors dayes. But I cannot directly diſcover the time, when this Earl of **Pellent** (who was advanc't to the Earldome of **Leiceſter** by King H. 1) enfeoft *Raph Boteler* in his part of this Lordſhip; yet that he ſo did is out of doubt: for in that confirmation [x] made by the ſame King to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, of thoſe lands and Churches wherewith their Monaſtery was endowed, the Church of this **Cumton** is ſpecified, and ſaid to be *de feodo Radulfi Pincerne de Legreceſtria*, ſo that it is clear enough that *Butler* had it in his time.

x *Reg. de Kenilw. p. 144.*

The next poſſeſſor thereof, that I find [y], was *Bigot*, to whom, queſtionleſſe, the before ſpecified *Raph Boteler* granted it: for in H. 2. time *Gilbert le Bigoth*, his ſon, releaſing [z] to thoſe Canons his right in the advouſon of this Church, acknowledges [a] that it was *de elemoſina patris*, given to them by his father. At that time alſo the ſaid *Gilb.* quit claimed [b] his title and intereſt to one hide of land lying here, which his Anceſtors had beſtowed on them; in conſideration whereof he [c] reſerved the ſervice of the fift part of a Kts. fee to be performed by the Incumbent in the ſaid Church on behalf of the before ſpecified Canons. This *Gilbert* in 20 H. 2. anſwered [d] *vi li.* to the K. for his lands here; which as it ſhould ſeem, was by way of compoſition for his offence in adhering to thoſe that were in Rebellion againſt the King on the part of young *Henry*; but in that [e] Record he is called *Gilbertus Picot*. In 5 H. 3. there was a Fine [f] levied of the third part of a Kts. fee here, betwixt *Cecile* the widow of *Gilb. Bigot*, & *Ric. Bigot*, ſhe clayming the ſaid third part as her dowrie; in which Record it is written **Fenni-Cumpton**, that being the firſt time I find it diſtinguiſht by ſuch addition.

y z a b c *Ibid. p. 157.*

d *Rot. P. 20 H. 2*

e *Ibid.*

f *Craſt. Mich.*

Of *Bigot's* portion, intending to ſay more anon, I now come to ſpeak of *Turchill's* ſhare; the paſſages whereof, though I cannot, by direct ſteps, exactly trace; yet am I ſatisfied in what road it went; *viz.* to the Earl of **Warwick**, (as the reſt of *Turchill's* lands did) who enfeoft *Turchill's* poſterity thereof, to hold of his deſcendants by half a Knights fee: From whom (*viz.* one of the *Ardens*) the Canons of **Trentham** in **Staffordſhire**, having a grant thereof, paſt it to *Richard Peche* (Lord of **Wormleighton**, whereof I laſt ſpoke) to hold by the ſame ſervice: all which may be inferred from that Inquiſ. taken in 7 E. 1. whereof I ſhall make further mention by and by, though in 20 H. 3. the Record [g] expreſſes no other than that the ſaid *Ric. Peche* held it immediatly of the Earl of **Warwick**; Nor that [h] of 36 H. 3. than that the heirs of *Ric. Peche* held it of *Thomas de Arden*, and he of the Earl, without any mention of the Prior of **Trentham**. But, about the beginning of E 1. time, upon an Agreement [i] made betwixt *Richard* Prior of **Trentham**, and the Lady *Hawiſia*, widow of *Richard Peche*, the title of the Canons of **Trentham** begins to appear; for I thereby find, that the ſaid Canons, at the eſpeciall requeſt of *William* Biſhop of **Norwich**, Sir *Hugh de Arden* Knight, and other great men, granted to the ſaid *Hawiſe* the Wardſhip of theſe lands at **Fenni-Compton**, and the Relief of *John* her ſon, when he ſhould accompliſh his full age: which *John*, in 7 E. 1. was certified [k] to hold this Lordſhip, of the Prior of **Trentham**, by the ſervice of half a Knights fee; the ſaid Prior holding it of *Thomas de Arden*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**, having one carucate of land in demeſn, and 5. Villains holding three yard land; for which they payd ſeverall Rents, and performed ſuit to his Court. At the ſame time it was likewiſe found, that the Prior of **Clatercote** held one carucate of land in demeſn of the ſame *T. de Arden*, by the ſervice of the fourth part of a Knights fee; and that the ſaid Prior had alſo 4. Freeholders, who held ſeverall other portions.

g *Teſta de Nevill.*

h *Teſta de Nevill.*

i *Ex Coll. W. Burton.*

k *Inq. per H. Nott. &c 7 E. 1. f. 96. a.*

I now return to *Bigod*. By this Record [l] doth it alſo appear, that *Robert Bigod* (deſcended from *Gilbert* before ſpecified) held his part of this town of *Raph le Boteler*, by the ſervice of half a Knights fee, and he of the Earl of **Leiceſter**: and that the ſaid *Robert* then had *xii.* Freeholders holding ſeverall proportions of land under particular Rents, and ſuit of Court: And moreover [m] that the Prior of **Clatercote** held two carucats of land of him in pure Almes, whereof no Scutage was to be payd for more than one virgate: which *Robert* and all his Tenants uſed to make their appearance [n] at the Earl of **Leiceſter's, Court-Leet.** But after this I find no more mention at all of theſe *Bigots*; ſo that I preſume, that what they had here, was by them ſold to *Peche*: for in 13 E. 1. *John Peche* claimed [o] by Preſcription a **Court-Leet** in this his Lordſhip, together with Aſſize of Bread and Beer, which were allowed. From which family it went to *Montfort* by a daughter and heir, as in **Hampton** *in Arden*, where the Deſcent is drawn, may be ſeen: And by the attainder [p] of Sir *Simon Montfort* (10 H. 7.) eſchaeted to the Crown; out of which it was granted [q], together with **Wormleighton**, unto *William Cope* Eſquier, Treaſurer of the houſhold to the K. 7. *Maii* 13 H. 7. And paſt, as I think, from *Cope* to *Spenſer* (with **Wormleighton**;) for in 13 H. 8. *John Spenſer* poſſeſt [r] it: But in 22 H. 8. a [s] Fine was levyed thereof, betwixt *Richard Willis* gentleman plaintiff, and *Margery Belingham*, widow, late wife of Sir *Robert Belingham* Knight, daughter and heir to *John Beaufitz* of **Balthall**, deforciant: from which *Richard* is deſcended *George Willis* now Lord thereof, *an. ſcil.* 1640.

l *Ibid. b.*

m *Ibid. f. 97*

n *Ibid.*

o *Rot. d. Quo W.*

p *Eſc. 1 H. 7.*

q *Pat. H. 7 p. 9.*

r *Paſc. Rec. 13 H. 8.*

s *Term Paſch.*

That which the Canons of **Clatercote** had here, was granted [t] out of the Crown in 30 H. 8. unto *William Petre* D^r of Law, and to the heirs male of his body, together with the ſite of that Monaſtery, and Mannour of **Clatercote**. And in 36 H. 8. by another Patent [u] to the ſame *William* and his heirs, by the name of Sir *William Petre* Knight. But the next year following, upon exchange [w] of lands made with the ſaid Sir *William Petre*, the King had it again; and by his Letters Patent [x] dated xi. *Dec.* 37 H. 8. granted it, *inter alia*, to the Colledge of **Chriſt-Church** in **Oxford**, of his own foundation, to hold in pure Almes.

t *Pat. 30 H. 8. p. 6*

u *Pat. 36 H. 8. 7.*

w *Pat. 38 H. 8. 3.*

x *Pat. 37 H. 8. 8.*

That the Church (dedicated to S. *Clare*) was given [y] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by *Bigot*, in H. 1. time, I have already intimated; which grant *Richard Peche* Biſhop of **Coventre** confirmed [z] *temp.* H. 2. And *Geffrey Muſchamp* (Biſhop in King *John's* time) aſſigned [a] *xxx s. Penſion* to them, yearly, out of the fruits thereof, which *Alex. de Savensby* (his ſucceſſor) ſhortly after confirmed [b]. After which till 12 E. 1. the advouſon thereof continued to thoſe Canons; but then did they paſſe [c] it to *Roger Molend* Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Litchfield**. In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [d] at xi. marks; And in [e] 26 H. 8. at *xv li. viii s. ii d.* over and above *viii s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

y *Ch. 8 n. per Inſpf.*

z *Reg. Kenilw. p. 7.*

a *Ibid. p. 65*

b *Ibid.*

c *Fœd. oct. Bar. 12 E. 1.*

d *S. in Sc.*

e *S. penes S. A. eq. aur. 48 b.*

Amongſt the Incumbents here, 'tis worth obſervation, that *Aimer*, brother to King H. 3. by the mothers

mothers side, was presented [f] to this Church by the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and instituted Parson thereof (being afterwards Bishop of **Winchester**, and by *Godwyn* [g] called *Ethelmare*.)

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	*D. Aymer. frater Regis uterinus. s. dat.*
Dominus Episc. Cov. & Lich.	*Walt. de Wodehouse Cler.* 8. *Cal. Maii* 1336.
	Thom. Trailly Pbr. 15. *Cal. Apr.* 1337.
	Thom. Darrell Cler. 8. *Id. Oct.* 1338.
	Roger. de Saperton Pbr. 4. *Cal. Nov.* 1349.
	Will. Lampe Cap. 4. *Cal. Nov.* 1350.
	Ric. Pencrich Pbr. 4 *Oct.* 1378
	Ioh. Lugger Cap. ult Oct. 1404
	Tho. Chesterfeild in Decret. Bac. 27 *Nov.* 1425
	Rog. Walle Cler. 18 *Sept.* 1444
	Thom. Lye Cler. 26 *Maii* 1445
	Ric. Bowier Pbr. ult. Febr. 1448.
	Rob. Baguley Cap. 1 *Febr.* 1451.
D. Rex ratione temporal. Cov. & Lich. Episc. &c.	*Magr. Joh. Jolyff Pbr.* 7. *Dec.* 1452.
D. Episcopus.	*Joh. Clone, in Decr. Bac. (tenere in Comendam)* 2 *Jan.* 1455.
	Mr. Rolandus Lee Decret. Dr. 1. *Oct.* 1526.
D. Rex, ratione temporal. Cov. & Lich. Episc. &c.	*D. John Hopkins Cler. ..... 1533.*
Edw. Littleton de Pilletnall in Com. Staff. ar. hac vice, ratione conceff. Cov. & Lich. Episc.	*Mr. Will. Dawson Cler.* 28. *Junii* 1547.
Thomas Fysher.	*Thomas Nicholson* 8. *Sept.* 1575.
Ric. Venor, & Edw. Morcot.	*Rad. Wylding Cler.* 16. *Aug.* 1617.
Jac. Horsley gen.	*Randolphus Hancock Cler.* 25. *Martii.* 1627.

[f] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

[g] *Godw. de Præsul. p.* 277.

Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich. *Northb. f.* 29. *b.* *Ib. f.* 32. *b.* *Ibid.* *Ibid. f.* 51. *b.* *Ib. f.* 53. *b.* *Strett. f.* 25. *b.* *Burgh. f.* 14. *b.* *Heyw. f.* 16. *b.* *Ib. f.* 42. *b.* *Ib. f.* 43. *a.* *Ib. f.* 8. *a.* *Ib. f.* 13. *a.* *Bowl. f.* 2. *b.* *Ib. f.* 22. *b.* *Ib. f.* 11. *b.* *Str. & P. f.* 2. *a.* *Sampf. f.* 12. *a.* *Sampf. f.* 46. *b.* *Overton fund. A.* *Morton fund. inter.*

Monumentall inscriptions in the Church.

Upon a Marble whereon is the portraiture of a man in brasse.

Of your charite pray for the soul of Richard Willis gentleman, lord of the Mannour of Fenny-Compton, **and one of the Kings Justices of peace in the County of Warwick. And Jone his wife. Which Richard deceased the viii^th^ day of Febuary in the yeare of our Lord M. D. xxxi. Of whose souls Jesu have mercy, Amen.**

This *Joane* was the daughter to one of the *Graunts* of **Snitterfeld.**

On another Marble.

Here lyeth buried the body of Ambrose Willis of Fenny-Compton **in the County of Warwick Gentleman, the son of William Willis who lyeth buried at** Priors-Marston; **which William was the son of Richard Willis & Joane his wife, both lying buried under the stone adioyning. Which Ambrose had by Amye his wife eight sonnes all deceased in their infancy, but one sonne named Richard; and one daughter, named Anne yet living. He deceased the tenth day of June** *Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo.*

This *Amye* was the daughter of *Richard Colles* of **Little-Preston** in the County of **Northampton** Esquier.

On another.

Here lyeth buried the body of Richard Willis of Fenny-Compton **in the County of Warwick gentilman, son of Ambrose Willis deceased. Which said Richard had by Hester his wife five children; that is to say George, William, Richard, Judith, and Mary, all now living, who deceased the tenth day of June** 1597.

This *Hester* was the daughter of *George Chambre* of **Williamscote** in the County of **Oxford** Esquier.

In the East window of the North Ile these Armes.

Sable a Fesse engrailed betwixt three Helmets Argent.

Derset.

I Come next to **Derset**, a parish somewhat spatious; but that part wherein the Church stands is commonly called **Burton-Dasset**; the Hamlets belonging thereto being these; *viz.* Great **Dasset**, **Hardwick**, **Knightcote**, and **Northend**. In [h] the Conquerors time the Earl of **Mellent** had *x.* hides [i] within the compasse of this place, which was the Freehold of three Thanes before the Norman invasion, and then esteemed to be worth *x li.* but at the generall Survey no more than *viii li.* and there written [i] **Derceto**. The residue was then certified to contain *xv.* hides, which *Harold*, son to *Raph* Earl of **Hereford** held; and so did in *Edward* the Confessors dayes; at which time it was valued at *xvi li.* but by the Conquerors Survey at *xx li.* where it is written **Dercetone**: In each of which parts there was at that time a Priest, and, in likelyhood, some Chapell besides the mother Church; yet I presume the Mother-Church then stood where it now doth, *scil.* in that part belonging to *Harold*.

[h] Domesday *lib.*

[i] Domesday *lib.*

From this *Harold* did paternally descend the line of *Sudley* (taking their sirname from **Sudley** in **Gloucestershire**, their principall seat;) of which family, for that they were Founders of the Monastery of **Erdbury**, within the precincts of **Chilverscoton** in this County, I reserve what I have to

say historically, till I come to Gliffe in that parish, where they resided. It seems that the same part of this town held by the E. of Pellent, as aboveſaid, came also to the *Sudley's*; for it appears by good authorities, that they were posseſt of the whole, and so continued, till by an heir generall, it descended, to *Boteler*, as I shall manifest in due place: But when it was past from the said Earl, or any of his posterity, I have not seen; neither can I guess at the direct time, otherwise than to conclude it to have been somewhat antient: and yet do I make a question, whether it were before the xx^th of H. 3. for upon collection of the Aid then levied, it is certified [k], that *Robert Mauduit* held one Knights fee and a half, here, of the Earl of Warwick, unto whom most of the lands and fees, which were the Earl of Pellent's in this County, divolved. At which time it was also found, [l] that *Raph de Suyle* answered for a Knights fee in this place. But by another [m] Record, not above xi. years after, it appears, that *Raph de Suthleg* accounted for two Knights fees here, which proportion the heirs of the said *Raph* held [o] in 36 H. 3.

k *Testa de* N.
l *Testa de* N.
m *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
o *Testa de* N.

For the etymologie of the name, considering how variously it hath been written in antient time; *viz.* Dercete, Dercetone, Dercetb, and Dorcestre, I shall onely deliver my fancy; *viz.* that, being a hilly place, it was originally a receptacle for Beasts of Chase, wherewith this land, before it grew populous, did much abound; which kind, we know, do much delight in Mountanous grounds, as this is; So that I suppose, it might, by reason thereof, at first, be called Deorset with the Saxons, which betokeneth a place where wild Beasts have their abode: but I leave it as a conjecture.

As for that part of the town, called Burton-Dasset, it is by way of distinction from the other; of which addition I have expreſt my conceipt where I discourse of Burton-*Hastings* in Knightlow-*Hundred*; whereunto I shall adde, that 'tis probable it might proceed from the Saxon word beorg, which signifieth the same with *Collis*, the situation thereof upon a little hill favouring this my conceipt. But I now come to what I find, memorable in relation to this place. In 51 H. 3. *Barthol. de Suthleg*, being then Lord thereof, had a Charter granted [p] to him and his heirs for a Mercate to be kept every Friday, weekly, here; and a Fair annually for three days, *viz.* the Eve of S^t *James* the Apostle, and two days after. And in 7 E. 1. *John de Suthley* was certified [q] to be Lord hereof, where it is written *Magna* Dercet, but said to be a member of Suthley [r]; as also to be held by him of the King *in Capite*, with his Barony, by the service of two Knights fees. And that he had at that time here *Liii.* servants holding *xix.* yard land and a half, paying severall Rents and performing divers servile labours; with *xxiv.* Freeholders, holding 24. yard land and a half. And moreover it there appears [s], that the Chief Chanter of the Church of Lichfield, held here at that time a fourth part of one yard land, and the Canons of Erdbury two yard land, one whereof the Church was endowed with: As also, that the *Templars* of Balshall then had xi. Tenants here, who held four yard land, paying severall Rents, and performing severall servile labours. The Liberties and Priviledges which the said *John de Suthley* then had [t] in this Lordship were the Mercate and Faire, whereof I have already toucht, Free-warren, Court-Leet, Gallows, Cuckstool, and Pillory, with Assize of Bread and Beer: All which together with weyfs; as also to be quit of Murther, and suit to the Hundred and County Court, he claimed [u], partly by Prescription, and partly by Charter; but it being then found, that for Murther he used to partake with the Hundred, he was amerc't for that undue claim, the rest of his Challenge being fully allowed.

p *Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 5.*
q *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 83. b.*
r *In Gloucestershire.*
s *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 85. a.*
t *Ib. p. 85. b.*
u *Rot. de Q. Warr.*

Which *John de Sudley* became a speciall Benefactor to the Monastery of Erdbury (of his Ancestors foundation) by the grant of lands and other advantages thereunto out of this place, as I shall punctually shew, when I come to speak of that Religious House. I often find in Record [w] that this town is called Cheping-Derset; the reason whereof is because of the Mercate: for Cheping with our Ancestors did signify the same that buying and selling doth with us; whence it is, that Cheping-Norton, in Oxford-shire, Chepinham in Wilt-shire, and Chepstow in Monmouth-shire had their names. But the last of the *Sudley's*, that had to doe here, was Sir *John de Sudley* Knight, who dying [x] without issue in 41 E. 3. left *Thomas Boteler*, son of *Joan*, his eldest sister, then dead; and *Margerie* his younger sister his [y] heirs: whereby, as also by the death [z] of the said *Margerie* afterwards without issue, the said *Thomas* became posseſt [a] of this and all the rest of *Sudley's* lands: which *Thomas*, being afterwards a Knight [b] dyed seized of this Mannour jointly with *Alice* his wife (daughter to Sir *John Beauchamp* of Powyk) 21. *Sept.* 22 R. 2. then leaving *John* his son and heir xiv. years of age; who in 8 H. 4. confirmed [c] the estate for life therein, which had been granted by certain Feoffees unto the said *Alice*, she being at that time marryed [d] to Sir *John Dalyngrugge* Knight.

w *Esc. E. 3. 45. Esc. E. 3. 54. Esc. R. 2. 63.*
x *Rot. 42 E. 3. m. 17.*
y *Rot. 42 E. 3. m. 17.*
z *Esc. R. 2. 63.*
a *Esc. R. 2. 63.*
b *Esc. 22. 2. n. 10.*
c *Claus. H. 4. d. m.*
d *Claus. H. 4. d. m.*

This *John*, and *William* his brother were sons to Sir *Thomas Botéler* by his first wife; but both dyed without issue, as it seems; for upon the death of the aboveſpecified *Alice* in 21 H. 6. Sir *Raph Boteler* Knight, was then found [e] to be heir unto her (and begotten by the said Sir *Thomas*) being then *xl.* years of age: which Sir *Raph* became a man of great note in H. 6. time, as it seems; for I find, that [f] being Knight for the Body to the King he was made his Standard-bearer 28. *Martii* 17 H. 6. And by Letters Patent [g] dated at Westminster *x. Sept.* 20 H. 6. created Lord *Sudley*, with the grant of CC. marks *per annum* to himself and his heirs for the better maintenance of that dignity. He was also constituted [h] Lord Treasurer of England 7. *Julii* 22 H. 6. which office he held about three years: but in 13 E. 4. he departed [i] this life, leaving Sir *John Norbury* Knight, and *William Belknap* his heirs [k]: which Sir *John Norbury* was son [l] of Sir *Henry Norbury* Knight, by *Elizabeth*; and *Will. Belknap* son [m] of *Hamond Belknap* by *Joan*, sisters to the said *Raph*; for he left no [n] issue male, Sir *Thomas Butler*, his only son [o], dying in his life time: which Sir *John Norbury* and *William Belknap* in 16 E. 4. had livery [p] of all the lands descended to them by the death of the aboveſpecified Sir *Raph Boteler*: The partition [q] whereof was made betwixt the said Sir *John*, and *Edward Belknap* Esquier, son of *Henry*, brother and heir to *William Belknap* aforesaid in 13 H. 7. whereby this Mannour, *inter alia*, became assigned to *Belknap*: for in 2 R. 3. *William* dyed [r] without issue, leaving *Henry Belknap* his brother and heir 50. years of age: which *Henry*, by his Testament [s] dated

e *Esc. 21 6.*
f *Pat. 17 6. p. 1. m.*
g *Pat. 2 H. 6 p. 2 m. 29.*
h *Catal. Treasur. p. 55.*
i *Esc. k. E. 4. 7 l. 58.*
m *Esc. n. E. 4. 39.*
o *Pat. 16. 4. p. 2. m.*
p *Claus. H. 7.*
q *Esc. 2. 3 n. 16.*
r *Mills 17.*

ted 25. *Junii anno* 1488. 3 H. 7. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell of our Lady at **Bekle** in **Suffer**. It seemes he lived there; for by the same Testament he gave to the high Altar in that Church *xx d.* in lieu of his Tithes forgotten, and not payd; and departed [t] this life 10 *Julii* following, leaving the said Sir *Edward* his son and heir xvii. years of age; who became a man of much publique action: for in 2 H. 7. he was one [u] of the Commanders in the Kings Army at the Battail of **Stoke**: In 6. a Commissioner [w] of Array in this County. In 12. a Commander [x] in the Battail of **Blackheath** in **Kent**, against the Western Rebells. In 17. he had the custody [y] of **Warwick-Castle** committed to his charge, being at that time Squier of the Body to the King. And from 8 H. 7. for the most part during all that Kings raign, was in Commission for the Peace in this County, as appears upon the severall [z] renewings thereof; and sometimes for [a] Gaol delivery. In consideration of whose acceptable services, the said King, by a speciall Patent [b] dated 14. *Apr.* 24. of his raign, granted him immunity from being troubled or questioned for that Inclosure and depopulation, which he had made in this Lordship, contrary to the Statute in the third of his raign.

He was also Squier [c] of the Body to King H. 8. being in the first of his raign again [d] constituted Constable of **Warwick-Castle**; (for he resided at **Weston** *subtus* **Wethele** in this County, as it seems by what I have there manifested.) And in 8. a Knight [e]. The Depopulation, and Inclosure that he made within this Lordship, *scil.* in 14 H. 7. was of xii. mes. and *CCClx.* acres of land; unto every of which messuages 24. acres belonged: But by the Inquis. [f] then taken, I find it certified, that this decay of tillage was no prejudice, but benefit to the publique: for whereas before that time they were able to entertain but xx. strangers, upon occasion, they could afterwards entertain Lx. as well: And that the Church and ornaments were then in better condition than before, having since cost the Parish *CC li.* That there were also xxi. Ploughs maintained in the Parish: And whereas before the Inclosure they had but one Priest, then were there 2. and many Clerks performing divine service every Holy day by *Note*, and divers times with Prick-song, none such having been kept before, by reason of the disability of the Parishioners. That the Benefice was better, and more of value to the Incumbent than when the lands did lye in tillage by *iii li.* or thereabouts. That the Children of the Parish were better taught, and better Houses kept; and that there were then within the precincts of the same Parish *Cx'.* Communicants.

By his Testament [g], bearing date 23. *Martii anno* 1520. 12 H. 8. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the *Black-Friers* near **Ludgate**, in case he departed this life in **London**; but if in **Warwickshire**, then to be buried in the *Charterhouse* neer **Coventre**: And also appointed that *John Cotes*, with whom he had exchanged the Mannour of **Whitchurch**, in this County, for other lands, should receive x. marks yearly to him and his heirs out of this Mannour, till his Executors, or his heirs had clearly discharged the said *John* and his heirs, of and for the Rent of xiii. Quarters of Wheat, and xiii. Quarters of Barley, and part Masselin against the Nuns of **Pinley** and their successors, granted to their Predecessors by Sir *Peter de Montfort*, sometime Lord of that Mannour: And dyed [h] by a pestilentiall aire in **France** 26. *Martii* the same year, without issue, being at that time a Captain [i] in the English Army there; leaving *Anthony Coke*, son of *John Coke*, by *Elizabeth* his sister; *Mary* wife of *Gerard Danet* Esquier, and *Alice* the wife of *William Shelley* (his two other sisters) his [k] heirs. I have not as yet seen when or how the division was made betwixt these coheirs; but I presume that *Shelley's* part came shortly after to Sir *Edw. Wotton* Knight (son of Sir *Rob. Wotton* by *Anne* another sister to the said Sir *Edw. Belknap*:) for I find [l] that the same Sir *Edward* was seized of the third part of this Mannour in 29 H. 8. From whom descended *Edward*, created [m] Lord *Wotton* 13. *Maii* 1. *Jac.* And that *Gerard Danet* being Squier [n] of the Body to King H. 8. had issue Sir [o] *John Danet* Knight, father of *Leonard Danet*, that sold [p] his interest here to *Peter Temple* Esquier in 2 *Eliz.* whose posterity do still enjoy it.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) being given [q] to the Canons of **Eresbury** by *Raph de Sudley* (Founder of that Monastery) was appropriated [r] thereunto by *Geffrey Muschamp* Bishop of **Coventre** in King *John's* time, and endowed with [s] one carucate of land; the Vicaridge being ordained [t] in *anno* 1232. 16 H. 3. by *Alex. de Savensby* Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**. In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory was valued [u] at xxiv marks; but the Vicaridge had another [w] endowment in H. 7. time; so that in 26 H. 8. upon the valuation then made, it was rated [x] at xiv *li.*

Esc. 3 H. 7. n. 40. Pat. 6 H. 7. in d. m. 5. Pat. 4 E. 6. ... per ispex. Pat. 17 H. 8. p. 2. m. 9. Pat. de iisd. an. in dorso. Pat. 24 H. 8. p. 1. m. 7. Pat. 1. H. 8. p. 1. m. 13. Ex autog. penès S. Clarke Ar. Inq. super pop. 9. & 10 H. 8. Manwaring. q. 17.

h, i Life of H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 123.
k Esc. 13 H. 8.
l Mich. Rec. 29 H. 8. Rot. 9. & 33.
m Orig. 1 Jac. p. 5. Rot. 31.
n, o Esc. 1 Eliz.
p Pat. 2 Eliz. p. 6.
q Ex autog. in Curia Augm.
r Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.
s Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 85. a.
t Ex autog. in Curia Aug.
u MS. in Scac.
w Bowl. f. 244. b.
x MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 48. a.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Erdbury & Dominus Joh. de Sudley miles.	*Rad. de Derset Pbr. die Purif.* 1301.	*Langt. f. 6. b.*
	D. Will. de Knistecote Pbr. 14. *Cal. Dec.* 1311.	*Ib. f. 37. a.*
	Rad. de Derset Pbr. 8. *Julii* 1314.	*Ib. f. 38. b.*
	Thomas de Willoughby Pbr. 16. *Cal. Nov.* 1323.	*North. f. 19. a.*
Pr. & C. de Erdbury, & D. Edm. de Bereford.	*Hugo de Brok Pbr.* 2. *Non. Oct.* 1332.	*Ib. f. 27. a.*
	Ric. de Bereshby Cap. 4. *Non. Julii* 1349.	*Ib. f. 49. a. c.*
Pr. & Conv. de Erdbury, & Alianora de Sudley.	*Hugo de Claydon Cap.* 14. *Cal. Aug.* 1358.	*Ib. f. 62. a.*
	Will. Adams Pbr. 14. *Cal. Jan.* 1358.	*Strett. f. 4. a.*
Pr. & Conv. de Erdbury & D. Alicia Boteler Domina de Sudley.	*Joh. Harris* 14. *Sept.* 1421.	*Heyw. f. 6. b.*
	Henr. Greene penult. Febr. 1425.	*Ib. f. 17. a.*
	Ric. Leventhorpe 12. *Dec.* 1439.	*Ib. f. 38. b.*
Pr. & C. de Erdbury, & D. Rad. Boteler miles D. de Sudley.	*Thomas Conway Pbr.* 16. *Jan.* 1448.	*Bo. f. 7. b.*
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*D. Randulphus Goldsmyth Cap.* 9. *Nov.* 1541.	*Str. & P. f. 18. a.*
Anth. Cooke miles.	*Ric. Powle Cler.* 18. *Aug.* 1564.	*Bentham bund. H.*
Edw. Dominus Wotton.	*John. Tayler Cler.* 27. *Feb.* 1607.	*Overton bund. F.*
Thom. Andrews de Derset gen. ex conc. Mariæ Mynne de Hayes in Comit. Midd. vid.	*Thomas Freman in art. Bac.* 9. *Apr.* 1613.	*Neale bund. A.*

Thomas

Morton bund. incrt. Ibid.

Thomas Temple miles & Bar.	*Joh. Reignolds Cler.*	20. *Julii* 1619.
D. Thomas Wotton Baro de Marleigh.	*Joh. Craige Cler.*	21. *Jan.* 1629.

Monumentall inscriptions in the Church.

Upon a Marble, where have been two portraitures in brasse.

Here under this stone lyeth the body of Peter Temple Esquier, who departed out of this world at Stow in the County of Buckingham the xviii[h] day of May Anno ..... **whose soule God hath in his blessed keeping.**

Fixt in the wall betwixt two Corinthian Pillars.

Here under lyeth the body of John Temple of Stow in the County of Buck. Esquire, one of the Lords of this Mannour, And Susan his wife, who was the daughter and heir of Thomas Spenser of Everton in the County of Northampton Esquire, who had issue six sons and six daughters, as here may appear. The said John Temple deceased the ninth day of May 1603. being of age Lxi. years, and the said Susan deceased the .... day of .... being of the age of ..... years

Cur liberos hic plurimos?
Cur hic amicos plurimos,
Et plurimas pecunias,
Vis scire cur reliquerit?
Tempellus ad plures abiit.

In the East window of the Chancell these Armes,

Or two barrs gules. } **Sudley.**

I will now proceed with the Hamlets, beginning with **Herdwick**; for that which is called Great **Dassett** is involved with **Burton-Dassett** (*alias* **Chepping-Dassett**) whereof I have already spoke.

Herdwick.

THis, being a member of **Dercet**, is not particularly mentioned in *Domesday* book; but was then reckoned in the number of hides, which are there certified for that place. In H. 2. time *Raph de Sudley* (part of whose possessions it was, as belonging to **Dercet**) gave [y] some quantity of what he had here to the *Templars*, which in 31 H. 2. was valued [z] at *xl s. per annum*. And in 7 E. 1. rated [a] at 4. yard land, being then held by *xi.* Tenants, (as in **Dassett** I have already intimated:) But of the residue did the *Sudley's* continue owners, *John de Sudley* in 9 E. 2. being certified [b] Lord thereof, together with **Dassett**, and as a member of the same. Howbeit that which the *Templars* had here, came to the *Hospitalars* in E. 2. time, as all their other lands did; and soe continued in their possession till the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses in 30 H. 8. that they were brought to the Crown. After which in 7 E. 6. these lands in **Herdwick** were granted [c] to *Edward Aglionby* of **Walshall**, and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** gent. and their heirs, who, within the compasse of the same year, past [d] them to..... *Wotton* Esquire. There hath antiently been a Chapell here, dedicated to S. *Leonard*, but now it is ruinous, the Village being totally depopulated.

[y] *MS. in officio Arm.* [L. 17.] f. 148. a.
[z] *MS. in Stac. penès Rem. R.*
[a] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 85. a.*
[b] *Nom. Vill.*
[c] *Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 11.*
[d] *Ib. p. 12.*

Knightcote.

THis was heretofore also a member [e] of **Dassett**, and so not particularly taken notice of in the Conquerors Survey. The first mention that I [f] find of it is in H. 3. time, and then was there one *Simon de Knitecote*, son to *Raph de Knitecote* owner of it: which *Raph*, or some of his Ancestors, being (doubtlesse) enfeoft thereof by one of the *Sudleys*, assumed, it seems, their firname from hence, by reason of their residence here, and had a Chapell in this Village: But the inheritance hereof descended [g] to *Joan Dycon* of **Derset**, as daughter and heir to *Julian*, daughter to the abovesaid *Symon de Knitecote*. Which *Joan* past away all the right she had in the Mannour of **Knightecote** (for by that name it was then stiled) to *William* the son of *William Sutton* and *Amicia* his wife and to the heirs of the said *William*, by her deed [h] bearing date on the Feast day of *S. James* the Apostle 24 E. 3. who kept his estate therein but a while; for on the Feast day of S. *Mathew* the Apostle next ensuing, he granted [i] it to *William de Peyto* and his heirs, and levied a Fine [k] thereupon in 27 E. 3. Which *William* in 3. R. 2. granted [l] to *Laurence Dive* of **Herlaston** *in Com. Northampt.* all his right in this Village; who the self same year past [m] it unto Sir *Henry Arden* Knight, *Robert Burgoyllon* and others, and their heirs, as Feoffees, (it seems) to the use of *Thomas Purefey*: for it appears [n], that very shortly after they quitted their right therein to the said *Thomas*: which *Thomas* in 10 H. 7. conveyed [o] it unto *Will. Husser* Esquier, with certain other lands in **Wellesborough** *in Com.* **Leic.** and **Folkshill** within the Liberties of **Coventre**, in exchange for that Mannour in **Fenny-Drayton** *in Com.* **Leicester**, called *Hussey's* Mannour. The next possessour [p] whereof, that I have met with, was Sir *Walter Smyth* Knight, of whom I have spoke in **Shirford**, and **Fletchamsted**; whose grand-child, Sir *John Smyth* of **Crabbet** in **Sussex**, now enjoys it.

[e] *Nom. Vil.*
[f] [g] [h] [i] *Ex autog. penès Edw. Peto.*
[k] *xv. Pas.*
[l] *Ex autog. penès Georg. Purefey.*
[m] [n] [o] *Ibid.*
[p] *Esc. 1.*

Northend.

THis is likewise a part of **Dassett**, and originally had its name from the Northern situation thereof from thence; there being nothing at all memorable therein other than a Chapell, which it hath antiently had.

Aven-Dassett.

SOuthwards from **Burton-Dassett**, stands **Aven-Dassett**; but whither it was originally a member thereof, and part of what the Earl of **Pellent** held there in the Conquerors time, is hard to determine, without farther light than I have yet had. The most antient possessor of it, that I find, was *William Giffard*, a Retainer to *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** in King *Stephens* time, as may be observed from his so frequent being a witnesse to that Earls Charters,

Charters, and a Benefactor to the *Templars*, by the gift of some lands here, as may seem by that Account [q] of their possessions taken in 31 *H.* 2. where it is written **Ane Dercet**. To him succeeded *Andrew Giffard* (though not immediatly) whose heir in 36 H. 3. was found [r] to hold one Kts. fee here of *Roes de Verdun*, and she of the Earl of **Warwick**. But in 7 *E.* 1. *Margerie de Cantilupe* was certified [s] to be owner of this Mannour, and to hold it of *Theobald de Verdon*, by the service of one Kts. fee, having then one Carucate of land, and a half, here in demesn, and 5 yard land besides, which was held by divers Tenants, who payd certain Rents and performed severall services for the same. From which *Margerie* descended *Walter de Cantilupe*, Lord [t] thereof in 9 E. 2. it being then reputed as a Hamlet of **Farnborough**; which *Walter* was Parson [u] of **Snitfield**, and became possest of this Mannour by the grant [w] of Sir *John de Cantilupe* his Brother. But in 12 E. 2. the same *Walt. de Cantilupe* past [x] away the inheritance thereof, together with the advouson of the Church, unto *Christian de Bishopsden*, widow of Sir *Will. de Bishopsden* Kt. reserving to himself an estate for life only.

Which *Christian*, by her Deed [y], bearing date the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Valentine* the Martyr 13 *E.* 2. sold her said estate in reversion, herein, to Sir *John Peche*, the elder, Kt. and his heirs: to whose posterity it continued as long as their male line lasted, and afterwards came to the *Montforts* of **Colshill**, with the rest of *Peche*'s lands, by the marriage of a Daughter and heir (as in **Hampton** in **Arden** shall be shewed;) And by the attainder of Sir *Simon Montfort* Kt. in 10 H. 7. to the Crown. Out of which it was passed, [z] 25 *Aug.* 12 H. 7. to *Gerald* Earl of **Kildare** and *Eliz.* St. *John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies lawfully begotten: which Earl and his Lady had a Charter [a] of **Freewarren** granted to them in all their demesn lands here, dated 20 *Julii* 18 H. 7. But leaving issue [b] Sir *James Fitz-Gerald* Kt. attainted in 28 H. 8. it eschaeted again to the Crown; and by K. *E.* 6. 15 *Dec.* in the fourth year of his reign, was granted [c] to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. Master of the great Wardrobe, and *Laurence Wenington* Gent. and to the heirs of the said Sir *Raph*, to be held in Socage: who by their Deed [d] bearing date 6 *Febr.* next ensuing, sold it to *John Woodward* of *Butlers-***Merston** and his heirs; from whom is descended *Richard Woodward* Gent. the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. *John Bapt.*) had [e] antiently two yard land belonging thereto; and in *an.* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. was valued [f] at xii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at xiii *l.* xviii *s.* viii *d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Walt. de Cantilupo.	*Joh. de Lapworth Pbr.* 3. *Id. Martii* 1302.	
	Thomas Betoun de Snytfeld Cap. 12. *Cal. Oct.* 1316.	
. . . . .	*Hugo de Brok* 10 *Aug.* 1332	
Thomas Alysaundre D. de Aven Derset.	*Joh. Richard Cap.* 14. *Cal. Apr.* 1342.	
	Reg. Ennok Cap. 9. *Cal. Junii* 1349.	
	Ric. Boule Cler. 2. *Non. Julii* 1351.	
	Ric. Cnock Pbr. 17. *Cal. Nov.* 1352.	
D. Joh. Peche miles.	*Joh. atte Nash Pbr.* 2 *Id. Dec.* 1361.	*Sterst. f.* 10. *b.*
	Ric. atte Well Accol. Cal. Martii 1364.	*Ib. f.* 13. *b.*
D. Joh. Wiard, & D. Joh. Vicar. de Hampton in Ardena.	*Gandinus* 18 *Maii* 1381.	*Ib. f.* 28. *a.*
Katherina De la Bere Domina de Hampton in Arden.	*Tho. Elden Cap.* 2. *Dec.* 1408.	*Burgh. f.* 21. *b.*
	Joh. Hyll 8 *Martii* 1410.	*Ib. f.* 27. *b.*
	Alex. Benet Cap. 20 *Junii* 1412.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
Will. Mountfort miles D. de Colshill.	*Ioh. Exeter Cap.* 25 *Iunii* 1416.	*Bull. f.* 3. *a.*
	Rad. Molyngton Cap. 2. *Iulii* 1428.	*Heyw. f.* 21. *b.*
Thom. Greswould & Ric. Haversham domicelli, Patroni hac vice.	*D. Will. Curson* 5 *Aug.* 1430.	*Ib. f.* 25. *a.*
D. Will. Mountfort miles.	*Thom. Gayntos Pbr.* 28 *Oct.* 1439.	*Ib. f.* 38. *a.*
	D. Ric. Bryan 25 *Ian.* 1440.	*Ib. f.* 39. *b.*
D. Baldw. Mountfort miles.	*Ioh. Rastell in Art. Mag.* 29 *Aug.* 1547.	*Bowl. f.* 25. *a.*
Henr. 7 *Rex Angl.*	*Christoph. Fisher Pbr.* 6. *Maii* 1500.	*Ib. f.* 204. *b.*
	D. Thomas Dalisone Cap. . . . . . 1507.	*Bl. f.* 4. *b.*
Henr. 8 *Rex Angl.*	*D. Henr. Husse Cap.* 24. *Maii* 1541.	*Str. & P. f.* 18. *a.*
Thom. Rowley, ex conc. Sim. Rawlegh ar.	*Thom. Rowley Cler.* 18. *Dec* 1577.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 47. *a.*
Ioh. Bywater de London Haberdasher.	*Thomas Pollard Cler.* 15. *Dec.* 1617.	*Overall Bund. A.*
Ioh. Bowater Mercator Staplæ.	*Wil. Fowler Cler.* 24. *Feb.* 1623	*Morton bund. in cert.*
	Franc. Stanton Cler. in Art. Mag. 6 *Ian.* 1629.	

Arms in the East Window of the Chancell,

Azure 3 *Flower de luces Or.* — Durvassall.

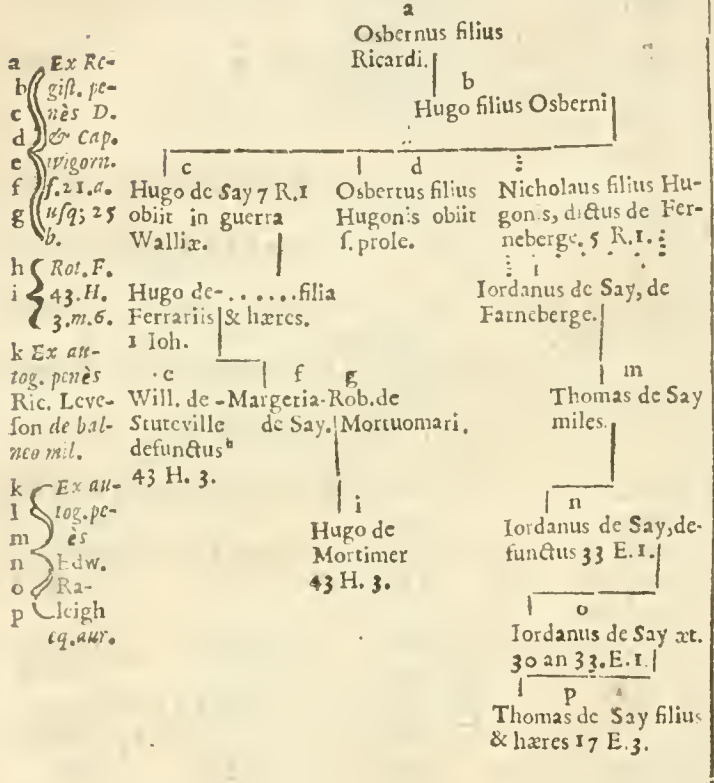
Arg. upon a chief Azure 2 *flower de luces Or.* — Clinton of Colshill.

Farnborough.

UPon the same ledge of Hills stands **Farnborough**, whereof the onely mention made in the Conq[r]. Survey, [g] is under the title of the Bishop of **Chester**'s lands in this County, where it is certified, that the said Bishop then held 3 hides in this place, which is in that Record written **Ferneberge**; and, probably, had at first that name from the naturall disposition of the soil to bear **Ferne**, the later syllable **Berge** signifying in our old English a little Hill, as we see the ground, whereon the town stands, is. Before the Norman invasion it was [h] the freehold of one *Stori*, and by the generall Survey valued at *C s.* but at that time, for the most part, involved with **Pollington**, as I guess: for the posterity of *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (which *Osbernus* was then possest of **Pollington**) were chief Lords of the Fee here: whose Grandchild,

[g] [h] *Domesday lib.*

Hugh, assumed the Sirname of *Say*; from whom descended *Margerie*, who being heir to **Ricards-Castle** *in com.* **Heref.** and other great possessions, brought them to the line of *Mortimer*, as the descent here inserted will shew; which I have thus drawn, chiefly to demonstrate that the Family of *Say*, long since Lords of this Mannour, was assuredly from that stock, though I cannot directly shew, where or when it brancht out. But by what authorities I have seen, relating to the owners of this place, I think it likely enough to have been, as I have here expreſt, in as much as there is no disproportion in time to argue the improbability of it.



a b c d e f g *Ex Regist. penès D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 21. a. usq; 25 b.*

h i *Rot. F. 43. H. 3. m. 6.*

k *Ex autog. penès* Ric. Leveſon *de balneo mil.*

k l m n o p *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Ratcleigh *eq. aur.*

Having thus given my Reader the best advantage I can, for discerning how the succession of this Lordship hath gone, whilst it continued in the line of *Say*, I shall now briefly take notice of what I have found memorable, relating either to it, or to the persons who were owners of it. In 13 *Joh.* amongst the Kts. fees belonging to **Ricards-Castle**, which lay in this County, *Herbert de Muchegros* was certified [q] to hold a fourth part of a Kts. fee, and *Rob. de Mongumery* (perhaps it shou'd be *Mortuomari*) the eighth part, here in **Ferneberge**. But in 20 H. 3. the extent [r] of the Fees lying here, and then held by *Will. de Stutevill* in right of that Castle, was one Kts. fee and a fourth part; which Kts. fee in 36 H. 3. was certified [s] to be held by *Thomas de Say*, and the same fourth part by *Nicholas de Say*.

q *Lib. rub. f. 155.*

r s *Testa de N.*

Touching these *Says* of **Farnbozough**, I find that *Jordan*, the first, was [t] in that Rebellion with the Barons against K. *John*, but returning to obedience in 1 H. 3. being then with *Rob. Marmion* (of whom he held his lands) had his estate restored [u] to him, which lay in this County and **Wozcesterſhire**: and that *Thomas*, son to the first *Jordan*, was a Kt. (of whom I shall say something when I come to speak of the Church:) as also that *Jordan* his son was Lord of **Farnbozough** in 7 *E.* 1. and then certified [w] to hold it of *Robert de Mortimer* (son of *Hugh*) by the service of one Kts fee, having [x] at that time two carucates of land in demesn and 5 Freeholders: which *Jordan* dyed [y] in 33 *E.* 1. leaving *Jordan* his son and heir 30 years of age, who by his Deed, bearing date at **Wozcester** on Sunday being the Feast day of St. *Edmund* the K. in 11 E. 2. granted to *John de Rale* of **Farneburgh** and his heirs the advouson of this Parish Church; unto which Deed, [z] instead of his own Seal, was the Seal of the Bayliff of the City of **Wozcester** affixed, with this expression, *Et quia Sigillum meum non est cognitum, Sigillum Ballivi Civitatis Wigorn: præsentibus apponi procuravi, & est appensum per Will. Lee.*

t *Clauſ. 1 H. 3. p. 1. m. 23.*

u *Clauſ. 1 H. 3. p. 1. m. 23.*

w *Inq. per H. Not &c f. 120. b.*

x *Ib. f. 122. a.*

y *Esc. 3 E. 1. n.*

z *Ex tog. per præſat. Leveſ.*

But it was not long after this, that the said *John de Rale* purchased the whole Mannour of the same *Jordan de Say*: for in 15 *E.* 2. he levyed a Fine [a] thereof to him the said *John* and *Joan* his wife, and to the heirs of *John*: which *John* is in the list [b] of those Esquires, whose names in 17 E. 2. amongst the Knights and men at Arms of this County, were returned into the Chancery; whence I conclude that he resided here at that time: but in 1 E. 3. he was [c] a Kt. and bore for his Arms *Argent semè of Crosslets gules, with a cross molein sable*, as appeareth [d] by the impression of his Seal, which coat his posterity have retained, even untill this day. It seems he was originally descended from the *Raleighs* of **Devonſhire**: for in 14 *E.* 3. he writes [e] himself of **Charles** in that County: but he had lands in **Farnbozough** by purchase, [f] in 8 E. 2 from *Margerie* the Widow of *Philip de Fillongle*, Daughter [g] of *Avicia*, wife to *Will. de Halton* of **Farnebergh**, which *Avicia* was Daughter [h] to *Nicholas de Say*. Of *Joan*, wife to the above specified Sir *John de Rale*, I find [i] that she was a *Gray*, though of what family I am not very certain; by whom he had issue *John*, Father to *Thomas*; upon which *Thomas*, and the issue of his body by *Eliz.* Daughter to *Robert de Evesham*, was this Lordship entailed [k] in 17 E. 3. After which, *viz.* the same year, did *Amicia* the Widow to the before mentioned *Jordan de Say*, and *Thomas de Say* son and heir to the said *Jordan*, release unto the above specified *Thomas de Ralegh* all their right and claim therein, as appears by their deed [l] bearing date at **Salisbury** on the Feast day of S. *Benedict* the Abbot.

a *Craſſus rif.*

b *Ex Il. H. Fe[illegible] ar.*

c d e f g h i *E[illegible] t[illegible] p[illegible] at. E[illegible] R[illegible] leh.*

k *F[illegible] at. xv. M[illegible] t. 16 E. Record. xv. H. 17. E.*

l *Clau[illegible] 17. E. 3. [illegible] d. m.*

This *Thomas de Ralegh* was a man of much publick employment: For in 47 E. 3. I [m] find him in Commission for the levying and collecting a Fifteenth and Tenth. In [n] 4 *R.* 2. Shiriff of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**. In the sixth, joyn'd in Commission [o] with *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** and other persons of quality for conservation of the Peace and resistance of the Rebells in this Shire (*Jack Straw* and his fellows being then up in Arms.) In 12. R. 2. he bore the Office of Shiriff [p] again for this County and **Leiceſterſh.** so also in [q] 15 R. 2. being in Commission [r] for the Peace at other times; and departed [s] this life in 21 R. 2. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir xvii. years of age, who in 3 H. 4. had livery [t] of his lands. Which *Thomas* wedded [u] *Joan* the Daughter and heir to *Will.* Lord *Astley* of **Astley** in this County; and resided with her at **Astley**, as it seems: for by his Testament, [w] bearing date there upon Wednesday next after the Feast of St. *Luke* the Evang. in 6 H. 4. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Quire of the Collegiate Church of our Lady at **Astley**, and x li. of silver to the same Church, to the end that his *Obit* should be perpetually there observed, and his name written in the Martyrologe: And also gave xiii *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* for the providing

k *F[illegible] at. xv. M[illegible] t. 16 E. Record. xv. H. 17. E.*

l *Clau[illegible] 17. E. 3. [illegible] d. m.*

m *Ro[illegible] 47 E. m. 1[illegible]*

n *Ro[illegible] 4. R. 2. m. 23.*

o *Pat. R. 2. p. 2. d. m. 28*

p *Rot. 12 R. 2. n. 14.*

q *Rot. 15 R. 2. n. 15.*

r *Pat. 3. & 1 R. 2. p. 1. d.*

s *Eſc. 1. R. 2. n. 48.*

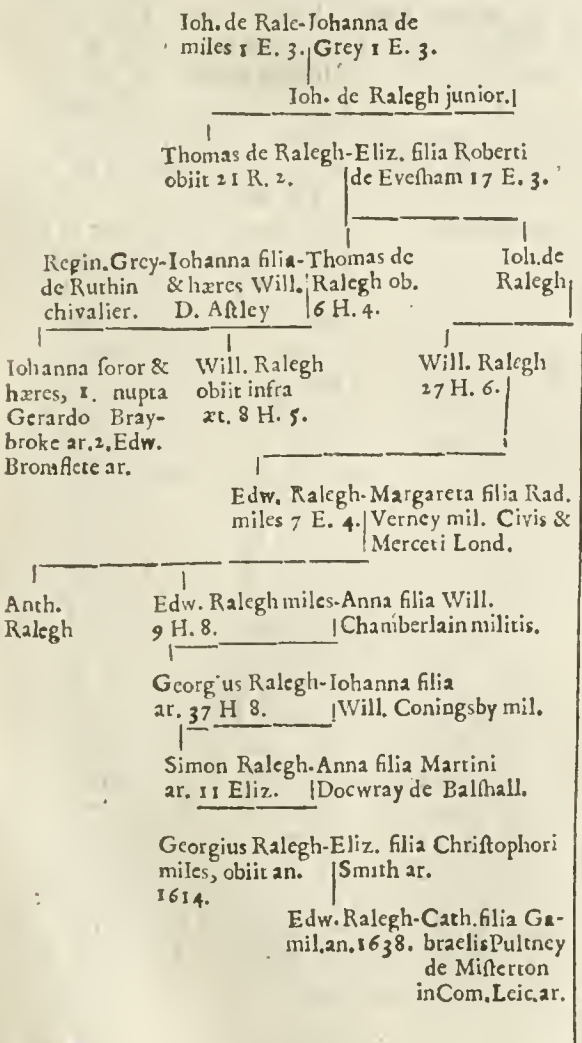
t *Cla[illegible] 3. H. 4. [illegible] m. 16.*

u *Eſc. 7. H. 6.*

w *Arund. vol. 1. 219.*

viding of one Prieſt, to celebrate divine ſervice there for his ſoul, for the ſpace of three years after his deceaſe. To the poor xx. marks. To his Brother *John Raleigh* two Gowns, To the Bayliff of **Farnborough** xiii *s.* iiii. To the Church of St. *Botulph*, here at **Farnborough** xl *s.* To the Lord of **Aſtley** a Bowl with a Cover of ſilver; and to *Joan* Lady *Aſtley* (his wife) a Diamond, and a Boul of ſilver with a cover. To every yeoman of the Lord of *Aſtley's* houſehold vi *s.* viii *d.* To every Groom there iii *s.* iiii *d.* and to *Will. Raleigh* his ſon, a Sword harneſſed with ſilver; as alſo a Dagger, and a wood knife. And departed this life in the ſame ſixth year of H. 4. leaving iſſue [y] *Will.* his ſon and heir, but xii months old; as alſo a Daughter called *Joan*, afterwards marryed, firſt [z] to *Gerard Braybroke* Eſq. and ſecondly to [a] *Edw. Bromflete*: which *Edward*, by the death [b] of the ſaid *Will. Raleigh* in his minority 8 H. 5. was in his wifes right [c] Lord of this Mannour, and here reſided [d] in 10 H. 6.

What particular agreement, with the ſaid *Joan* or her poſterity, was made by the male branch of this family (of *Raleigh*) I find not: but certain it is, that they came to be owners of this Lordſhip again, it continuing to their poſterity even till this very day: the firſt of them that had any publick employment in this Shire, being Sir *Edw. Raleigh* Kt. ſon of *Will.* ſon of *Iohn*, a younger Brother to the laſt *Thomas*, as the deſcent here placed will ſhew.



Which Sir *Edw.* bore the office of Shiriff, [e] for this County and **Leiceſterſh.** in 7 *E.* 4. and being a Juſtice [f] of Peace from 1 *E.* 5. till 18 *H.* 7. was at ſometimes in [g] Commiſſion for arraying of men, and for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 1 *H.* 8. he was Steward [h] to the K. for his Mannours of **Smithfield**, and **Bearley** in this County: And by his Teſtament, [i] bearing date 20 *Junii* 1509. (1 *H.* 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady, here at **Farnborough**, directing that the ſum of *CCCC li.* ſhould be raiſed out of his eſtate, lying in the Counties of **Heref.** and **Glouc.** to purchaſe lands of *x li. per an.* value, to be amortized to the Chantry in the ſaid Chapel of our Lady: and that the Chantry Prieſt there, ſhould be a well diſpoſed D^r. of Divinity to Preach the word of God; as alſo to pray for him the ſaid Sir *Edw.* his wife, with all his Anceſtors and Succeſſors, and all Chriſten ſouls. By which Teſtament he gave *xxx l.* for to build the South ſide of the Cloiſter at **Combe**, and for Glaſing it: To the Abbot there he bequeathed *xx s.* To every Prieſt *vi s. viii d.* To every Monk profeſt, and no Prieſt *iii s. iiii d.* All which were therefore to keep the yearly *Obit* of him the ſaid Sir *Edw.* and *Margaret* his wife; as alſo of *Will. Ralegh* and *Eliz.* his wife, *Raph Verney* and *Emme* his wife, Fathers and Mothers of them the ſaid Sir *Edw.* and *Margaret*. To the *Dominican Friers* at **Warwick** he gave *x s.* To the *Friers Minors* at **Coventre** *x s.* To the *White Friers* at **Coventre** *x s.* and to the *Auguſtine Friers* at **Atherſton** *x s.* Which *Margaret* was Daughter [k] to Sir *Raph Verney* Kt. Citizen and Mercer of **London**; by whom he had iſſue [l] Sir *Edw. Ralegh* Kt. Father of *George*; who by his Teſtament [m] dated 2 *Apr. an.* 1546. (37 *H.* 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chancell of the Church of **Ogburne-George**, if it ſhould fortune him to dye there.

Concerning the Church, here, (dedicated to St. *Botulph*) I find, [n] that *Nicholas* the Son of *Hugh de Fernberge*, in *Ric.* 1. time, made a grant, that in caſe it happened he ſhould ſell or pawn any of his lands to the Canons of **Clatercote**, or any other Religious Houſe, it might be no prejudice to the Church of this place in their Tithes ariſing out of any Cattell depaſturing thereon: And that Sir *Thomas de Say* Kt. in *H.* 3. time, granted [o] to *Thomas de Wymundham*, then Parſon thereof, the homage and ſervice of *Will. de Williamſcote*, uncle to him the ſaid Sir *Thomas*, and of his heirs, for 1. meſſ. and 1 yard land, which he the ſaid *Will.* held of him here in **Farnborough**.

In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) this Rectory was valued [p] at *xi.* marks; and in 11 *E.* 2. the advouſon thereof was granted [q] by *Jordan de Say* (Lord of the Mannour) unto *John de Ralegh*, and his heirs. After which, *viz.* in 13 *E.* 3. I find, that Sir *Will. Shareſhull* Kt. purchaſed it, of *Thomas de Hulhampton* Kt. and *Margaret* his wife; but how they had *John de Rale's* title therein, I know not: And the next year following granted [r] it to the Canons of **Lilleſhull** *in com. Salop.* and their Succeſſors; which Canons obtained an appropriation [t] thereof from *Roger de Northburgh* Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** 3 *Non. Martii an.* 1345. 19 *E.* 3. the Vicaridge being endowed [u] the *xii Cal.* of *Dec.* following, and a Penſion of *v. ſol. per an.* granted [w] to the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield** and their Succeſſors, by the ſaid Canons of **Lilleſhull** out of the fruits of the ſame Rectory: But the ſaid endowment was made void, as it ſeems; for it appears that by an Inſtrument, [x] bearing date *x. Kal. Julii* 1367 (41 *E.* 3.) upon a Petition exhibited to the Abbot of **Lilleſhull** by the Canons of that Houſe, ſetting forth how ſhort their main-

1 *Ex autog. penès* Will. Noel *ar.*

1 Feriplace *q.* 14.

k *Ib.* & Logg *q.* 1

l *Inq. ſuper depop.* 9 *H.* 8.

m Alen *q.* 17.

n *Ex autog. penès præſat.* R. Leveſon

o *Ex autog. penès præſat.* R. Leveſon

p *MS in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

q *Ex autog. penès cund. R. Leveſon.*

r *F. levat.* xv *Trin.* 13 *E.* 3.

t *F. levat.* xv *Paſch.* 14 *E.* 3. Northb. *f.* 116. *b.*

u *Ex autog. penès præſat.* R. L

w *Ex autog. penès præſat.* R. L

x *Ex autog. penès præſat.* R. L

Eſc. 6. *H.* 4. *n.* 28.

Ex autog. penès præſat. Raleigh

Eſc. 8 *H.* 4. 96.

Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.

ot. F. 7. *m.* 5. *a. de Ann. d. at. de l. m.*

tenance was, the ſaid Abbot, by the conſent and Licenſe of *Rob. de Stretton*, then Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** granted all the profits thereof unto them, for augmentation of their dyet and clothing; though what was thereupon reſerved for the Vicar I have not ſeen: which Vicaridge in 26 *H.*8. was rated [y] at *C xii. s.* over and above *viii s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Sinodals*.

y MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 49. a.

	Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Langt. f. 34 b.	*D. Epiſc. per lapſum.*	*Will. de Pichford Pbr. craſt. Apoſt. Petri & Pauli* 1307.
Northb. f. 18. b.	*Galf. de Cornwayl miles.*	*Petrus de Norton Pbr.* 16. *Kal. Maii* 1323.
	Patroni Vicariæ.	
Ib. f. 43. b.		*Joh. de Waverton Cap.* 2. *Cal. Dec.* 1345.
Ib. f. 56. a.		*Rog. de Whithynton Cap. Id. Jan.* 1352.
Stret. f. 10. a.		*Joh. Morys Cap.* 5. *Id. Nov.* 1361.
Ib. f. 12. a.		*Will. Power Pbr.* 4. *Id. Nov.* 1363.
Ib. f. 13. b.		*Rob. de Kitton Pbr. Non. Martii* 1364.
Ib. f. 22. b.		*Thomas atte Naſhe Pbr.* 2. *Aug.* 1375.
Ib. f. 23. a.		*Hugo de Wardyngton Pbr. Non. Apr.* 1367.
Sk. f 6. b.		*Ric. Celle Pbr.* 25. *Nov.* 1391.
Arund. f. 142. b.		*Joh. Grover Cap.* 22. *Nov.* 1414.
Heyw. f. 19 a.	*Abbas & Conv. de Lilſhull.*	*Thomas Alforth Pbr.* 12. *Maii* 1427.
Ib. f. 29. a.		*Joh. Stoke Cap.* 8. *Oct.* 1432.
Ib. f. 34. b.		*Joh. Kinge Pbr.* 16. *Apr.* 1436
Ib. f. 39. a.		*Joh. Edwards Pbr.* ..... 1440.
Ib. f. 42. a.		*Petrus Green Pbr.* 17. *Jan.* 1443.
Ib. b.		*Ric. Kele* 19. *Dec.* 1444.
Bo. f. 9. b.]		*Joh. Weſtourne Pbr.* 11. *Dec.* 1449.
Bowl. f. 9. a		*Will. Bradbury Cap.* 22. *Nov* 1453.
Ib. f. 21. a.		*Joh. Ulceby Cap.* 28. *Sept.* 1454.
Str. & P. f. 2. a.		*Henr. Syddall Diac.* 24. *Maii.* 1533.
Ib. f. 13. a.		*D. Hugo Lache Cap.* 6. *Dec.* 1534.
Sampſ. f. 41 b.	*Dominus Rex.*	*D. Thomas Cotton. Cap.* 8. *Junii* 1546.
Ib. f. 43. a.		*Thomas Rowley Cler.* 4. *Junii* 1569.
Ib. f. 47. b.	*Symon Ralegh arm.*	*Thomas Warde Cler.* 23. *Martii* 1577.
Ib. f. 48. a.		*Will. Hobſon Cler* 2. *Julii* 1581.
Morton Bund. incert.	*Edw. Ralegh miles*	*Sampſ. Gayge Cler. in art. Bac.* 6. *Julii* 1620.
Ib.	*Cancellarius, Magiſtri, & Scolar. Univerſitatis Oxon. vigore Actus Parl.*	*Tom. Goſtelow S. Theol. Bac.* 6. *Martii* 1629.

In the Church windows are no Arms, by reaſon the whole fabrick hath of late times been rebuilt.

Mollington.

THere is but part of this town in **Warwickſhire**, the reſt lying in **Oxfordſhire**, wherewith I am not to meddle. That which is certified by the Conq. Survey [z] to be in this County, was then rated at v. hides, which were valued at *lx s.* and poſſeſt by *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom in **Aſton** *Cantilupe* I have ſpoke;) but before the Norman invaſion belonged unto the Mother of *Leuvinus de Niuueham*: From the deſcendants of which *Osbernus* the one half thereof came to *Juliana de S. Remigio*, who beſtowed [a] it upon the Canons of **Kenilworth** about K. *H.* 2. time; to whom it continued till the diſſolution of that Monaſtery; but then coming to the Crown, was purchaſed by *Fouk VVoodhull* Gent. in 37 *H.* 8. who had a grant [b] thereof, bearing date 12. *Junii* the ſame year, to himſelf and his heirs, to hold in *Capite* by the xl[th] part of a Kts. fee, paying *x s. ix d. ob.* yearly Rent. Which *Fouk* had iſſue [c] *Leonard*, and he *John* [d] that dyed [e] ſeized of it 30 *Jan.* 30 *Eliz.* leaving *Anthony* his ſon and heir, then of full age.

z Dome. lib.

a Regiſt. Kenilw. 119.

b Pat. 3 H. 8. p. 5

c Eſc. 1. Eliz.

d Eſc 2. e Eliz.

But the other part came to *Thomas de Arden* of **Rotley**, or his Anceſtor, by grant from ſome of the deſcendants of the before ſpecified *Osbernus*, to hold by the half of a Kts. fee: for by the Record [f] of 36 *H* 3. it appeareth, that *Agnes Cagthelewe* then held it of the ſaid *Thomas*, and he of **Ricards-Caſtle**; From which *Agnes* it devolved to *Alianore de Clare*, who in 1 *E.* 2, held [g] it of the heirs of **Ricards Caſtle** by the like ſervice; and in 5 *E.* 3. dyed [h] ſeized of it, leaving *John* her ſon and heir 22 years of age. After which, *John de Herdwike* in 20 *E.* 3. held [i] it by the third part of a Kts. fee (at which time the Prior of **Kenilworth**'s, part anſwered for no more:) but in 13 R. 2. it went for half [k] a Kts. fee, as formerly. Howbeit, in 18 *R.* 2. *Edm. Waldeyve* was found [l] to dye ſeized thereof, and that he held it in right of *Margaret* his wife, as of her inheritance, leaving *Thomas* his ſon and heir *xiiii.* years of age: But how to derive the title that theſe had from each other, is paſt my skill, except I had the ſight of private evidence: And as much am I to ſeek in the diſcovery of its ſucceſſion till of late: for after this till H. 8. time, I have not ſeen ought elſe thereof: neither then do I find any more, but two Fines, the one levied [m] in 1 H. 8. betwixt Sir *Nicholas Vaus* Kt. and others Plantiffs, and Sir *Thomas Brandon* Kt. and *Eliz.* his wife deforciants, of the fourth part: the other in [n] 24 *H.* 8. of the moytie thereof, betwixt *Rob. Dormer*, and others Plantiffs, and *Rog. Beket* and others deforc. but to what uſes I know not. The next owner thereof, that I meet with, was [o] *Henry Keble*, who, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, ſetled [p] it (*inter alia*) upon *George Keble* his Grandchild, and the heirs Male of his body, with remainder to Sir *VVill. Blount* Lord *Montjoy*, and the Lady *Alice* his wife; which Lord *Montjoy* and *Alice* had iſſue *VVill.* their ſon and heir.

f Teſta N.

g Eſc. 1. 2 n. 59.

h Eſc. 5. 3. n. 21

i Rot. fines S. Clare Bar.

k Eſc. R. 2. n.

l Eſc. R. 2. n.

m Ter. Mich.

n Ter. Mich.

o E. 32

p E.

Shotſwell.

Shotswell.

PAssing over the vally from **Bolington**, Westwards, I come next to **Shotswell**, situate on that brow, or ledge, which beareth the name of **Edge-hill** for many miles: But of this place I find nothing at all by particular name in the Conqrs. Survey [q]; and therefore do conclude that it was then involved with **Warmington**, at that time certified to contain a greater number of hides, than of it self it would have been found to do, as I suppose: the reason of this my conjecture arising, partly from the consideration of its adjacency to **Warmington** and partly for that it hath been, with **Warmington**, of the Earl of **Warwick**, fee: From one of which Earls it was granted to the Ancestor of *John de Dyve*, who had fair lands in **Oxfordsh.** hard by; and from *Dyve* to the Progenitor of *Rob. Fitzwith* (*id est filius Guidonis*;) and from *Fitzwith* to *VVandard*, as may seem by that notable Record [r] of 7 *E.* 1. But when these passages were I cannot certainly tell; yet do believe them to have been very antient; for I find [s] that *Robert VVandard* had to do here, in K. *John*'s time; and that his Fathers name [t] was *VVill.* of whom there is mention [u] in 16 *H.* 2. Betwixt which *Robert* and the Abbot of **Preaux**, in **Normandy**, there was a Fine [w] levyed in 5 *H.* 3. touching the advouson of this Church; whereby it being setled upon the said *Robert*, he granted an yearly *Pension* of x *s.* to the Church of **Warmington** of the Patronage of the said Abbot, to be for ever received of the Parsons incumbent there.

As for the name, I find it in antient time somewhat variously written; *viz.* **Sottelwell Shotelwell, Scachelwell Setelwelo**, and **Chettelwelle**; but do suppose that it proceeded originally from one *Scato* (for that was an appellation in use before the Norman Conquest) and a fair Spring issuing out of the Hill there, and called by his name. But of these *VVandards* were there more that bore the name of *Robert* than one, as it seems: for in 40 *H.* 3. I find, [x] that amongst many others, who by the K. speciall Par. had respite of their Knighthood untill Christmas in that year, *Robert de W. ndirt* is certified to be one, being of this County. It is very like that this *Robert* is he, who in 7 *E.* 1. held [y] what he had here of *John Fitzwith*, by the service of half a Knights fee; at which time the said *John*, being Superior Lord, had one Carucate of land in demesn, and two servants; the Canons [z] of **Clatercote** 7 yard land, and the Canons [a] of **Studley** a Carucate, and six Cotages, which were given [b] to them by *Will. de Cantilupe*, and which he the said *Will.* had by acquisition from *Eustace de Mortein* and *John Wandard*.

This *Rob. VVandard* (sometimes also written *VVandak*) was a Knight [c] in 15 *E.* 1. and Coroner to the King in this County, as appears by his Writ [d] of discharge from that office in 27 *E.* 1. and had issue *Thomas*, who, about the beginning of *E.* 2. time (as I judge) sold this Mannour of **Shotswell** to *VVill. de Bereford*: for in 9 *E.* 2. the said *VVill.* is certified [e] to be Lord thereof; but the Fine thereupon was not levied [f] till 12 *E.* 2. Which *VVill.* dyed [g] seized of it in 20 *E.* 2. leaving *Edmund* his son and heir 28 years of age. But of this family of **Bereford** I shall speak further when I come to **Langley** in **Hemlingford** Hundred. In 9 *E.* 3. the said *Edmund* had a Charter [h] of **Free-Warren** granted to him (*inter alia*) in all his demesn lands here: the like Charter [i] had Sir *Baldwin de Bereford* Kt. in 4 *R.* 2. Which Sir *Baldwin*, as it seems, past away his estate in this Mannour to Sir *John Beauchamp* of **Holt** Kt. but not directly; for the Fine [k] whereby it became vested in the said Sir *John* and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, was levyed by one *Richard de la Felde*, a Priest, and others (who were Feoffees) in 49 *E.* 3. This Sir *John Beauchamp* is he, who was attainted in the Parl. of xi *R.* 2. and put to death (of whom I have already spoke in **Bobenhull**) *John* his son and heir being at that time but xi years of age; whose wardship, with the custody of this Mannour, was by the said K. 11 *Feb.* 12 *R.* 2. granted [l] to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: which *John*, being afterwards a Kt. dyed [m] seized of this Mannour in 8 *H.* 5. leaving *Margaret* the wife of *John Pauncefot* his Daughter [n] and heir, who afterwards became the wife [o] of *John VVigham*.

But the next possessors hereof, that I find, were [p] *John Asheton* of **Somerton** in **Oxfordshire**, and *John Blount* of **Upginton** in the same County; *viz.* in 10 H. 6. perhaps by marriage with some coheirs to the before specified *Margaret*. It seems that the greatest part there came at length to the said *John Aston*; and that it was by him granted [q] to *James le Botiller* Earl of **Ormund**, whose son and heir; *viz.* *James Boteler*, created [r] Earl of **Wiltshire** 8 *Julii* 27 H. 6. following the fate of the Lancastrian House, whereunto he adhered in those times of civill dissention, became attainted [s] in the Parl. held at **Westminster** 1 *E.* 4. and put to death at **Newcastle**, having no issue. After which K. *Edw.* by his Letters [t] P. dated 16 *Sept.* in the second year of his reign, in consideration of the good and acceptable service, which *Ric. Harecourt* Esq. had performed unto *Richard* D. of **York**, Father to the said King; as also to the K. himself, granted it unto him the said *Richard* and *Edith* his wife, and to the issue male of their two bodies: Howbeit, I do not perceive that the whole Mannour past by that Pat. for in 12 *E.* 4. there was a Fine [u] levied of a third part thereof with the third part of divers other Mannours in **Oxford** and **Worcester shires** whereby it became setled upon *Thomas Croft* Esq. and *Eliz.* his wife, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Eliz.* by which it should seem that she was a coheir to the lands formerly belonging to Sir *John Beauchamp* beforementioned, in regard that the third part of the Mannour of **Holt** *in com. Wigorn.* is setled (*inter alia*) therewith.

After which, *viz.* in 4 H. 8. *John Crofte* and *Eliz.* his wife levied a Fine, [w] of the moytie of this Mannour, to *Simon Rice* Citizen and Mercer of **London**, and others; but to what uses I know not. Neither can I say to what uses that Fine did inure, which was levied [x] of this Mannour in 10 *H.* 8. between *John Trevethen* and others Plantiffs, and *Margaret Boleyn* widow Deforc. Howbeit, for certain, that Fine levied thereof 29 H. 8. betwixt *Thomas Pope*, Esq. Pl. and *Ric, Fermour* and others Deforc. was to the use of the said *Thomas Pope*, and his heirs; for even to these very times his posterity do enjoy the same, together with another Mannour here, which appertained to the dissolved Monastery of **Studley**; for by that name it past [y] from the Crown in 31 H. 8.

q Inq. per Nott. c. — Rot. F. 15 Sh. p. 1. m. — Rot. P. 2. Sh. — Rot. P. 16 2. — Offab. Sch. — Pat. 4. H. in d. — Inq. per H. Not. & c f. 25. a. — Cart. 1 3. n 3. — ex autor. nes D. & ip. Lich. — Clauf. 27 1. m. 17. — Nom. ill. — Fraft. Pu- f. — Esc. 20. 2. n. 45.

g Domesd.

h Cart. 9. E. 3. n. 44.

i Cart. 4. R. 2. n. 3.

k F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Mich.

l Clauf. 12. R. 2. m. 20.

m Esc. 8. n H. 5. n. 70.

o F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. J. Bapt 10 H. 5. Record. Oct. T. 1 H. 6.

p Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.

q Clauf. 15. H. 6. in d. m. 21.

r Cart. ab an. 27. usq; 39 H. 6. n. 44.

s Esc. 1. E. 4. n. 29.

t Pat. 2. E. 4. p. 1. m. 4.

u F. de div. Com. levat. Craft anim. 12 E. 4.

w Term. Pasch. 4. H. 8.

x Term. Trin.

y Pat. 31. H. 8. p. 4.

8. unto the same *Thomas* and the heirs male of his body, he being then a Knight, and Treasurer of the Court of Augmentation.

Touching the Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) I have already shewed, that the advouson thereof was vested [z] in *Robert Wandard*, and his heirs, by the Monks of **Preaux** in **Normandy**; whereupon a *Pension* of x *s. per annum*, became setled [a] out of the fruits thereof to be payd to the Parson of **Warmington** and his successors. In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it being valued [b] at viii. marks, was afterward granted to the Monastery of **Lavenden** *in Com.* **Buck.** about the beginning of E. 3. time, as it should seeem by the Presentations thereto; but not appropriated till 2 R. 2. and then Pope *Urban* the 6. by his Bull [c] dated at **Rome** on the Ides of *November*, granted unto the Canons of that House liberty to take the fruits thereof to their own peculiar use; the same year *Simon de Sudbury* Archbishop of **Cant.** ordaining [d] the Vicaridge, which in 26 H. 8. was valued [e] at Cxiii *s.* iv *d.*

z *F. levat. Oct. Mich. 5 H. 3.*

a *F. levat. Oct. Mich. 5 H. 3.*

b *MS. in Scac.*

c Sudb. *f.* 71. *a.*

d *Ib. f.* 73. *b.*

e *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 48. *a.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.
Rob. de Wandak miles.	*Rob. de Shoteswell Cler.* ..... 1287.
Abbas & Conv. de Lavenden.	*Joh. Stene Clr. Id. Junii* 1349.
	Joh. de Kneton Pbr. 6. Cal. Jan. 1355.
	Joh. de Lathbury Pbr. 14. *Cal. Oct.* 1367.
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Thomas le Rowe Pbr.* 22. *Maii* 1381.
Abb. & Conv. de Lavenden.	*Thomas Jeffus Pbr.* 4. *Martii* 1394.
	Thomas Wotton Pbr. 26. *Oct.* 1438.
	Thom. Wyllingham Canon. de Lavenden 9. *Apr.* 1443.
	Will. Turvey Canon. de Lavenden ult. Julii 1451.
D. Thomas Pope miles.	*D. Joh. Vernam Cler.* 22. *Junii* 1456.
Will. Chancy de Edgcote in Com. Northampt. ar. ex conceff. T. Pope mil.	*D. Will. Rowse Cler.* 20. *Oct.* 1554.
Joh. Pope ar.	*Ric. Key Cler.* 7. *Feb.* 1562.
Edw. Grevill gen. ex conceff. Joh. Pope ar.	*Will. Key Cler.* 12. *Oct.* 1576.
Will. Pope de Wroxton mil. de baln. & Bar.	*Rob. Petiver in Art. Magr.* 8. *Febr.* 1620.
	Ric. Hartwell Cler. in art. Magr. 19. *Maii* 1627.

f Domesd. *lib.*

Warmington.

MOre than a mile Northwards, on the side of **Edg-Hill**; stands **Warmington**, which in the Conquerors time, being possest by the Earl of **Pellent**, contained xv. hides and a half; two whereof were held by a certain Knight of the said Earl, and valued at xx *s.* and the residue rated at x *li.* all which had been the Freehold of one *Azor* before the Norman invasion. In that Survey [f] it is written **Werminstone** in one place, and **Warmintone** in another; but I presume that its denomination originally sprung from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time; perhaps *Weremundus*, for that appellation was then usuall.

This, as most of the lands, which the said Earl had in **Warwick-shire** came to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick** (brother to the same E. of **Pellent**) but by what Agreement appears not; w^ch *Henry* gave [g] it wholy, excepting the Hamlets belonging thereto, to the Monks of **Preaux**, in **Normandy**; who built a Cell here, and sent over part of their Covent to reside therein, and to be subordinate to their House of **Preaux**; of which Cell the said Earl *Henry* is reputed [h] to have been Founder: which Religious House stood about the midst of the town, as the Inhabitants, by tradition, do affirm. This grant so made to **Preaux** by Earl *Henry*, was in *Edw.* 1. time confirmed [i] by *William de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, it being then found that there were xx. Tenants here, that held their lands by a servile tenure; *viz.* each one providing a Labourer one day every week, for the Lord's imployment, or to give 1 *d. ob.* for every day in the week, which would amount to x *d.* and so in the year to xliii *s.* iv *d.* And that every one of them should plow for the Lord thrice in the year, or give x *s. per annum* and mow his meadowing or give *xl d.* As also that every yard land should find two men for 3. days in Harvest, or give for every day in stede of a man ii *d.* which comes to xxx *s.* in the year: That they should carry the Lords Hay, or give xl *d.* That each man should perform one dayes carriage in Harvest, or give xl *d.* That they should make the Lords Hay, or give x *d.* Rake his corne or give x *d.* Harrow each of them one day with a single Horse, or give x *d.* And lastly carry once in the year at **Warwick**, or give xl *d.* Howbeit afterwards I find [k], that this whole town payd only a marke *per annum* to the Earls of **Warwick** at two termes, viz. *Candlemass*, and *Whitsontide* for all services.

g *Cart.* 10 *E.* 1. *n.* 69

h *Rot.* Iol Rous.

i *Cartul. Warw. Co f.* 75. *b.*

k *Ib. f.* 1 *b.*

But this Mannour so belonging to **Preaux** grew afterwards reputed [l] to be parcell of the possessions pertaining to the Priory of **Toftes** in **Norfolk** (which Religious House was founded by those forraign Monks after they had the grant [m] of the Mannour of **Toftes** by *Rob.* E. of **Pellent** before mentioned) the Monks here, being either recalled into **Normandy**, or transmitted to **Toftes**: And upon the seizure of those lands which the *Priors-Alien* had in **England** (whereof in **Wolston** I have fully spoke) was in 33 E. 3. committed to the custody [n] of *John de Herdewyk*: Howbeit afterwards, the King allowing some favour to the Monks of those Cells, the Prior of **Toftes** had permission to [o] ferm it; who whilst he was Tenant thereto, made much wast [p] here, by falling CC. Ashes, prized then at xx *li.* the yearly value thereof being about that time rated [q] at *xxix li. xi s. vi d. per annum.*

l *Rot. F.* 3 *E.* 3. *m.* 9

m *Cart.* 3 *E.* 1. *n.* 6

n *Rot. F.* 3 *E.* 3. *m.* 9

o *Esc.* 2. *n.* 8

p

q *Rot. pe s Rem. R. Scac.*

Certain it is, that the frequent seizures of such lands, by reason of the Warrs with **France**, made those forrain Monks willing enough to sell their intereest in them, during those troubles at least; as may appear by the passing them away, aswell to divers Lay persons, as unto some Religious Houses in **England** about this time: amongst which this Mannour of **Warmington**, as also that of **Toftes**, with some others, was by those Monks of **Preaux** granted [r] to *Lewys Clifford* for life, with remainder to *Lewys*, his son, for life also, upon a certain Rent reserved to the King during the continuance of those warrs.

r *Pat.* 1 *R.* 2. *p.* *m.* 21.

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After which, *scil.* in 6 H. 4. the King by his Letters Patent dated 15. *Martii*, granted [r] the said Priory of **Tokkes**, with the Mannour of **Tokkes**, & this of **Warmington** thereunto belonging, to *Thom Erpyngham* and *John Heylles* Clerk, for the life of the said *Thomas*: which *Thomas* and *John* [t] past away all their right therein to the Carthusian Monks at **Wytham**, in **Selewood**, *in Com.* **Somerset**, 1 H. 5. who not only had the Ks. confirmation thereupon [u], but his grant, to hold them after the decease of the said *Thomas*, during the time that the Warrs should last with **France**: As also License to [w] purchase from the said Monks of **Pyreaur** all the right and title that they had therein: Howbeit, such was the poverty [x] of those Monks of **Wytham**, that they were not able to go through with the bargaine, before the Parliament held at **Leicester** in 2 H. 5. wherein there was an Act [y] of Resumption made, for seizing all the Lands and Possessions of the *Priors-Alien* into the Kings hand, to be possest by him, his heirs and successors for ever. *Which* his son, (*viz.* King H. 6. being a pious Prince,) considering, and no whit inclining to convert that to Lay-uses, which had been formerly dedicated to Gods service (as may sufficiently appear by his endowment of the Colledges in **Cambridge**, and **Eton**, with a great part of those lands, and disposing of the rest to other Religious Houses) not onely remitted [z] to the said Monks of **Wytham** all the arrears of that annuall Rent reserved to the Crown for this and the other Mannours they so settled; but, without reservation of any further payment at all, granted [a] them to that Monastery of **Wytham**, to hold and enjoy till he should make a revocation of his Patent: And in 19. of his reign, by his Patent [b] dated at **Westminster** 28. *Nov.* wherein he recited his former grant, out of a most devout affection to the said House of **Wytham**, as being the first of that strict and holy Rule that had been founded in this Kingdom; and to the intent that the Monks there serving God, should more especially pray for the souls of his Royall Progenitors; as also for his own Soul, after his departure out of this life, gave unto them and their successors this Mannour of **Warmington**, with that of **Tokkes** and some other, to hold and enjoy for ever in pure Almes: But that Patent being judg'd invalid after *Edward* 4. had got the Crown, the said Monks of **Wytham** obtained a new grant [c] of them, which bears date at **Westminster** 20. *Julii* in the first year of his reign, and held it accordingly till the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses by K. H. 8. whereupon, coming to the Crown it was 27. *Jan.* 35. H. 8. granted [d] unto *William Sheldon* and *Francis Sheldon* gentlemen, and their heirs: but how or when it past from these *Sheldons* I have not seen; nor any more thereof, than, that in 5 *E.* 6. Sir *John Brown* Knight had a License [e] to grant it unto *William Byrt* and others.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued [f] at xii. marks and a half; and in [g] 26 H. 8. at xvi *li.* iii *s.* x *d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Procurator Abb. & Conv. de Pratellis.	*Magr. Will. de Bockstones Subdiac.* 15. *Cal. Oct.* 1311.	
	Magr. Thomas de Multon Cler. 9. *Cal. Apr.* 1331.	
Edw. Rex Angl. ratione Priorat. de Warminton in manu sua exist.	*Joh. de Uppynham Cler.* 13. *Cal. Julii* 1349.	*lb. f.* 48. *b.*
	Joh. de Penerwich 15. *Cal. Aug.* 1350.	*lb. f.* 53. *a.*
Procurator Abb. & C. de Pratellis.	*Joh. Careswell Pbr.* 2. *Non. Jan.* 1361.	*Strett. f.* 10. *b.*
	Joh. Bosevill Pbr. 4. *Non. Aug.* 1364.	*lb. f.* 12. *b.*
D. Rex ratione ut supra.	*Joh. Lecch Pbr.* 9. *Cal. Dec.* 1373.	*lb. f.* 22. *a.*
	Thom. de Pennerudok Acolitus 14. *Cal. Maii.* 1376.	*lb. f.* 23. *a.*
D. Thom. Erpyngham miles.	*Rob. Lymbourne Cap.* 7. *Aug.* 1404.	*Burgh. f.* 14. *b.*
Prior & Conv. de Wytham.	*Ric. Nayler Pbr.* 13. *Oct.* 1429.	*Heyw. f.* 23. *b.*
	D. Will. Hull. Cap. 12. *Junii* 1432.	*lb. f.* 28. *a.*
	Joh. Reedhull 10. *Jan.* 1440.	*lb. f.* 39 *b.*
D. Rex.	*D. Sim. Pope Cap.* 10. *Maii* 1543.	*Sampf. f.* 40. *b.*
Johan. Crocker de Hoke-Norton in Com. Oxon. ar.	*Joh. Hawle* 10. *Sept.* 1554.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 2. *a.*
Ric. Petipher de Radway, ex conceff. Ric. Cowper de Warmington.	*Anth. Petipher Cler. fil. dicti Rich.* 10. *Dec.* 1602.	*Overton bund.* C.
Guliel. Hall, & Edw. Wotton.	*Ric. Wotton in art. Magr.* 6. *Febr.* 1628.	*Bund. incert.*

Arlescote.

THis little Hamlet standing under **Edg-Hill**, somewhat near the elbow where it turns westwards, was in the Conquerors dayes possest [h] by the Earl of **Mellent**, being given unto him with other vast lands in this County by King *William*, upon sharing the Realm amongst his Normans; and at the time of the generall Survey contained five hides and three virgates; which five hides were then certified to belong unto the Monks of **Pyreaur** in **Normandy**, and valued at 3 *li.* having been the freehold of one *Bovi* in *Edward* the Confessors dayes: but the three virgates were then in the hands of the Earl himself, and valued at ii *s.* In that Record it is written **Dlavescote**, which name proceeded, as I guess, from some antient dweller there in the Danes or Saxons time. Here it is that I have resolved to say something Historically of the before recited Earl of **Mellent**, in regard that by his pious gift of the greatest part of this village to the said Monks of **Pyreaur**, and his great possessions in this Shire, he deserves to be signally memorized.

He was the son [i] to *Roger de Bellomont* (a person of great esteem with King *William* the first when he was but Duke of **Normandy**, being one of [k] his prime Councellers) by [l] *Adelina* daughter of *Walleran*, and sister to *Hugh* Earl of **Mellent**: after the death of which *Hugh* without issue, he [m] obtained the Castle of **Mellent** from the King of **France** for a summe of money, and succeeded him in the title of Earl. Of his speciall valour in that famous Battail with Duke *William*, whereby he got the Crown of **England**: hearken to what *Guil. Pictavensis* saith [n] ——*Tyro quidam Normannus*, Rogerii de Bellomonte *filius*, Hugonis de Mellento

h Domesd. lib.

i *Ord. Vit. p.* 709. *A.*

k *Gesta tr. Ducis Norm. p.* 197. *A.*

l *Ib. p.* 302. *C.*

m *Will. Malm. f.* 50. *b. n.* 30

n *Gesta W. Ducis N. ut supra.*

Mellento *Comitis*, *ex* Adelina *sorore*, *nepos & hæres*, *prælium illo die primùm experiens*, *egit quod æternandum esset Laude*, *cum legione quam in dextro cornu duxit*, *irruens*, *ac sternens magna cum audatia*. No mervail therefore then, that, besides his inheritance in **Normandy**, he obtained from the Conqueror *ingentia prædia in* Anglia, as *W. Malmesb.* observes [o]: Amongst which this Village of **Arlescote** being part, he devoutly bestowed [p] it on the Monks of **Preaux**, before specified, together with the Mannour of **Toftes** in **Norfolk**; as also the Church and Tithes of **Cherlenton** *in Com.* . . . . . Of which Monastery at **Preaux** *Humfry de Vetulis*, grandfather to this *Robert*, began [q] the Foundation; whereof *Roger de Bellomont*, his son (father to our Earl of **Pellent**) was so great a lover, that he not onely perfected the work, but plentifully endowed it [r]; and afterwards bidding farewell to the vain pleasures of this transitory world, became himself a Monk [s] therein, choosing it for his sepulture [t].

o f. 90. b.
p Cart. 13 E. 1. n. 69. per Insp.
q Ord. Vit. p. 460. C.
r Ib. & p. 709 A.
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But I return to *Robert* Earl of **Pellent**, who was a man of an haughty spirit, as it seems: for in *an.* 1090. *sc.* 3. *Will. Rufi*, being exceedingly puft up with rewards and promises by the King, he came to **Roan**, and boldly required [u] of *Robert Curthose* D. of **Normandy**, the Castle of **Ivery**. To whom the Duke answered, that he had given to his father the Castle of **Bzion** for it, which was an equall exchange: whereupon he replyed, I allow not of that bargain, but what your father gave to my father, that will I have, otherwise, by S. *Nichasius*, I shall do that which will displease you. At which words the Duke growing very angry, caused him to be layd hold on and imprisoned [w]; whereof so soon as the crafty old man, his father, heard, he sent the Duke a Present, hasting afterwards himself to him, and with fine flattering expressions obtained [x] his sons liberty. Being a faithfull [y] adherer to King *Henry* 1. against his brother *Robert Curthose* before specified, he was thereupon advanced to [z] the Earldom of **Leicester**, in **England**; and had [a] also other rich gifts: but how he got that Earldom let us hear *Ordericus Vitalis* tell [b]. *Urbs Legrecestria quatuor dominos habuerat* (saith he) *Regem & Episcopum Lincolniæ*, Simonemq; *Comitem*, & Yvonem [*] Hugonis *filium*, *Præfatus autem Consul de Mellento*, *per partem* Yvonis, *qui municeps erat & Vice-Comes*, *& firmarius Regis*, *callidè intravit*; *& auxilio Regis*, *suaq; calliditate totam sibi civitatem mancipavit*, *& inde Consul in Anglia factus*, *omnes Regni proceres divitiis & potestate præcessit*, *& penè omnes parentes suos transcendit*.

u Ib. p. 685. A.
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y W. Malm. f. 88. a. n. 40
z Ord. Vit. p. 709. A.
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b Ib. p. 805. D.
* De Grentemaisnill.

Now what the particulars of this cunning and deceitfull dealing were, I shall briefly here rehearse. This *Yvo*, having begun a Rebellion in **England**, wherein he had done much mischief by firing some Houses of his neighbours; and being, through the Kings excessive indignation towards him, fined at a vast summe, made his addresses to this Earl of **Pellent**; *qui præcipuus erat inter Consiliarios Regis* (saith my Author [c]) hoping by his means to obtain some favour; who subtilly advised him to perform a long Pilgrimage, for effecting whereof he would help him to 500. marks of silver, keeping his lands in pawn for xv. years; with promise, that at the end of that terme, they should be wholy restored to *Yvo* his son; and not onely so, but that he would give him his brothers daughter (viz. *Henry* Earl of **Warwick**) in marriage: For the performance of which Agreement the Earl of **Pellent** gave his oath, the King himself also assenting thereto: But in this Pilgrimage *Yvo* departing the world, his son neither enjoy'd the woman, as was promised, nor any of his paternall inheritance.

c Ib. p. 805. C.

Other particulars I shall for brevity omit, winding up my discourse with this Satiricall Character w[ca]. an eminent Author [d] of that time hath of him

[illegible] *Fuit igitur Robertus Consul de Mellento in [illegible] Britannis sapientissimus omnium*, *hinc usq; [illegible] degentium. Fuit scientia clarus*, *[illegible] quo blandus*, *astutia perspicax*, *providentia sagax*, *ingenio versipellis*, *prudentia insuperabilis*, *consilio profundus*, *sapientia magnus: Possessiones igitur magnas & varias*, *quas vulgò vocant Honores*; *urbes & Castella*, *Vicos*, *& Villas*, *& flumina*, *& silvas prædictis adquisierat instrumentis. Erant autem Honores ejus non solum in* Anglia, *verùm & in* Normannia, *& in* Francia: *pro libitu igitur suo Reges Francorum & Anglorum nunc concordes muniebantur*, *nunc discordes prælabantur. Si adversus aliquem insurgebat contritus humiliabatur*; *si proesse volebat gloriosus exaltabatur*: *Hinc thesauri copia*, *auri scil. & argenti*, *gemmarum & palliorum incredibiliter et confluxit. Cum igitur in summo statu gloriæ suæ degeret*, *contigit quendam alium Consulem sponsam ei*, *tam factione quam dolosis viribus arripuisse*; *unde in senectute sua mente turbatus*, *& angaria obnubilatus*, *in tenebras mœroris incidit*; *nec usq; ad mortem se letum vel ylarem sensit. Cum igitur post dies dolori dedicatos in infirmitatem mortis prænuntiam incidisset*, *rogatus est ab Archiepiscopo & Sacerdotibus cum ei Confessionis purgatorium impenderent officium*, *ut terras quas vi vel arte multis abstulerat*, *pœnitens redderet*, *& erratum lacrimis lavaret. Quibus respondens ait. Si terras quas aggregavi multifariam divisero*, *quid miser filiis meis relinquam? Cui contra Ministri Domini*, Sufficient filiis tuis hæreditates pristinæ, & quas justè terras adquisisti, cætera redde, aliquin animam devovisti Gehennæ. *Respondit autem consul.* Filiis omnia tradam; ipsi pro salute defuncti miserecorditer agant: *Eo autem defuncto filii ejus magis injustè congregata*, *injustè studuerunt augere*, *quam aliquid pro salute paterna distribuere. Liquet igitur summam viri sapientiam*, *in fine quasi laus canitur*, *non solum in summam stultitiam*, *sed in cæcam devenisse insaniam.*

d *Epist.* I[illegible] Hunten[illegible] *MS. de c[illegible] temp[illegible] di in bib[illegible]* Cotton. 3. b.

This great man wedded [e] *Ysabell* daughter to *Hugh* Earl of **Vermandoys**; by whom he had issue *Robert* [f] that succeeded him in the Earldome of **Leicester**, and *Walleran* Earl of **Pellent**, both twins [g], with another son called *Hugh* [h], firnamed *Pauper*, Earl of [i] **Bedford**, and divers daughters; one whereof, *viz. Elizabeth* [k] was a Concubine to King H. 1. And departing [l] this life on the Nones of *June anno* 1118. (18 H. 1.) lyeth buried [m] in the Monastery of **Preaux** before mentioned.

e Ord. Vit. p. 80[illegible] D.
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k W. Em[illegible] p. 30[illegible] A.
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All that now rests, in relation to this place, is to enquire what became thereof after the generall dissolution in King *Hen.* 8. time; wherein I find, that it was (*inter alia*) past [n] out of the Crown 17. *Junii* 34 H. 8. to *Ric. Andrews* gentleman and *Leonard Chamberlain* Esquier, and to the heirs of *Andrews*. As for the three virgates (in case **Werlabescote** and this be all one) it appears [o], that *Geffrey de Clinton* had them of the Earl of **Warwick**'s grant, and that he bestowed [p] them on the Monks of **Stoneley** immediatly after the Foundation

n Pa[illegible] 34 H. 8. 4.
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tion of that Monaſtery, which was in King *Stephens* time.

Ratley.

FOllowing the aſcent of **Edg-Hill** Weſtward, I come next to **Ratley**, which by the Conquerors Domeſd. Survey [q] is certified to contain five hides, being then held by *Almarus*, of *Turchill de Warwick*, and valued at C *s.* but before the Norman invaſion it was the freehold of one *Ordric*. In that Record it is written **Rotelei**, and doubtleſs had its name originally from the redneſs of the ſoil, all **Edg-Hill** being of the like colour; which is the reaſon that the rich vally below, is called the **Vale of Red Horſe**, as when I come to **Tiſhoe** ſhall be more certainly manifeſted. That the poſſeſſion of this Lordſhip continued to the poſterity of the ſame *Turchill*, the enjoyment [r] thereof by *Hugh de Arden*, his grandchild, in H. 2. time plainly ſheweth: which *Hugh* was a Benefactor to the Monks of **Stoneley**, by the gift [s] of certain lands here, as I ſhall have occaſion to demonſtrate when I come to ſpeak hiſtorically of that family in **Hemlingford** Hundred. So alſo was *Thomas de Arden* his nephew; whoſe grant [t] to them (*inter alia*) of three carucats of land here, is by his own deed interpreted to be CCCxxx. acres: which *Thomas* [u] held this Mannour of the Earl of **Warwick** by the ſervice of a Knights fee: But in 50 H. 3. I find it extended, [w] and valued at vi *li. per annum*: for if not he, his ſon *Thomas* was taken priſoner [x] in the battail of **Evesham**, fighting on the Barons part; but by the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, he repoſſeſt it again, and in 7 E. 1. was certified [z] to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the ſervice of a Knights fee, having two carucates of land in demeſn, and a ſmall piece of incloſure containing two acres; as alſo the patronage of the Church, and **Free-warren**, together with xviii. ſervants, who held xi. yard land of him under ſeverall Rents, and divers ſervices.

It was then alſo found [a], that the Monks of **Stoneley** held foure yard land here in demeſn, given to them by the Anceſtors of the ſame *Thomas*, which *Thomas* in 15 E. 1. in conſideration of an C *li.* ſold [b] this Mannour, excepting the Capitall meſſuage and Park, to *Nich. de Eton*; and and afterwards the ſame year by another [cc] Deed (wherein he is ſtiled *Thomas de Arden de* **Rotley** *miles*) paſt unto him and his heirs the ſaid Mannour-houſe, with the advouſon of the Church, whereupon the ſaid *Nicholas de Eton* did his homage [d] for the ſame to *William de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, at his Mannour-houſe of **Beoley** in **Worceſter-ſhire**, upon S. *Stephens* day, the year following. And, having in 18 E. 1. obtained a Charter [e] of **Free-warren** in all his demeſn lands here, did in 30 E. 1. entail [f] it upon the iſſue of his body by *Margerie* his wife, with remainder to his right heirs. But all that I further find of this family is, that *Nicholas* his grandchild was [g] one of them, whoſe name in 17. E. 2. was certified into the Chancery amongſt the Knights and men at Armes then reſiding in this County; by whoſe daughter *Cecilie* it came to the family of *Warren*, as the deſcent here inſerted ſheweth.

Nich. de Eton 34 E. 1-Margetia. miles 1 E. 3.

Nich. de Eton miles, dominus de Stocport 34. E. 1. [a] — Iohanna filia & cohæres Ric. de Stocport mil. 34 E. 1. [b]

Nich. de Eton 1 E. 3. [c] — Rob. de Eton (aliter-dictus Stockport). [d] — Iſabella filia Ioh. Davenport militis, relicta 46 E. 3. [e]

Edw. Warren-miles. [f] — Cecilia hæres Iſabellæ filiæ Ric. de Eton. [g] — Ric. de Eton 26 E. 3. [h]

Ioh. Warren. [i] — Iſabella obiit ſine prole. [k]

Of which was *Laurence Warren*, who in 21 H. 8. levied a Fine [l] of it to *Thomas Tropnell* and others, though to what uſes I know not. But it was not long after this, that *John Warner* purchaſed it; for before the latter end of H. 8. reign, I find [m] that he was ſeized thereof; and in 1 E. 6. a Fine [n] was levied thereupon unto him by *Francis Engleſield* Eſquire and others: From which *John Warner* the preſent Lord of this Mannour is lineally [o] deſcended.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter ad vincula*) was in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [p] at xvii. marks. It ſeems that *Thomas de Arden*, Lord of this Mannour in E. 1. time, as I have ſhewed, notwithſtanding the grant he had made to *Nicholas de Eton* before mentioned, paſt away his right in the advouſon thereof to the Monks of **Stoneley**; for ſo doth their publique Inſtrument [q], whereby they gave it unto one *Guy de Gyllebroke* a Prieſt, and his heirs, import; whereunto the ſaid *Thomas* added his [r] confirmation: which *Guy* immediatly diſpoſed [s] of it to *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**; whoſe grandchild *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** in 46 E. 3. conferred [t] it on the Canons of **Clatercote** in **Oxford-ſhire**; whereupon they obtained an appropriation [u] thereof within two years following, from *Roger de Northburgh* then Biſhop of [w] **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, who 8. *Id. Apr. anno* 1342 (22 E. 3.) ordained [w] the Vicaridge: Which in 26 H. 8. was valued [x] at vii *li.* x *s.* over and above viii *s. per annum* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes.
Thomas de Arden miles.	*Philippus de Sapelton Cler. anno* 1251.
Guido de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Philippus fil. D. Joh. de Clinton de Colſhill* 5. *Apr.* 1305.
	Will. de Clinton Accol. 2. *Non. Martii* 1309.
Thomas de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Henr. De Grendon Clr.* 11. *Cal. Oct.* 1330.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Prior & Confratres de Clatercote.	*Rob. de Newentham Pbr.* 6. *Id. Martii* 1347.
	Joh. de Weſtwardyn Cap. 3. *Non. Martii* 1348.
	Joh. atte Bourne Pbr. 14. *Apr.* 1380.
	Nich. Henry 8. *Julii* 1398.
	Joh. atte Bourne Pbr. 7. *Dec.* 1398.
	Thomas Wayte 13. *Apr.* 1404.

a Plac. apud Ceſt. 34 E. 1. b Plac. apud Ceſt. 34 E. 1. c F. levat. apud Ceſtr. 1 E. 3. d F. levat. apud Ceſtr. 46 E. 3. e F. levat. apud Ceſtr. 46 E. 3. f Blith. f. 87. b. &c. g Blith. f. 87. b. &c. h Plac. apud Ceſtr. 26 E. 3. i Blith ut ſupra. k Blith ut ſupra. l Term. Trinit. m Mich. Rec. 37 H. 8. rot. 27. n Term. Trin. o Viſit. Com. Warw. an. 1619. p MS. in Scac. q Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 93. b. r Ib. f. 94. a. s Ib. f. 94. a. t Pat. 16 E. 3. p. 1. m. 9. u Northb. f. 116. a. w Northb. f. 116. a. x MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 49. a.

Ex Coll. penes D. Cap. Lich.

Langt. f. 7. a.

Ib. f. 35. a.

Northb. f. 24. a.

Ib. f. 45. b.

Ib. f. 47. b.

Stret. f. 27. a.

Burgh. f. 2. b.

Ib. f. 4. b.

Ib. f. 14. a.

Ex auctog. in bibl. Deuvel.

Cart. 19 E. 1. n. 6. per Eſp.

Teſta de Nevill.

Eſc. 50 H. 3.

Inq. per I. Nott. Rec. f. 94. b.

Ib. f. 95. b.

a Ex Coll. I. Erdſwike in bibl. Deuvel. p. 207.

b Plac. coram R. term. M. 15 E. 1. Rot. 49.

c Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 94. b.

d Cart. 18 E. 1. n. 77.

e F. levat. Oct. Trin. 30 E. 1.

f Ex Coll. H. Ferrers.

Arund. f. 143. a.	*Prior & Confratres de Clatercote.*	*D. Will. Nicolus* 8. *Dec.* 1414.
Hoyw. f. 13. a.		*Will. Breton* 29. *Aug.* 1424.
Ib. f. 23. a.		*Thomas Bright Pbr.* 12. *Oct.* 1429.
Ib. f. 24. b.		*Thomas Deffte Pbr.* 2. *Julii* 1430.
Ib. f. 26. a.		*Joh. Wyndesoever Pbr.* 4. *Julii* 1431.
Ib. f. 32. b.		*Will. Henlat Pbr.* 13. *Januarii* 1433.
Ib. f. 34. a.		*Joh. Reynold Pbr.* 18. *Aug.* 1435.
Ib. f. 36. b.		*Thomas Reynford Pbr.* 21. *Apr.* 1438.
Bowl. f. 26. b.		*D. Alex. Baron* 18. *Nov.* 1457.
Bl. f. 4. a.		*D. Oliverus Wiganne Cap.* 18. *Apr.* 1505.
Str. & P. f. 16. b.	*Magr. Will. Peter legum Doctor.*	*D. Christoph. Sylbarne Cler.* 4. *Feb.* 1538.
Sampf. f. 41. b.	*D. Rex.*	*D. Henr. Lake, alias Wise, Cap.* 14. *Apr.* 1546.
Sampf. & B. f. 48. a.	*D. Regina Elizab.*	*Rob. Pirry Cler.* 13. *Nov.* 1578.
Morton bund. incert.	*Jacobus Rex.*	*Thom. Brandon, alias Berryman Cler.* 19. *Feb.* 1620.

Armes in a South window of the Chancell.

Gules a Fesse betwixt 6. *Crosse Crosslets Or* } Beauchamp Earl of **Warwick**.

Gules a Cheveron betwixt 3. *Cressants Arg.* } . . . . . .

Upon a gravestone, in the body of the Church, this Epitaph.

Of your charitie pray for the soule of John Warner, the which deceassed the xix day of October, in the year of our Lord M.D.xx. On whose soule Jesu have mercy.

Upon the corner of **Edg-Hill** within this parish, is there a great Fortification, of a quadrangular forme, containing about twelve acres as I guesse; unto which, in our memory, was found a Sword of brasse, and a Battell-axe; touching which kinde of weapons M. *Cambden* in **Cornwall** maketh some mention. Of such and other Fortifications, made by the Romans, (as this doubtlesse was) *Polybius* in his xvii. book speaketh. So also *Cæsar de Bello Civili Lib.* 3. n. 13.——*Erat eo loco* (saith he) *fossa pedum xv. & vallus contra hostem in altitudinem pedum x; tantundemq; ejus valli agger in latitudinem patebat. Ab eo, intermisso spatio pedum DC. alter, conversus in contrariam partem, erat vallus, humiliore paulo munitione.* See also more of this subject in *Cæsar de Bello Gallico Lib.* 7. So likewise in *Vegetius Lib.* 4. *cap.* 28.

Upton.

[v] *Regist. Prior. de Coventre penès Majorem & Ball. f.* 1.

THis was heretofore possest by the family of *Arden*, being originally a member [v] of **Ratley**, and therefore is involved therewith in the Conquerors Survey, though it be not particularly mentioned. As for its name, there is no question but that it proceded from the high situation of the place, the syllable **Up** signifying as much as *supra*: but the first mention that I find of it, is in H. 2. time (if not King *Stephens*) where one *Haraldus filius Gunfridi* maketh sale [z] to *Godfrey de Arden* (a Monk of **Coventre** and son to *Siward de Arden*) of certain lands lying here, to the use of that Monastery. After this, *viz.* in R. 1. time, as I guesse, did *Thomas de Ardern* grant [a] certain lands, lying in this place, to the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick**; in which deed it is written **Hoptone**. But there was antiently a family assuming their sirname from their residence here, which held it of the *Ardens*; whereby 'tis evident, that from one of that line they were enfeoft thereof. Of these one is [b] called, *Rich. de Upton*: and I have seen an antient [c] Roll wherein it appeareth, that *Roger de Upton* held it of *Thomas de Arden* by the service of the tenth part of a Kts. fee: From which *Roger*, I presume, descended *John de Upton*, certified to be Lord thereof in 9 E. 2. Howbeit, the services here due to the *Ardens*; and their heirs, were granted [d] away by *Thomas* (who sold this Lordship) unto *Guy de Gylebrok*: which *Guy* past [e] them to *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: so that afterwards it was [f] held of the said Earl and his descendants.

But the next mention I find of this Mannour, is in 30 H. 6. where *Wil. Verney* Esquier, son and heir to *Robert Verney* of great **Wolford** in this County, by his Deed [g], bearing date 12. *Feb.* 30 *H.* 6. sold it to *Ric. Dalby* of **Brokhampton** gent. for *Lxxvii l. v s. viii d.* sterling: which *Richard* enfeoft thereof one *Morgan Kydwelly* esq. and others, to certain uses; who sold [h] it to *Will. Danvers* (afterwards Kt) which *Will.* depopulated [i] 1 mess. and incloſed xxviii. acres of land, and CC. acres of pasture in this place: From whom is lineally descended *John Danvers* Esq. now Lord thereof.

[z] *Ibid.*

[a] *Ex antiq. penès S. eq. aur.*

[b] *F. 1. Joh.*

[c] *penès* Ric. Dalgen.

[d] *Cart. tul.*

[e] *Warr. Com. 94. a*

[f] *Ib. f. 18*

[g] *Clauſ. 3 H. 6. in d. 24.*

[h] *Inq. ſa per de pop. 10 H. 8.*

[i]

Radway.

THis place, being situat on the skirt, and neer the passage up to **Edg-Hill**, had its name originally, as I guesse, from the red colour of the earth which sheweth it self at a good distance upon that road by reason of the ascending ground. In the Conquerors time it contained six hides, three whereof were then possest [k] by the Monks of **Coventre**, and valued at L *s.* two by Earl *Alberic*, (Progenitor to the Earl of **Oxford**) rated at xx *s.* and one by *Ricardus Forestarius* (of whom I have spoke in **Chesterton**) valued at xxv *s.* in which Survey it is written **Radwei**, and **Rodewete**. But upon some Agreement betwixt the said Monks of **Cov**, and the Bishop, that which they had here came to him, it seems; Two hides whereof did *Roger de Clinton* Bishop of **Coventre** give [l] in frank Almes to the Monks of **Radmore** in K. *Steph.* time; and the third, coming to *G ffrey de Clinton* (of **Kenilworth**) was by him bestowed on the same Monks for the health of his soul, and the souls of his father and mother, and other his Ancestors: in acknowledgment of which favour they gave him C *s.* and to *Henry* his son a Bisantine.

[k] *Domesd. lib.*

[l] *Regist. de Stonly f.* 11 *b.*

Touching that which Earl *Alberic* had, it came to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of **Norfolk** in H. 2. time, in marriage, as I suppose, with *Julian* daughter to *Alberic de Vere* (the Kings Chamberlain) grandchild to the said Earl *Alberic*: for in 9. *Joh.* the Shiriff of this County received the Kings Precept [m] to render the possession

[m] *Clauſ. 9. Ioh. m. 10.*

possession thereof to *Roger Bigot*, Earl of **Norfolk** (son to the said *Hugh*) it having been seized into his hands upon wroug information, as part of the possessions of *Simon Montfort* Earl of **Leicester**, who was in rebellion about that time. It seems that it was afterwards seized again for the King as an Eschaet; for in 6 H. 3. the Shiriff of **Warwickshire** had a command [n] to make livery thereof to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of **Norfolk** son to the same *Roger*. I find it antiently accounted [o] for half a Kts. fee; but the land it self, as is evident, being granted to sundry persons, was partly given [p] to the Monks of **Stoneley**, or by those Monks purchast [q] from the particular Freeholders (which Monks were translated from **Radmore** thither, as in **Stoneley** I have shewed;) And partly to the Canons of **Erdbury**; for it appears [r] that *Raph de Sudley* bestowed on that Religious House one whole hide lying here, which in 7 E. 1. was rated [s] at two yard land, and then held by 5. Tenants, who payd severall Rents, and performed severall servile labours; At which time the proportion that the Monks of **Stoneley** had here was esteemed [t] at four carucates, whereof two they then held in demesn, the rest being in the hands of Tenants, who payd somewhat in Rents, and the rest in servile imployments for those Monks.

But the residue [u] of this town, being vii. yard land and a half, was then possest by *John de Morcote*, son [w] of *Alan de Morcote*, who held it of *Richard de Loges*. This is that which in the Conquerors time was rated at one hide, and held by *Ric. Forestarius*, as I have already declared; whose right therein lineally descended to the family of *Loges*, as in **Chesterton** hath been shewed; and by *Hugh de Loges*, father to *Richard* above mentioned, was aliened [x] to the said *Alan de Morcote*. In that part which the Monks of **Stoneley** had here, they had **Freewarren** [y] granted to them in 12 E. 1. having a Grange within the precincts thereof, [z] called **Egge-Grange**: But it was not long ere they became Lords of more: for it is evident [a] that in 14 E. 1. the above mentioned *John de Morcote* sold part of that he had unto them: Howbeit, the Abbots tenants here did antiently [b] use to performe their suit at the **Court-Leet** held for the Honour of **Leicester**.

The residue of that which was of *Loges* his fee, and formerly possest by the above specified *Alan de Morcote*, being [c] 7. messuages, one toft, with 7. yard land and a half, was in 22 R. 2. granted by *Robert de Walden* of **Warwick** to the said Monks, to find a certain Wax Candle burning in the Conventuall Church of **Stoneley** every day at the Masse of our blessed Lady whilst the world should endure. Of these lands, after the dissolution of the Monasteryes, a great part was disposed to purchasers; *viz.* **Egge-Grange** to [d] *Ric. Andrews* gent. *Leonard Chamberlain* Esquire, and to the heirs of *Andrews*, in 34 H. 8. **Radway-Grange** (which is in the parish of **Bishops-Ichington**) to [e] *Francis Goodere* gent. and his heirs 13. *Apr.* 36 H. 8. And in 7 E. 6. another proportion to [f] *Thomas* and *Humfry Cocks*, both brethren, and to the heirs of *Thomas*. But what hands they have past through since I know not.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) hath been antiently appropriated to the Monastery of **Stoneley**. In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued [g] but at two marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge [h] at Cxii *s.* over and above viii *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	
Abbas & Conv. de Stoneley.	*Will. Ebern.* Cap. 12. *Cal. Aug.* 1321.	*Langt.f.*79 *b.*
	Thomas de Radway Cap. *Id. Junii* 1328.	*Northb.f.* 22 *a.*
	Joh. le Glees Pbr. 11. *Cal. Oct.* 1335.	*Ib.f.*28.*b.*
	Thomas Veysy Cap. 8. *Cal. Sept.* 1349.	*Ib.f.*50.*a.*
	Thomas Yous. Pbr. 3. *Non. Junii* 1351.	*Ib.f.*54.*b.*
	Will. de Paylinton Pbr. 5. *Cal. Julii* 1354.	*Ib.f.*58.*a.*
	Thomas de Haluton Monachus 4. *Junii* 1378.	*Stret.f.* 24. *b.*
	Joh. de Doncaster Monach. 12. *Oct.* 1384.	*Ib.f.*32.*b.*
	Edm. Chamberlain Cap. 8. *Junii* 1403.	*Burgh.f.*12
	Will. Smyth Cap. *ult. Nov.* 1410.	*Ib.f.*26.*b.*
	Ric. Watton Cap. 28. *Sept.* 1417.	*Bull.f.*5.*b.*
	Will. Reynolds Cap. 22. *Dec.* 1418.	*Ib.f.*7.*a.*
	Joh. Roulande 11. *Martii* 1424.	*Heyw.f.*14. *a.*
	D. Thomas Harewode Cap. 24. *Sept.* 1427.	*Ib.f.*19.*b.*
	Joh. Fletcher Pbr. 13. *Apr.* 1429.	*Ib.f.*22.*b.*
	Henr. Andrew 8. *Apr.* 1432	*Ib.f.*27.*a.*
	Nich. Swey 19. *Jun.* 1433	*Ib.f.*31.*a.*
	Joh. Grover Pbr. 20. *Nov.* 1433.	*Ib.f.*32.*a.*
	Tho. Noel Pbr. 22. *Jan.* 1441	*Ib.f.*40.*b.*
	Joh. Clerke ult Julii 1443.	*Ib.f.*41.*b.*
	Joh. Smyth Pbr. 25. *Apr.* 1450.	*Bo.f.*10.*b.*
	Ric. Bishop 5. *Martii* 1498.	*Bowl.f.* 202.*b.*
	D. Joh. Everton 5. *Jun.* 1506.	*Bl.f.*4.*b.*
	D. Ric. Jonson Cap. 22. *Junii* 1529.	*Ib.f.*15.*b.*
	D. Will. Warner Cap. 11. *Apr.* 1536.	*Str. & P. f.*14.*a.*
	Thomas Mecock 6. *Sept.* 1554.	*Sampf. & B.f.*2.*a.*
D. Maria Regina.	*Walt. Gyles* 30. *Maii* 1575.	*Ib.f.*46.*a.*
D. Eliz. Regina.	*Jeremias Hill. Cler.* 4. *Oct.* 1620.	*Mort. bund. incert.*

Tisoe.

FOllowing the tract of **Egg-Hill**, it leads me next to **Tisoe**, which stands likewise at the skirt thereof, having within its precincts the Hamlets of **Westcote** and **Kyte-Yerdwyke**. This is a great Lordship, and contained xxiii. hides in the Conq. days, as appears by his generall Survey [i], where it is written **Tichesho**, being then rated at xxx *li.* and possest by *Rob. de Stadford*, (a person of eminent note) at which time there was a Church: but before the Norman Invasion *Waga*, of whom in **Wotton** I shall speak, held it.

Continuing to the posterity of the said *Robert* for divers ages, I find [k]; that in 7 E. 1. *Nich. de Stafford* held

i Domesd. lib.

k *Inq. per* H. Not. *&c. f.*19.*b.* *&c.*

held it, as part of his Barony, by the service of one Knights fee, having at that time two carucates in demesn, and xiii. Tenants occupying certain proportions of land under severall Rents, and divers particular services; *viz.* Plowing, Harrowing, Mowing, Thrashing and the like. And that *Robert de Stafford*, son to the same *Nicholas*, held then also a good quantity of land here of his said father, upon which he had xix. tenants, who, occupying the greatest part thereof, performed the like servile dutyes as his father's Tenants did. At that time also it appears, that the Monks of **Bordsley** had 3. yard land and a half within the precincts of this Lordship; The Nuns of **Bradwood** two yard land and a half; The Bishop of **Worcester** 4. yard land; The Canons of **Stone** 3. yard land, with the advouson of the Church; The Canons of **Kenilworth** 5. yard land; The Canons of **Croxbury** 2. carucates; and the *Templars* of **Balshall** 1. carucate, all of the fee and gift of the Barons of **Stafford**: All whose Tenants, except[l] those to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and *Templars*, did their suit twice a year at the **Court-Leet** held at **Kinton** for that Hundred.

l *Ib. f.* 100. *a & b.*

Which *Nicholas* Lord *Stafford*, in 13 E. 1. had **Free-warren**[m] granted to him in all his demesne lands here: So also in 15 E. 3. had *Raph* Lord **Stafford**, grand-child[n] to the same *Nicholas*, in consideration of his acceptable services (he being at that time Steward of the King's household) a weekly **Mercate**[o] granted to him and his heirs therein upon the Tuesday, and a **Fair**[p] yearly for four dayes; *viz.* on the Even and day of S. *Peter ad Vincula* (commonly called *Lammas*) and two days following: As also a **Court-Leet**[q], with *Weyf. Strey*, and divers other priviledges. But in 12 H. 8. did *Edw.* D. of **Buck** passe[r] away this Mannour to *Ric.* B[p]. of **Winchester**, and others, to the use of Sir *Will. Compton* Kt. and his heirs; since which time they have enjoy'd it, the Earl of **Northampton** (whose descent in **Compton-Winyate** is inserted,) being now owner thereof.

m *Cart.* 13 E. 1. *n.* 96.

n *Cart.* 15. E. 3. *n.* 14.

o *Cart.* 15. E. 3. *n.* 14.

p *Cart.* 15. E. 3. *n.* 14.

q *Cart.* 15. E. 3. *n.* 14.

r *F. levat. T. Trin.* 12 H. 8.

That which the *Templars* had here was[s] granted to them by *Rob. de Stafford*, and *Henry de Clinton*, being in 31 H. 2. valued[t] at vi *l.* ii *s.* viii *d.* But coming afterwards to the Crown, with all other lands belonging to the Religious Houses, was in 7 E. 6. past[u] out, by the name of a Mannour to *Edw. Aglionby* of **Balshall** gent. and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** gent. and their heirs by Letters Pat. dated 26. *Maii*, being now called **Temple-Tisoe**, by way of distinction from the other Lordship.

s *MS. in offic. Arm. [L. 17.] f.* 148. *a.*

t *MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*

u *Pat.* 7 E. 6. *p.* 11.

Within the precinct of that Mannour in **Tishoe**, now belonging to the E. of **Northampton**, (but antiently to the family of *Stafford* as I have shewed) there is cut upon the side of **Edg-Hill** the proportion of a *Horse* in a very large forme; which, by reason of the ruddy colour of the Earth, is called **the Red Horse**, and giveth denomination to that fruitfull and pleasant Countrey thereabouts, commonly called **The vale of Red Horse**: The Trenches of which ground, where the shape of the said *Horse* is so cut out, being yearly scoured by a Free-holder in this Lordship, who holds certain lands there by that service.

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of the B. Virgin) being given[w] to the Canons of **Stone** by *Rob. de Stafford*, grandchild to the first *Robert* who lived in the Conq. time, was in *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued[x] at xxx. marks (and appropriated[y] to those Canons by *Godfrey Giffard* B[p]. of **Worcester** in *an.* 1294. 22 E. 1.) and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge at[z] x *li.*

w *Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 25. *b.*

x *MS. in Scac.*

y *Giff. f.* 376. *b.*

z *MS. penes* S. A. *aur. f.* 20.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Prior & Conv. de Stanes.	*Hugo de Bidulph Cap.* 12. *Cal. Maii* 1249.	*Giff. f.* 4. *a.*
	D. Rob. de Codeshale Pbr. 5. *Id. Sept.* 1316.	*Ma. f.* 47.
	Joh. de Wotton Pbr. 6. *Maii* 1357.	*Br. vol.* 1. 22. *a.*
	Joh. Prymme Pbr. 8. *Sept.* 1369.	*Lyn. f.* 2.
	Joh. Bleech Cap. 3. *Apr.* 1426.	*Morg. vol.* 1. *f.* 37
	Thom. Blome 19. *Martii* 1438.	*Bourch.* 55. *b.*
	D. Joh. Compland Cap. 1. *Martii* 1451.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 99.
	D. Joh. Lyngard Cap. 24. *Maii* 1462.	*Ib. vol.* 1. 172. *a.*
	D. Walt. Busby Cap. 3. *Sept.* 1471.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 21. *b*
	D. Ric. Hyndman 7. *Sept.* 1486	*Alc. f.* 1
	D. Ric. Shoulde ult. Dec. 1526	*a.*
Will. Barnes gen.	*Will. Edwards Cler.* 23. *Martii* 1563.	*Jeron. f.* 1. *b.* *Heath f.* 1. *a.*

Monumentall Inscriptions.

Upon a Marble grave stone in the Chancell.

. . . . . **Uxor Edmundi baronis de Stafford** . . . . . .

On another towards the North side of the Church.

Hic jacet dominus Thomas Pastropp qui mortem obiit xxix. Novembris anno M. CCCCxv.

Westcote.

THis place, lying Westwards from **Tisoe**, was involved therewith at the time of the Conq. Survey; but till 3. *Joh.* I have not seen it mentioned in any Record, and then was there a Fine levied betwixt one *Alardus de Westcote*, and *Basilia de Mora*, of certain lands here, it being of her inheritance[a], as one of the three daughters and coheirs of *Rob. fitz Otes*, who was Lord of **Lockesley** also, and held it of the Barons of *Stafford*; by one of which, either himself, or one of his Ancestors was, it seems, enfeoft. Which said *Basilia*, being marryed[b] to *Peter de Mora*, had issue 5. daughters; the eldest whereof was wife[c] to *Raph le Falconer*, otherwise called *Raph de Mora*; the second to[d] *Rob. de Offeworth*; the third to[e] *Rob. Balance*; the fourth[f] to *Paulyne Peyure*; and the fift to[g] one *Leonard* a Kt.

a *Ex Rot. de Kenil. penes Ed. Greswold gen.*

b *Ibi.*

c *Ibi.*

d *Ibi.*

e *Ibi.*

f *Ibi.*

g *Ibi.*

This *Raph le Falconer*, alias *de Mora*, had[h] issue by her a son, named *Peter de Mora*; which *Peter*, about the 38 H. 3. past[i] away all this Village of **Westcote** to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; so that in 7 E. 1. the Prior of **Kenilworth** was certified[k] to be Lord thereof, holding it of the Baron of *Stafford* by the service of half a Kts. fee. But at the same time had[l] the Hospitall of S. *John*, situate without the East gate at **Oxford**, where *Magdalen Colledge* now stands, a carucate of land in this Village, and the Monks of **Stonely** 1. yard land: which proportion, belonging to the said Hospitall, being[m] purchased by the Master, Brethren, and sisters thereof, about the beginning of *Edw.* 1. reign, was in 13 E. 1.[n] found to be 4. yard land. Upon the Foundation of which Colledge

h *Ibi.*

i *Ex Rot. penes Vicecom.* Stafford.

k *Inq.* 1 H. *Nott. &c. f.* 100.

l *Inq.* 1 H. *Nott. &c. f.* 100.

m *Rot. Quo W.*

n *Rot. Quo W.*

Colledge temp. *H.* 6. the lands here in **Westcote**, with the rest that belong'd to the above mentioned Hospitall, were transmitted thereto, as in **Willoughby** I have intimated. But that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, was in 34. *H.* 8. granted [a] to *Ric. Andrews*, and *Leonard Chamberlain*, and the heirs of *Andrews*.

[a] *Pat.* 34. 8. p. 4.

Kyte-Herdwike.

THis being also a member of **Tisoe**, and possest there with by the antient Barons of **Stafford**, was by *Rob. de Stafford*, Grandchild to the first *Robert*, given [b] unto *Will. Giffard*; who bestowed [c] one whole hide thereof upon the Canons of **Kenilworth** in H. 2. time, in recompence for the wrongs he had done them, and for the pardon of his sins; which grant the said *Robert* [d] confirm'd. But how or when *Giffard* parted with his interest here, I cannot shew; Howbeit in 36 H. 3. it appears [e], that the heir of *Raph de Mora* held half a Kts. fee in this place of *Robert de Stafford*: And in 7 *E.* 1. *Ric. de Bleys* was certified [f] to be Lord of part thereof, which he held of the said Baron of **Stafford** by the service of two parts of a Kts. fee: and [g] *John de Cantilupe* owner of another part of it, held it of the said Baron by the service of the third part of a Kts. fee, and 1 pound of Cumin. I have not found the true reason of its being called **Kyte-Herdwike**; but that it was usually so termed appears by severall [w] Records. In 10 H. 6. *Will. Verney* of **Wolford** Esq. was Lord [x] thereof, and held it by the third part of a Kts. fee. From whom it past to *Ric. Dalby* of **Brokehampton**, as it seems; for the said *Richard* dyed [y] seized thereof in 20 *E.* 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir xxx years of age.

[b] *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 40 & *p.* 157.
[c] *Testa de N.*
[d] *Inq. per* H. Not. *&c. f.* 101. *a.*
[e] *Esc.* 19. *n.* 23. *f.* 21. *R.* 2. 48.
[f] *c.* 6. *H.* 4. 18.
[g] *Rot. in sc. penes em. R.*
[w] *Esc.* 20. 4.

Compton-Winyate.

FUrther Southwards stands **Compton-Winyate**, being so called for distinction from the other **Comptons** in this County; having had that addition in respect that long since there was a *Vineyard* within the Lordship, as by tradition of the Inhabitants appeareth. And (as all others of the same name) was originally so called from its situation in a low and deep valley, the word **Cwm** in the British, and **Cumbe** in the Saxon importing no less. In the Conq[rs]. time it, being possest [z] by *Turchill de Warwick*, contained viii. hides and one Virgate; two whereof were held by *Almarus* of the said *Turchill*, and valued at *xl s.* Three and a Virgate by one *Roger*, which were rated at *L s.* and the rest by *Aluuinus* prized at iiii *l.*

Domesd. i.

That the greatest part of *Turchil*'s lands came actually to *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; and that the residue, which the said *Turchil*'s heirs enjoy'd, was by them held of the said Earl, and his descendants, is plain enough by what I have so often expresst: but whether the first that assumed his sirname of this place was immediatly enfeoft thereof by one of those Earls, or by any of *Turchill*'s posterity, I cannot positively affirm, in regard that the Record [x] of 20 H. 3. and that of [b] 36 H. 3. do not directly concur; the former of them in timating, that the half Kts. fee, which *Philip de Cumton* then had here, was by him held directly of the Earl; and the other, that it was held by *Thomas de Cumton* (son of the same *Philip* I presume) of *Thomas de Arden* lineall heir to *Turchill*, and that he held it over of the Earl. Neither am I certain that this *Philip* was the first that became enfeoft thereof; for I find [c] an *Arnulphus de Comton*, and likewise an *Osbertus de Comton* in 16 H. 2. As also [i] *Waleranus de Cumton* in R. 1. and beginning of K. *John*'s time, all of this County; but whether these or any of them were of this place, is hard to determine.

[z] *Testa de Nevill.*
[x] *Rot. P.* 16 *H.* 2.
[b] *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 15. & *p.* 120.

The first mention I meet with of *Philip de Cumpton*, above specified, from whom I conclude this family to be descended, is in 5 *Joh.* or thereabouts: For *Will. Poer* Shiriff of this County in 4. 5. & 6 *Joh.* was witness [e] with him to a grant of lands lying in **Tithoe**, made by *Ric. de Bereford*, and *Cecilia* his wife to the Canons of **Kenilworth** at that time: the succession from which *Philip* is on the next page inserted, in order of time as Records do warrant it; but I have not adventured to knit them together, excepting where there is apparent proof.

[e] *Ib. p.* 158.

In 7 *E.* 1. it was certified [f] that *Philip de Compton* (Grandchild, I presume to the former) was then Lord of this Mannour, where it is written **Compton-Wynyate**, and that he held it of *Thomas de Arden* by the service of half a Kts. fee, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**: At which time the said *Philip* had 2 carucats of land here in demesn, and ..... Freeholders, who held of him six yard land by severall Rents: As also 5 Tenants holding 3 yard land, paying certain Rent, and performing divers servile labours. It was likewise then certified [g], that the *Templars* had 3 Freeholders here, who were possest of two yard land, for which they payd a certain Rent, and did suit to their Court at **Warwick**.

[f] *Inq. per* H. Not. *&c. f.* 71. *b.*
[g] *Ib. f.* 72. *a.*

Of the memorable imployments that any of this Family had, I shall here briefly take notice as I find them recorded. *Robert de Compton* (grandchild to the last *Philip*) was [h] in that expedition of **Wales** in 15 *E.* 2. In 6 *E.* 3. *John de Compton* was a Knight [i] for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** In 23 *E.* 3. *Thomas de Compton* of this place, being one [k] of the Coroners in this Shire (an office of very great account in those days, which he held [l] till 50 E. 3.) was also in the same 23 year of *E.* 3. joyn'd in Commission [m] with sundry other persons of quality for assessing and collecting a xv[th] and x[th]. To him succeded *Edmund*, a Coroner [n] also, both in the beginning and later end of *R.* 2. time. But touching his descendants I have not seen much that is memorable till H. 8. time, that *Will. Compton* (son and heir to another *Edmund*) who was but xi years of age [o] at his Fathers death (which hapned in 8 H. 7.) being first a Page [p] to *Henry* Duke of **York** (second son to K. H. 7.) afterwards, when he was King by the name of *Henry* the 8[th] became Groom of his Bedchamber; for I find him stiled [q] *Garcio Cameræ* in the first year of his reign: Nay he quickly grew in such farther favour with that K. that he was the same year advanced to be chief [r] Gentleman of his said Bedchamber; and within three years after, in consideration of his good and faithfull service, had a speciall grant to himself and his heirs of an honourable Augmentation to his Arms, out of the said King's own royall Ensigns and Devises; *viz. a Lion passant gardant Or*, and for his Crest *a demi*

[h] *Pat.* 15. *E* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 30.
[i] *Claus.* 6. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 29.
[k] *Claus.* 50 *H.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 20.
[l]
[m] *Rot. F.* 23. *E.* 3. *p.* 2 *m.* 13.
[n] *Claus.* 12. *R.* 2. *m.* 22. *Claus.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 8.
[o] *Esc.* 9 *H.* 7.
[p] *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers
[q] *Pat.* 1. *H.* 8. *p.* 2. *m.* 13
[r] Life of *H.* 8. by the *L.* Herb. Polyd. Virg. *p.* 621 *l.* 29

Dragon eraſed gules, within a Coronet of gold, upon a torſe Argent and vert, as by ſpeciall Letters, under the ſame King's ſign Manuall, bearing date at **Weſtminſter** the 7th of *Novemb.* in the fourth year of his reign, and exemplified * by *Thomas Writheſley* then *Garter* principall King of Arms, with his Seal and the Seal of his Office, the 14th of *December* following, appeareth. About which time, or ſoon after, he was Knighted, as is evident by that title attributed to him the next enſuing year, in a Parent † for life of the Chancelourſhip of **Ireland**. But that office he held not long; for the Archbiſhop of **Dublin** had a grant [a] thereof in 7 H. 8.

* *Ex autog. penès* Iac. *Comitem* Northampt.

† *Pat.* 5 H. 8. *p.* 2.

[a] *Pat.* 7. H. 8. *p.* 3.

* *Teſta de* N.

† *Nom. vil.*

Philippus de Compton 5. Ioh.

Thomas de Cumpton 36 H. 3.

Philippus de Cumpton 7 E. 1. †

Robertus de Cumpton 9 E. 2.

Rob. de Cumpton 15 E. 2.

Ioh. de Cumpton 6 E. 3.

Thomas de Compton 23 E. 3.

Edm. de Compton 12 R. 2.

Will. de Compton 10 H. 6.

Rob. Compton, defunctus 21 E. 4.

Edmundus Compton obiit 8 H. 7.

Will. Compton miles obiit 20 H. 8. — Werburgia filia & hæres Ioh. Brereton mil. relicta Franciſci Cheyney mil.

Petrus Compton obiit 30 Jan. 35. H. 8. — Anna filia Georgii Comitis Salopiæ.

Anna filia Ioh. Spenſer de Althorpe in com. Northampt. mil. — Henricus Baro Compton obiit 31 Eliz. — Franciſca filia Franciſci Comitis Huntindoniæ, ux. 1.

Henr. Compton miles de balneo.

Will. Baro Compton, erectus in Comitem Northamp. 2 Aug. 16 Iac. obiit 24. Iunii. 7. Car.

Eliz. filia & hæres Ioh. Spenſer mil. — Thomas Compton mil.

Margar uxor. Henr. Baronis Mordant.

Spenſer, Comes Northampt. occiſus in prælio apud Hopton-Heath an. 1643. — Maria filia Franciſci Beaumont militis.

Iacobus comes Northampt. duxit Iſabellam filiam & cohær. Ric. Sackvile Comitis Dorſ.

Carolus, Will. Spenſer, Franciſcus, Henricus. — mil. — Anna. Penelope.

In the ſame year of that K. he led [f] the Rereguard of the Kings Army at **Therouene**, compoſed for the moſt part of the retinue belonging unto *Richard Fox* Biſhop of **Wincheſter**, and *Wolſey*, then the King's Almoner, being about 800. in number. In 10 H. 8. he was charged [t] with providing of 50 Archers for the Kings ſervice in his Wars; In 16 *H.* 8. joyned, [u] with the Marq. *Dorſet* to aſſiſt *Thomas Howard* Earl of **Surrey** in his expedition towards **Scotland** againſt the D. of **Albany**, who then had invaded the North parts. And in 17 H. 8. he had the title [w] of *Burſarius Regis*.

[f] Life of *H.* 8. *ut ſupra p.* 37.

[t] *MS. In bibl. Cotton ſub effig. Othonis E.* 11. *f* 40. *a.*

[u] *Polyd. Virg. p.* 678 *n.* 10.

[w] *Pat.* 17. *H.* 8 *p.* 1. *

This Sir *Will.* erected [x] a fair Mannour houſe, here at **Compton**, moſt of the brick uſed in that ſtructure being brought [y] from **Fulbroke** where a ruinous Caſtle was, whereof he had the cuſtody by the Kings grant [z] and Keepership of the Park; which Caſtle he pulled down, making uſe of the materials for that building. In the Chapell within this Houſe was a coſtly window of rare workmanſhip, the paſſion of our Saviour being therein very lively repreſented; and in the lower part thereof his own portraiture, as alſo that of his Lady, both kneeling in their ſurcoats of Arms. The Parke likewiſe, which is very large, was begun by the ſame Sir *Will.* about the xi. year of H. 8. For then had he Licenſe, [a] not onely to impark certain grounds there, incloſed at that time; but to include and lay to the ſame 2000 acres more of land and wood, lying in **Compton** *ſuperior*, and **Compton** *inferior* (*alias* **Compton Vpnepatys**) for the uſe of himſelf and his heirs for ever. He marryed [b] *Werburge* the Daughter and heir of Sir *Joh. Brereton* Kt. widow [c] of Sir *Francis Cheyney* Kt. And by his Teſtament [d] bearing date 8 *Martii an.* 1522. (14 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried here at **Compton**, with his Anceſtors, and appointed that his ſaid Lady ſhould likewiſe be there interred; as alſo a Tomb of Alabaſter made by the diſcretion of his Executors for his Father and ſet over his grave, with his Arms cut thereupon; and the body of his Mother taken up where ſhe was buried, to be brought hither and layd by his ſaid Father. By which Teſtament he likewiſe bequeathed to the King, from whom he acknowledged that he had received all his preferment, a little Cheſt of Ivory, whereof the lock was gilt, with a Cheſs bord under the ſame, and a pair of Tables upon it; and all ſuch Jewels and treaſure as was incloſed therein; moſt humbly deſiring his highneſs to accept thereof as a remembrance of him. He alſo bequeathd to the ſaid King certain Specialties to the ſumme of a thouſand marks, being for money lent to Sir *Thomas Bullein* Kt. to the intent that the K. would be ſo gratious to his Lady and Children, as to permit his ſaid Will to be performed, as he there expreſſeth.

[x] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 16

[z] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 16

[a] *Pat.* 12 *H.* 8. *p.* 1.

[b] *Viſit. Com. War an.* 1619

[c] *Eſc.* 27 *H.* 8.

[d] *Wilkes.* *Flanky q.* 17.

And moreover appointed, that his Executors ſhould found in his name two *Chanteries*, here at **Compton**; and every Preiſt of the ſaid *Chanteries* to have yearly for his ſalary x marks, they being to do dayly ſervice in praying for the ſouls of the King, Queen, and the Lady *Anne Haſtings*; as alſo for the ſouls of himſelf, his wife, his anceſtors, and all Chriſten ſouls; which Prieſts and every of them to be preſented to the Ordinary of the Dioces, and he to make Inſtitution and Induction accordingly: And if the ſaid Prieſts or any of them ſhould dye, that then the Abbot of **Winchcomb**, and his ſucceſſors, to preſent covenable Clerks within two months after the vacancy: And in caſe he or his ſucceſſors ſhould fail, that then the Abbot of **Evesham** to do the

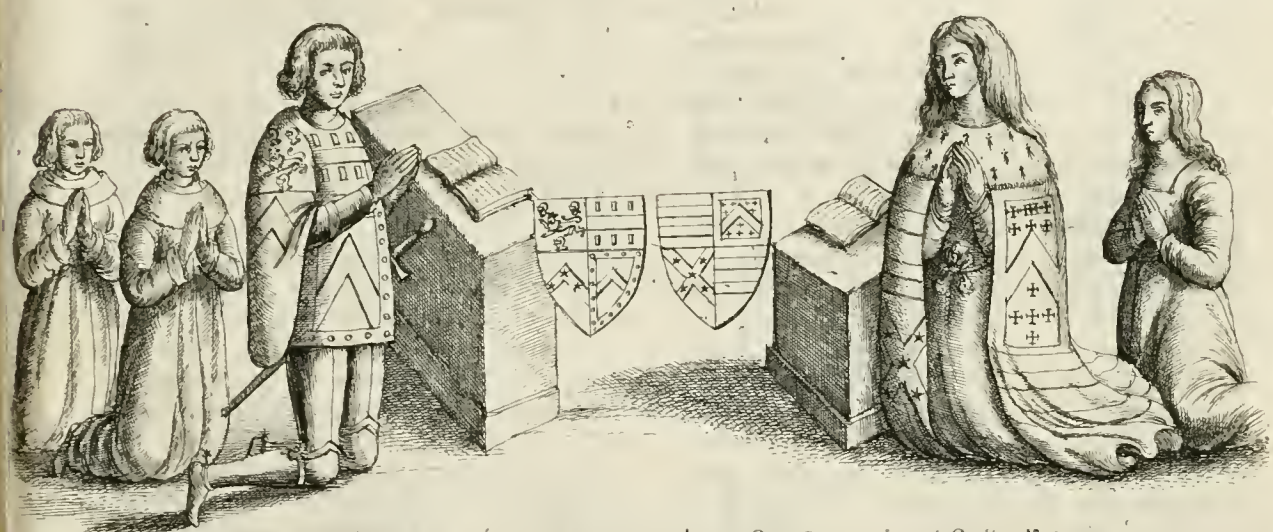
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same, in such a forme as is above rehearsed. After which, about vi. years, he dyed [c] of the sweating sickness; *viz.* in 20. *H.* 8. (being at that time of the Bedchamber to the King, who was also in great danger.) Touching the Probate of his Will, so potent a man was Cardinal *Woolsey* in those dayes, that S[r] *Henry Guilford*, one of his Executors, professed [f] openly, that he could not obtain it till he had payd a thousand Marks.

To which S[r] *Will. Compton* succeeded *Peter* his son and heir, then in minority; whose wardship was committed [g] to the said Cardinal. This *Peter*, marrying [h] *Anne* the daughter to *George* Earl of **Shrewsbury**, dyed [i] before he accomplisht his full age, *sc.* 30. *Jan.* 35. *H.* 8. leaving issue *Henry* [k] of the age of xlix. weeks and 5. dayes. Which *Henry* being Knighted [l] in 8. *Eliz.* was summoned [m] to Parl. amongst the Barons 8. *Maii* 14, *Eliz.* and dyed [n] in 31. *Eliz.* leaving issue by *Frances* his first wife, daughter to *Francis* Earl of **Huntingdon** *Will.* his son and heir, created [o] Earl of **Northampton** 2. *Aug.* 16. *Jac.* Who being also President of the K. Councell in the Marches of **Wales**, one of the Knights of the most honourable Order of the Garter, and Lievtenant to the King in this County of **Warwick**, wedded *Eliz.* the daughter and heir to S[r] *John Spenser* K[t] Alderman of **London**; and dyed *an.* 1630 (7. *Car.*) leaving issue *Spenser* Earl of **Northampton** his son and heir, whose marriage and issue the Pedegree, before inserted, sheweth.

The Church (dedicated to S. .....) had [p] anciently two yard land belonging thereto; and in *an.* 1291. (19. E. 1.) was valued [q] at viii. Marks; but in 26. *H.* 8. at [r] *x li.* As for the fabrick thereof, it is now totally reduced to rubbish, having been demolisht in *an.* 1646, when **Compton** house was garrison'd by the Parliament forces; the Monuments therein of the before specifyed S[r] *Will. Compton* and his Lady, with that of *Henry* Lord *Compton*, his grandson, which were very beautifull and stately, being then utterly razed, and knockt in peices: so that in stead of them (whereof I was not so happy as to take notice whilst they stood) I shall here to the memory of that worthy person, who was the first rayser of this House to that lustre it hath since had (I mean, the before specifyed S[r] *Will. Compton*) and honour of the Family, insert the portraitures of him, his Lady and Children, as they still remain (having been set up in his time) in the Chapell of of *Baliol Colledge* in **Oxford**.

[c] *Life of H.8. ut supra p. 215.*
[f] *Pat. 20. H.8. p. 1.*
[g] *Esc. 37. H. 8.*
[h] *Ms. in Off. Arm. [l. 18.]*
[i] *Clauf. de eem an. in Scac.*
[k] *Final. Ebor. per Mich.*
[l] *Pat. 14. Eliz.*
[m] *Clauf. de eem an. in Scac.*
[n] *Final. Ebor. per Mich.*
[o] *Pat. 14. Eliz.*
[p] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 72. a.*
[q] *MS. in Scac.*
[r] *MS. penes SA. eq. aur. f. 20. a.*



Willielmus Compton miles, cum pia consorte sua hanc fenestram vitrari fecit. A. Dni. 1570.

	Patroni Ecclesiæ	Incumbentes &c.	
[s] *f. 28. a.*	*Robertus dominus de Compton.*	*Thomas de Cōpton-Winzate Diac. 2. Kal. Martii* 1304.	
[t] *vol. 1. f. a.*		*Rog. Herbelot Accol.* 23. *Oct.* 1330.	
[u] *vol. 2 f. a.*	*Thomas de Compton.*	*Thomas de Clipston Cler.* 20. *Dec.* 1343.	
[x] *118. a.*		*Rob. le Ferour* 19. *Feb.* 1347.	
[y] *Cerm. f. 1. b.*	*Nobilis vir Radulfus Baro de Staff.*	*Adam de Kyngesthorp Cler.* 29. *Sept.* 1349.	
[z] *Vol. 1. f. 2. b.*	*Rad. Comes Staffordiæ.*	*Will. de Pirton Pbr. ult. Apr.* 1359.	
[a] *f. 2. a.*	*Will. de Peyto ex concess. Rad. Comitis Staff.*	*Will. Mannyng Pbr.* 11. *Sept.* 1369.	
[b] *4. a.*		*Adam Skil Pbr.* 5. *Dec.* 1370.	
[c] *f. 80. b.*	*D. Joh. de Peito miles.*	*D. Joh. Sulgrave* 27. *Julii* 1390.	
	Edmundus de Compton dominus de Compton-Winzate.	*Joh Etyngdon Pbr.* 7. *Oct.* 1395.	*Tid. f. 10. a.*
		Ada Merston Pbr. 1406	*Cliff. f. 96. a.*
	Agneta de Compton, relicta Edm. de Compton.	*Joh. de Compton Cler.* 1 *Feb.* 1411.	*Pev. f. 40. b*
	Will. Compton armiger.	*Joh. Norton in leg. Bacc.* 22 *Apr.* 1413.	*Ib. f. 54. b.*
		Magr. Rob. Ryssenden 7. *Martii* 1414.	*Ib. f. 64. a.*
		Joh. Banning 26. *Nov.* 1415.	*Ib. f. 74. b.*
		Will. Boveton Cap. 28. *Oct.* 1416.	*Ib. f. 77. a.*
	Venerab. vir Rob. Compton dominus de Compton Wynzate.	*D. Rob. Rendur Cap.* 1. *Maii.* 1452.	*Carp. vol. 1. f. 101. a*
		Magr. Joh. Paylady Cap. 17 *Nov.* 1460.	*Ib. f. 156. a*
		D. Joh. Newith Cap. 8 *Ap.* 1462.	*Ib. f. 171. a*

Magr.

Ib.f.184.b		*Magr. Ric. Dobbes* 25 *Feb.* 1463.
Ib.f.188.b	*Idem Rob.*	*D. Thomas Moleners Cap.* 2 *Apr.* 1465.
Ib.f.231.a		*D. Joh. Smalebroke* 25 *Oct.* 1468.
Mort.f.40a	*Discretus vir. Edmundus Compton.*	*D. Rob. Smyth Cap.* 7 *Febr.* 1489.
Ogg.vol.2. f.4.b	*Rob. Throgmorton ar. & alii feoffati terr. Will. Compton, domini de Copton defuncti.*	*D. Joh. Hawksford* 17 *Apr.* 1498.
Ib.f.34.a	*Will. Compton ar.*	*D. Joh. Oliver, alias Smyth,* 26 *Apr.* 1504.
Bull.f.83.b	*Will. dominus Compton.*	*Rob. Hale Cler.* 21 *Julii* 1607.

Brailes.

I come next to **Brailes**, within which parish are the Hamlets of **Chelmescote**, and **Winderton**. This Lordship is of a very large extent, yet antiently more spacious; for **Tamworth**, which is of it self a great one, was heretofore a member thereof, as in my discourse of that place is manifested; the whole, being certifyed by the Conq. Survey [t] to contain 46. hides, having woods of 3. miles in length and 2. in breadth: All which then yeilded to the K. yearly Lvl wi h xx horse loads of salt, and then were in his own hands: But before the Conquest it was part of the possessions belonging to *Edwine* Earl of **Mercia**. Which part, wherein the woods were so contained, I conclude to be **Tamworth**, whereof there is no expresse mention, by name, in the said general survey.

[t] *Domesd. lib.*

I am of opinion, that it was given to *Henry de Newburgh*, Earl of **Warwick**, by K. *Will.* the Conq. for clear [u] it is that the said Earl possessed it. It should seeme, that in the grant thereof, the number of hides, which it contained, were expresst, and very likely the same that the general Survey before mentioned had recorded; but, that either the measure was too large, or that K. *Stephen* had a mind to get some mony from *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, under that pretence; for it appears [w], that about the beginning of his reign, he put him to *CC* marks fine for the overplus of the hides in this Mannour. After which his posterity enjoy'd it, till K. *Henr.*7. in 3. of his reign, got all the possessions belonging to that great Earldome, as in **Warwick** I have manifested.

[u] *Regist. Col. de Warw. f. 3.a*

[w] *Rot. p. 5. Steph.*

In 31.H.3. upon the agreement [x] betwixt *John de Plessets* with *Will. Mauduit* and *Alice* his wife; it was (*inter alia*) setled upon the said *John* for life, he having wedded *Margery* the daughter and heir to *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** (as in my story of the Earls hath been shewed) which *John* together with his said wife, the next ensuing year, obtained a Charter [y] from the King, for a **Mercate** here upon the Munday every weeke; and a **Fair** to begin on the Even of S[t] *George*, and to continue for the space of two dayes following. After which; *viz.* upon the death of *Will. Mauduit* Earl of **Warwick** in 52. H. 3. it was by agreement betwixt *Alice* his widow, and *Will. de Beauchamp* the succeeding Earl, assigned [z] to her as part of her dower. But in 7.*E.*1. was in the possession of the said *Will.* who then held [a] in demesn 3. carucates of land here; as also a certain Park containing xxx acres, with **Warren** and other liberties. Which Earl had lx. yard land, here, held of him by sundry Tenants, under several rents, and certain particular services; whereof in regard that in those times the like was usual in most places, I will here give instance in one; *viz.* *Adam Underwood*; who holding one yard land, payd for the same 7 Bushells of Oats yearly, and a Hen; being to work for the Lord from the feast of S[t] *Mich.* th'arch-Angell till *Lammas*, every other day except Saturday; *viz.* at mowing as long as that time should last; for which he was to have as much grasse as he could carry away with his Sithe: & at the end of Hay-harvest, he & the rest of his fellow Mowers to have the Lord's best Mutton, except one; or *xvi*[d] in money; with the best Cheese saving one, or *vi*[d] in money; and the Cheese-fat, wherein the said Cheese was made, full of salt.

[x] *F. de div. Com levat. 3. sept. Hill. 31. H.3*

[y] *Cart. 32. H.3.m.2.*

[z] *Cart. 52. H. 3. in d. m.10.*

[a] *Inq. per H. Nott. & f.80.a*

As also, that from the said Feast of *Lammas* till *Michaelmas*, he was to work two dayes in the week, and to come to the Lord's Reap, with all his household, except his wife and his Sheepherd, and to mow down one land of Corne, being quit of all other work for that day. That he should likewise carry two Cart loads and a half of the Lords hay, with seven Cart load of stones for three days, and gather Nutts for three dayes; And in case that the Lord should keepe his *Christmasse* at this his Mannour of **Brailes**, he to find three of his horses meat for three nights. That he should plow thrice a year for the Lord; *viz.* 6. selions, and do the same tillage within xx. miles: And moreover to make 3. Quarters of Malt; giving for every Hogg above a year old, *i*[d], and for every one under, a half peny. And lastly, that he, and the rest of the said Tenants here, should give *xii.* marks to the Lord, at *Michaelmasse* yearly, by way of Aid, and not marry his daughter; *nec filium coronare* (*id est*, nor make his son a Priest) without license from the Lord. [That being an usuall restraint, of old, in *Villenage tenures*, to the end that the Lord might not loose one of his villeins, by coming into holy Orders.]

As for the Freeholders here, I shall only mention some of them; *viz.* [b] *Nich. de Segrave*, who held at that time *viii* yard land of the Earl by the service of the fifth part of a Knights fee; *Theobald de Nevill*, and *Robert de Hastang viii.* yard land, by the service of a pair of gilt spurs: and *Peter de Montfort xvi.* yard land, by the 4[th] part of a Knights fee. At that time the Nuns of **Wroxhall** had [c] one yard land here, which was given to them in pure Almes by *Willeran* Earl of **Warwick**. So also had the Canons of **Kenilworth** 4. yard land, but that was in right of the Church, as part of its glebe. After this, *viz.* in 13. *E.* 1. *Will. de Beaucamp* Earl of **Warwick** claim'd [d] by prescription to have certain privileges here; *viz.* *Gallows*, with Assize of Bread and Beer, which were allowed: For it is a large and goodly Mannour, the yearly value whereof in 9 *E.* 2. being rated [e] at no lesse than 93[l] 05[s] 04[d] *ob. q*;.

[b] *Ib.f.* [illegible] *&c.*

[c] *Ib.*

[d] *Rot. Quow.*

There is little else memorable touching this Mannour, so long as it continued to the Earls of **Warwick**: But shortly after it came to the Crown, as aforesaid, it was leased [f] to *Richard Hungerford*, and *John Hopper* for *xl.* years; and afterwards; *viz.* in [g] 21 *H.* 8. the site thereof, and all the demesn lands, with the **Mercate** and **Fair**; as also the water-Mill and **Warren** of Coneys, to

[e] *Rot. E.2.m.1.*

[f] *Pat.1.H 7.p.2.*

[g] *Pat.2.H 8.p.1.*

Will.

Will. Willington of **Bercheſton** for *xxi.* years which *Will.* held it not out the whole terme, for in 30 *H.* 8. there was another Leaſe [h] made thereof to *Will Rainsford*, one of the Gentlemen huiſhers to the King, for *xxi* years. And in 30 *Henry* 8. the King paſt [i] away the inheritance thereof to *Thomas Wymbuſh* Eſq; and the Lady *Eliz. Talboys* his wife, and to the heirs of the ſaid *Elizabeth* Which *Thomas* and *Eliz.* in 1 *E.* 6. ſold [k] it to *Will. Sheldon* of **Beoley** *in Com. Wigorn*: whoſe great grandchild, *William*, now enjoyes it.

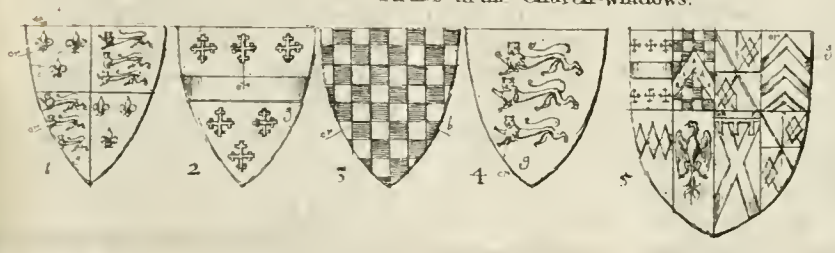
The Church (dedicated to S. *George*) was [l] given to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in King *H.* 1. time, by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, *Simon* then Biſhop of **Worc.** confirming [m] the grant; whereupon in *R.* 1: time, enſued the endowment [n] of the Vicaridge by *John de Conſtantiis* Biſhop of **Worc.** with all the Altarage, and ſmall tythes, as well of the demeſns, as of the lands held in bond ſervice; together with the third ſheaf: As alſo one yard land, with the houſing and orchard belonging to it. After which, *viz.* in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1) the profits belonging to the Rectory were eſtimated [o] at *xx* marks and a half, and the Vicars portion at *xviii* marks: but in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was rated [p] at *xxli.*

Pat. 30 H. p. 6.
Pat. 38 H. p. 7.
F. levat. Mich. 1 .6.
Regiſt. de nul. p. 144
Ib. p. 85.
b. p. 91.
MS. in c.
'S. penes A. eq. a. f. 19. a.
iſt. de ilw. p. 5
p. 91.
P 6. Joh. m.
P 9. Joh. m.
G f. 458.
R f. 17. a.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Magr. Richardus, temp. R. 1.*	
	Magr. Alex. de Maneſtoke an. 1211.	
D. Rex ratione Vacationis Priorat. de Kenilw.	*Magr. Hillarius Cler. 6. Joh.*	
	Ric. de Tirinton. 9. Joh.	
Pr. & Conv. de K.	*D. Hugo de Kenilworth Pbr. 14. Cal. Nov. 1300.*	
	Gilb. de Wythibroke Pbr. Id. Sept. 1313.	
Idem Pr. & C. de Kenilworth.	*Magr. Joh. de Chelmundeſcote Diac. 6. Cal. Apr. 1325.*	*Cob. f. 107 a*
	Rog. White Pbr. 5. Martii. 1353.	*Br. vol. 1. f. 8. a.*
	Rob. Mile 16. Sept. 1360.	*Ib. f. 31. a.*
	Will. de Bradway Pbr. 13. Dec. 1361.	*S. Germ. f. 112. a.*
	D. Rob. Scharborleyn 22. Feb. 1398.	*Tid. f. 36. b.*
	Jo. Bentham cap. 7. Dec. 1419.	*Morg. vol. 2. f. 5. b.*
	D. Rob. Bandy 2. Apr. 1433.	*S. Germ. f. 249. b.*
	Magr. Thom. Taylard penult. Feb. 1455.	*Carp. vol. 1. f. 135. b.*
	D. Joh. Mud Cap. ult. Martii 1467.	*Ib. f. 210. b.*
	Thom. Yardley Cap. 10. Aug. 1479.	*Alc. f. 58. a.*
	Magr. Hugo. Chyſenall art. Magr. 20. Sept. 1458.	*Ib. f. 150. b.*
	D. Joh. Hill Cap. 3. Julii 1489	*Mort. f. 30 b*
Wil. Gower de Woodall in com. Wig. ar. ratione conceſs. Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	*Ric. Biſhop Cler. 12. Martii 1540.*	*Bell. f. 16. a*
Phil. & M. Rex & Regina.	*Magr. Thomas Baſtard S. Theol. Bacc. 14. Dec. 1556.*	*Heath. f. 23. b.*
Joh. Tonly de Burmington, & Joh. Biſhop de Brailes gen.	*Will. Tovye Cler. art. Magr. 20. Junii 1584.*	*Bull. f. 25. b*
Walt. Savage de Broadway, Will. Sheldon & Will. Sheldon.	*Andr. Dakers Cler. 26. Apr. 158.*	*Ib. f. 70. a.*
Barnabas Biſhop.	*Jac. Pallawyne Cler. S. Theol. Bacc. .... Feb. 1611.*	*Ib. f. 93. a.*
Cancellarius, Magiſtri, & Scolar. Univerſ. Oxon. virtute Actus Parl.	*Gerardus Verrier Cler. art. Magr. 4. Aug. 1624.*	*Ib. f. 107. b*

Brailes.

Armes in the Church windows.



1. France and England quarterly.
2. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
3. Warren E. of Surrey
4. England.
5. Richᵈ Nevill E. of Warwick.

Monumentall Inſcriptions in the Church.

HERE LIETH *the body of* John Davis *Gentleman a faithfull lover of Gods Word, who departed this life the ſeventh day of* March *A° domini* 1609.

HERE LIETH *the body of* Helen Davis *the wife of* Thomas Davis, *who was buried the* 4th *day of Aprill A° domini* 1621.

JOHN BISHOP *gentleman, ſon of* Barnabas Biſhop *who dyed the fift of October* 1627.

HERE LYETH *buried the body of* Helen Biſhop, *the wife of* John Biſhop *of* Brayles *gent.*; *which* Helen *deceaſed the* xxth *of December A° domini* 1588.

JOHN BISHOP *Patron of this Church who lived* 92 *years in good credit, and made an happy end the third day of Aprill* 1601. *God grant him a glorious reſurrection. Amen.*

HERE LYETH *the body of* Robert Davis *gent. eldeſt ſonne of* Richard Davis, *who by an happy exchange forſooke the earth to enjoy heaven the firſt of Novembr* 1625.

Epitaphium.

Reader ſhould I boſt my prize
I might too much wrong thine eyes;
And reduce thee to that ſtate,
Which was Niobies *ſad fate:*
Let this ſuffice then; here doth lye
Stout Mars *and with* Mercury;

HERE LYETH *the body of* Elizabeth *the daughter of* Richard Davis *gent. whose virtuous life is now her best and surviving monument, and plainly declareth her unto all, that she changed this life for a better the fifth of August*, 1623.

EPITAPHIUM.

WHAT FEMALE *Sexe doth often sever*
This Phœnix hath conjoyn'd together,
Virtue and beauty seldome greeting
In her congratulate their meeting:
Loe then interr'd within this place
The Virgins glory and the Maydens *grace.*

In this Church of **Bralles** there was a *Gild* founded [q] by *Ric. Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**, by the name of a Warden, Brethren, and Sisters, with two Priests, to celebrate divine service every day, and to pray for the souls of the said Founders: the revenew whereof in 37 *H.* 8. was certified to be *xviii*l *xiii*s *iid ob.* out of which a Grammar School was then here maintained. There was also here a *Chantry* of two Priests, of a much elder foundation; but because it relates most to **Chelmescote**, I purpose there to speak of it.

q MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 23 a.

Chelmescote.

OF this place I doe not find any mention till *H.* 3. time, it having been originally a member of **Bralles**, and possest therewith by the old Earles of **Warwick**: but in 20. of that Kings reign *Roger de Crafte*, and *Sim. de Turvill* were certified [r] to hold halfe a Knights fee, here, of the Earl of **Warwick**: and in [s] 36 *H.* 3. *Rog. de Crafte* and *John Mace*. In that Record it is written **Chelmundescote**; whereby 'tis apparent, that it had at first its appellation from one *Ceolmunde* (an usual name in the Saxons time:) Howbeit afterwards was the family of *Hubaud* (whereof I shall discourse in **Ipsley**) possest thereof; it being seized [t] into the Kings hands in 50 *H.* 3. for the rebellion of *Henry Hubaud*, then in **Kenilworth** Castle against the King. But things being composed by the Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth*, the same *Henry* enjoyed [u] it again; and in 7. *E.* 1. was certified [w] to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee; at which time he had five yard land here in demesn; and four held by several Tenants of him in villenage. All which did his son *John Hubaud* possesse, [x] in 9 *E.* 2. But after that time, till about Lxx. years, I have seen no more of it, than that *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin** in 1 *H.* 4. conveyed [y] it unto one *John Lee*: which *John* by certain Feoffees, past [z] it to *Baldwin Boteler* in 10 *H.* 6. whose daughter and heir *Elizabeth* brought [a] it in marriage unto *Eustace de Grenevil*, about the 38 of *H.* 6. Since which time the descendants of the said *Eustace* have enjoyed it till of late years.

r, s *Testa de N.*

t *Esc.* 50 H. 3.

u *Esc.* 52 H. 3.

w *Inq. per* H Nott. *&c. f.* 94. a

x *Esc.* 9 E. 2

y, z, a *Ex au. tog. penès Ric. Shukburgh eq. aur.*

I am of opinion, that the said *Eustace de Grenevill* began the depopulation thereof: for our countryman *Rous* (who lived in that time) complains of it, After which others followed his example; for by the Inquis. [c] taken in 9 *H.* 8. it appears that *Henry Grenefeild* gent. depopulated 3. mess. and 1. Cottage, inclosing *Cxx.* acres of land; the Master and Brethren of the *Trinity* and S. *George* his *Gild* in **Warwick** 1. mess. with a carucate of land and a halfe, containing *lx* acres; and the Chantry Priest here at **Chelmescote** 1. mess. and 50 acres of land. From which *Henry Grenefield* descended *Richard*, that died seized of this Mannour in 12 *Jac.* whose grandchild *Richard*, about 12 *Car.* sold it unto *Ric. Shukborough* of **Shukborough** Esq;.

b *Hist. M.* l. Rous 144.

c *Inq.* per depop

Besides this Mannour already spoke of, is there another here, at least in reputation; for in 30 *H.* 8. *Will. Walter* was possest [d] thereof, in right [e] of *Isabel* his wife: Which *Will.* demised the same to *Will. Willington* Esq; (of whom in **Barcheston** I have spoken;) who in 1 *E.* 6. converted [f] 4 mess. here into cottages, as also 200 acres of arable land into pasture: And being seized in Fee-simple of one mess. and *lx* acres of land more, did the like by it. All which, by his last Will and Testament [g] he bequeathed (*inter alia*) to his cosyn *Will. Barnes* and his heirs; upon condition that he should distribute certain summs of money to the poor of **Bralles**, **Shipston**, and **Tysoe**.

d Mich. Rec. 30 8. rot. 2

e, f *Inq. per pop.* E. 6.

g *Ex* [illegible] *exempl. penès* Th. Holt *eq. aur. &* [illegible]

In the Chapell here at **Chelmescote**, there was a Chantry founded by one *Thomas de Pakinton* of **Bralles**, in *an.* 1322 (16 *E.* 2) as appears [h] by a certain Agreement indented, made the 16 day of *Jan.* the same year, betwixt *Thomas Cobham* then Bishop of **Worcester**; the Prior and Covent of **Kenilw.** and *Gilb. de Wythibroke* Vicar of **Bralles** on the one part, and the said *Thomas de Pakinton* on the other part; whereby the same Prior and Covent, with the said Vicar of **Bralles** do grant liberty to the said *Thomas* and his heirs to provide a fit Priest for celebration of Divine service in the Chapell before-specified, and to maintain him at his and their proper charges: which Priest was to be presented to the Vicar of **Bralles**, for the time being, by the said *Thomas* and his assignes, making oath to be accountable unto him for all Tithes, obventions, and oblations there received, as due to the mother Church of **Bralles**: provided that he the said *Thomas*, with his Tenants and neighbours of **Chelmescote**, might have divine service in that Chapell, if they thought fit, so that they did perform all parochiall rites, and receive the Sacraments at the Church of **Bralles**: and in acknowledgement of their duty therein, to repair thither on *Christmasse* day, *Candlemasse*, *Good Friday*, *Easter* day, *Whitsunday*, S[t] *George* his day, and *All Saints*: as also on the day of the *Dedication* of the said Church of **Bralles**, there to hear divine service, and visit the said parish Church, except manifest and reasonable cause should appear to the contrary; and that on those days there should be no service at all in that Chapell; All which was confirmed [k] by *Simon Mountacute* Bishop of **Worcester** in *an.* 1334. 8 *E.* 3.

h *Regi vocat.* White book [illegible] D. & *Wigorn.* 124. a. c.

k Mon-tacute 9. a

But in 21 *E.* 3 the said *Thomas de Pakinton*, then Parson of **Maple-Derham** in **Oxfordshire**, by his Instument [l] dated *Feb.* 25. setling upon *Nich. Laumprey* of **Wroxton**, his nephew, the inheritance of four Messuages, and four yard land, lying in **Over Bralles**, and of the Fee called *Segrave*'s Fee, together with *lxvi*s *ob.* yearly Rent, issuing also out of certain lands there, did appoint, that with the profits of the said land and rent, two Priests

l *Ex tog. penès* S. Arch. *eq. aur.*

Prieſts ſhould be perpetually maintained, to celebrate divine ſervice dayly in the pariſh Church of **Bralles**, for his noble Lord *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, his anceſtors, kindred, and heirs: As alſo for himſelf, his parents, kinsfolks, and their poſterity, and for the ſouls of all faithfull people deceaſed. Howbeit, the compleat Ordination of this Chantry was not till the year 1348 (22 *E.* 3) And then did [m] the ſaid *Thomas de Pakinton*, declaring himſelf to be the Founder of a *Chantry* conſiſting of four Prieſts, within the Pariſh of **Bralles**, appoint and direct, that they ſhould clebrate divine ſervice for his Lord the Earl of **Warwick**, his Counteſſe, children, and anceſtors; as alſo for him the ſaid *Thomas*, and all his anceſtors and kinsfolke in manner following; *viz.* two of them, which were to inhabite near the ſaid Chapel at **Chelmeſcote** in the houſe there aſſigned for them, every day to ſing the *Mattens* of our bleſſed Lady, and the *Mattens* of the day, with all Canonical hours diſtinctly, and openly; and to celebrate *Maſſe* dayly in manner and forme following, unleſſe they ſhould be hindred by ſufficient cauſe; *viz.* One of them every ſunday, and on the great Feſtivalls; and on Munday the *Maſſe* of the holy *Trinity*, Tueſday of S[t] *Thomas* the Martyr, Wedneſday of S[t] *Katherine* and S[t] *Margaret*, Thurſday of *Corpus Chriſti*, Fryday of the *Holy Croſſe*, and Saturday of the *Annuntiation* of our Lady.

m x Cart. Warw. C. f. 96. b

The other Preiſt to celebrate every day the *Maſſe* of *Requiem*, for the ſoules of all the faithfull departed this life: And in every Maſſe, except by reaſon of ſolemnizing the Feſtivall, he ſhould be hindred, to ſay ſeven *Collects*; one of the celebration of the *Maſſe*; The ſecond for him the ſaid *Thomas de Pakinton*; *viz. Deus qui caritatis, &c.* The third alſo for him likewiſe, after he ſhould be departed this World: *Deus cujus miſericordiæ non eſt numerus, ſuſcipe pro anima famuli tui &c.* The fourth of S[t] *Thomas* the Martyr. The fift of the *Annunciation* of the bleſſed Virgin. The ſixth for the ſoules of the deceaſed, beginning with *Inclina*. The ſeventh, the generall *Collect* which beginneth thus, *Sanctiſſime Dei genetrix Maria*; eſpecially naming therein the ſaid Earl, his Counteſſe, and children: as alſo him the ſaid *Thomas de Pakinton*, and all his kindred. And upon all Holy-dayes and others, except the ſolemnity of the Feſtivall did hinder, to ſay a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with commendation of the ſouls of the perſons before ſpoken of, & for the ſouls of all the faithfull deceaſed. And l kewiſe ordained, that the other two Prieſts ſhould alſo live together near the ſaid mother Church of **Bralles**, in the houſe aſſigned for them, and be daily preſent therein at *Mattens*, and all other Canonicall houres, to joyne with the Prieſts belonging to the Church, except juſt cauſe and hinderance hapned: and dayly ſing *Maſſe* at the Altar near his Father's grave, behaving themſelves in *Maſſes*, and all other things in ſuch ſort as is directed for the two Prieſts at **Chelmeſcote**: And moreover, that all theſe Prieſts, before their admiſſion to theſe *Chanteries*, ſhould take their corporal oaths before the Vicar of **Bralles**, for the time being, that they would preſerve the mother Church of **Bragles** indempnified, and obſerve all other orders as aforeſaid, to their utmoſt power. Which Ordination was confirmed [n] accordingly by the Canons of **Kenilworth**, as Rectors of the ſaid Church of **Bralles**; as alſo by *John de Chelmeſcote* then Vicar of **Bralles**, the Earl of **Warwick**, and Biſhop of **Worceſter**.

n f. 97. a

Winderton.

THis, being alſo a member of **Bralles**, is not very antiently (for ought I have ſeen) mentioned in Records; for the firſt time, that I meet with it, is in 20 *H.* 3. Where it appears [o] that it was held of the Earl of **Warwick** by half a Kts Fee, one of the *D'Eivills*, of **Walton-***Deivill* in this County, being poſſeſt thereof; and in [p] 36 *Henry* 3. *Robert D'Eivill.*

o *Teſta.* de N.
p

It ſeemes that *D'Eivill* became firſt enfeoft thereof by *Roger de Clifford*; for by a pleading [q] in 12 *Edvardi* 1. betwixt *Thomas de la More*, and *Hugh D'Eyvile*, the ſaid *Thomas* called *Roger de Clifford* to warranty for the ſame: which *Roger* in 7 *Edvardi* 1. was certifyed [r] to be Lord thereof, and to hold it of the ſaid Earl by the ſervice of half a Knights Fee; having then one carucate of land in demeſn, and *xix* yard land held of him in Villenage.

q *Plac. de Jur. Aſs. craſt.* Hill. Warw. *in baga de* Ragman.
r *Inq. poſt* H. Nott *&c. f.* 94 *a.*

To this *Roger de Clifford* ſucceeded another *Roger*, who wedded *Iſabell* [s] daughter and one of the coheirs to *Robert de Vipount*; and upon an agreement made with *John de Crumbwell*, husband to *Idonea*, widow of *Roger de Leyburne*, the other daughter and coheir of *Robert de Vipount*, paſt [t] his intereſt in this Mannour to the ſaid *Idonea* and her heirs, in exchange for ſome other lands: whereupon it became afterwards ſeized [u] into the Kings hands for ſome miſdemeanour committed by the ſaid *John de Crumbwell*, in ſtaying beyond Sea, contrary to the Kings command; yet ſuch was the Kings reſpect to the ſaid *Idonea*, that he permitted her to take the profit thereof towards her maintenance: but upon her death without iſſue, which hapned in [w] 8 *Edvardi* 3. it divolved [x] to *Edw. le Spenſer*, ſon of *Hugh le Spenſer* the younger, by virtue of an entail [y] made in 15 *E.* 2. Howbeit, that which is here called the Mannour, was but the moytie of this Hamlet (as it ſeemes) the other moytie continuing in the family of *Clifford* ſtill: for I find that in 14 *Edw.* 3. *Rob. de Clifford* Lord of **Weſtmerland**, gave [z] to the Canons of **Haghmon** in **Shropſhire** all his lands and Tenements lying here in **Winderton**, having the Earl of **Warwick**'s licenſe [a] for the ſame, of whom they were held: as alſo the King's [b] which expreſſeth plainly that it was the half of this Village.

s *Eſc.* 11. E. 1. *n.* 56.
t *Eſc.* 9. E. 2
u *Rot. F.* 20. E. 2, *m.* 10.
w *Claus.* 8. E. 3. *m.* 31.
x Mich. *Rec.* 10 E. 3
y F. *levat.* Oct. Hill. 15. E 2.
z *Ex Regiſt. de* Haghmon *penès* Edw. Jones *de Salop. ar.*
a
b

But that which was *Spenſer's* Mannour came [c] at length by deſcent to *Iſabell* daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Deſpenſer*, as ſiſter [d] and heir to her brother *Richard*; which *Iſabell* firſt married to *Richard Beauchamp* Lord **Bergavenny** (afterwards made Earl of **Worceſter**) and ſecondly to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: After whoſe death ſhe ſettled [e] it (*inter alia*) upon S[r] *Ralph Boteler* K[t] and others, and their heirs, for the performance of her laſt Will, as ſhe ſhould make declaration of her mind therein, for the health and advantage of her ſoul: Yet it ſhould ſeem, that notwithſtanding this purpoſe of hers, it deſcended to her heire, and ſo conſequently came to the Crowne, as the reſt of the Earl of **Warwick**'s Lands did; and was not granted away

c *Eſc.* 2. H. 5. *n.* 23.
d
e *Pat.* 18 H. 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 8.

away till 1 *M.* that the Queen disposed [f] thereof to *Michael Throkmorton* Esquier and his heirs, who dyed [g] seized of it 1 *Nov.* 5. & 6. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving *Francis* his son and heir 7. years of age. As for what the Canons of **Haghmon** had here, or at least so much thereof as I have seen any authority for, it was past [h] out of the Crown by Q. *Eliz.* unto *John Dudley* and *John Ascough*, and their heirs in 17. of her reign.

I shall now follow this hilly part of the Country no farther; but, returning more into the Vale, must take my course by those brooks and streams, which glide through the rest of this Hundred, till I have made a perfect view thereof: In observance of which order, I next come to that petty torrent, that hath its head within the precincts of **Dasset**; and so, dividing the Lordships of **Merston**-*Boteler* & **Kineton**, creepeth along betwixt the two **Waltons**, as also the **Wellesbourns**, neer unto which it joyneth with **Avon**.

Merston-Boteler.

THis, being possest [i] by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* in the Conquerors time, had then a Church and two Mills, and containing x. hides was valued at xv *li.* But ere long after, *Raph Boteler* of **Overley** had a grant thereof, as it seems; for, in King *Stephen's* time, he gave [k] the Church to the Monastery of **Alcester**, of his foundation: And it may very well be presumed, that the above specified *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* so conferred it upon *Boteler*, in regard that *Robert Blanchemains* Earl of **Leicester** wedded [l] not his daughter and heir, called *Petronill*, till H. 2. time. But of this family of *Boteler* I shall speak historically in **Overley**, therefore will I next take notice of what is most memorable in relation to this place in particular.

From the beforespecifyed *Raph*, it descended to *William le Boteler*; who in 7 E. 1. [m] held it of the Earl of **Leicester** by the service of two Kts. fees, having then one Watermill here, and two carucates of land in demesn, and xxx. Tenants holding one yard land and a half, by payment of certain Rent, and performance of severall services; *viz.* Plowing, Reaping, carrying Corn and the like: As also x. Cottiers; but these did [n] their suit to the **Court-Leet** held for the Honour of **Leicester**.

In this town had [o] *Raph de Ardern* also at that time seven yard land, which he held of *John Mallore*, and he of the said *William le Boteler*: Of which *Botelers* the last that had to do here was Sir *William le Boteler* Knight, who left issue *Eliz.* his daughter and heir, first married unto Sir *Robert de Ferrers* Knight, and afterwards to *Thomas Mollington*, as by the descent in **Overley** will appear. From which *Eliz.* it descended to *Nevill*, and afterwards to *Gascoign*, as **Overley** did: and was by Sir *William Gascoign* Knight, (the fourth from him that married *Nevill's* heir) sold [p] to *Thomas* Lord *Cromwell* in 29 H. 8. which *Thomas* being attainted [q] in the Parl. begun at **Westminster** 30 H. 8. it eschaeted to the Crown, and was thereupon granted [r] to *Richard Fermour* and *Anne* his wife, and to *John Fermour* their son, and *Maud* his wife, and to the heirs male of the said *John*, by the Kings Letters Patent dated 23. *Nov.* 36 H. 8. But it seems that the said *John* dyed without issue male; for I find that K. *Edward* 6. in 7. of his raign, by his Patent [s] bearing date 23. *Junii*, granted it to *Peter Temple* of **Derset** in this County gent. and *Thomas Lee* of **Clatercote** in the County of **Oxford** gentleman, and their heirs, to hold in *Capite* by the xl[th] part of a Knights fee. Which *Peter* sold away sundry parcells thereof to severall persons, about the beginning of Queen *Maryes* reign; amongst which *John Woodward* purchased [t] the Mannour place, and a large proportion therewith. Which *John* dyed [u] seized thereof 8. *Nov.* 2. & 3. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving *Richard* his son and heir 50. years of age; who dyed [w] also seized thereof 14. *Aug.* 4. & 5. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving *John* his son and heir 26. years of age. But the greatest [x] proportion besides (*viz.* 1. mes. 1. Garden, 1. Orchard CCC. acres of land, x. acres of meadow, viii. acres of pasture, and L. acres of Heath & Furrs, was sold to *Tho.* and *Edward Savage* by the before specified *Peter Temple*, and *Thomas Lee*: which *Edward* dyed [y] seized thereof in the life time of *Thomas*; and *Thomas* departed this life 1. *Jan.* 5. *Eliz.* leaving *John* his son and heir xxx. years of age.

The Church being given [z] to the Monastery of **Alcester** by *Raph le Boteler*, Founder thereof in K. *Stephens* time, was in *an.* 1291. 19 E. 1. rated [a] at xii. marks: at which time the Prior of **Ware** had a portion of the Tithes belonging thereto, valued at 1. mark. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued [b] at viii *li.* iii *s.* iv *d.* the Rectory being appropriate [c] to the Monks of **Alcester**, and then rated at [d] xvii *li.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Abb. & Conv. de Alencester.	*Will. de Alencester Cap. in Vigil. b. Cath. Virg.* 1268.	Giff. f.
	Rog. dictus le Boor Pbr. 7. *Id. Apr.* 1284.	Ib. f. 12
	D. Milo de Cirnecester Pbr. 3. *Non. Jun.* 1306.	Geyn. f. b.
	D. Joh. Enche Pbr. 15. *Cal. Aug.* 1337.	Hem. a.
	Phil de Wirmynton Cap. 7. *Julii* 1339.	Wolst. f.
	Ric. Wylkins Cap. 5. *Dec.* 1402.	Cliff. f. a.
	D. Thom. Sompner Cap. 15. *Nov.* 1416.	Pev. f. b.
	D. Will. Doninton Cap. penult. Junii 1420.	Carp. f. 18
	D. Joh. Tamworth 27. *Apr.* 1464.	Morg. f. 13
Abbas & Conv. de Evesham.	*D. Joh. Clerke Cap.* 14. *Jan.* 1480.	Alc. f. b.
	Magr. Joh. Pryn in decret. Bacc. 5. *Apr.* 1521.	Jeron. f. a.
Thom. Woodward gen.	*Joh. Morse Cler.* 11. *Sept.* 1583.	Bull. f. b.
Ric. woodward gen.	*Rad. Wright Cler.* 2. *Martii* 1590.	Ib. f.
	Nich. Byfeild Cler. 21. *Jan.* 1601.	Ib. f. 7 b.
Francisca Woodward Vidua.	*Joh. Palmer Cler.* 2. *Feb.* 1603.	Ib. f. b.
	Rob. Rainebow Cler. 8. *Jan.* 1619	Ib. f. b.

Kineton.

THis town, as it gives name to the Hundred, whereof I have spoke already at my entrance therein-

thereinto, ſo ſtands it about the center of it; and, for divers reſpects, as I ſhal anon obſerve, is a place as worthy of note, as any other in this part of the County. There are two places in the Conquerors Survey [c] wherein the name of **Clinfone** (which is all one with what we now call **Kington** or **Kineton**) is to be found; the one amongſt the lands belonging to the Earl of **Pellent**; but I make a doubt whether that concerns this place, rather believing it to be **Kington** now an obſcure Village lying neer **Claverdon**: The other amongſt the lands of *Will. fil. Corbucion*, and then held by one *Ailmarus* being then certified to contain no more than two hides, beſides the woods, eſtimated at half a mile in length, and 4. furlongs in breadth; all which was then valued but at x *s.* and had been the freehold of *Turchill de Warwick* in *Edward* the Confeſſors days.

c Domeſd. ib.

But whether that were this **Kington**, I am as unſatisfied; believing rather this not to be at all mentioned in *Domeſday*-book, as ſome other places of note; *viz.* **Alceſter** and **Tamworth**, in this County, are not, though then in the Ks. hands, as I conclude thoſe places were: for it appears by a very authentique Record *, that it was antient demeſn; *id eſt* in the poſſeſſion of King *Edward* the Confeſſor, or King *William* the Conquerour, and very likely of other Kings before thoſe days; the name thereof importing no leſſe. But the firſt certain mention that I find of it, is in the Regiſter [f] of **Kenilworth**, where it appears, that King H. 1. poſſeſt it, and gave the Church to the Canons of that Houſe immediatly after the Foundation thereof—*Eccleſiam etiam de Chintona de meo domino Concedo, &c.* are the words of his Charter.

Inq. per I. Nott. &c. f. 69. a.

Regiſt. de Kenilw. f. 43.

This King *Henry* granted [g] alſo to *Milo* one of the ſons to *Will. de Oxinford*, and the reſt of his Brethren xxx *s. per an.* lands here in **Chinton**, w^ch *William* their father, who is alſo called *Vicecomes*, held of him; and namely the land of **Swinlie**, given by the ſaid King to them and their mother in exchange for what they had in **Blochesham**. Which *Milo* is he, as I gueſſe, who was called *Milo de Kineton*, being a witneſſe to many Charters in this County, about that time. But this land ſo given to the ſame *Milo* and his brethren, King *Stephen* had again from him, and gave [h] it to the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth** at ſuch time as he confirm'd to them the grant of the Church by King H. 1. Howbeit the Mannour it ſelf continued in the King's hands; for it appears [i] that in 12 H. 2. *Will. Baſſet*, then Shiriff of this Shire, accounted for the charge of making a Goale here: and in [k] 23 H. 2. xi. marks and a half, were aſſeſt: and received from this town for Aid to the King, under the title of *Auxilium Burgorum & Villarum, & hominum, per Will. fil. Radulfi, Will. Baſſet, & Mich. Belet*, Juſtices Itinerant at that time.

g Ib. p. 145.

Rot. P. 2. H. 2.

Rot. P. 23 H. 2.

In 4 R. 1. there was xiv *li.* xv *s.* viii *d.* beſtowed in [l] workmanſhip upon the Gaol here, by the Ks. ſpeciall Precept, *Herebert de Putot* and *William Bihnee* (the one Lord of **Hopsford**, the other of **Alcorne** in this County) being Overſeers of the repair. But in 7 *Joh.* the King, having rendred **Pilardington** to *Hugh de Gurnay*, from whom he had taken it, and beſtowed it upon *Hugh de Hercy*, [m] commanded the Shiriff that he ſhould deliver poſſeſſion of this Mannour to the ſaid *Hugh de Hercy*, by way of exchange for his title in **Pilardington**; upon condition, that if the ſaid *Hugh de Hercy* could by any friendly agreement, or by courſe of law recover **Pilardington** from the ſame *Hugh de Gurnay*, that then he ſhould deliver up this back again to the King. Which was accordingly done: for I find that *Hugh de Hercy* did repoſſeſſe **Pillardington**; whereupon the King having this again, by his Charter [n] bearing date at **Lincoln** 28. *Sept.* 18. of his raign, granted it in Fee-ferm to *Stephen de Segrave* and his heirs (of whom in **Calvdon** I have ſpoke) paying into the Exchequer yearly xii *li. viz.* at *Eaſter* vi *li.* and *Michaelmaſſe* vi *li.* being the antient Rent that it yeilded to the Crown.

l Rot. P. 4 I.

Clauſ. 7 h. m. 1.

n Cart. 18 Joh. in d. m. 1.

After which, *viz.* in 4 H. 3. the ſame *Stephen de Segrave* obtained the Kings Charter, [o] dated 28. *Aug.* for a **Mercate** here weekly upon the Tueſday. And the next year following did the King direct his ſpeciall Precept [p] to *Thomas de Eſtleg* and *William Baſſet*, reciting, that whereas he had granted unto them his ſpeciall Commiſſion for the ſeizing of all the Demeſns and Eſchaets which appertained to the Crown, they ſhould not meddle with this Mannour, in reſpect that the ſame *Stephen de Segrave* had a Patent thereof from King *John*, which had been exhibited to him the ſaid King. And in 11. of his reign; to fortifie his title, granted unto him a new Charter [q] thereof, together with the like for the Tueſday **Mercate**, bearing date at **Weſtminſter**. 10. *Feb.* the ſame year: confirming it again by another [r] dated at **Oxford** 26. *Dec.* 13. of his reigne, whereby he added the grant of an yearly **Faire** to continue for two days; *viz.* upon the Even and day of S. *Peter* and *Paul*. To which *Stephen* ſucceeded *Gilbert de Segrave*, and to *Gilbert Nicholas* his ſon and heir, who being in [s] that rebellion with the Barons in 49 H. 3. and thereby forfeiting his whole eſtate, this Mannour, ſo eſchaeting to the Crown, was by the King given [t] to *Edmund* his ſon (afterwards created Earl of **Lancaſter**:) which *Edmund* ſoon after beſtowed [u] it on *Raph le Butiller* and his heirs, who thereupon had the King's confirmation [w] thereof, bearing date at **Kenilworth** 3. *Oct.* 50 H. 3. reſerving the Rent of xv *li.* to be yearly payd into his Exchequer at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmaſſe* by even portions. Howbeit ſuch application did the ſaid *Nicholas* uſe towards the before ſpecified *Edmund*, that he not only obtained [x] this Mannour again the next year following, but extraordinary reſpects otherwiſe: Neither was *Raph le Butiller* without [y] ſatisfaction, by way of recompence inſtead thereof.

o Clauſ. 4 H. 3. m. 4.

p Clauſ. 5 H. 3. m. 2.

q Cart. 11. H. 3. m 34.

r Cart. 13 H. 3. m. 16.

s Pat. 50 H. 3. m. 3.

t Pat. 50 H. 3. m. 3.

u Pat. 50 H. 3. m. 3.

w Pat. 50 H. 3. m. 3.

x Clauſ. 51 H. 3. m. 3.

y Pat. 55 H. 3. m. 10.

After which, *viz.* in 7 E. 1. the ſame *Nicholas*, being certified [z] to hold it in Fee-ferm of the King by the Rent of xii *li. per annum*, before expreſt (in which Record it is ſaid to be *de antiquo dominico*) had four carucates of land in demeſn, two Windmills, and two Dove-houſes, with a **Court Leet**, *Gallows*, and other Liberties, beſides the **Mercate**: As alſo xxxvii. *Sokemen* *, who held 31. yard land under ſeverall Rents, and divers ſervile imployments: And in 20 E. 1. had **Free-warren** [a] granted to him in all his demeſn lands here. But from this family of *Segrave* it divolved at length, by *Eliz.* a daughter and heir, to *John de Mowbray*, as **Calvdon**. (whereof I have already ſpoke) did; who in 29 E. 3. had a pardon [b] for the Relief thereupon due by them to the King. And upon the partition of *Mowbray's* lands betwixt the coheirs; *viz.* *Howard* and *Berkley*, comming to *Berkley's* ſhare, was in 9 H. 7. aſſigned [c], in part of her dowrie, to *Anne*, the wife of *Will.* Marqueſſe *Berkley*. To which family it continued till of late years: for I find

z Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 69. a.

* Such as had been Tenants in antient demeſn. *Brit. Cap. 66. n. 2.*

a Cart. 20 E. 1. n. 17.

b Pat. 29 E. 3. p. 3. m. 8.

c Pat. 9 H. 7. p. 10.

that *Henry* Lord *Berkley*, son of Sir *Maurice Berkley* was seized [d] thereof in 2 *Eliz.*

d *Esc.* 2. *Eliz.*

There hath been antiently a Castle here, situate North-east from the town, about two furlongs; whereat, as the tradition is, King *John* sometime kept his Court.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was by King H. 1. given [e] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, as I have already intimated, and confirmed [f] to them by *Baldwin* Bishop of **Worcester**, in H. 2. time. In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued [g] at xxi. marks; and being rebuilt about the beginning of E. 2. time, was consecrated [h] anew by *Walter Maydenston* Bishop of **Worcester** xvi. *Kal. Julii anno* 1315. (9 E. 2.) When the Vicaridge was ordained I have not seen; but in 26 H. 8. it was valued [i] at viii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d. per annum*, that being the stipend [k] wherewith (as it seems) it had been originally endowed.

e *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 143.
f *Ib. p.* 87.
g *MS. in Scac.*
h *Mayd. f.* 29. *a.*
i *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 19. *a.*
k *Ib. f.* 45. *a.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
S. Germ. f. 158. *a.*	
Ib. f. 174. *b.*	*Henr. Vicarius Eccl. de Leminton an*, 1338.
Wak. f. 12. *a.*	*Rob. Harwode Pbr.* 19. *Junii* 1374.
Ibid. b.	*Phil. de Warmynton Pbr.* 7. *Apr.* 1379.
Ib. f. 40. *b.*	*Will. Slygh Pbr.* 13. *Maii* 1379.
Ib. f. 43. *b.*	*Ric. Smyth.* 23. *Febr.* 1384.
Tid. f. 42. *b.*	*Rob. Hunte* 23. *Maii* 1386.
Cliff. f. 86. *a.*	*Joh. Shukburgh Cap.* 22. *Aug.* 1399.
Pcv. f. 5. *a.*	*D. Will. Baker Pbr.* 15. *Julii* 1405.
Ib. f. 78. *b.*	*D. Joh. Gylot* 1. *Dec.* 1408.
Bourch f. 66. *b.*	*Ric. Shepley* 2. *Jan.* 1416.
Carp. vol. 1. *f.* 64. *b.*	*D. Joh. Tamworth Pbr.* 25. *Febr.* 1439.
Alc. f. 137. *b.*	*Will. Vauce* 17. *Oct.* 1448.
Gyg. 2. *f.* 8. *b.*	*Magr. Ric. Bonyfaunte S. Theol. Bacc.* 12. *Sept.* 1484.
Bul. f. 31. *b.*	*D. Thomas Rawlinson Cap.* 11. *Sept.* 1499.
Ib. f. 33. *b.*	*Rob. Williams Cler. ult. Jan.* 1585.
Ib. f. 55. *a.*	*Joh. Haal Cler.* 17. *Martii* 1586.
Ib. f. 108. *a.*	*Thomas Howghton Cler.* 17. *Aug.* 1587.
	Ric. Wotton Cler. 11. *Aug.* 1624.

D. Elizab. Angliæ Regina.

Edw. Bentley ar.

Armes in a South window of the Church.

Nebulè Arg. and gules.

Arg. a fesse engrailed betwixt 6. billets gules. } Aylworth.

Kineton parva.

l *Inq.* per H. Nott. *Esc. f.* 70. *a.*

OF this place I have seen nothing till 7 E. 1. and then was it certified [l], that *Nich. de Segrave* had 3. Tenants here, holding . . . . yard land, by performance of severall fervices, it being a member of **Kineton** before spoken of. It should seem that those lands, which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had within the precincts of **Kineton**, were in this **Kineton-Parva**: for in that grant [m] made by King H. 8. to *Ric. Andrews*, and *Leonard Chamberlain*, and the heirs of *Andrews*, whereby the capitall messuage and site of this Mannour, and six yard land belonging thereto, are past unto them, it is said, that the same was part of the possessions belonging to that Monastery.

m *Pat.* 34 H. 8. p. 4.

Brokehampton.

THis Village situate on the bank of the little brook below **Kineton**, taketh its name from thence; and being originally a member of that Lordship, continued involved therewith till that King *John* gave [n] it to *Raph de Thurbervill* and his heirs, by the name of the Mannour of **Brochamton**, to hold by the service of the 4. part of a Knights fee. Which *Raph* was a person of no ordinary note and trust, as it seems: For in 6. *Joh.* when *Alice* Countess of **Warwick** gave that great Fine, whereof in my story of the Earls I have made mention, to the end that she might continue a widow during her own pleasure, have the tuition of her children, and a reasonable dowrie, &c. the Shiriff of this County was commanded [o], that for her payment thereof, and performance of what else was to be done on her part, security should be taken before him the said *Raph*; as also her Oath, in such sort as he should expound it. To him succeeded *Lucas de Turbervill* or *Trublevill* (for I find it both ways written) from whom this land being taken [p] as an Eschaet (it seems) about the 12. year of King *John*, was in 1 H. 3. restored [q] to *Raph de Trublevill* his brother, as belonging to him by right of inheritance: and yet forasmuch as it had been part of the demesns of the Crown (as a member of **Kineton**) was in 6 H. 3. through the advice of the Kings great Councell, reseized [r] by the Shiriff, as all other lands of that nature were.

n *Ex vet. membr. penès* Ric. Dalby *gen. Testa de* Nevil

o *Rot. F. Ioh. m.* 7

p *Lib. rub. f.* 144. *b.*

q *Pat.* 1 H. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 1

r *Rot. F. H.* 3. *m.* 4

How the said *Raph* made his agreement with the King appears not; but in 13. of his reign he granted [s] and confirmed it to him and his heirs, together with seaven yard land in **Kintone**, for the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee. Which *Raph* being dead in 16 H. 3. *Alice* his widow had an assignment [t] of this land for her maintenance: but the next possessor [u] thereof was *Henry de Trublevill*, and after him (though how I cannot discover) *Thomas de Wapenbury* (of whom in **Wapenbury** I have spoke) *scil.* in [w] 20 H. 3. Which *Thomas* granted [x] it to *John Mile*, who had issue [y] *Richard*, and he *Henry Mile*; whose daughter and heir called *Margaret* was wedded [z] to *Will: de Welham*, and over-lived him; being a widow [a] in 30 E. 3. To this *Margaret* succeeded Sir *John Braunceſtre* Knight, as owner of this Mannour, but whether by purchase or otherwise I cannot directly affirm: which *John* demised [b] all or the greatest part thereof, to one *Robert Dalby*, and *John Dalby* his son in 51 E. 3. and afterwards sold [c] it to *Hugh Dalby*, whom I conceive to be son to the said *John*.

s *Cart.* 13 H. 3. *m.* 1

t *Claus.* 16 H. 3. *m.*

u *Ex vet. membr. penès præfat.* R. Dalby

w *Testa de* Nevill.

x, y, z *Ex præfat. membr.*

a, b, c *Ex autog. penès eund.* R. D.

This *Hugh Dalby* was Fermour [d] unto *Thomas de Moubray* Duke of **Norff.** of his Mannour of

d *Esc.* 22 *E.* 2. *n.* 101

Kineton

Kineton in R. 2. time, and a person in much trust and imployment by the descendants of that Duke, as I shall shew anon. In 19 R. 2. he bore the office [c] of Eschaetor for this County and Leicestershire. In 20 R. 2. *Thomas Moubray* Earl of Nottingham, and Marshall of England, by his [f] Deed bearing date 10. *Feb.* in consideration of his good service, granted to him an annuity of x *li. per an.* during life, issuing out of his Mannour of Chacombe in Northamptonshire; having in *Octob.* before (being then Governour [g] of Calais in Picardy) constituted [h] him, with *John Styvecle*, his Atturneys to prosecute all suits for him, and answer whatsoever should happen in his absence. In 22 R. 2. he was constituted [i] one of the Justices of Peace in this County; and in 17 H. 6. departed [k] this life, leaving *John Dalby* his son and heir 32. years of age; who dying [l] without issue; *Ric. Dalby*, his brother, became his heir. [m] Which *Richard* was made Feodary [n] to *John* Duke of *Norff.* in 32 H. 6. for all his lands, lying in the Counties of Leic. Warwick, Nottingham, Derby, and elsewhere within the Realm of England, the Counties of Norff. Suff. Sussex, and Surrey excepted, for the levying, collecting and receiving of all Reliefs and profits whatsoever accruing by such Knights fees as belong'd to the said Duke: As also his Receiver generall to collect all the Fees and commodities appertaining to him by reason of his Office of Earl Marshall of England, through every Barony and part of a Barony, according to the Statute therein made and provided; for which pains and travail therein, he was to have the one half of all the said profits, over and above his reasonable costs expended in that service.

This *Richard* in 38 H. 6. went [o] over with *Nich. Husee* esquier into Picardy, for the custody of the Castle of Guynes, in respect whereof he had the Kings Letters [p] of protection; but upon his recesse to this his house at Bickhampton, where he made his abode, the said protection was revok't [q]; and died [r] in 6 E. 4. leaving *Robert* [s] his son and heir; from whom is lineally descended *Richard Dalby* gent. now Lord of this Mannour.

Rot. F. 19. 2. m. 18.

Pat. 1 H. 4. p. 2. m. 5. per Inspex.

Pat. 22 R. 2. p. 1. in d. 25.

Esc. 17 H. 6. Ex vet. membr. penès præfat. R. D.

x autog. penès eund. D.

o Pat. 38 H. 6. p. 2. m. 17.

p Esc. 19. E. 4.

Cumbroke.

THis, lying neer unto a narrow and deep valley, through which the little brook before specified runs, had thence its name; the word Cumbe signifying, in our old English, such a hollow place (as I have elsewhere shewed:) But there is very little that I find memorable in relation thereto, other than the ded cation [t] of the Church and Churchyard, by *Simon* Bishop of Worcester in H. 1. time, to the honour of God, the blessed Virgin, and St. *Margaret*, saving the right of the mother Church of Kineton: For I cannot see that it was a distinct Mannour of it self, but that the Mannours of Kineton and Bickhampton did extend into it, as from sundry authorities may be observed; and therefore I shall passe it by, onely taking notice, that the Chapell in 26 H. 8. (for so it was then called) had [u] the small Tithes and oblations of this Hamlet, belonging to it, which were valued at Cvi *s.* viii *d. per annum.*

t g. de Glow. p. 1

u 18. pe. S. A. aur. f. e.

Compton-Murdak.

THis, taking its name, as all other Comptons do, from the situation in or neer some deep valley, hath had the addition of *Murdak* to distinguish it from the many other Comptons in this County, in regard that the family of *Murdak* were antiently owners thereof. In the Conquerors time it was possest [w] by the Earl of Mellent, and rated at vii. hides, which were valued at vi *li.* there being then a Church; but in the generall Survey then taken, it is written Contone. From this Earl of Mellent it came to his brother *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of Warwick, with other great possessions in this County, as I have elsewhere often intimated; whose son and successor Earl *Roger* granted [x] it, together with the advouson of the Church unto *Robert Murdac* and his heirs, towards the later end of *H.* 1. time, to hold by the service of one Knights fee, *Will.* Earl of Warwick confirming the same unto *Roger* son to the said *Robert*.

w Domesd. lib.

x Ex autog. penès Grevil. Verney eq. aur.

In 38 *H.* 3. *Will. Murdac* had a Charter [y] of Free-warren granted to him in all his demesn lands in this place, and in Hethcote in Northamptonshire: which *Will.* in [z] 7 E. 1. had two carucates of land in demesn here, xv. Tenants holding severall proportions by sundry servile labours, and certain Rents; as also 3. Freeholders, and xvi. Cottiers. Being a Knight [a] in 13 E. 1. he had his tryall [b] at Warwick, before the Justices of Gaol delivery, concerning the death of one *Raph le Bedel*, for which he was questioned; and departed [c] this life in 26 E. 1. leaving *John* his son and heir

y Pat. 38 H. 3. Vascon. m. 10.

z Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 91. b. &c.

a Plac. de Jur. & Assis.

b Pat. 13 E. 1. m. 24.

c Esc. 26 E. 1. n. 9.

Rob. Murdac
11 H. 2.

Rog. Murdac.
26 H. 2.

Thom. Murdac, defunctus
36 H. 3.

Will. Murdac, obiit
26 E. 1.

Nich. Murdac Rector Eccl. de Hethcote.

Ioh. Murdac fil. & hæres obiit sine prole.

Tho. Murdac miles obiit 9 E. 2.

Iuliana filia Philippi de Gayton militis.

Ioh. Murdac miles. 16 E. 2.

Thomas Murdac 17 E. 2.

Thomas Murdac miles 44 E. 3.

Thomas Murdac obiit sine prole.

Arnoldus Murdac frater & hæres 6 H. 4.

26. years of age; of whom I meet with no more mention: the next possessor thereof being *Thomas Murdac* his brother: which *Thomas*, in 29 E. 1. having summons, [d] with divers other persons of great quality, to be at Barwick upon Tweed on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist*, well appointed with Horse and Armes to march with the King in person, and at his charge, against the Scots, was likewise a Knight [e], and took to [f] wife *Julian*

d claus. 29 E. 1. in d. m. 13.

e f Ex autog. penès W. Vic. Staff.

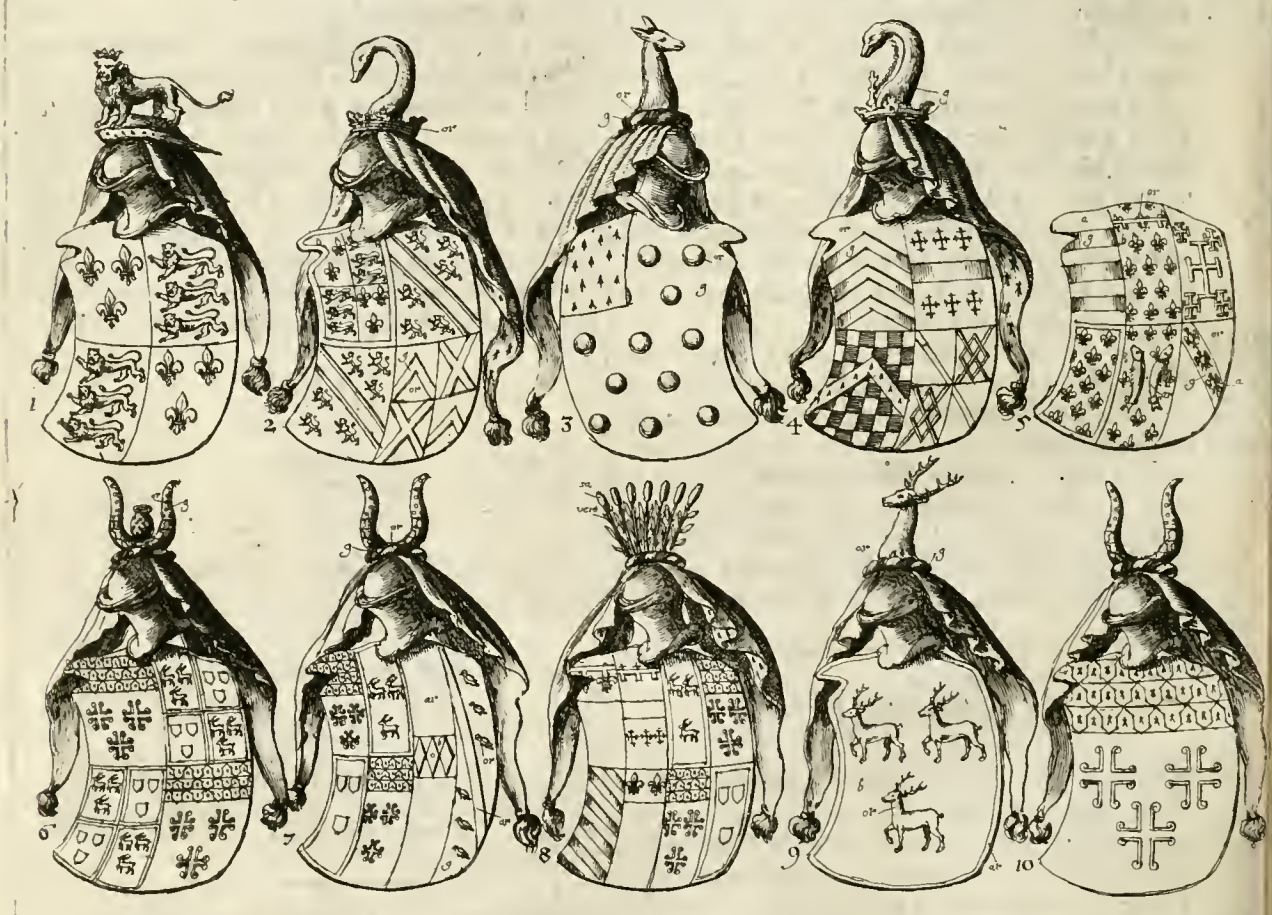
Julian the daughter of Sir *Philip de Gayton* Knight, but dyed [g] in 9 E. 2. leaving iſſue *John* his ſon and heir 18. years of age; who was a Knight [h] in 16 E. 2. and in 1 E. 3. conſtituted [i] one of the two Juſtices for conſervation of the Peace in this Shire; as alſo for putting in execution the Articles contained in the Statute of **Winchester.**

In 19 E. 3. he was in [k] Commiſſion for arraying of men in this County; and the next year following, being of the retinue [l] unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, at ſuch time as the ſaid Earl was in **France**, and got that great honour by his valiant atchievements in the battail of **Cressy**, and elſwhere, (as in my ſtory of him is ſhewed) he bore [m] for his Armes *Or frettè ſable*. The time of his death I do not certainly find, but to him ſucceeded *Thomas* his ſon and heir; who paſt [n] away his intereſt in this Mannour in 44 E. 3. to *Alice Perers*, of whom our Hiſtorians make much mention [o], in regard ſhe was Concubine to King E. 3. Which *Alice* being baniſht [p] by authority of Parliament in 1 R. 2. and all her eſtate confiſcate, it was ſeized [q] into the Kings hands, and committed [r] to the cuſtody of *John Spenſer*: But in 3 [s] R. 2. ſhe being then wedded to Sir *William Windſor* Kt. the King out of the ſingular reſpects that he bore towards the ſaid Sir *William* for his many notable ſervices, and eſpecially becauſe he was at that time retained [t] by Indenture to ſerve him in his Warrs with CC. men at Armes, and CC. Archers, under the conduct of *Thomas de Wodſtoke* then Earl of **Buck.** (the Kings Uncle) for the expedition of **Britanny**, in which the ſaid Earl was to be Generall; by his Letters Patent [u] bearing date at **Weſtminſter. 15.** *Martii*, wherein he reciteth, that the ſaid *Alice*, whilſt ſhe was ſingle, purchaſed the third part of this Mannour in poſſeſſion, and two parts thereof in reverſion, after the death of *Alice* the widow of Sir *John Murdak* Knight, granted it unto the ſame Sir *William Windſor* and his heirs for ever.

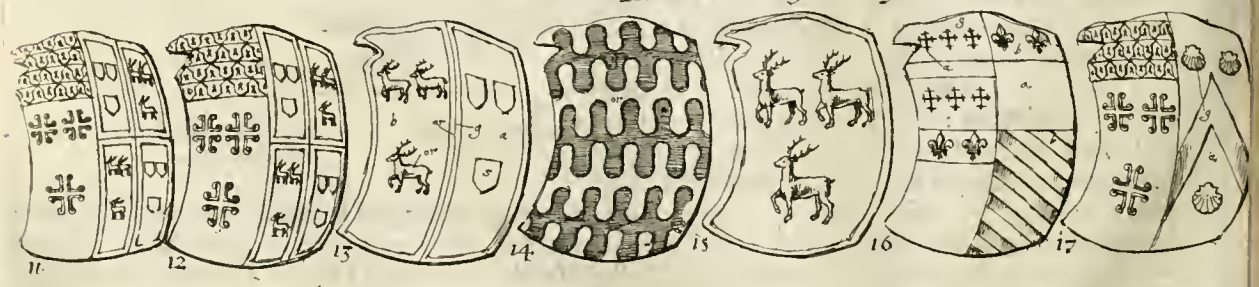
g *Eſc. 9 E. 2. n. 10.*
h *Rot. F. 16 E. 2. m. 21.*
i *Pat. 1 E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 10.*
k *Rot. Franc. 19 E. 3. m. 29.*
l *Rot. Franc. 20 E. 3. m. 15.*
m *Ex autog. penès Rob. Arden ar.*
n *Ex autog. penès Grev. Verney eq. aur.*
o *Hiſt. Th. Walſ. p. 180, 187, 189.*
p *Ib. p. 198 & 199.*
q r *Rot. 1 R. p. 2. n. 20.*
s t u *Pat. R. 2. p. 3. m. 5.*

Compton Murdack.

In a great bay window of the mannour houſe, are theſe armes,



In a Window by the Stayres ſtand theſe Armes,



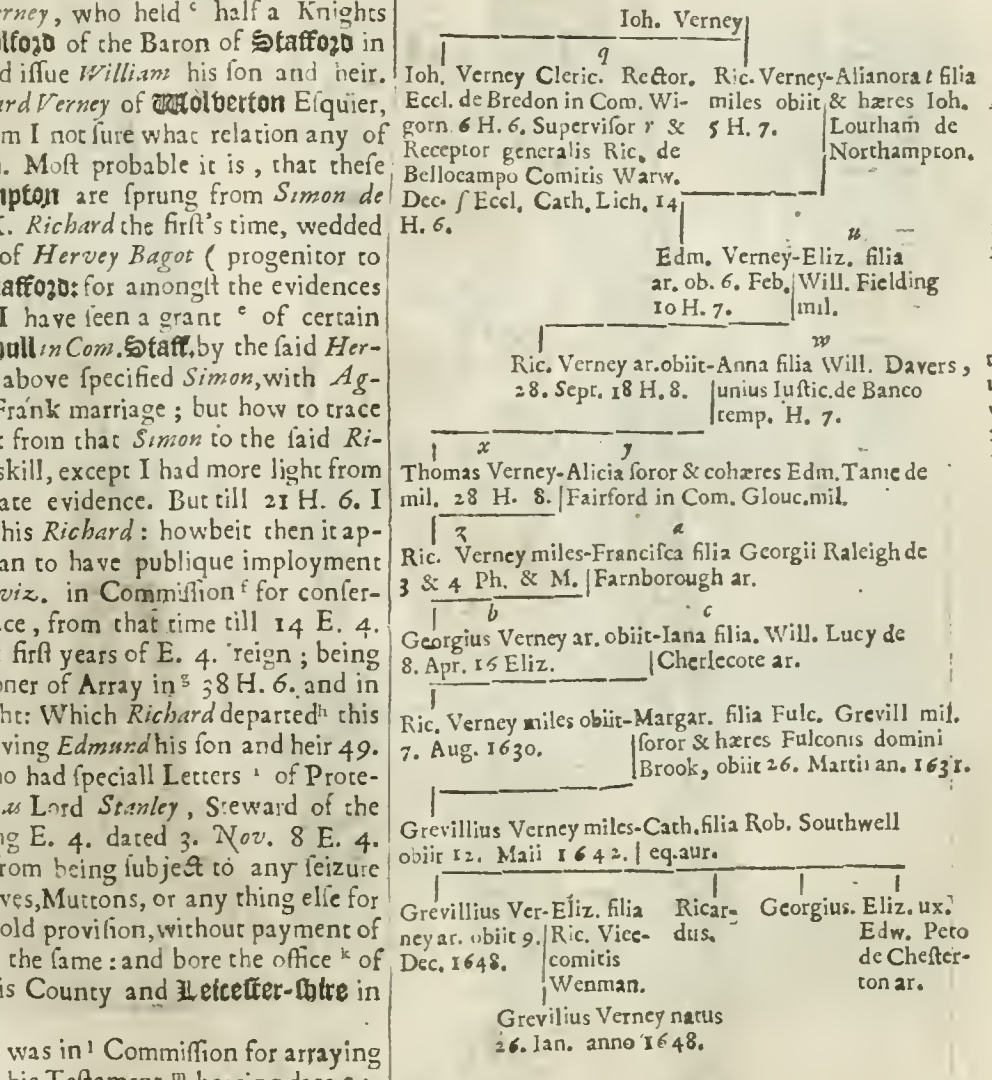
1 King Henry 6.
2 Humfr: Stafford D. of Buck.
3 Zouch
4 Henry Beauchamp D. of Warwick.
5 Queen Margaret
6 Verney w[th] quarterings
7 Verney empaling Feilding & Danvers
8 Mountfort empaling verney
9 Greene.
10 Verney
11, 12 Verney empaling Greene
13 Greene empaling.....
14 Lovell
15 Greene
16 Montfort quartering Peche in the firſt place
17 Verney impaling.....

Which

Which Sir. *William* dying without issue male, his daughters became his heirs; whereof *Joan* the elder marryed [w] to *Robert Skerne* of **Kingston** upon **Thames**, in whose right the said *Robert* became possest thereof: and to strengthen his title therein, obtained a Release [x] from *Arnold Mardak*, brother and heir of *Thomas Mardak*, son to the abovementioned Sir *Thomas*, bearing date 10 *Febr.* 6 H. 4. as was necessary: for I find that there had been an Entail [y] thereof made by the said Sir *Thomas* in in 37 E. 3. Which *Robert* in 3 H. 6. did his homage [z] to *Richard Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick** for those lands held by him, here, of that Earl, by Knights service. But long it was not that *Skerne* continued possest thereof, though how it came to passe, or the direct time when he parted with it, I have not seen: For certain it is, that about 20 H. 6. *Richard Verney* Esquire (afterward Knight) possest it, and built a great part of the House, as it now standeth; wherein, besides his own Armes with marches, he then set up in a fair Canton window, towards the upper end of the Hall, the Armes of King H. 6. Queen *Margaret*, *Humfrey* Earl of *Stafford* (afterwards created Duke of **Buck.**) *Henry Beauchamp* Duke of **Warwick**, and the Lord *Zouch*, with some others, in such sort as they are represented in the foregoing page: by which it appeareth that he was one of those that adhered to the House of **Lancaster.**

This *Richard Verney* was the son [a] of *John Verney*, but whence I cannot tell; yet I find one *John Verney* Eschaetor [b] in **Worcester-shire** 17 H. 6. So also a *Robert Verney*, who held [c] half a Knights fee in great **Wolford** of the Baron of **Stafford** in 46 E. 3. and had issue *William* his son and heir. Likewise [d] *Richard Verney* of **Wolverton** Esquier, in 12 H. 6. yet am I not sure what relation any of these had to him. Most probable it is, that these *Verneys* of **Compton** are sprung from *Simon de Vernai*, who, in K. *Richard* the first's time, wedded *Agnes* the sister of *Hervey Bagot* (progenitor to the Barons of **Stafford**: for amongst the evidences of this Family, I have seen a grant [e] of certain lands in **Bromhull** *in Com.* **Staff.** by the said *Hervey Bagot* to the above specified *Simon*, with *Agnes* his sister in Frank marriage; but how to trace down the descent from that *Simon* to the said *Richard* passes my skill, except I had more light from Record, or private evidence. But till 21 H. 6. I find nothing of this *Richard*: howbeit then it appears that he began to have publique imployment in this County; *viz.* in Commission [f] for conservation of the Peace, from that time till 14 E. 4. except for the six first years of E. 4. reign; being also a Commissioner of Array in [g] 38 H. 6. and in 39 H. 6. a Knight: Which *Richard* departed [h] this life in 5 H. 7. leaving *Edmund* his son and heir 49. years of age; who had speciall Letters [i] of Protection from *Thomas* Lord *Stanley*, Steward of the Houshold to King E. 4. dated 3. *Nov.* 8 E. 4. exempting him from being subject to any seizure for his Corn, Beeves, Muttons, or any thing else for the Kings Houshold provision, without payment of ready money for the same: and bore the office [k] of Eschaetor for this County and **Leicester-shire** in 21 E. 4.

In 2 R. 3. he was in [l] Commission for arraying of men; and by his Testament [m] bearing date 24. *Feb. anno* 1494. (10 H. 7.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Conventuall Church of the *Friers-Preachers* at **Warwick**, betwixt the Altar of our Lady, and the Altar of S. *Dominick*, on the North part; appointing that by the care of his Executors, a Lamp should be continually maintained burning in the Chancell of that Church, before the Host: and dyed [n] 26. *Feb.* the same year, leaving issue *Richard* his son and heir then 30. years of age. Which *Richard* was in that esteem with King H. 8. that, being inform'd of some infirmity in his Head, he afforded him a speciall License [o], bearing date at **Greenwich** 2. *Jan.* 8. of his reign, that he should wear his Bonnet at all times, and in all places, as well in the said Kings presence, as elsewhere, according to his own pleasure, without the interruption of any man whatsoever. And by his Testament bearing date 2. *Oct. anno* 1526. (18 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the new Chapell on the North side of the Church, here at **Compton**, wherein his Monumentall stone, with the portraiture of himself, his wife, and children in brasse are yet to be seen. From whom did lineally descend Sir *Grevill Verney*, late of this place Knight, a gentleman accomplisht with singular endowments, and of a Noble and courteous disposition; who left three sons and one daughter, as the Pedegree here inserted doth shew: From the second of which, *viz. Richard*, a person happily qualified with a most ingenious inclination, I have received much assistance for rectifying the Map of this Hundred, as also in delineation of divers Monuments for adorning the present work.



When this town was depopulated I cannot directly affirm; but it seems to have been antiently: for I find that our Countreyman *Rous* hath

it in the list [p] of those whereof he so much complains.

The Church being given [d] by *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, as a Prebend, for the maintenance of one Canon in the Church of our Lady at **Warwick**, was confirmed * thereto by *Walter Durdent* Bishop of **Coventre** in King *Stephen*'s time; as also † by *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl **Warwick** in 4 E. 2. And in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [e] at viii. marks. But in 26 H. 8. not taken notice of, other than as appropriated to the Collegiat Church of our Lady in **Warwick**, and there rated [f]: So that there have not ever been any Presentations thereto, excepting [g] those of the Earles to the Prebend in the said Collegiate Church.

p *Hist. MS.* I. Rous *p.* 144.

d *Reg. coll. de warw. f.* 7. *b.*

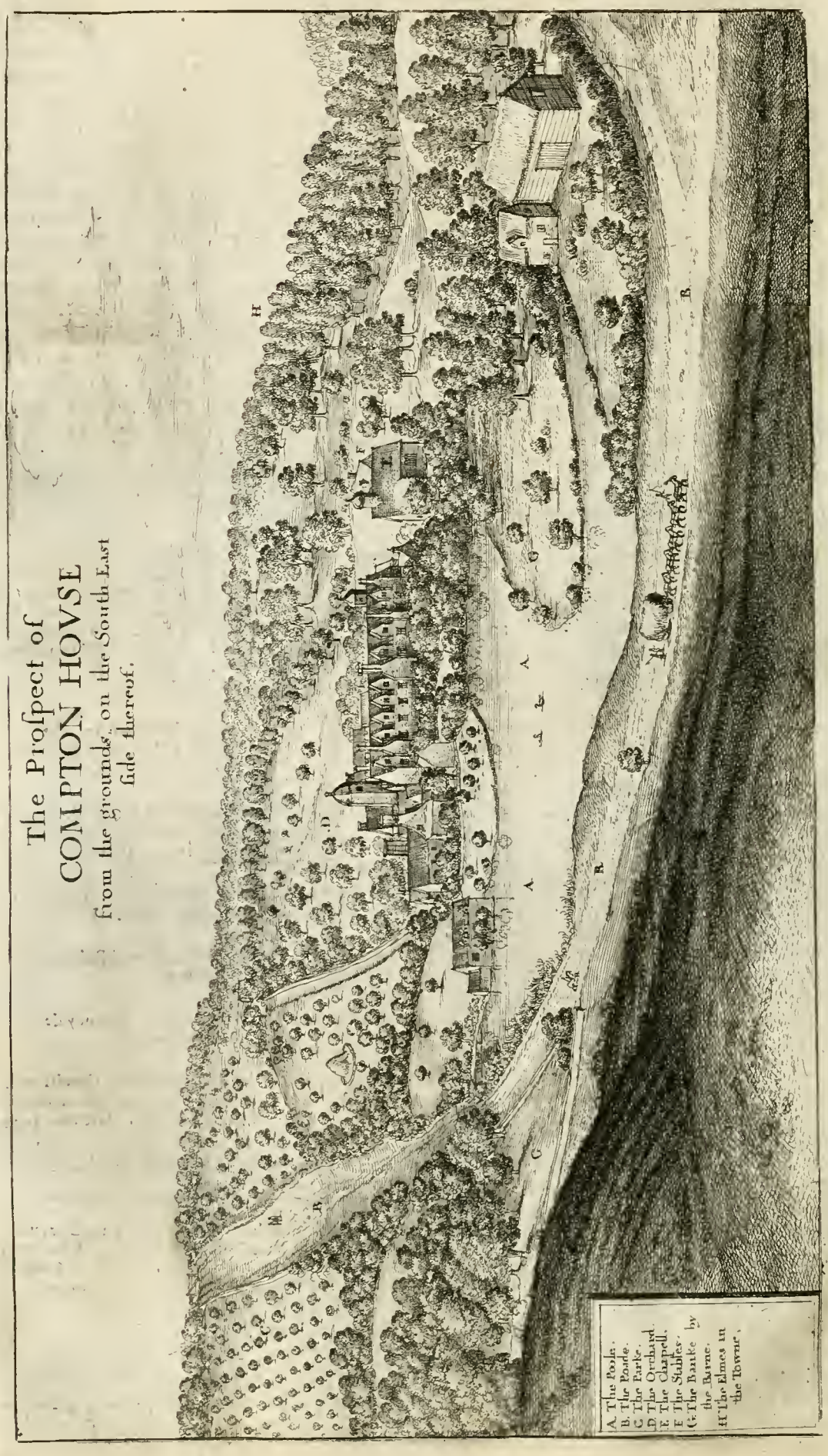
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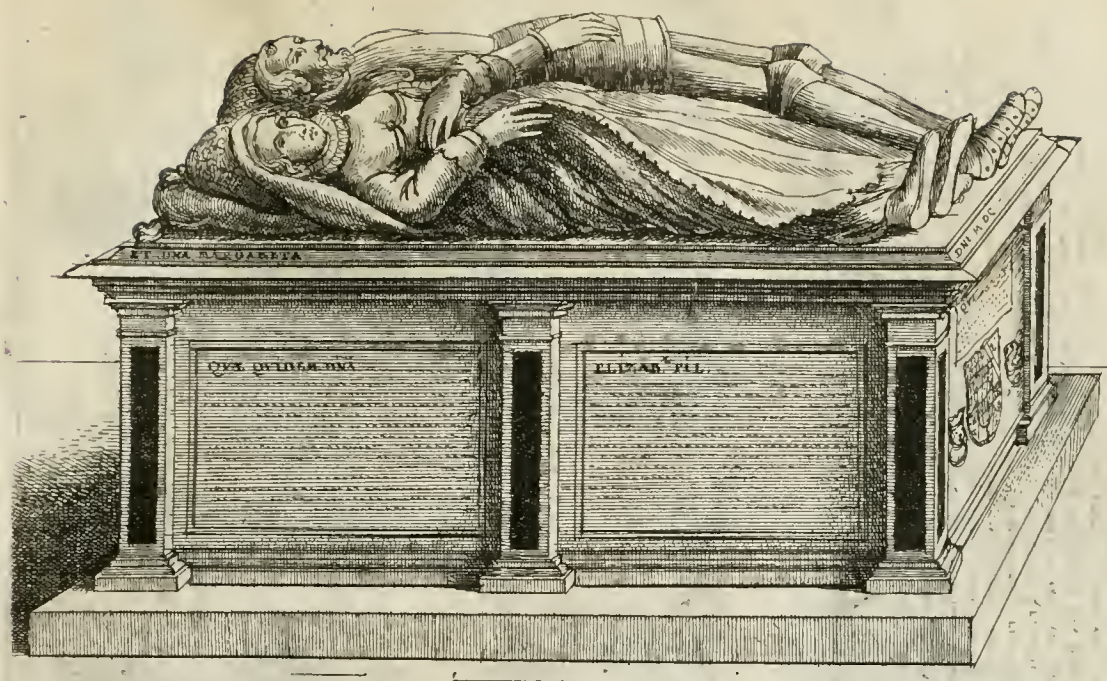
e *MS. in Scac.*

f *MS. pen* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 49.

g *Ex Regi D. & Ca Lich.*



The Prospect of
COMPTON HOVSE
from the grounds on the South East
side thereof.



HIC IACENT RICHARDVS VERNEY MILES, QVI OBIIT VII° DIE AVG^TI A° D^NI M.D.C.XXX. ET ÆTATIS SVÆ LXVII. ET D^NA MARGARETA VXOR EIVS QVE OBIIT XXVIIIO DIE MARTII A° DNI M.D.C.XXXI. ET ÆTAT. LXX.

QVI QVIDEM RICHARDVS VERNEY MIL. FVIT FIL. ET HERES GEORGII VERNEY ARMIG. ET IANE FILIÆ GVILLELMI LVCY DE CHARLCOT ARMIG. ET DICTI GEORGIVS FVIT FIL. ET HÆR. RIC. VERNEY MIL. CONDITI SVB HOC TVMVLO CVM NEPOTE, ET FRANCISCI FILIO GEORG RALEIGH DE FARRINGDON ARMIG. QVI QVIDEM RICVS FVIT FIL. ET HER. THO VERNEY MIL. ET ALICIÆ SOROR. ET VNIVS COHÆRED. EDM^DI TAME DE FAIRFORD IN

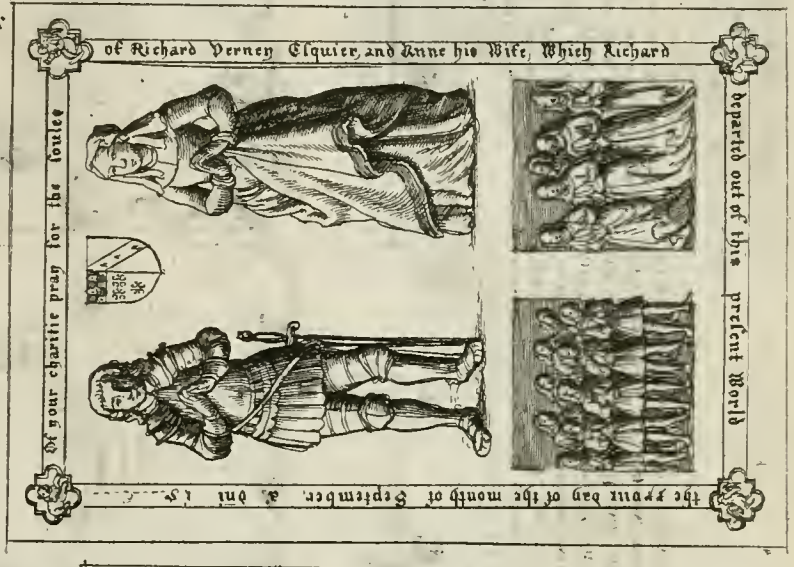
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QVÆ QVIDEM D. MARGARETA VERNEY FVIT SOROR ET HERES FVLCONIS NYTER, DNI BROOKE BARONIS BROOKE DE BEAUCHAMPS-COVERT TEMPLE ET HERED. FVLCON. GREVILL DE BEAUCHAMPS COVERT PREDICT. MIL. ET ANNÆ FILIÆ PADVLPHI NEVILL COMITIS & WESTMERLAND, ET CATHARINÆ FILIÆ EDRI STAFFORD DVCIS BVCKINGHAM. QVI QVIDE FVLCO GREVILL FVIT FIL. ET HÆRES FVLCON. GREVILL MIL. ET

ELIZAB. FIL. ET HERED. EDMI WILLOVGHBY ARMIG. ET MARGARETÆ FILIÆ DNI RICI NEVILL BARONIS LATYMER QVI QVIDE EDMVS WILLOVGHBY FVIT FIL. ET HÆR. DNI ROB^TI WILLOVGHBY BARON. BROOKE DE BROOKE IN COM. WILTON. ET ELIZAB^E VNIVS FILIAR. ET COHERED. DNI RICI BEAUCHAMP BARONIS BEAUCHAMP DE POWICK IN COM. WIGORN.

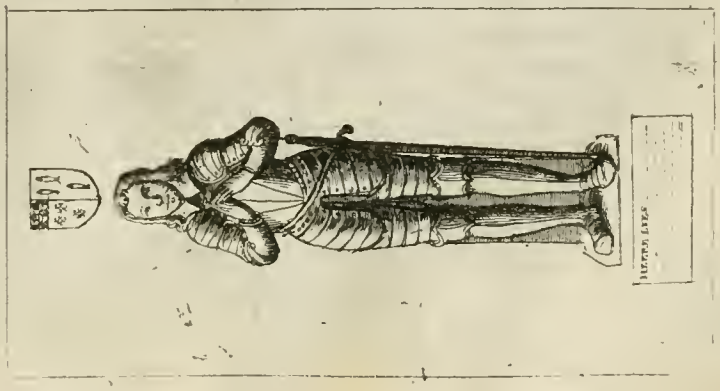
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HERE LIES GEORGE VERNEY OF COMPTON ESQ: SONNE OF S^R RICHARD VERNEY KNIGHT AND HVSBAND OF IANE THE DAVGHTER OF WILLIAM LVCY OF CHARLCOT ESQ: BY WHOME HEE HAD ONE SONNE AND FOWER DAVGHTERS HEE DIED THE EIGHT DAY OF APRILL, ANNO DNI: 1574.





Offzeor charyte pray for the sole off Anne odyngsale the Wyfe off mayster edwarde odyngsale off Konge ygyngeton and doster of Rycharde verney esquyer, ỹ whyche deptyde ỹ zere of o^r Lorde m'cccccxxxiiii, o^r whole sole zhu haue my,





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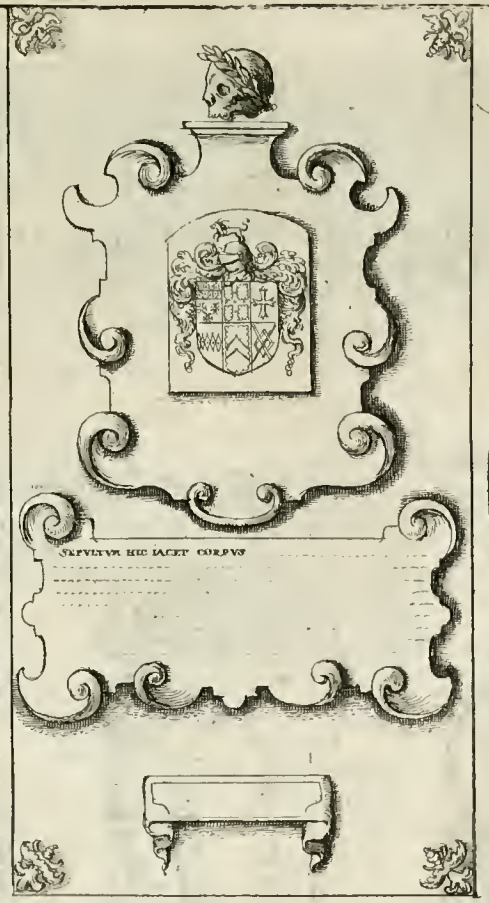
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CATHERINÆ
DOI ROBERTI SOVTHWELL DE WOODRISING IN COM. NORFOLCIÆ AR.
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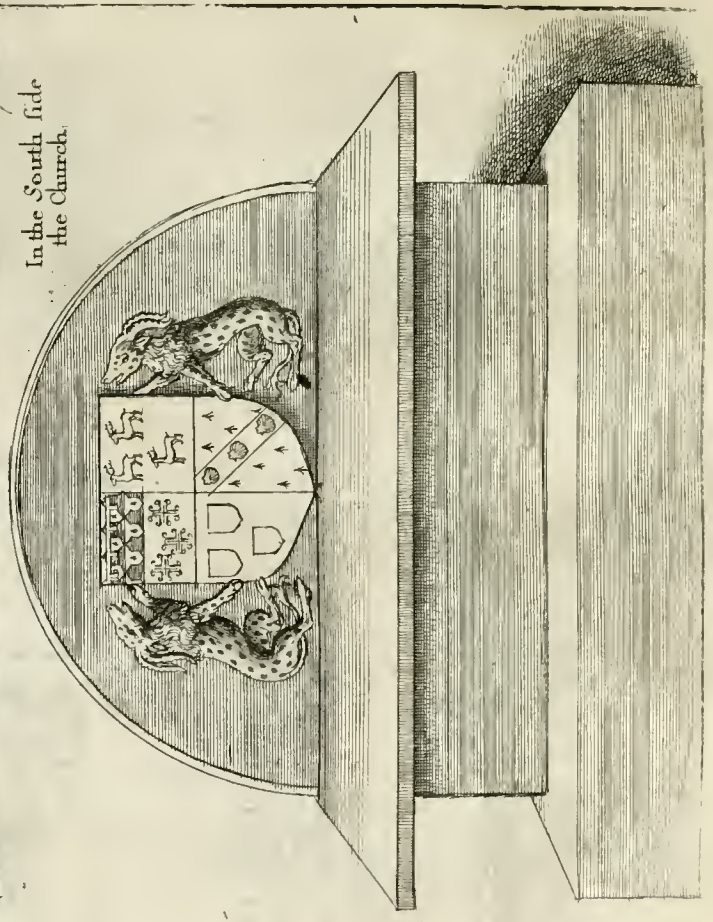
MEMORIÆ SACRVM

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NIMIS PEOPERE) FLORENTE IVVENTVTE SPIRI
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RVM PROSAPIA) VIX PER MENSES DVOS SVPER
VIVENS CVM FILIVM VNIGENITVM (AMBORVM
PIGNVS FAMILIÆ SPEM) GRATISSIMO GREVILL
EVM NOMINE POSTHVMVM PEPERIT SPONSO
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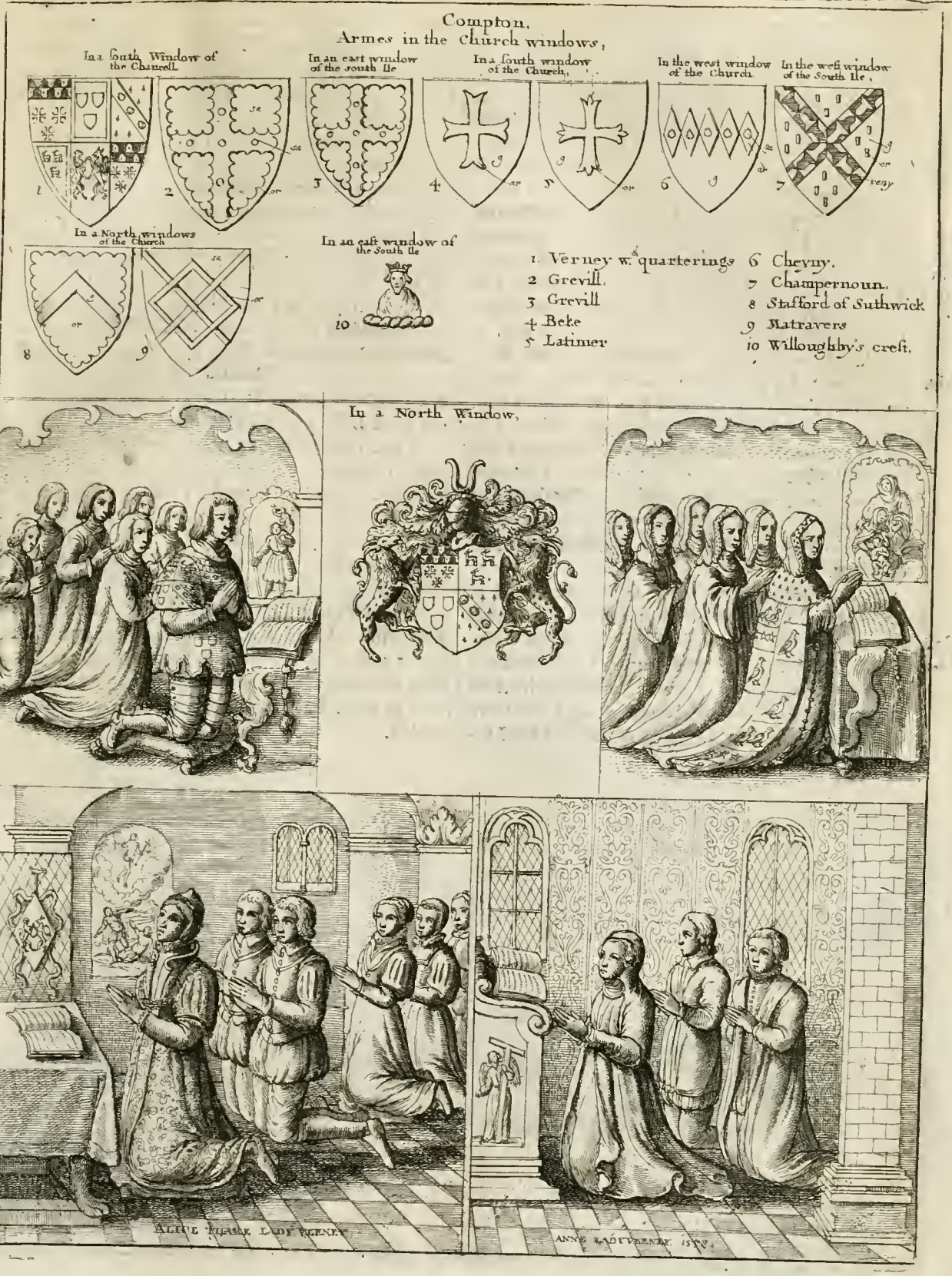
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DE WOODRISING IN COMITATV NORFOLCIÆ. OR.
DINIS SIMILITER EQVESTRIS: AB HAC CADVCA
AD VITAM LONGE FELICIOREM MIGRAVIT DIE
FEB. VICESIMO. ÆTATIS SVÆ VICESIMO QVARTO,
ANNO Q. DNI. MILLES: SEXCEN: QVADRAGESIMO NONO.



In the South side the Church.

Vpon a stone-stone, neer S^r Fra: Verney's tombe, as the Inscription.

IOHN VERNEY
AN INFANT, SECOND
SONNE OF GREVILL
VERNEY KNIGHT
AND KATHERINE
SOVTHWELL HIS WIFE,
WAS BORNE AND DIED
THE II DAY OF AVGVST
1620.
MARKE. 10. 14. OF SVCH
IS THE KINGDOME OF GOD.



Wellesburne Haſtang.

FOllowing this petty ſtream, I behold **Walton-***Mauduit* on my right hand, and **Walton-***D'eivill*, and **Wellesburne-***Mountfort*, on my left; all which are in the Pariſh of **Wellesburne-***Haſtang*, lying above a mile below them, whereof, according to my accuſtomed methode, I muſt firſt ſpeak. In the Conquerors time there was no diſtinction betwixt theſe two **Wellesburnes**; but both being then included together, were joyned with **Quintone** in **Glouceſter-ſhire**, and certified [h] to be in the Kings own hand; having been held by King *Edward* the Confeſſour before the Norman invaſion. In *Domeſday*-book it is written **Waleburne**; but afterwards **Walesburne**, and **Welesburne**; ſo that 'tis apparent, that the little brook, upon which it ſtands, did at firſt occaſion the denomination thereof; **burne** in the Saxon importing the ſame that *torrens* in the Latine doth. That the whole, which ſhortly after came to be two Lordſhips, was (*inter alia*) given by the Conqueror unto *Henry de Newburgh*, the firſt Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, is not to be doubted, conſidering that he was Founder of the Church, as when I come to ſpeak thereof ſhalbe ſhewed.

h omeſd.

This was originally granted [i] by one of the antient Earls of **Warwick** to *Robert de Haſtang*, or ſome of his Anceſtors, from whom *William de Pacy* became enfeoft. [k] of certain lands here, which [l] afterwards

i *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 86. *b.*
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afterwards were conveyed to *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester**, who possest [l] them in 7 *E.* 1. it being then called **Wellesburne**-*parva*; In which year I find [m] that *Walt. Giffard* Arch-Bishop of **York**, Brother to the said *Godfrey*, past unto *Henry le Foune* and *Isabell* his wife *xxviii* Mess. six yard land and *xxx s.* Rent lying in this place: But long it was not after this, ere that *John de Strattelenges* and *Maud* his wife became Lords thereof; for by a Charter [n] bearing date at **Westm.** 20 *Maii* 18 *E.* 1. they had a grant of a **Mercate** here, weekly, every Munday; and an yearly **Fair**, to hold for two days; *viz.* the Even and day of the Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*: After which I can give no further account thereof, till 9 *R.* 2. that Sir *John le Strange* of **Walton** Kt. and *Mabell* his wife levyed a Fine [o] of *xl.* Mess. x. tofts, one Mill, eleven yard land, 17 *s.* Rent, and half a pound of Pepper lying in this place (then called by the name of **Wellesburne** *le Strange*) and in **Wellesburne**-*Mountford*, with the advouson of the *Chantry* in the Church here at **Wellesburne** *le Strange*; by which Fine the premisses were vested in the two Vicars of **Wellesburne** and **Walton**.

As this was an act of trust; so also was there another in H. 6. time, whereupon *Rob. Danvers*, and the rest of his fellow Feoffees did entail [p] this Mannour (with other lands) upon Sir *Thomas le Strange* Kt. and *Eliz.* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue, on the right heirs of the said Sir *Thomas*; which Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, and he two [q] Daughters and heirs, *viz.* *Anne* and *Margaret*, as in **Walton** *D'Eivile* appeareth, to whom it descended; and hath ever since attended the succession of that Mannour, being now possest therewith by Sir *Charles Mordant*.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Peter*) was originally built, as it should seem, by *Henry de Newburgh* the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman race; as also dedicated and endowed with glebe and Tithes by him and Earl *Roger* his son, as the Charter [r] of the said *Roger*, and the confirmation [s] of Earl *Will.* his son do testify; whereby also it appeareth that it was the Mother Church to the two **Waltons**, both the **Wellesburnes**, and **Cherlecote**; which *E. Roger* soon after bestowed [t] it on the Canons of **Kenilworth**, whereupon they had the confirmation [u] of K. H. 1. as also of [w] *Simon* then Bishop of **Worcester**.

In *an.* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. it was valued [x] at *xxii.* marks: howbeit the time of its appropriation I find not: but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [y] at *viii. l.* over and above *ix. s. v. d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

In this Church there was a *Chantrye*, founded, by one of the *Hastangs*, as is likely by their nomination [z] of him to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, whom they presented thereto: but after 14 *R.* 2. that *William*, son and heir to Sir *John le Strange* presented [a] to it, through the default of those Canons, I have not seen any more thereof.

m *F. de div. Com. levat. xv. Mart. 7. E. 1.*

n *Ex antog. penes Carolum Mordant eq. aur.*

o *xv. Trin.*

p *Claus. 9. H. 6. in d. m. 8.*

q *Esc. 6. H. 7.*

r *Ex Regist. de Kenil. penes Edw. Gresswould Gen.*

s *Ex Regist. de Kenilw. penes S. Clarke Bar. p. 21.*

t *Ib. p. 87.*

u *Ib. p. 8*

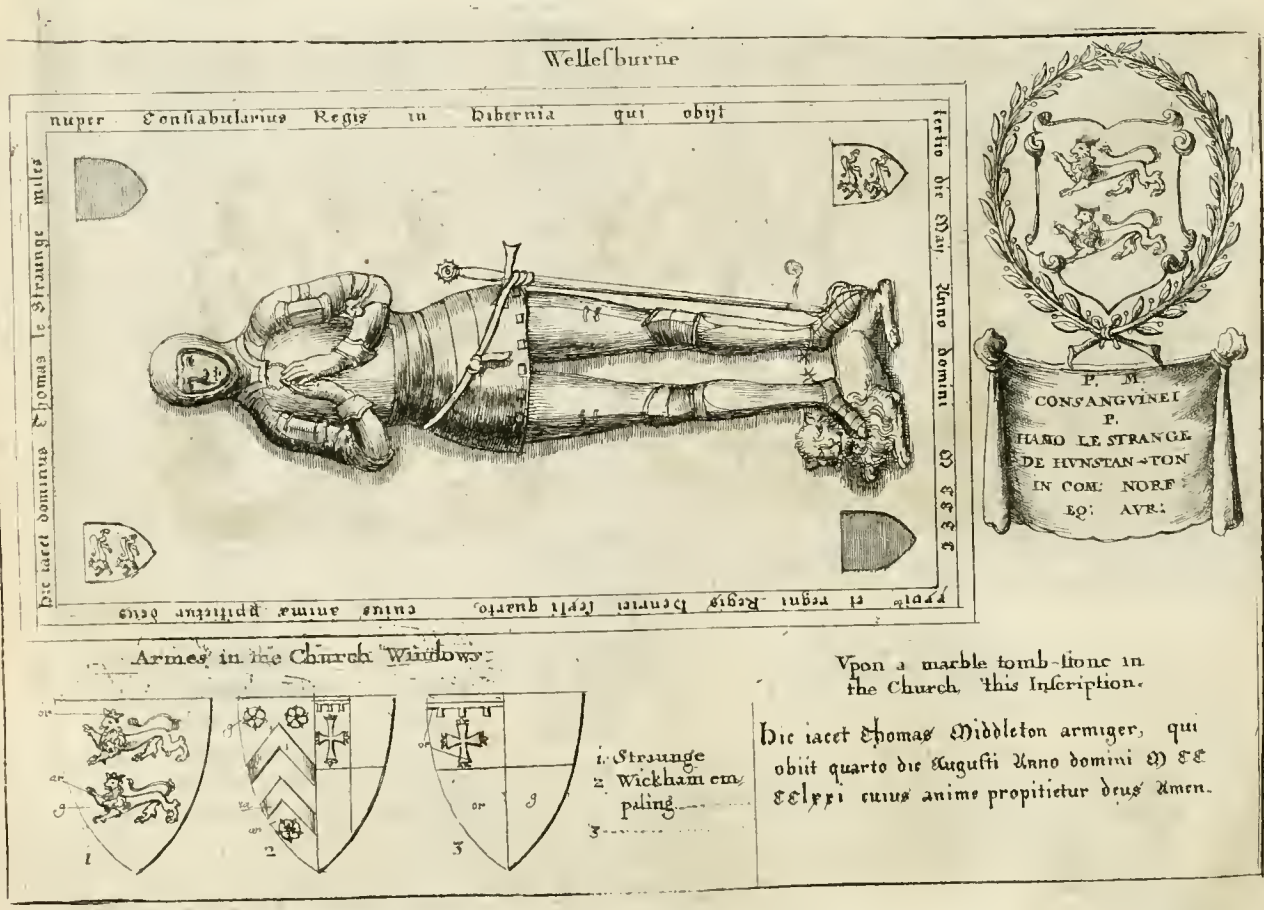
w *Ib. p. 8*

x *MS. in Scac.*

y *MS. penes S.A. eq. aur. f. 19. a.*

z *Cob. v. 22. b.*

a *Wakf. 80. a.*



Armes in the Church Windows.

1. Straunge
2. Wickham empaling
3.

Upon a marble tomb-stone in the Church this Inscription.

Hic iacet Thomas Middleton armiger, qui obiit quarto die Augusti Anno domini M CC CCLXXI cuius anime propitietur deus Amen.

Patroni

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes, &c.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	Will. de Rollandrit Diac. 5 Cal. Apr. 1288.
	Rob. de Ceſtanlede Pbr. 6. Non. Julii 1301.
	Ric. de Keten Pbr. 10. Cal. Aug. 1303.
	Sim. de Salle Cap. 9. Cal. Nov. 1303.
	Petrus de Salle Pbr. Cal. Feb. 1333.
	Ioh. de Anſty Pbr 12. Maii 1339.
	Ioh. de Clynes Pbr. 19, Julii 1339.
	D. Joh. Lane Cap. 20. Maii 1439.
	D. Thomas Whatton ult. Apr. 1449.
	Thom. Young Cap. 3. Oct. 1450
	D. Joh. Mongomery 23. Dec. 1455.
	D. Will. Longedone Cap. 2. Julii 1460.
	D. Henr. Ruſſell 8 Sept. 1463.
	Joh. Billingham penult. Nov. 1469.
	D. Adam Stapul Cap. 26. Martii 1489.
	D. Tho. Hayken Pbr. 22. Jan. 1512.
Eliz. Angliæ Regina.	Joh. Overton Cler. 7. Nov. 1577.
	Will. Briſtow Cler. 23. Julii 1584.

Wellesburne-Mountfort.

OF this place I make no queſtion but that *Thurſtane de Mountfort* (of whom and his family I ſhall diſcourſe in **Beldeſert**) was enfeoft by the ſame *Henry* Earl of **Warwick**, or his ſon *Roger*, in H 1. time, as part of thoſe x Knights fees and a fourth part, which he then had given [b] to him by one of thoſe Earls. To whom ſucceeded *Rob. de Montfort* his ſon and heir, by whoſe forfeiture it eſchaeted [c] to the Crown about the 22. of K. *H.* 2. reign: for at that time did the Shiriff account [d] x *li.* for the half years Rent thereof: as alſo, according to the ſame rate in [e] 23. 24. 25. and 30 *H.* 2. And in [f] 31. *H.* 2. *Mich. Belet* (the then Shiriff) reckoned C *s.* layd out for CC. ſheep towards the ſtoring this Lordſhip for the K^ps. uſe; vi *s.* for 5 Sows and a Boar; and xxxvi *s.* for 8 Cows and a Bull: In [g] 33 H. 3. xxiii *l.* for the ferm thereof that year: And in [h] 1 R. 1. xxiii *l* xv *s.* was accounted for the ſame. But, the next year following, did *Henry de Montfort* (Brother and heir to *Robert* before ſpecified) give [i] a Fine to the K. of C *l.* for which he obtained it again; and ſoon after enfeoft [k] *Will. de Biſſopeſdune* and his heirs in C *s.* of land here, with *Julian* his Daughter in marriage; *viz.* ſix yard land held in Villenage, with the villeins reſiding thereon, and all the ſervice of *Robert* the ſon of *Clerenbald*, and one yard land, which a Herdſman held, with the ſaid Herdſman: as alſo the fourth part of all his Lordſhip here in **Wellesburne**, with *Housbote*, and *Heybote* in **Wellesburne**-grove for repair of his buildings and hedges, by appointment of his Forreſter; And a fourth part of his wood [*] at **Badſley**.

And in 34 H. 3. *Peter de Montfort* (Grandchild to the ſaid *Henry*) obtained a Charter [l] of **Freewarren** to himſelf and his heirs in all his demeſn lands here; as alſo in divers other places: but being ſlain in the Battail of **Evetham** 49 H. 3. there was a totall ſeizure of his eſtate; at which time 'twas certified that he had two Carucates of land here, and x *l.* yearly Rent. To whom ſucceeded his ſon *Peter*; who in 4 *E.* 1. had [m] a Gallows here; as alſo Aſſize of Bread and Beer, with weifs: and in 7 *E.* 1. held [n] it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the ſervice of one Kts. fee; at which time he had xx Tenants here holding *xix* yard land a half, and fourth part, paying ſundry Rents and performing divers ſervices, as plowing, mowing, making and carrying Hay, raking Corn, and the like; unto whom he was to allow, at mowing time, a veſſell of Beer containing 52 Gallons, and a Mutton or *xii d.* This *Peter* had then alſo five Freeholders, who held ſeverall parcells of land under certain Rents and ſuit of Court: All which together with the Cuſtomary Tenants, before ſpoke of, had Common in **Kingswood**, with paunage for their Hogs, and certain proportions of wood for fuell. It was then likewiſe certified that he had **Freewarren** and a **Court Leet** here, by the grant of K. H. 3. Beſides theſe Cuſtomary Tenants and Freeholders, it was then alſo found, that *Will.* the ſon of *Thomas de Biſhopſdon* held half an acre of land here in demeſn, and had 4 Tenants holding the vi yard land and 3 quarters, before ſpecified, by ſundry ſervile imployments; all which uſed to appear at the **Court Leet** held by the ſaid *John*. Severall Cottiers had the ſame *Peter* alſo here, who performed the like ſervices as the other Tenants did. All which priviledges of **Court Leet, Freewarren**, &c. were pleaded in 13 E. 1. and allowed.

From this *Peter* deſcended *Guy*, as the Pedegree in **Beldeſert** will ſhew; who taking to wife [o] *Margaret* one of the Daughters to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, in 22 *E.* 3. entailed [q] it, with other lands, upon the iſſue of his body to be begotten on the ſaid *Margaret*; and for default thereof upon the ſame Earl and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of him the ſaid Earl: But this entail took not effect; for *Guy* dying [q] without iſſue, Sir *Baldwin Frevill* and Sir *Thomas Boteler* Kts. by a Writ [r] of *Formedone* recovered this and the other Lordſhips ſo entailed, as Coſins and heirs to *P. de Montfort* above mentioned; whereupon, by partition [ſ] made betwixt them in 9 R. 2. it was allotted to the ſaid Sir *Thomas*: But the iſſue male of this Sir *Thomas* extinguiſhing [t] in Sir *Raph Boteler* Kt. his ſon and heir (Lord Treaſurer of **England** in H. 6. time) Sir *John Norbury* Kt. and *Will. Belknap* Eſq. being the deſcendants [u] of *Eliz.* and *Joan* his Daughters (as the Pedgree in **Grift** ſheweth) became heirs [w] to this inheritance. Which Sir *John Norbury*, with *Edw. Belknap*, Coſin and heir of the ſaid *William Belknap*, divided [x] *Botelers* lands betwixt them in 13. H. 7. whereupon this Mannour fell to the ſaid Sir *John*; and from him, by *Anne* [y] his Daughter and heir (wife to *Ric. Hallywell*) to [z] *Jane* his Coſin and heir, wedded to Sir *Edm. Bray* Kt. which *Jane* dyed [a] ſeized thereof 24 *Oct.* 5. & 6. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving Sir *Will. Cobham* Kt. Lord *Cobham*, ſon

[*] *Nunc vocata* Kingſwood.

[l] *Ex autog. penès S.* Mountfort *ar.*

[m] *Inq. per Hundr. penès Camer. Scac.*

[n] *Inq. per* H. Not. *&c. f. 59. a. &c.*

[o] *Ex autog. penès S.* Mountfort *ar.*

[p] *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Hill.* 22. E. 3. *Record. xv Paſch.* 23. E. 3.

[q] *Pat. 6.* [r] *H. 8.* [ſ] *p. 2. per Inſpex.*

[t] [u] [w] *Clauſ. 13. E. 4. m. 12.*

[x] *Clauſ. 13 H. 7.*

[y] [z] *Ex autog. in Cur. Aug.*

[a] [b] *Eſc. 1. Eliz. Eſc. 15 Eliz.*

Giff. f. 300 a. Ib. f. 471. b. Geyn. f. 31. b. Ib. f. 33. a. Mont. f. 14. b. Volſt. vol. 1. f. 11. a. Ib. f. 18. a. Bourch. f. 16. b. Carp. vol. f. 86. b. b. f. 87. b. b. f. 133. b. b. f. 150. a. b. f. 183. b. f. 243. b. Mort. f. 29. Eyg. 2. f. 06. b. ul. f. 14. a. f. 26. b. Lib. rub. 104. a. Rot. P. 22 H. Rot. P. de 1. an. Rot. P. 31. 2. Rot. P. de iiſd. an. Ex vet. mpl. ès Car. Caring-

son of *Anne*, one of the Daughters of the said *Jane*, 26 years of age; *Eliz. Catesby* late wife of Sir *Ric. Catesby* Kt. and afterwards of *Will. Clerke* Esq. aged 46 years; *Fridiswide* wife of Sir *Percevall Hart* Kt. aged 43 years; *Dorothe* the wife of *Edw.* Lord *Chandois*, aged 29 years; and *Frances* the wife of *Thomas Lifeild*, her Daughters and heirs [b].

Walton-D'Eivile.

IN the Conq[rs]. time, this, being possest by the Earl of **Mellent**, was certified [c] to contain v. hides, and rated at vii *l.* having then a Mill of vi s. value; unto which Earl succeeded *Henry* Earl of **Warwick**, his Brother, in the enjoyment of this Lordship, as he did the most of his lands in this County: who, as 'tis probable, enfeoft *Nich. de David villa*, (or *D'Aiville*) therein; for, by what appeareth by and by, it will be evident enough, that the family of *D'Aiville*, were afterwards owners thereof: And that there was a *Nicholas de David-villa* in this County contemporary with that Earl, a Charter of his witnessed [d] by the same *Nicholas* doth manifest; whereupon it became so distinguished from the other **Walton**: but more antiently it past by the name [e] of **Walton** *Theodoric*, *sc.* in 23. *H.* 1. one *Theodoric* being then Tenant thereto, as I guess. To which *N ch.* succeeded *Will. D'avill*, of whom I find mention [f] in 23 *H.* 2. And to *Will. Walter D'avill*, one [g] of the Justices of Assize in this County in [h] 11. 12. 13. 17. 19. 20. and 21. *H.* 3. As also one of the pledges for *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** in 13. *H.* 3. upon security given for payment of his Relief. He was a Benefactor to the Nuns of **Pinley** in this County, by bestowing [i] on them the tenth part of the Toll of his Mill here at **Walton**, and the tenth peny of the Rent thereof, in case he should let it to ferm.

To whom succeeded *Rob. D'aivill*, one of the Commissioners in this County constituted, [k] together with the Shriff, to oversee the defects in all the Castles in 25 H. 3. and to certifie the same to the King; which *Robert* in 27 H. 3. had [l] suits with *Henry de Nasford* of **Bereford**. And to *Robert*, *Walter D'aivill*, who in 36 H. 3. had a Charter [m] of **Freewarren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here, as also in other places of this County, whereof I shall have occasion to make mention: and moreover in **Paunton** and little **Barkworth** in **Lincolnsh**. And the next year following underwent the office [n] of Eschaetor for this County. But the last of this family, that had to do here, was *Rog. D'Eivill*, who towards the later end of H. 3. time, sold [o] this Mannour to one *Simon de Wauton*, Brothers son, perhaps, to *Sim. de Wauton* one [p] of the Justices in the Court of Common Pleas and afterwards Bishop [q] of **Norwich**: for it is confidently affirmed [r] by some learned Antiquaries, that the said Bishop was born here; and for probability thereof I have seen a precept [s] from K. H. 3. in 22. of his reign, directed to *Ric. de Grey*, then Constable of **Kenilworth** Castle, to deliver to Mr. *Sim. de Wauton* four Oaks for the building of his House at **Chesterton**, which we know is very near to this place: And besides this do I find, that he was very often in Commission as a Justice of Assize in this County; *viz.* [t] from 32 to 41 *H.* 3.

But to return to *Simon* who purchased this Mannour of *Rog. D'Eivill*: he had issue [u] *Maud* a Daughter and heir in Ward [w] to *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester** 7 *E.* 1. and certified [x] to be then owner of this Lordship, holding it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of one Knights fee. At that time the said *Maud* had 3 Carucates of land, here, in demesn, a Watermill, with **Free-warren** and a **Court Leet**: As also severall Tenants, who, besides a certain Rent which they payd, did performe divers services, as plowing, harrowing, washing and shearing sheep, mowing, reaping and the like. This *Maud* was the wife [y] of *John de Stretling* in 12 *E.* 1. and afterwards (as 'tis very probable) of *John le Strange* of **Knokyn**: for upon the death of the said *John le Strange* in 3 *E.* 2. it appears [z] that he dyed seized of this Mannour in right of *Maud* his wife, *John* his son and heir being then 27 years of age. From which *John* descended *Alan Straunge* Esq. who dyed [a] seized thereof in 5 H. 5. it then extending [b] into **Walton**-*Mauduit*, **Wellesburne**-*Strange*, and **Wellesburne** *Mountfort*, leaving *Alice* his Daughter [c] and heir xii years of age; of whom I know not what became; nor what relation Sir *Thomas Strange* Kt. had to her: but in 9 H. 6. do I find [d] that the said Sir *Thomas* was possest of this Lordship; and that *Anne* [e] his grandchild and one of the coheirs, marryed [f] unto *Rob. le Straunge* second son of *Henry le Straunge* of **Hunstanton** in **Norff.** (which *Robert*, about the beginning of H. 8. time, depopulated [g] 7 Mess. and 1. Cottage here, and inclosed Clx. acres of land.) And *Margaret* the other, to [h] *John le Straunge* of **Hassingham**, younger Brother to the said *Robert*, whereby the one moytie came to Sir *Thomas le Strange*, Kt. son and heir to the same *Robert*; and the other to *Barbara le Strange*, Daughter of *John*, and Sister and heir to her Brother *Henry*, (as the descent here inserted sheweth) who became the wife of *Rob. Mordant*, son [i] and heir to *Will. Mordant* of **Hampsted** in **Esser** (chief of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas:) which *Rob.* in 32 *H.* 8. purchased [k] of the before specified Sir *Thomas Strange* his moytie thereof, and of those other lands in this County of their ancestors inheritance: From whom they are descended to Sir *Charls Mordant* Kt. now living. (*An. scil.* 1640.)

Thomas le Strange miles 9 H. 6. — Eliz. obiit 16 H. 7.

- Henr. le Strange de Hunstanton in Com. Norff. ar.
- Cath. filia Rog. Drury de Halstede in Com. Suff. ar.
- Thomas le Strange de Walton D'Eivill ar. obiit 22 Aug. 1 H. 7.

- Rog. le Strange miles, & arm. pro corp. Regis H. 7. duxit Annam fil. H. Heydon mil. & obiit 22 H. 7.
- Rob. le Strange obiit 3. H. 8.
- Anna-filia & cohæres æt. 8 an. 1 H. 7
- Edwar. Knivet ar. 2. maritus,
- Joh. le Strange de parva Massingham in Com. Norff. ob. 9. H. 8.
- Margareta altera fil. & cohæred. æt. 6. an. 1. H. 7.

- Joh. le Strange ob. s.p. le
- Thomas le Strange miles.
- Amicia Filia Nich. domini Vaux
- Henricus le Strange. ob. s.p. prole
- Barbara uxor Roberti Mordantar.

t *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*
u *Rot. F. 6 E. 1. m. 28.*
w, x *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 85. b.*
y *Gif. f. 382. a.*
z *Esc. 3. E 2. n. 46.*
a, b, c *Esc. 5 H. 5.*
d *Clauf. 9 H. 6. in d. m. 8.*
e, f *Feti. place q. 21.*
g *Inq. super depop. 9 H. 8.*
h *Holden q. 36.*
i, k *Ex autog. penes Car. Mordant eq. aur.*
l, m, n, o, p, q *Ex autog. penes Ham nem Strā eq. aur.*

I now come to speak of the Church, antiently a Ghapell [r] belonging to **Wellesburne** (as I have already observed) and endowed [s] with glebe and Tithes at the time of its Dedication; the service to be performed therein being at the disposition [t] of the said Mother Church; as a member [u] whereof it came to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by the grant [w] of *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**. In H. 2. time there was a conclusion made betwixt the Canons of **Kenilworth** and *Will. D'aiville* touching the performance of divine service therein; *viz.* [x] that the said Canons should at their charges and care find a Priest for the dayly effecting thereof: For which consideration the said *Will. D'aivill* gave in frank Almes to the said Monastery of **Kenilworth** and to the Church of St. *Peter* at **Wellesburne** xl acres of land in one part of the fields, and as many in another part: as also the Tithe Hay of all his demesn lands, with the Tithes of his Garden: And further allowed, that the Priest doing service there, should have pasturing for viii Oxen and two Kine, amongst his own Oxen and Kine; and likewise for fifty sheep with their lambs, and for his Horse: It being then also determined, that some one of the Inhabitants of **Walton**, in the name of the rest, should every year upon the Feast day of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, offer vi *d.* upon the Altar of the Church of **Wellesburne** by way of recognition of their Parochiall subjection: And as touching the sepulture of their dead it was concluded, that the Inhabitants of this place might take their choice, whether to be buried in the Church-yard of **Wellesburne**, or in the Chapel-yard here: And lastly that the said *Will. D'aiville* should yearly give vi *d.* and his Tenants i. *d.* for every yard land they held, towards the repair of this Chapell.

This Rectory (for so doth my authority call it) was in 26 H. 8. rated [y] at v *l.*

r *Reg. de Kenil. penès E. Gresswould fen.*

s *Reg. de Kenil. penès Sim. Clark Bar. p. 21.*

t *Ex Reg. de Kenil. penès esat. E.*

u

w

x

y *IS. penès S. A. aur. f. a.*

Patroni Cantariæ Capellæ, sive vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
z *f. 368.*	*Walt. de Mutton* 4 *Non. Nov.* 1292.	
a *f. 31. a.*	*D. Sim. de Walton Cap. prid. Id. Jan.* 1322.	
b *f. 12. a*	*Rob. de Banburi Cap.* 28. *Maii* 1339.	
c *f. 6. b.*	*Will. Ennoke Pbr.* 10. *Apr.* 1370.	
d *Cherm. f. 1. a.*	*Oliverus Clede Pbr.* 24. *Jan.* 1373.	
e *f. 173. b.*	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Rob. Earleston penult. Apr.* 1374.
f *f. 178. b.*		*Will. Lythorne Pbr.* 20. *Dec.* 1374.
g *f. 11. a*		*Thomas Croppecol* 18. *Oct.* 1378.
h *f. 70. b.*		*D. Joh. Withy Pbr.* 20 *Dec.* 1389.
i *f. 56.*		*D. Ric. Geffen Cap.* 1 *Jan.* 1400.
k *f. 99. a.*	*Jacobus Rex Angl. &c.*	*Magr. Will. Warde Cler.* 20. *Febr.* 1618.
l *f. 109. a.*	*D. Episcopus.*	*Joh. Bursey Cler.* 21. *Jan.* 1624.

Walton-Mauduit.

As **Walton** *D'Eivill* hath no distinction in the Conq[s]. Survey by any additionall name, neither hath this, but is there [z] certified to contain x hides, having two Mills rated at *xii. s.* and Woods of 4 furlongs in length and two in breadth, all valued at *x l.* and then in the possession of the Earl of **Pellent**: Howbeit in H. 1. time it was called [a] **Walton**-*Spilebert*, perhaps from one of that name that then held it; at which time *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** possest [b] it, through some agreement made by *Henry de Newburgh*, his Father, with that Earl, as I have often intimated. But upon an Accord [c] betwixt *Godfrey de Lucy* B. of **Winchester**, and *Walleran* E. of **Warwick**, made in 2 *Joh.* it was assigned by the said Earl to that Bishop, to hold during the life of *Maud* Countess of **Warwick**, Widow to Earl *William*, in lieu of the Mannor of **Choel** in **Wilts.** of her dowrie, which the Bishop should have had in present possession: And afterwards given [d] by that Earl, unto *Alice* his onely Daughter by his last wife, as her Marriage portion, and confirmed [e] by K. *John*; which *Alice* being wedded to *Will. Mauduit* of **Hanslape** in **Buckinghamshire** (as in my story of the Earls is shewed;) who in that Rebellion with the Barons of 17. *Joh.* forfeited [f] all; it was given away by the K. together with his Castle of **Hanslape**, and all his other lands, first [g] to *Falkesius de Breant*; but within six weeks after [h] to *Robert de Mara*, to hold during pleasure.

z *Domesd.*

a *Regist. Coll. de Warw. f. 12. a.*

b

c *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Mich.* 2 Ioh.

d *Cart.* 10 Ioh. *m.* 1.

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f *Clauss.* 17 Ioh. *m.* 9.

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h *Ib. m.* 3.

Yet was it not long that the said *Will.* continued so dispossest thereof; for in 1 *H.* 3. upon returning to his allegiance, he had all his lands restord [i] to him again; and left issue *William*, who through his Mothers interest became Earl of **Warwick**, and, for eight hundred marks sterling, sold [k] this Mannour to *Sim. de Wauton* Bishop of **Norwich**, reserving to himself and his heirs the service of the *xx*[th] part of a Kts. fee; which Bishop, shortly after, past away the inheritance of it by deed [l] to *John de Wauton* his son, and to his heirs, reserving to himself and his heirs a pound of Cumin to be payd yearly at the Feast of St. **Mich.** and the said service of the *xx.* part a Kts. fee to the chief Lord. Which *Joh.* in 4 E. 1. had [m] a **Court Leet**, with Assize of Bread and Beer therein; but departing this life shortly after, left it to *Maud* his Daughter and heir: which *Maud* in 7 *E.* 1. being in Ward [n] to *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester**, was certified [o] to be owner thereof, then holding it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the *xx.* part of a Kts. fee, having two Watermils and one Wind-mill here; as also two Carucats of land in demesn, and divers Tenants, who besides severall Rents they payd, performed sundry services, as mowing, making and carrying Hay; Reaping and binding Corn, with the like; for which they had at reaping time 52 Gallons of Beer, and iiii *s.* iii *d.* in money, by custome. But after this, it came to the family of *Strange*, as **Walton** *D'Eivill* did; and so from *Strange* to *Mordant*, Sir *Charles Mordant* being now possest thereof.

i *Clauss. 1. H. 3. m. 3.*

k *Esc. 52. H. 3. Ex autog. penès C. Mordant eq. aur.*

l *Ib.*

m *Inq. per Hundr.*

n *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 86. a.*

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Long-Compton.

HAving now done with **Wellesburne** Parish, out of which this Brook, that hath been my guide for a while, passeth into **Barlichway**-Hundred, where it immediatly meeteth with **Avon**; I must now ascend to the head of **Stoure**, in the Southern nook of this Hundred: in following of which stream, with the branches that belong thereto, I shall view the rest of those towns therein, whereof I am to discourse. The utmost place, whose bounds extend to the Western bank of this torrent, is **Long-Compton**, lying in a deep valley, whence it had originally its name. In the Conq^ts. time *Goisfridus de Mannevile* being possest [p] of this place, it was certified [q] to contain *xxx* hides, the Woods extending to two furlongs in length and as much in breadth, having a Mill rated at *x s.* there being then also a Church; all which were valued at *xxxl.* and before the Norman invasion possest by *Asgar Stalre*: In whose line it continued for divers descents: But after the death of *Will.* sirnamed *Mandevile*, the last Earl of **Essex** of that name, *Maud* his Sister and heir had [r] the Honour of **Essex**, with this Mannour and other lands of her said Brother's inheritance, being first [s] marryed to *Henry de Bohun* (created * E. of **Hereford** 28 *Apr.* 1 *Joh.*) and afterwards [t] to *Roger de Amessera*, or *D'amsey*; which *Roger* and *Maud* in 13 H. 3. past [u] away the one moytie of this Lordship, together with the Mannour House unto *Hubert de Burgo* Earl of **Kent**; and the other, excepting the Mannour House, to [w] *Will. Mareschall* Earl of **Penbroke**. After whose death in [x] 15. *H.* 3. *Richard Marshall*, his Brother and successor in that Earldom, giving security to the K. for his Loyalty, had livery [y] thereof: but discontents shortly after arising betwixt the K. and him, he got [z] unto **Ireland**, and there raysing a flame of Rebellion, was wounded and taken Prisoner; of which hurts he dyed [a].

It should seem that the said *Richard* past away his interest here to *Raph Pipard*; for this I take to be it, which was afterwards called **Weston** *juxta* **Chirlton**, whereof I shall speak particularly anon; therefore I will now go on with that Mannour which *Hubert de Burgo* had. In 15 *H.* 3. he obtained a Charter [b] to himself and his heirs for a weekly **Mercate** here, upon the Munday, and a **Fair** every year, to begin on St. *Peter*'s Eve, and to last for three days. But being raised to greater honour, he experimentally found the slipperiness of that high station: for the King (incensed against him, as our Historians do manifest) not onely removed [c] him for his office of *Justitiarius Angliæ*, but otherwise so persecuted him, that he was constrained to flee [d] privily to the Abby of **Merton** in **Surrey**, there to hide himself. Nay that was not all; for being sought for, and fleeing to Sanctuary for his preservation, he was pulled [e] out thence by the power of armed men, and carried Prisoner to the Tower of **London**, with his feet tyed under the Horse Belly; his money extorted from him and his lands seized, saving [f] what the K. permitted his wife to have for her maintenance: whereupon this Lordship coming so into the K. possession. *Maud* (the widow of *Henry de Bohun* Earl of **Hereford**) before specified, who had the title of Countess of **Essex**, gave a Fine [g] of *C l.* for to have the benefit of the Year and Day therein, which belong'd to the King; and that the Houses should not be pulled down, nor the Gardens spoiled, in regard that it was held by the said *Hubert* immediatly of her, and so consequently by Eschaet to fall into her hands: But afterwards the K. became reconciled [h] to him again; so that he had restitution [i] of his lands, whereof *John de Burgo*, his son (though he did not succeed him in the Earldome) inherited [k] the greatest part, if not all, (I presume.) Amongst which he had two parts of the moytie of this Mannour; and in 31. H. 3. came to an agreement [l] with *Margerie* Countesse of **Kent**, widow of *Hubert* before specified, for her thirds: all which were rated at *xll. per an.* upon the Extent [m] made of them in 50 H. 3. for his then taking part with the Rebellious Barons.

But the said *John*, in 2 *E.* 1. passing [n] away to the K. and his heirs divers Lordships, lying in the Counties of **Nott. Esser. Suff. Norff. Cambr. Somers. Dorf.** and **Surrey**, amongst them, granted this Mannour, reserving to himself an estate onely for life: So that in 7 E. 1. the King, being owner thereof by the said grant, had [o] then two Carueates of land in demesn, and *xlii.* tenants holding severall proportions, under certain Rents and performance of divers services, as plowing, mowing, harrowing, thrashing and the like: As also a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, **Free-warren**, and other liberties. At the same time it was found [p] that *Raph Pippard* had one yard land and a half in this Lordship, which he held of the Earl of **Hereford**, together with a certain Water Mill, and a wood containing *xii* acres: as also *xxxi.* Tenants holding divers proportions of land by certain Rents, and severall servile labours; together with a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, and **Free-warren**. And that the Nuns of **Stodle**, in **Oxfordshire**, had then a Carueate of land here, granted to them by *Geffrey de Craucumbe* in pure Alms; which *Geffrey* obtained it of the said Earl of **Hereford**: As also *ix.* tenants holding severall proportions of land by performance of servile work; and three acres of land in demesn, bestowed on them by *Hubert de Burgo*, before mentioned, for the enlarging of their Court; and likewise a **Court Leet**, and **Free-warren**.

At that time likewise did the Prior of **Wroxton** hold [q] 7 acres of land here in demesn, which he had of the gift of *Geffrey de Langley*; & he from *Gilbert* Earl *Marshall*; and he of the Earl of **Hereford**. And likewise *John de Compton* (a Priest) two yard land, of one *Robert Fitz-Nicholas*, paying to *Raph Pippard* a half peny for all services. As also two yard land more, of the Hospitall of St. *John* in **Oxford**, given thereunto by one *Will. de Compton* a Priest, who obtained the same from *Will. de Mandevile*, for which he payd to the Nuns of **Stodle** *vi s. viii d. per an.* And half a yard land of the Nuns of **Burneley** in pure Alms, for *iii s.* But being so in the K. possession, it was 10. *Feb.* 9 of his reign, granted [r] to *Eustace de Hacche*, to hold during pleasure, for the Rent of *xli.* to be yearly payd into the Exchequer. And the 28 of *May* following, unto [s] *Hugh de Plesset* for life. In which demise to *Eustace de Hacche* it is called **Compton** in **Pennemerth**, but in the other **Compton-magna**; which *Hugh de Plesset* and *Raph Pippard* did in 13 *E.* 1. challenge [t] to have here in Common, with the Prioress of **Stodle**,

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p } *Domes.* q } *lib.*

r *Plac. de B. Term. Mich.* 12. *H.* 3. *Rot.* 12. *in d.*

s } *Plac. de B. T.* t } *Pasch.* 13 H. 3. *Rot.* 5. *in d.*

* *Cart.* 1. Ioh. *n.* 40.

u *F. levat. Octab. invent. S. Crucis.*

w *F. levat.* 3. *sept. Pasch.* 13, *H.* 3.

x *M. Paris. p.* 368. *l.* 25.

y *Claus.* 16. H. 3. *m.* 3.

x *M. Paris. p.* 397. *&c.*

a *Ib. p.* 403 *n.* 10.

b *Cart.* 15. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.

c *M. Paris. p.* 376. *n.* 30.

d *Ib. p.* 377. *n.* 40.

e *Ib. p.* 378. *&c.*

f *Ib. p.* 396. *n.* 50.

g *Rot. F.* 18 *H.* 3. *m.* 11.

h *M. Paris p.* 403. *n.* 50.

i *Claus.* 1 H. 3. *m.* 2

k *M. Par. p.* 363. *l.* 1

l *F. de dat. Com. levat. mens. P.* 3 *H.* 3.

m *Esc.* 50 *H.* 3.

n *Pat.* 2 *m.* 24.

o *Inq.* H. Nott *&c. f.* 1 *a. &c.*

p *Ib. f.* 1 *a. &c.*

q *Ib. f.* 9 *&c.*

r *Rot.* E. 1. *n.*

s *Claus.* E. 1. *m.*

t *Rot.* quo W.

a **Court Leet**, Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, Weyfs, and to be exempted from suit to the Hundred or County Court: But because it was found, that they had excercised these liberties in severall, they were amerc't for their false claim. Howbeit, after this; *viz.* in 27 *E.* 1. the said K. by his Letters Pat. [t] bearing date at **Canterbury** 10 *Sept.* amongst other lands and Mannours assigned it to *Margaret* his Queen, as part of her dowrie. And by another Charter [w] bearing date at **York** 16. *Nov.* following, granted it to *John de Mohun*, and *Ala* his wife, and to the heirs of the said *John*, to be held of him the said K. and his heirs, in exchange for all those lands, which the same *John* had within the County of **Kildare** in **Ireland**, or elsewhere within that Realm; the value of this being then *xl. li. xviii s. vi. d. ob. per an.* In recompence whereof he made other assignations to his said Queen, as by his Pat. [x] doth at large appear.

Pat. 27. 1. m. 3.

Cart. 27. 1. n. 4.

Pat 31. 1. m. 35.

Touching that which *Raph Pipard* had here in **Compton**, being thenceforth reputed a Mannour, I find it was in 3. *E.* 2. (*inter alia*) granted [y] by the same *Raph.* to *Edm. le Botiller* and his heirs, to enter upon after the decease of him the said *Raph*: and that from the said *Edmund* it descended to *James* his son [z] and heir, created [a] Earl of **Ormond** 2 *E.* 3. Which *James*, the same year, had a Charter [b] of **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here. In whose family it continued till the beginning of *E.* 4. time, that *James Boteler*, Earl of **Wiltshire** (son and heir to *James Boteler* the fourth Earl of **Ormond**) being advanced [c] to that Honour in the life time of his Father (*sc.* 27 H. 6.) adhering stoutly to the Lancastrian interest, and so participating in the hard fate which befell that House, became attainted [d] in the Parl. of 1 *E.* 4. But then the K. by his Letters Pat. [e] bearing date at **Westm.** 20 *Febr.* in the first year of his reign, reciting the notable services which Sr *Walter Devereux* Kt. whom he had newly advanced to the degree of a Biron, had performed on his behalf in sundry Battails against K. *Henry* the 6. and his Complices, and particularly against *Henry* D. of **Exeter**, *Jasper* Earl of **Penbroke**, and this *James* Earl of **Wiltshire**; in consideration thereof, granted it to the said *Walter* and the heirs male of his body; together with the Mannour of **Sutton-Courtney** in **Berkshire**, and other great possessions. Howbeit, *Thomas*, Brother and heir to the said Earl, finding favour with K. *Edw.* being shortly after restored [f] by Act of Parl. to his lands, had it again: whereupon it descended [g] to his Daughters and heirs; *viz. Margaret* marryed to Sir *Will. Bullein* Kt. and *Anne* the wife of Sir *James St. Leger* Kt. After which, *scil. temp. H.* 8. *Bullein's* moytie was past away unto certain Feoffees to the use of Sir *Will. Compton* Kt. from whom is lineally descended the now Earl of **Northampton**, (as in **Compton-Winyate** is shewed) the present owner thereof.

Cart. ab. 1. 27. que 39. 6. n. 44.

Rot. Parl. E 4. n. 8.

Pat. 1. E. 4. p. 5. m. 1.

Pat. 13. 4. p. 2. in. m. 1. &.

Clauf. 3. 18. in d. 1. 15.

Esc. post mortem Peri Compton 37 H. 8.

I now return to that Mannour here, which was granted to *Mohun* in *E.* 1. time. This continued in that line till the reign of H. 4. but then Sir *John Mohun* Kt. dying [i] without issue male, it came by partition [k] to *Ric. le Strange*, son and heir of *Iohn le Strange* of **Knokyn**, by *Maud* the youngest of the three Daughters and coheirs of the said Sir *Iohn Mohun*: which *Richard* dyed [l] seized thereof in 27 H. 6. leaving Sir *John Strange* his son and heir; who departing this life without issue male, *Joan* [m] his Daughter and heir, by marriage with *George* eldest son to *Thomas* Lord *Stanley* (afterwards Earl of **Derby**) brought it to that family; *Edw.* Earl of **Derby**, son and heir of *Henry*, proving his age, having livery [n] thereof accordingly in 14 *Eliz.* To which *Edw.* succeeded his Brother *Wil.* Earl of **Derby**, who in our time sold it (as I have heard) to *Will.* Earl of **Northampton** Grandfather to the present Earl, now owner thereof.

Esc. 6 H. 6. n. 33.

Rot. F. 7. H. 4.

[i] Esc. 27. H. 6.

[m] Pat. 20. E. 4. p. 2. m. 27.

[n] Lib. 3. cedul.

That the Church, here, is of no less antiquity than the Britains time, I shall vouch the authority of an old Historian, [o] whereby it will appear, that the payment of Tithes was very antient, if his relation have credit with my Reader. About the year of our Saviours incarnation *DC xiii.* St. *Augustine*, being arrived in **England** to preach the Gospell, came hither; whereupon the Priest of this Parish repaired to him, and made a complaint that the Lord of the Town, not paying his Tithes, though admonished, was by him excommunicated, and yet stood more obstinate: St. *Augustine* therefore conventing him for that fault, demanded the reason of such his refusall. *Knowest thou not* (quoth he) *that they are not thine, but God's?* To whom the Knight answered, *Did not I plow and sow the land? I will therefore have the tenth sheaf aswell as the nine.* Whereupon St. *Augustine* replyed, *If thou wilt not pay them, I will excommunicate thee*; and so, hastning to the Altar, publickly said, *I command that no excommunicate person be present at Masse.* Which words were no sooner spoke, than that a dead man, that lay buried at the entrance into the Church, immediatly arose out of his Grave, went without the compass of the Church yard, and there stood still during the time of Mass. Which being finished St. *Aug.* went to him, and said, *I command thee in the name of God that thou tell me who thou art.* To whom he made answer, *I was Patron of this place in the time of the Britains, and though frequently warn'd by the Priest, yet never would pay him my Tithes, and so dyed excommunicate, and was thrust into Hell.* Which answer occasioned St. *Augustine* to command him to shew where the Priest was buried that so excommunicated him; who, being accordingly directed to his Grave, said, *To the end that all men may know that life and death are in the hands of God, to whom nothing is impossible, Arise in his name, for we have need of thee!* Who thereupon came out of his Grave, and stood before them. To whom St *Augustine* said, *Brother dost thou know this man?* yes quoth he; but I would I had never known him. for he was always a Rebell to the Church, a withholder of his Tithes, and even to his last a very wicked man, which occasioned me to excommunicate him.

[o] *Hist. aurea MS.* Ioh. Imeuth. *in biot. Godl. lib. 2. cap. 72.*

Augustine replyed, *Brother, thou knowest that God is mercifull, therefore we must have pity on this miserable creature, who is the image of God, and redeem'd with his blood, having so long endured the pains of Hell.* Whereupon delivering to him a scourge, he kneeled down, and craving absolution with tears, had it granted; and so by St. *Augustine's* command, returning to his Grave again, was immediatly resolved to dust. Then said St. *Aug.* to the Priest, *How long hast thou been buried?* Above an hundred and fifty years, quoth he. *Augo*

How haſt thou fared hitherto? Well, quoth the Prieſt, enjoying the delights of eternal Life. *Aug. Art thou contented that I ſhould pray unto God that thou may'ſt return again to us; and by thy preaching reduce many ſouls unto him, that are deceived by the Devill?* Far be it from thee, O Father (quoth the Prieſt) that thou ſhouldeſt ſo diſturb my quiet, as to bring me back to the troubleſome life of this World. *Aug. Go thy way then, and reſt in peace, praying for me, and for the Univerſall Church of God*: So accordingly entring his grave, he fell alſo to duſt. Then turn'd S. *Auguſtine* to the Knight and ſaid, *Wilt thou now pay thy Tithes to God, my ſon?* Who trembling and weeping fell at his feet, and, confeſſing his Offence, craved pardon; and ſhaving himſelf, became a follower of S. *Auguſtine* all the days of his life.

Hoc miraculum (ſaith my Author) *videbitur illis incredibile, qui credunt aliquid Deo eſſe impoſſibile; Sed nulli dubium eſt, quod nunquam Anglorum duras cervices Chriſti jugo ſe ſubmiſiſſent, niſi per magna miracula divinitus ſibi oſtenſa.*

[p] *Hiſt. MS. Ab. de Walden penès Comit. Suff. cap. 7.*

But deſcending to later times, and of more certainty, I find [p], that about the beginning of King *Steph.* reign, *Geffery Magnavil* gave this Church to the Monaſtery of **Walden** in **Eſſex**, which he had newly founded. In *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) accounting *xii.* marks *per an.* which the Canons of **Walden** had out of it; as alſo certain *Penſions* to the Nuns of **Hurley** (in **Berks.**) and to the Chapell of **Pleſſy**, it was valued [q] at xxiii. marks; and afterwards, *ſc. Non. Dec. an.* 1316. (10 *E.* 2.) appropriated [r] to the ſaid Monaſtery of **Walden** by *Walt. de Maydenſton* Biſhop of **Worceſter**. And in 26 *H.* 8 the Vicaridge rated [ſ] at xiii^{l} vi^{s} viii^{d}, the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then payd out of it being xi^{s} vi^{d}.

[q] *MS. in Scac.*

[r] *Mayd. f. 41. b.*

[ſ] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur f. 19. a.*

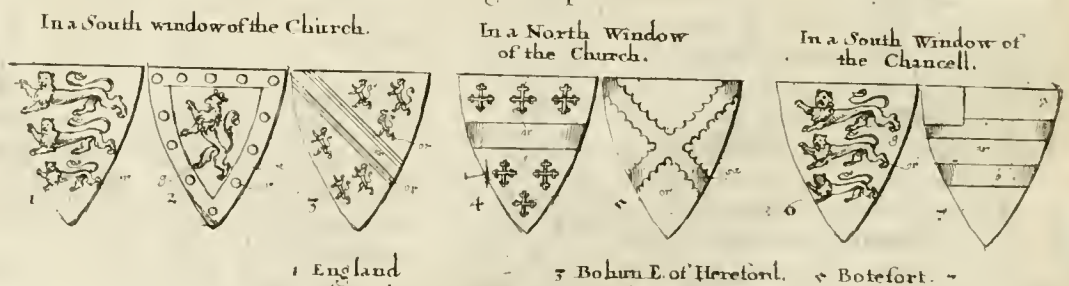
That which the Canons of **Walden** had here, was after the diſſolution of that Monaſtery granted [t] away by the King to *Thomas* lord *Audley*, Chancellour of **England** and his heirs, by the name of a Mannour, together with the Rectory of this place: but it came again to the Crown, as it ſeems; for in 4. & 5. *Ph. & M.* S^{r} *Thomas Pope* K^{t} had a grant [u] thereof.

[t] *Pat. 30 H. 8. p. 5.*

[u] *Pat. 4. & 5. Ph. & M. p. 14.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Joh. de Derſete Pbr. 9. Cal. Julii* 1289.	*Giff. f. 318.*
	D. Will. Hankyn 6. Cal. Maii 1319.	*Cob. f. 14. b.*
	Will. le Fullare Pbr. 28 Maii 1339.	*Wolſt. vol. 1 f. 12. a.*
	Will. in le Lane Pbr. 19. Feb. 1361.	*S. Germ. 113. a*
	Joh. Baynton 9. Junii 1389.	*Wak. f. 57.*
	Joh. Aldeſtre penult. Martii 1390.	*Ib. f. 78. a.*
Abbas & Conv. de Walden.	*Edm. Normanton Pbr. 11 Junii* 1406.	*Cliff. f. 90*
	Will. Gilbert penult. Maii 1430.	*Pult. f. 84*
	D. Will. Whithmale Pbr. 8. Maii 1455.	*Carp. vol. f. 128. a*
	Joh. Toly Cap. 10. Maii 1465.	*Ib. f. 18.*
	D. Joh. Maſon Cap. 4. Junii 1485.	*Alc. f. 14.*
	D. Richard Maſon Pbr. 8. Dec. 1504.	*Gyg. vol. f. 39. b*
	Egid. Cartwright Cler. 8. Aug. 1571.	*Bul. f. 4.*
Præpoſ. & c. Colleg. Reg. de Eton.	*Joh. Ivie Cler. 12. Nov.* 1573.	*Ib. f. 9.*
	Will. Scooler. Cler. 21 Martii 1577.	*Ib. f. 14*

Long Compton.



Weſton juxta Chiriton.

THat this was originally a member of **Long-Compton**, I have in my diſcourſe of that place already intimated. From *Marſhall* Earl of **Pembroke** it came [w] to *Raph Pipard*, and from him to one *John de Weſton* (ſoe called from his reſidence here, as I gueſſe) which *John* in 7 *E.* 1. held [x] it of the ſaid *Raph* by the fourteenth part of a Knights Fee, having then two carucates of land in demeſn; as alſo one Water mill, with certain Tenants holding 8 yard land of him by ſeveral ſervices, as plowing, ſowing, reaping, making malt, and the like; but with his ſaid Tenants made two appearances, yearly, at the **Court Leet** of the ſaid *Raph.* at **Compton**, paying *iii^{s}* to him at the Feaſt of S^{t} *Martin*, and *iii^{d}* at *Warth.* which *John de Weſton* in 27 *E.* 1. entailed [y] this Mannour after his own deceaſe, upon *John de Broughton* and *Kath.* his wife, and the heirs of the ſaid *John de Broughton*; whereupon the ſaid *John*, within two years following, obtain'd a Charter [z] of **Free-warren** to himſelfe and his heirs in all his demeſn lands at **Broughton**, (near **Banbury**) in **Oxfordſhire**; as alſo here and other places in this County.

[w] *Inq. per H. Not. &c. f. 89. a.*

[x] *Inq. per H. Not. &c. f. 89. a.*

[y] *F. lect. craſt. J.*

[z] *Car. 29 E. 1. n.*

Howbeit after this till *E.* 3. time, I find no farther mention thereof, worthy the notice; but then was it ſetled [a] upon *Raph* Earl *Stafford* and *Will. de Peito* for their two lives; and afterwards upon S^{r} *John de Peito* K^{t}. ſon of the ſaid *Will.* and *Alianore* his wife, and *John* the ſon of the ſaid *John*, and

[a] *Ex. penès Edw. eq. aur*

and *Alianore*, and the heirs male of his body; and for want of such issue, on *Hugh* the son of the said Earl, and the heirs male of his body by *Philippa* his wife, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Will. de Peito*, as appeareth by a certain Feoffment, bearing date here at **Weston** on the Munday next after the Feast of S^t *Thomas* the Apostle, the same year. Which *Will. de Peito* was justled out of it, as by his Petition [b] to King *Ric.* 2. appeareth, the substance whereof I have here added; *viz.* that one *Walter de Chiriton*, being indebted to King *E.* 3. command was given unto one *Rich. de Foxton*, then Escheator, to enquire of what lands or Tenements he was seized of, in the *xx. xxii.* and *xxiii^th* years of his reign, and afterwards; in respect that he the said *Walter* had been a Fermour to the King; and never accounted. Whereupon, by the corrupt procurement and abetting of *Alice Perers* (who had been concubine to King *Edw.*) then wife of S^r *Will. Windsor* Knight, and for her behoofe, it was falsly certified by the Enquest, that the same *Walter* had an estate in Fee simple of this Minnour, which the said *Will. de Peito* then held: who upon the return of the Inquisition into the Chancery, traversed the same; shewing by good evidence that the said *Walter* had no right therein, farther than for the life of *John de Segrave* of **Folkestane**, which *John* had granted the reversion thereof to certain persons, whose estate in Fee simple the said *Will.* had obtained. Whereupon another Inquis. was made; but through the unjust procurement of the said *Alice*, and the menaces made to the Jury by S^r *Baldw. Frevill*, and S^r *Thomas de Morehalle*, they durst not give any other Verdict, than what had been before; and that by this means, it being seised into the Kings hands, was granted by him to *Rob. Broune* of **Warwick**, Steward to the said *Alice*, and to one *John Vincent* of **London** to her use, who held it accordingly at the time of the said Petition exhibited.

Whereupon the King referred the examination of the matter to S^r *John Knyvet*, to make report; but it seems there was nothing done therein to the advantage of the said *Will. de Peito*: for upon the attainder [c] of the before specifyed *Alice*, it being seized into the Kings hands, the custody [d] thereof was committed to S^r *John Worth* Knight; and shortly after the inheritance of it given [e] by the said King to the before specified S^r *Will. Windsor*. Which S^r *Will.* past [f] it into the hands of S^r *Will. de Beauchamp*, S^r *Hugh Segrave*, S^r *Will. Cossington* Knights, and others, and their heirs; who granted [g] their right therein to S^r *Will. Murrers* Knight and *Christian* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes lawfully begotten, to hold untill such time as the debt due to the King by *Walt. de Chiriton*, formerly mentioned, should be fully satisfyed. Which S^r *Will. Murrers* and *Christian* past [h] over their estate therein to *John Carpe*, and *Raph Kesteven*, to enjoy accordingly till the said debt should be satisfied: who (upon the grant made by *Will. de Chiriton*, son and heir of the same *Walter* to the said S^r *Will. Murrers* and his heirs, of all his right therein) by their deed [i] bearing date at **London** 20 *Iunii* 8. *R.* 2. quitted their interest in the reversion thereof, unto the said S^r *Will.* and his heirs.

Howbeit after this I find, that *Thomas Moubray* D. of **Norff.** had an interest herein, though by what means I know not: but by one Inquis. [k] taken after his death in 22 *R.* 2. it appears, that he granted it to the above specified S^r *Will. Morers* Knight and *Christian* his wife, to hold during their lives; and by another, that he past [l] it to *Ric. de Burgh.* Esq; to hold likewise during his life: And it was also found [m] that he dyed seized of two parts thereof; which two parts, thereupon coming to the Crown, by reason of the minority of *John Moubray*, brother and heir of *Thomas* Earl Marshall, were in 11 *H.* 4. assigned [n] to him by the King towards his maintenance; and the third part did *Elizabeth* Dutches of **Norff.** hold [o] in dower.

To this *Thomas* succeeded *John* D. of **Norff.** as son and heir, who enfeoft [p] *Ric. Waller* and *Henry Bradfield* in this Mannour; and they *Will. Brandon* Esq; as it seems; for *Ric. Waller* son and heir to the said *Richard*, by his deed [q] bearing date 25 *Sept.* 1 *E.* 4. released to the said *Will.* and *Eliz.* his wife, with *Alianore* their daughter, all his estate therein, in reversion (*Eliz.* Dutchesse of **Norff.** having [r] an estate for life in the same.) Nevertheless by an Inq. taken in 7 *H.* 7. (wherein the title of *John de Peito*, formerly mentioned, is recited, it appears [s], that the said *Will Brandon*, by the name of S^r *Will. Brandon* Knight, and *Eliz.* his wife received the profits thereof from the 2. till 7 *H.* 7. but how much sooner or longer is to me yet uncertain. Which S^r *William* past [t] it to *Henry Kebull* Alderman of **London**, who depopulated [u] 7 mess. and one cottage here, and inclosed, 350 acres of land, being all that were in this village, except the Mannour house, wherewith *lxxx* acres of land were occupied: and by his Testament [w] bearing date 28 *Apr. an.* 1517. (9 *Henry* 8.) setled it, *inter alia*, upon *George Keble* his grandchild, son of *Thomas Keble*, this son, deceased; with remainder, for want of issue male by the said *George*, to *Will. Blunt* Lord *Mountjoy*, and *Alice* his wife, the Testators daughter, and the heirs of their two bodies. Which *George*, stiled *George Keble* of **Bradwell** *in Com.* **Eller** Esq; by his deed [x] bearing date 12 *Nov.* 24 *H.* 8. granted it to *George Willoughby* Gent. and *John Barbour* yeoman, to the use of *Will. Sheldon* of **Barcheston** and his heirs; whereupon there was a Fine [y] levied in 26. *H.* 8.

This *William*, being also of **Beoly** in **Worcestershire**, their principall seat, (descended by a younger branch, as I guess, from that antient Family of *Sheldon* in this County, which flourisht at **Sheldon** till *E.* 3. time; for amongst their evidences I have seen, that his immediate Ancestor had lands in *R.* 2. time within the Lordship of **Bermingham**, which is scarce 4 miles distant from that place) was he, who liking well the situation hereof, in 37 *H.* 8. obtained License [z] from the King, to impark *CCC.* acres of land, meadow, pasture, and wood, to be called by the name of **Weston** park for ever: As also a Charter [a] of **Free-warren** to himself and his heirs; and built a very fair House here, in which his descendants have often resided, though their chief seat be at **Beoley**, where many of them lye very honourably interred.

Whichford.

OF this place there is no particular mention in the Conq^rs Survey, whence I conclude that it

[b] 1 *ver. excepl. pe. sed und.* [c] *Rot. Pl. 1. R. 2. n. 2. m. 17.* [d] *Claus. 9 R. 2. ind. m. 48* [e] *Esc. 22. R. 2. n. 101.*

[l] *Esc. 1. H. 4.* [m] *Esc. 12. H. 4. n. 9.* [n] *Pat. 11. H. 4. p. 3. m. 3.* [o] *Esc. 3. H. 6. n. 25.* [p] *Esc. 1 E. 4.* [q] *Ex autog. penès Will. Sheldon ar.* [r] *F. de div. Com. levat. xv. Mart. 16. E. 4.* [s] *Esc. 7. H. 7.* [t] [u] *Inq. sup. per de. pop. 21 H. 8.* [w] *Holder q. 30.* [x] *Ex autog. penès præfat. Will. Sheldon.* [y] *Craft, Pasch.* [z] [a] *Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 1. 8.*

it was then involved with **Long Compton**: but it seems that the family of *Mohun* were owners thereof very timely; for I find that *Will. de Moion* and *Agnes* his wife gave [b] the Church to the Monastery of **Bredington**, whose grant King *Henry* 1. confirmed: Howbeit, he or his were dispossest again, though it appears not how: perhaps by K. *Stephen*; for in 3. *Steph.* divers of the great men being in Armes on the behalf of *Maud* the Empresse, this *Will.* then fortifyed [c] and held his Castle at **Dunster** for her: but further do I find nothing thereof till 9 *R.* 1. that *Raph de Welleford* accounted [d] *xvli* for the ferm thereof, it being in the Kings own hands as an Eschaet: Which forfeiture was made by *Joelinus de Pomeria* a Norman, as by the Record [e] of 6 *Joh.* appears, where its particular extent (as of all other, the lands of such Normans, which, it seems, were seized on by the King) is certifyed; *viz.* in Rent of Assize *viiili xvis*; the arable land in demesn being 3. carucates, consisting of *xxiiii* Oxen, and the other stock *xxi.* Oxen, *iii.* Horses, *viii.* Hogs, five Kine and a Bull, five Sows and a Boar, and *CC.* Sheep; so that the yearly value of all, was rated at *xvli*.

In which 6th. year, King *John* bestowed it upon, or rather restored [f] it to *Reginald de Mohun*, excepting the corn and stock then upon it, which he appointed to be prized and otherwise disposed. To whose posterity it continued whilst the male line lasted; and in 20 *H.* 3. was held [g] by *Reginald de Mohun*, the second, by the service of one Kts. Fee. Which *Reginald* in 36 *H.* 3. Having License [h] from the King to stop and inclose a certain Roadway lying through his Park here; assigning another without the compasse thereof, upon condition that passengers might not receive prejudice, left issue *John*, who in 7 *E.* 1. had [i] here three carucates of land in demesn, with *xvii.* Tenants holding severall proportions of ground, performing certain services, as thrashing, plowing, gathering Nuts, *&c.* As also a **Court Leet**, **Free-warren** and Gallows; and a Wood inclosed, in which it was then found that the King ought to have pannage for *xl.* Hogs, and one Boar, from the Feast of S. *Mich.* untill *Martinmasse*, as belonging to his Freehold in **Long Compton**. Which *John de Mohun* dyed [k] the same year, whereupon this Mannour, then rated at L[li] *per an.* being in the Kings hand, in regard of the minority of his son, was granted [l] to *Almaric de St. Amand*, to hold till the heir should come of full age, in part of satisfaction for *C.* marks *per an.* given by the King to the said *Almaric*, to be received out of his Wards or Eschaets; whose name was also *John*, and his residence here, as it seems: for in 17 *E.* 2. I find [m] him in the list of those Knights, and men at Armes of this County then certified into the Chancery.

Howbeit, in 6 *E.* 3. it came [n] again into the K. hands, by reason of the minority of the son and heir of that *John*; and was committed [o] to the custody of *Will. Ayermin* Bishop of **Norwich**, who did great repairs upon the Mannour house. But at length the issue male of this branch of that family, failing; for the last S[r] *John Mohun* had only three daughters and heirs: *viz.* [p] *Elizabeth* wife to *Will. Mountacute* Earl of **Salisbury**, *Maud* marryed to *John le Strange* of **Knokin**, and *Philippa* to *Edw.* D. of **York**; upon partition made betwixt them, it fell to the said *Elizabeth*; who dying [r] without issue, it came to be divided betwixt *Richard* Lord *Strange*, son to the above specifyed *Maud*; and to *Philippa* Dutchesse of **York**: which *Philippa* accordingly held the moitye thereof during her life; but dying [t] without issue in 10 *H.* 6. it descended [t] to the said Lord *Strange*, as her nephew and heir: and so from *Strange* to the Earls of **Derby**, by a daughter and heir, as **Long Compton** did; *Edw.* Earl of **Derby** being seized [u] thereof in 14 *Eliz.* To whom succeeded *Will.* his brother, who sold it unto *Raph Sheldon* of **Beoley** Esq; Grandfather to *William*, the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) being given [w] to the Canons of **Bredington** in *H.* 1. time, by *Will. de Moiun* and *Agnes* his wife (as hath been already intimated) was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [x] at *xx.* marks. It seems that the said Canons of **Bredington** granted back the patronage thereof to the *Mohuns*; for it appears that they and their heirs presented thereto: but in 26 *H.* 8. it was valued [y] at xx[li] over and above xi[s] viii[d] allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Dominus Rex Hen. 3.	*Galf. de Rindeway Cap. G. Giffard Cancellarii Reg.* 52. *H.* 3.	*Pat.* 5 [illegible] 3. *m.* 3.
Will. Blampayn de Wichiford.	*Joh. de Wicheford Cler.* 2. *Id. Martii* 1297.	*Giff. f.* [illegible] *a.*
D. Joh. de Mohun miles.	*Joh. de Wicheford Pbr.* 4. *Non. Dec.* 1299.	*Ib. f.* [illegible]
	Joh. Clovyle Cler. prid. Non. Maii 1324.	*Ceb. f.* [illegible]
	Joh. Payne Pbr. 1 *Maii* 1343.	*Wolff.* [illegible] *f.* 57.
	D. Baldw. de Mohun Pbr. 1. *Junii* 1344.	*Ib. f.* [illegible]
	Joh. de Hurewell Cler. 10 *Sept.* 1344.	*Ib. f.* [illegible]
	Petrus de Croydon Pbr. 22 *Apr.* 1354.	*Br.* [illegible] 10. *a*
	Joh. Drury Pbr. 16. *Aug.* 1369.	*Lym.* [illegible]
D. Johanna de Mohun domina de Dunstere.	*Thomas at More* 15. *Iulii* 1384.	*Wak.* [illegible]
	Thomas Hateway Pbr. 24. *Apr.* 1386.	*Ib. f.* [illegible]
Ric. le Strange Dominus de Knokyn.	*Will. Thommes* 4. *Oct.* 1414.	*Pec.* [illegible]
Ric. le Strange, & Constantia ux. ejus.	*D. Rob. Wynbish* 14 *Apr.* 1435.	*S. G.* [illegible] *257.*
. . . . .	*D. Rob. Potter. alias Mylam* 7 *Aug.* 1465.	*Carp.* [illegible] *f.* 19 *c.*
Will. Cates by mil. & alii Feoffati D. Eliz. nuper dom. Strange.	*D. Thomas Stowte Cap. penult. Apr.* 1469.	*Ib. f.* [illegible]
Georgius Stanley miles Dominus le Strange.	*D. Iac. Streytbarel* 15. *Oct.* 1485.	*Alc. f.* [illegible]
	Magr. Thomas Madeyowe in decret Bac. 26. *Dec.* 1486.	*Mor.* [illegible]
D. Johanna Starley domina le Strange.	*Ioh. Merton Cap.* 10. *Oct.* 1507.	*Gyg. f.* [illegible] *b.*
Rad. Ashton ar. & Ric. Ashton ar. ratione conces. Edwardi Comitis Derb.	*Magr. Nich. Ashton in S. Theol. Bacc.* 12 *Iunii* 1557.	*Heat. f.* [illegible] 26. *b*

[b] *Cart.* 5 E. 2 *n.* 19. *per Insp.*
[c] *Math. P. f.* 76 *l.* 19.
[d] *Rot. P.* 9. *R.* 1.
[e] *Rot. de terr. Norm.* 6. *Joh. n.* 13.
[f] *P.* 1. 6. *Joh. m.* 16.
[g] *Testa de N.*
[h] *Clauf.* 36. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.
[i] *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 111. *a. &c.*
[k] *Clauf.* 7. E. 1. *m.* 3.
[l] *Clauf.* 7. E. 1. *m.* 3.
[m] *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.
[n] *Clauf.* 6 E. 3 *m.* 36.
[o] *Clauf.* 6 E. 3 *m.* 36.
[p] *Rot. F.* 6. H. 4. *m.* 5.
[q] *Rot.* 4. H. *n.* 8
[r] *Esc.* H 5. 39.
[s] *Esc.* H. 6. 45.
[t] *Lib.* 3. *dul.*
[u] *Cart.* [illegible] 2. *n.* 19. *Inspex.*
[w] *MS.* *Scac.*
[x] *MS.* [illegible] *f.* 19 *a.*
[y] *MS.* [illegible] *f.* 19 *a.*

Anna

L f.4.a	*Anna Comitissa Derb. ratione conceß. Edw. Comitis Derb. filii sui.*	*Magr. Ioh. Vaghan in S. Theol. Bac. 26 Nov. 1537.*
B f.22.b.	*Will. Pendelbury de Wichford yeoman, ex conceß. Edw. Comitis Derb.*	*Laur. Shuttleworth in art. Magr. ult. Nov. 1582.*

Within an Arch of the wall in the south Ile, lyeth an antient coffin of stone, on the cover whereof there is cut out a large *Crosse engrailed*, extending from the head to the foot; and on the upper part of the same Crosse an Escocheon, whereon is the like *engrailed Croß*, with *a labell of 3 points in cheife.*

On the south side of the Chancell is a raised Monument, covered with marble, and having a portraiture in brasse thereon with this Epitaph.

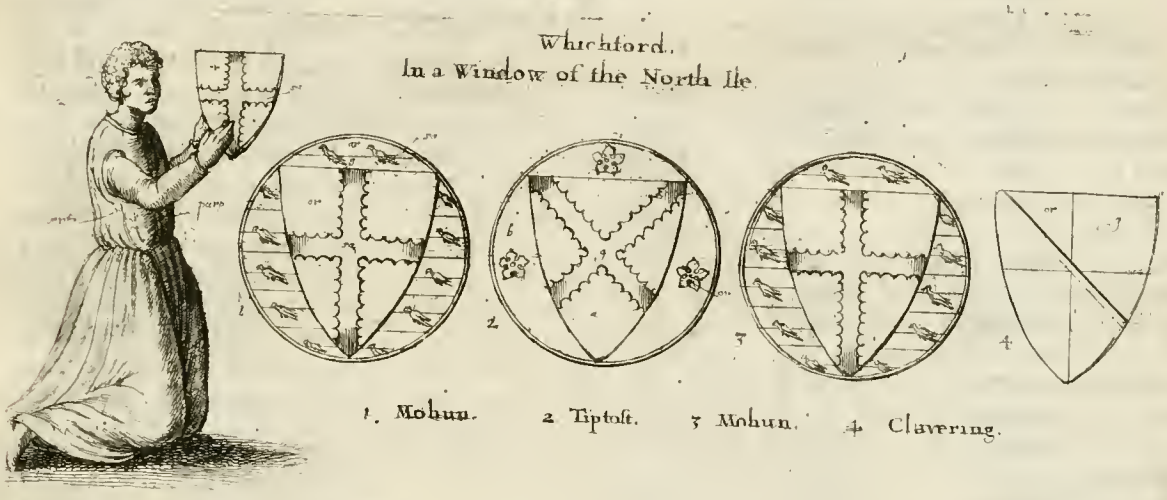
Hic jacet Nicholaus Asheton sacre theologie baccalarius Cantabr. Capellanus Comitis Derbie, nuper rector istius ecclesie, ac olim vicarius de Kendalle Lancastrensis apud magnam Leaver, qui obiit ultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo secundo, regni Elizabethe regine vicesimo quarto.

On the North side of the Chancell is another raised Monument, with a cover of Alabastar, whereon is a portraiture graven, and this circumscription.

+ Hic jacet dominus Johannes Merton quondam rector istius ecclesie; nec-non capellanus Thome Stanley Comitis de Derby, qui obiit . . . . .

In the upper part of the Chancell, towards the North side, lyeth a flat blew stone, with this Epitaph,

Jacet hic Lionellus Day *S. T. B. hujus Ecclesiæ Rector, qui uti vivens piè vovit, ita moriens voluit hic inscribi, In misericordia Domini resurgam: ætatis suæ* 70.



Whichford.
In a Window of the North Ile.

1. Mohun. 2 Tiptoft. 3 Mohun. 4 Clavering.

Ascot.

IN this parish of **Whichford** are two Hamlets, *viz.* **Ascot** and **Stourton**: but of **Ascot**, which takes its name from the Eastern situation thereof, I have not seen any other mention than what is in the Record of 7 *E.* 1. wherein it appears[z], that *John de Mohun* had *xviii.* Tenants here (it being no distinct Mannour, but a member of **Whichford**) who held several proportions of land by performance of sundry servile imployments; as plowing, harrowing, mowing, and the like; and payd certain Rent besides.

z per Rott. III.

Stourton.

THis Village hath its name from the brook called **Stoure**, upon the bank whereof it is seated; and being originally a member[a] of **Whichford**, was granted away by one of the *Mohuns* to *Will. Cumin*, or some of his ancestors, as it should seem by what I shall shew by and by. But the first mention[b] I find of it, is in 5 *H.* 3. Where *Will. Hose* and *Margaret* his wife brought an Assize of *Nouell disseisin* against *Alice de Mohun*, for certain lands, and two Mills lying in this Village. To which *Will. Cumin* succeeded *Margerie* his daughter and heir, wedded[c] to *John de Cantilupe*, who brought thereby the inheritance of this Mannour to that Family, and in 7 *E.* 1.[d] held it of *John de Moun* by the service of two parts of a Knights fee, having two carucats of land here in demesn, and *xviii.* Tenants holding several proportions by certain Rents, and services of husbandry; in which Record[e] it is called **Norton**, by reason of its Northern situation, as I guess. But these *Cantilupes* had their seat at **Snitfield** in this County, where I purpose to speak historically of them; and whereof the heir general, in *E.* 3. time, married to S^r *Thomas West* K^t, who by that means became Lord[f] of this Mannour.

a P.5 3. b 6 H. Will. Hose and Margaret. d Assize. Nouell disseisin.

c Clauſ. 20 H. 3. m. 7.

d Inq. per H. Not. &c. f. 112. a

e

f F. levat. xv. Trin. 32. E. 3.

It appears by the return of a Writ[g] of *Ad quod dampnum*, that Q. *Phillippa*, wife to K. *Edw.* 3. had a purpose to have given this Mannour to the Monks of **Westminster**; perhaps in respect of its nearness[h] to their Mannour of **Sutton** in **Glocestersh.** and yet environed with this County; but it took not effect; for I find that *John Harwell* (of whom and his family I shall speak in **Wotton-Wawen**) purchased[i] it of S^r *Thomas West* and *Joan* his wife, in 20 *R.* 2. And in 10 *H.* 6. *Roger Hurewell* of **Mozeball**, and *Will. Harewell* of **Henley** in **Arden**, were certifyed[k] to be Lords thereof.

g Esc. 43. E. 3. p. 2. n. 17.

h Esc. 49 E. 3. p. 2.

i F. levat. traſt. Ascenſ. 20 R. 2

k Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.

Cheriton.

FOllowing the course of Stoure I come next to Cheriton, which originally was a member of [l] Bradles, and therefore is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey. Before the first of King *John* I have not seen any thing thereof in Record; but then did *Henry Falconer* and *Annora* his wife, recover [m] the patronage to the Church here; yet whether in his own or his wifes right I know not; for she was [n] a widow, and called *Annora de la More*, and had a daughter named *Sara*, an heir, whose tuition the said *Henry* had. Neither am I certain how *Falconer's* interest here went away; but in 10 H. 3. *Lucia* the daughter of *Reginald de Clifton* brought an Assize [o] of *Novell disseisin* against *Henry* then Earl of Warwick for the same advouson. Which instances, though they are most proper to be made when I come to speak in particular of the Church, I have the rather inserted here, because they give some light to the succession of the Mannour, whereunto in those times the patronage of the Church was, except very rarely, belonging.

But for want of better help, whereby a perfect discovery might be had, I am constrained to make use of them, being not able to manifest, so exactly, as I would, through what paths the succession of it went, till the *Lucies* became Lords thereof. In 20 H. 3. *William Bonchivalier* answered for part of a Knights fee here, then certified [p] to be held of the Earl of Warwick; and [q] in 36 H. 3. *Raph de Wylinton*: which *Raph* in that great defection of the Barons, towards the later end of H. 3. time, was [r] in Armes against the King, and of the retinue to *Geffrey de Lucie*; and in 52 H. 3. held [s] this Mannour by the service of a Knights fee of the Earl of Warwick, as of the Mannour of Bradles; whose Tenants in 7 E. 1. did their suit [t] twice a year at the Court-Leet for Bradles. To this *Raph* succeeded *John de Wilinton*, who in 9 E. 2. held [u] a half and a fourth part of a Knights fee here, of the said Earl: But the next possessor [w] thereof was Sir *William de Lucy* Knight, *viz.* in 3 E. 3. Since which his posterity, of whom I have spoke in Cherlecote, have succeeded him therein, to this day.

The Church in *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued [x] at viii. marks: and in [y] 26 H. 8. at xii *li.* out of which was payd for *Synodals* and *Procurations* ix *s.* v *d. ob.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.
D. Will. de Lucy miles.	*Rad. de Sileby Pbr.* 5. *Febr.* 1328.
	Leonardus de Lucy Cler. 29. *Apr.* 1337.
	Joh. le Worner Pbr. 21. *Apr.* 1338.
	Joh. de Geydon Pbr. 28. *Maii* 1339.
	Joh. filius Nich. Gerond 25. *Oct.* 1348.
D. Baldw. de Bereford miles.	*D. Ric. Ernold Pbr.* 27. *Apr.* 1362.
	Joh. Aspele 26. *Apr.* 1388.
Thomas Lucie miles.	*Rich. Penne* 14. *Julii* 1413
	Rob. Cramford 17. *Julii* 1413.
Ric. Archer ar.	*Ric. Hony* 9. *Oct.* 1416.
Atturnati Ricardi Comitis Warwici.	*D. Ric. Paris Cap.* 16. *Jan.* 1420.
Edw. Lucy ar.	*D. Henr. Amott. Cap.* 24. *Feb.* 1467.
Will. Lucie ar.	*D. Joh. Barret Cap.* 12. *Oct.* 1485.
	D. Ric. Newman Cap. 17. *Aug.* 1487.
Edm. Lucie fil. & hæres Will. Lucie mil.	*Magr. Joh. Verney in art. Magr.* 4. *Oct.* 1503.
Will. Lucie ar.	*D. Edw. Large Cler.* 5. *Nov.* 1537.

Barton on the Heath.

OF this place the onely mention in the Conquerors Survey is, that one *Grim* held at that time half a hide of land, here, of *Robert de Stadford*, then valued at xx *s.* but in that Record it is written Bertone, which is a Saxon word, & signifieth the same that in some places we now call a fold-yard, yet intendeth all such barnes and out-buildings as belong thereto. I am of opinion that the E. of Pellent, or *Turchill de Warwick* had something here at the same time, though no particular instance be made thereof in *Domesday*-book, in regard that afterwards, *Thomas de Arden* was found to hold part of a Knights fee here, of the Earl of Warwick. But there is so little light in those elder times from Record, touching this place, that I can give but a slender account thereof. In King *John's* time one *Simon de Barton* was impleaded [z] for certain lands here, descended to him from *Ranulph de Barton*, his grandfather; yet whether the said *Ranulph* or his Ancestor were enfeoft of the whole Mannour, or onely of some lands here, by one of the Barons of Stafford, I will not take upon me to determine; for in 20 H. 3. it is apparent, that *Thomas de Arden* answered for the fourth part of a Knights fee, here, held of the Earl of Warwick: And in [b] 36 H. 3. *Robert Mareschall*, and *Ric. le Eyr* had the same fourth part of the said *Thomas*; at which time all that was [c] found to be held of the Baron of Stafford here, was but the xvi[th] part of a Knights fee, then possest by *Richard le Frankleyn*.

To the descendants of which *Rob. Marshall* it continued till Queen *Elizabeth's* time; one whereof, *scil. Robert*, past [d] away the advouson of the Church, and some lands here, to *Nicholas Makarell* of Carleton in Lindsey (*com. Linc.*) in 11 E. 2. but afterwards they had it again, and wrote their names *Marshall*, alias *Bery*; Of which line without doubt, was *Edw. Bery*, who upon the death of his father 5 E. 6. was [e] 26. years of age; and past it away to *Will. Underhill* of Idlcote, who dyed [f] seized thereof 31 *Martii* 12 *Eliz.* leaving *William* his son and heir xiv. years of age and upwards.

But in this Family of *Underhill*, it continued not long; for clear it is, that one of the *Berryes* had it again; of whom it was purchased by *Walter Overbury*, a younger son to Sir *Nich Overbury* (of Bourton on the Hill *in Com. Glouc.* Knight) about the later end of King *James* his time: which

Walter

Walter rebuilt the Mannour-house, of stone, in such sort as it now is.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) in *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued [h] at vii. marks and a half; and in 26 H. 8. [i] at xiii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* over and above viii *s.* xi *d. ob.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

h *S. in Sc.*
i *S. penes S.A. equr. f. 1 b.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Ric. le Marshall de Barton.	*Will. de Preston Subdiac. 12. Cal. Martii* 1295.
	Magr. Joh. de Hamelden Pbr. 7. Cal. Sept. 1322.
	Gilb. de Welleton Cler. 4. Non. Nov. 1323.
D. Nich. Makerell.	*D. Henr. de Cokham Cler. 10. Cal. Aug.* 1325.
. . . . .	*Magr. Joh. de Welton 24. Maii* 1354.
D. Gilb. de Welton Carleol. Episc.	*D. Henr. de Cokham Pbr. 29. Oct.* 1355.
	Magr. Thomas Wynchcomb Pbr. 19. Julii 1471.
Will. Marshall alias Bury gen.	*D. Rob. Beldon Pbr. ult. Dec.* 1492.
	Ric. a Prise Cler. 6. Nov. 1500.
Joh. Marshall alias Bury.	*D. Alex. Nowers 27. Jan.* 1524.
	D. Edm. Marchall 6. Sept. 1525.
Thom. Underhill gen. ex conceff. Thomæ Turvill & Eliz. ux. ejus.	*Will. Underhill Cler. 23. Julii* 1579.

In the East window of the Chancell these Armes.

Arg. a Cheveron sable betwixt 3. Squirels gules. } Bury.

Upon a Marble Gravestone in the Chancell this Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the bodies of Edmund Bury and Eliz. his wife; which Eliz. was the seventh daughter of Edward Underhill of Nether-Etingdon in the County of Warwick Esquier. The said Edmund deceased the xxii. day of January 1558. *but the said Elizab. surviving the said Edm. took to her second husband Thomas Sawyer of Raundis in the County of Northampton Gent. whom she outlived, and then returning into* Warwick-shire, *her native Countrey, and desiring after this life ended, to have her body layd in the Chancell in the Parish Church of Barton on the Heath in the County of* Warwick *aforesaid, with the body of the said Edmund her first husband, she caused this stone to be prepared An. Dom.* 1608. *as a memoriall of the said Edmund, Elizabeth, William, John, and Margaret.*

Wolford-magna.

Domes. day *lib.*

IN [k] the Conquerors time *Robert de Stadforde* held vii. hides in this place, within the precinct whereof were a Church and a Mill; which Mill was then rated at xx *d.* and the whole at C *s.* having been part of the possessions of one *Waga*, a great person, before the Norman invasion, as in Wotton-*Wawen* appeareth. Besides this part which the said *Robert* then held himself, there were 4. hides more; two whereof were held of him by *Orduui*, and valued at L *s.* and the other two by one *Alauin* rated at xxx *s.* all which were the freehold of the said *Alauine* in *Edward* the Confessors time.

In the generall Survey [l], at that time made, the name of this town is variously written; *viz.* in one place Wolwarde; and in the other Wolwarde, where the l is mistaken for an r: But for the originall occasion of the name, my opinion is (however the corruptnesse of pronunciation have by time thus altered it) that it was from its being the seat or habitation of one *Ulf*, or *Wulf*, a frequent appellation in the Saxons time; and that the later syllable warde should be *Wurthe* the ð being thus stricken through ꝺ, which makes it þ; for then it signifieth the same that worth doth, *id est habitatio*, as I have elsewhere instanced; the a being pronounc't o, and written accordingly by us in these Southern parts. And now that the same syllable is is here made forde, it is from the like errour in writing sutably to the vulgar pronunciation, as on the contray Lapworth (for so we yet call it and write it) is recorded by the name of Lapeforde in *Domesday*-book.

That this Lordship continued in the line of *Stafford* (descendants from the above mentioned *Robert*) till H. 8. time, I could give instance by a multitude of authorities, if need were; But I shall onely here take notice of what is memorable of them in relation to this place.

In 13 *Joh. Herveus de Stafford* answered [m] for one Knights fees here, it being reputed as a part of his Barony, and written Wolewarthe. But in 19 H. 3. upon the like occasion it is recorded by the name [n] of Woleworth; and in [o] 36 H. 3. Wullewarb. How it comes to passe I know not, but in 13 E. 1. one *Richard Chance* claimed [p] a Court-Leet, Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, and Weyfs here by Prescription, and had them allowed: which *Richard* in 9 E. 2. was certified [q] to be Lord of this place. Neither can I understand upon what title *John de Upton*, and *Joan* his wife had an interest in the fourth part thereof, which in 10 E. 2. was entailed [r] upon the issue of the said *John* by the same *Joan*: but certain it is, that if it were out of the possession of the Barons of Stafford, it was not long, and very probably in trust onely; for in 25 E. 3. *Raph* Earl Stafford entailed [s] it upon *Hugh* his son, and the heirs of his body by *Philippa*, the daughter to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick. By which Barons and Earles of Stafford I find, that sundry persons were enfeoft of good quantities of land here; for it appears [t], that in 20 E. 3. *Adam de Grenevill* held half a Knights fee of them, lying here, and in Burmington; *Robert Verney* half [u] a Knights fee, here onely, in 46 E. 3. *William Clerke* [w] half a Knights fee in 10 R. 2. and *William Ingram* one [x] Knights fee, in 16. and [y] 22 R. 2. But as there is nothing in this world permanent; so this Lordship, after such a long continuance unto that Noble Family before specified, was in 12 H. 8. past [z] away by *Edward Stafford* Duke of Buckingham to *Richard* Bishop of Winchester and others, to the use [a] of Sir *William Compton* Knight,

m *Lib. rub. f. 157. a.*
n } *Testa*
o } *de N.*
p *Rot. de Quo. w.*
q *Nom. Vill.*
r *F. levat. mens. Pasch. 10 E. 2.*
s *Pat. 25 E. 3. p. 1. m. 13.*
t *Rot. penès S. Clarke Bar.*
u *Esc. 46 E. 3. n. 62.*
w *Esc. 10 R. 2. n. 38.*
x *Esc. 16 R. 2. n. 27.*
y *Esc. 22 R. 2.*
z *F. levat. T. Trin. 12. H. 8.*
a *Esc. 37 H. 8.*

and his heirs; From whom the Earl of **Northampton**, now Lord thereof, is descended, as in **Compton-winyate** appeareth.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) was given to [b] the Canons of **Stone** in **Staffordshire** by *Robert de Stafford*, grandchild [c] to *Robert*, who lived in the Conquerors time. But in 26 H. 3. there was a suit [d] betwixt the Prior of **Kenilworth**, (unto which the Monastery of **Stone** was a Cell, as I have elsewhere manifested) and *Hawise* the widow of *Richard de Gloucester* for the advowson thereof, which she claimed as her Dowrie, and thereupon called to warrantie *Gilbert* son and heir to the said *Richard*, who came in, and pleaded a Fine levied of five hides of land in **Wolward**, whereby the said advouson remained to the said *Richard* and his heirs with part of that land: And because the Prior was in **England**, and did not put in his claim, demanded judgment. Whereunto the Prior answered, that both before that Fine was levied and after, he was in possession of the same, & presented thereto: And because there was no suit betwixt the parties for the said Advouson, but for the five hides whereunto it belonged not, he said, that the before mentioned Fine ought not to hurt him; and produced the Charter of *Raph fitz Stephan*, Ancestor to the said *Gilbert*, whereby he confirm'd the grant of that Advouson to those Canons of **Stone**, which *Robert de Stafford* chief Lord of the Fee had made to them: And though the said *Gilbert* replyed; that after that grant so made *Raph fitz Stephen* presented to the Church, yet was it adjudg'd for the Prior.

Which Advouson continued to the Canons of **Stone** till 51 H. 3. but then, being past [e] away by them to the Warden and Scholars of **Merton-Colledge** in **Oxford**, was appropriated [f] to that Colledge on the *Calends* of *June anno* 1268. 52 H. 3. by *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester**: and in *anno* 1201. (19 E. 1.) was, with the Chapell of **Burmington** valued [g] at xxvi. marks. After which there was another Appropriation [h] thereof made to the said Colledge by *Thomas Cobham* Bishop of **Worcester** 13. *Cal. Aug.* 16 E. 2. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [i] at viii *li.*

b Carp. c vol. 2. f. 25.

d *Plac. apud westm. Oct. Mich.* 26 H. 3. *rot.* 2.

e *Ex levat. xv. Hill.* 51 H. 3.

f *Giff.* 7. *a.*

g *MS. in Scac.*

h *Ex Regist. D. & Cap. Wigorn. f.* 106. *b.*

i *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 19. *b.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
	Rob. de Babington Cap. 16. *Cal. Jan.* 1322.	*Cob. f.* 30. *b.*
	D. Rob. Garoun 4. *Sept.* 1341.	*Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 50. *b.*
	D. Will. Taylour 19. *Martii* 1363.	*Bar. f.* 34. *b.*
	D. Ric. Cooke Cap. 16. *Nov.* 1364.	*Wit. f.* 5. *a.*
	Nich. Aleyn Pbr. 7. *Aug.* 1368.	*Ib. f.* 24. *b.*
	Will. Chapel Cap, 13. *Dec.* 1375.	*Wak. f.* 2. *b.*
Custos & Scholares domus de Merton.	*Joh. Ragbroke* 1. *Junii* 1403.	*Cliff.* 24. *b.*
	Joh. Hereward 22. *Dec.* 1403.	*Ib. f.* 64. *a.*
	Rog. Coton 9. *Sept.* 1412.	*Pev. f.* 47. *b.*
	Thomas Gale Pbr. 28. *Novemb.* 1436.	*Bourch. f.* 24. *b.*
	Joh. Yreby Cap. 20. *Maii* 1439.	*Ib. f.* 56. *b.*
	D. Joh. Capellanus 5. *Julii* 1448.	*Cap. vol.* 1. *f.* 61. *b.*
	D. Joh. Dun. 14. *Martii* 1452.	*Ib. f.* 107.
	Joh. Pynk, alias Seinbiry Cap. 28. *Martii* 1452.	*Ib. f.* 106.
	D. Will. Wayte Cap. 18. *Aug.* 1462.	*Ib. f.* 17.
	D. Joh. Hylde Cap. 27. *Nov.* 1467.	*Ib. f.* 21.
	D. Thomas Ley Cap. 20. *Oct.* 1479.	*Alc. f.* 5.
Custos & Scholares domus de Merton.	*Magr. Joh. Molder in art. Magr.* 8. *Dec.* 1502.	*Gyg.* 2. *f.* a.
	D. Guido Gourgeyne in art. Magr. 8. *Feb.* 1524.	*Jeron.* 19. *b.*
	Ric. Powle in art. Magr. 7. *Aug.* 1544.	*Heath. f.* b.
	Anth. Spurret Cler. 26. *Martii* 1572.	*Bul. f.* 61.
Eliz. Anglia Regina.	*Anth. Spurret Cler.* 19. *Nov.* 1575.	*Ib. f.* 11.

Wolford-parva.

IN the Conquerors time this was part of the Earl of **Pellent's** possessions, and of him then held by one *Radulphus*, at which time being certifyed to [l] contain 4. hides and a half, and rated at xl *s.* I find it written **Ulwarda**, one *Aluric* having been owner thereof before the Norman invasion. From the said Earl of **Pellent** it came to the Barons of **Stafford**: but the direct time when the family of *Ingram*, which to this day enjoys the greatest part of it, were enfeoft thereof by any of them I cannot declare, though certain it is that they had it very antiently: for I find, that in 3. *Joh. Engeram de Wlwarth* (doubtlesse one of that line) levied a Fine of lands here: and in 36 H. 3. it appears [k] that the same *Ingeram* held half a Knights fee, here, of the Baron of **Stafford**; which proportion his posterity also had, as by sundry Inquisitions [l] is evident. But the Record [m] of 7 E. 1. expresseth that one *Thomas de parva-Wolward* was Lord thereof, and that he held it of *Cecily de Mucegros*, and she of *John de Boys*, and he of *Elene la Zuche*, and she of the King: which *Thomas* had at that time two yard land here in demesn, with certain Frecholders and Cottiers.

Nevertheless, were the posterity of the Barons of **Stafford** reputed [n] Lords of it; and in 12 H. 8. did *Edward* Duke of **Buckingham** levie a [o] Fine thereof, together with the Mannours of great **Wolford** and **Tisho**, unto *Richard* Bishop of **Winchester** and others, as in great **Wolford** I have already intimated: yet it seems that the *Ingrams* had a Mannour here; for so it appears [p] after the death of *Richard Ingraham* Esquier in 5 *Eliz.* Of which Mannour *Hastang Ingram* is Lord at this day. At present this Village hath not many Inhabitants, but antiently it consisted [q] of 43. families.

i Dom. lib.

k *Testa de Nevill* Esc. R. 27. l Esc. R. Esc. 4.

m *Inquis.* H. No. &c. f. 12. b.

n *Rot. dan.* 10 H. 4. *nes Ro.* R. in Sc.

o *Term Trin.*

p Lib. ced. Esc. Eli.

q *Hist. S. I. Rou.* 145.

Burmington.

IN the Conquerors Survey [r] this place is written **Burdintone**, through mistake of the **m** for **d**; and being then possest by *Robert de Stadford* contained

r Dom. d. lib.

tained v. hides, wherein was a Mill rated at x s. but the value of all was certified at C s. whereof one *Godwin* was owner before the Norman invasion. In 13. *Joh.* I find [f] it in the list of those places within this County whereof the Barons of **Stafford** were Lords; and that it answered for one Knights Fee as part of that Honour, being held [t] in 36 H. 3. by *Adam de Grenevill* of *Hawisia de Walleward*, and by her of the Lord *Stafford*: which *Adam* bore for his Armes [u] *a bend betwixt six Lions rampant*; and in 52, 53, 54. and 55 H. 3. was in Commission for [w] taking Assizes of *Novell disseisin* in this County: From whom descended *William de Greinvill*, who for his Rebellion in E. 2. time forfeited this, with other Mannours that he had in **Wilt-shire** & **Somerset-shire**, which were thereupon seized [x]; yet through the Kings favour he obtained them again, and had a grant [y] of this in tail to himself, and *Lucie* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but for want of such issue on *John* the son of *Richard de Rodeney* and his heirs.

After this, *viz.* in 12 E. 3. it appears [z], that *John de Wolverton*, and *Lucia* his wife levied a Fine of this Mannour, as also of the Mannour of **Suthwyke** in **Wilt-shire**, setling them upon *John de Greinvill* and his heirs; whereby it seemes that they were of the inhetitance of her the said *Lucia*, in respect of the warrantie against her heirs. And in 17 E. 3. did *William* the son of *Edmund de Greinvill* release [a] to the said *John*, all his right and interest in these Mannours: But in 46 E. 3. I find [b] that *Umfrye Stafford* of **Suthwyke** posset it, in right of his wife (daughter and heir to *Greinvill*, as I guesse.) From which *Humfrey*, descended Sir *Humfrey Stafford* Knight, who by his Testament dated [c] 5. *April.* 1 H. 5. gave (*inter alia*) to the Church here at **Burmynton** lx s. And from him Sir [d] *Humfrey Stafford* of **Yoke** in **Dorset-shire** 10 H. 6. whose grandchild *Humfrey*, created [e] Lord *Stafford* of **Southwike** in 4 E. 4. as also Earl [f] of **Devon-shire** in 9. of that Kings reign, [g] revolting from the King in the Battail of **Banbury** the same year, was cut shorter by the head. After whose death, having no [h] issue, *Alianore* [i] the wife of *Thomas Strangways* Esquier, one of the daughters of *Alice*, Aunt to the said Earl, became a coheir to his inheritance; to whom (*inter alia*) this Mannour of **Burmington** was alotted: which *Thomas* had issue by her Sir *Giles Strangways* Knight, who in 32 H. 8. levied a Fine [k] hereof to *Henry Anneſley* Gentleman, but to what uses I know not; nor through what hands, it hath since past.

Ditchford-Frary.

BElow **Burmington** is **Stoure** augmented by a little stream, which having its rise in **Worcester-shire** passes by **Dichford**-*Frary*, and **Stretton** upon **Fosse**, and then joyns therewith. In the Conquerors time this, being posset [l] by *Robert de Stadford*, contained two hides, which one *Brion* then held of him, with a Mill rated at lxviii *d.* and all valued at iv *li.* having been the freehold of *Leuric* in *Edward* the Confessors days. But the first mention I find of it after that time, is in [m] 31 H. 2. where it appears that *Adam de Standon* had a suit with *Roger de Dikeford* for half a Knights fee here. And next, that in 16 H. 3. there was a Fine levied [n] betwixt *Herveus de Stafford* and *Vivian de Standon* for the customes and services which he the said *Hervey* required of him for two hides of land here, being half a Knights Fee: which *Vivian*, shortly after this, parted [o] with his interest, here, unto one *Fraricus de Dychesford*, covenanting [p] that the same *Fraricus* and his heirs should performe to him the said *Vivian*, and his heirs, the service of half a Knights Fee, and pay 4 s. yearly to them at the Feasts of *Easter* and S. *Michael* the Arch-Angell by equall portions.

Hereupon was it called **Dichford**-*Frary*, for distinction from the other **Dichfords** near at hand, and lying in **Worcestershire**: but in 9 E. 2. it was reputed [q] a Hamlet of **Wolford**: about which time there was a Fine [r] levied betwixt *John de Brailes* of **Dichford**, and *William Burle* and *Margerie* his wife of the fourth part of this Mannour; whereupon two parts of that fourth part were setled upon the said *John* and his heirs; and an Agreement made betwixt them, that the third part of the fourth, which *Eliz.* the Widow of *John de Dichford* held in dower of the inheritance of the said *Margerie*, and ought to come to her after the decease of the said *Eliz.* should, from and after the time of such her departure out of this life, remain to the said *John*, & the heirs of his body; and for want of such issue to *Joan* the daughter of *John de Dichford*, and her heirs. And by another Fine [s] levied betwixt the said *John de Brailes* and *Joan* his wife Pl. and *Henry Wattes* of **Dychesord** and *Elene* his wife Deforc. of the fourth part of this Mannour, two parts of the said four were setled upon the said *John* and *Joan*, and the heirs of their two bodies, it being then concluded that the third part of the said fourth, which *Maud* the widow of *Roger de Dicheford* held in Dower, of the inheritance of the said *Elene*, should, after the decease of her the said *Maud*, wholy remain to the said *John* and *Joan*, and the heirs of their two bodies, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of *John*.

By all which it appears that *John de Dichford* (descended from the before mentioned *Fraricus* without question) left issue certain daughters and heirs, whereof *Joan* was the wife of *John de Brailes*, *Margerie* of *William Burle*, *Elene* of *Henry Wacte*, and the fourth, *viz. Maud* [t] of . . . . . *Blythe*, as I guesse: For in 19 R. 2. *Thomas Blythe* of **Blythe** in this County, passing away all his lands in this place and **Stretton** *super Fosse* unto *Henry de Sutton* and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of the said *Henry*, maketh mention [u], that they descended to him by right of inheritance, after the death of *Maud* the daughter to *John*, and sister to *Thomas de Dicheford*. But of the grants unto the said *Henry Sutton*, made by such others as had interest here, I have not seen any, except of *Giles Shukburgh*; who by his Deed [w] dated at **Wolshamcote** on S. *Peter's* day 9 H. 4. released unto him all his right herein. Which *Henry Sutton* left issue onely daughters, whereof *Alianore* became the wife [x] of *Geffrey de Allesley* (of Little **Lawford** in this County:) to which *Geffrey* and *Alianore* and the heirs of their two bodyes, did *Margaret* the widow of the said *Henry*, by her Deed [y] bearing date at Little **Lawford** on the Feast day of S. *Laurence*, grant this Mannour, with remainder to *Margaret* her daughter then widow of *Edm. Dalby*, and the heirs of her body. But the next

possessour thereof, that I have met with, was *Will. Willington* of **Bercheston** Esquire, who having divers daughters and heirs, and all match't into good, families of this County, as in **Bercheston** I shall shew, left this Mannour to *Mary* the wife of *Will. Sheldon* Esquier, as it seems; for their posterity do enjoy it at this day.

The Church, or Chapell, here (dedicated to S. *Giles*) though now there is scarce any signe where it stood, was subordinate to the Church of **Wolfozd**, and as a member thereof appropriated to **Merton**-Colledge in **Oxfozd** (as in **Wolfozd** is shewed:) whereof all I have seen memorable, other than the Presentations and Institutions here inserted, is, that in 17 H. 6. there was an Agreement [z] made betwixt the Warden and Fellows of that Colledge, and *Geffrey Alleſley*, and *Alianore* his wife, Patrons of this Chapell, in right of the said *Alianore*, touching the perception of Tithes and Buriall of the dead, which the said Warden and Fellows claimed to belong unto the said Church of **Wolfozd**: The substance of which Agreement was thus; *viz.* that the perpetuall Incumbent of this Chapell, should for ever, in consideration of the premisses; and all *Pensions* and exactions; as also in token of subjection to the said mother Church, pay yearly ii *s.* in the said Church of **Wolfozd**, upon the xix[th] of *July* (which is the day of the Dedication of the same) to the said Warden and Scholars, and their successors for ever.

z *Bourch. f.38.b.*

	Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff.f.394.b.		*Nich.de Dicheford* 12.*Cal. Martii* 1295.
Geyn.f.29.a.	*Joh. de Dicheford.*	*Will. Levelaunce Accol.* 4. *Cal. Maii* 1305.
Harl.vol.2. f.35.a.		*D. Adam. White Pbr.* 30. *Julii* 1330.
Wolſt.vol.1. f.18.a.		*Joh. Bacheler Pbr.* 19. *Julu* 1339.
Wolſt.vol.2. f.53.b.		*Nich. Wandeland Cap.* 20. *Martii* 1342.
S. Germ.f. 126.b.	*Joh. de Brailes.*	*Joh. de Wroxton Plr.* 4. *Jan.* 1349.
Ib.f.128.a.		*Joh. de Knighton Cap.* 22. *Aug.* 1349.
Ib.f.129.a.		*Will. Averey Cap.* 26. *Sept.* 1349.
Wak.f.43.b.	*Joh. de Peito miles.*	*Hugo de Warnoteby* 23. *Maii* 1386.
Ib.f.90.a.	*Henr. Sutton.*	*Edm. Overendon Pbr.* 17. *Martii* 1391.
Pult.f.82.b.	*Galfr. Alleſley.*	*Thomas Derby Pbr.* 12. *Apr.* 1430.
Bourch. f. 65.a.	*Galf. Alleſley, & Alianora ux.ejus.*	*D. Thomas Royſon* 8. *Sept.* 1439.
Ib.f.90.b.	*Alianora relicta Galf. Alleſley gen.*	*Joh. Enot Cap.* 14. *Julii* 1443.
Cap.vol.1. f.64.b.		*D. Rob. Grenehilles Cap.* 11 *Jan.* 1448.
Heath f.11.b.	*Will. Willington de Bercheſton ar.*	*D. Will. Hadfield Cler.* 3. *Nov.* 1546.
Ib.f.36.a.	*D. Epiſc. per lapſum*	*Thomas Dawbeney Cler.* 8. *Apr.* 1563.
Rul.f.78.a.	*Eliz. Regina per lapſum.*	*Franciſcus Chowne Cler.* 18 *Apr.* 1603.

Stretton ſuper Foſſe.

THis place, having its name from the Street-way, on which it lyes, was by the Conquerors generall Survey [a] computed for viii. hides, six whereof were at that time possest by *Giſlebertus filius Turoldi*, and then held of him by one *Walter*, wherein stood the Church, being then valued at Cx *s.* having been the inheritance of *Chenuard* and *Brictric* in *Edw.* the Confessours days. But the other two, whereof the same *Brictric* was possest before the Conquest, at that time belonged to *Osbernus filius Ricardi*; and, being held of him by the before specified *Walter*, were valued at xxx *s.* As to the succession of that part which belong'd to the above mentioned *Giſlebertus*, I can make no discovery for a long time; Neither then doth it seem so clear as I could wish, the *Series* of the Patrons that presented to the Church, affording me the best light.

a Dome *lib.*

The first intimation I find [b] of it, is in 20 H. 3. where half a Knights fee in this place is certified to be held of *Raph de Todneye*; yet who it was that then so held it; is not expresst: but in 36 H. 3. it appears [c] to be *William le Bretun.* The next that had to do here, I mean in this part, was [d] *Walter Pykerell*, yet not reputed Lord of the Mannour, though he had the advouson of the Chapell; so that, considering that the Abbot of **Bozdeſley** was shortly after certified to be Lord of this town (as I shall more plainly shew by and by) I may, without much presumption conclude, that by one means or other the Monks of that Monastery obtained a large proportion in this part thereof, after that *Walter Cumin* (as I shall declare anon) had given them all that he had here. Which *Walter* in 10 E. 2. levied a Fine [e] of what he had here, and in **Hilbozough**; *viz.* two mess. three carucates of land and eight marks Rent, with the advouson of the Chapell, whereby he entailed it upon the issue of his body by *Agnes* his wife, the remainder to *John de Leiceſter* Priest. But it seemes that *Pikerell* had no children by that woman; for *Leiceſter* enjoyed it according to this Entail, and presented to the Chapell, as will appear anon. From whom it came to *Roger Hillary*, who had **Free-warren** granted to [f] him in all his demesn lands in this place, (and in **Staffozd-shire**) 4. *Maii* 18 E. 3. and [g] held what he had here of the Earl of **Warwick** by the fourth part of a Knights fee. Which *Roger* was a Kt. [h] and had issue Sir *Roger* [i], who dying [k] childless in 1 H. 4. Sir *John Rochford* Knight, son [l] of *Saer de Rochford* by *Joan* his elder sister; and *Eliz.* daughter to *Will. de la Plaunch*, by *Eliz.* his other sister, became his heirs: which *Eliz.* had [m] 4 husbands, First Sir *John Bermingham* Knight, Secondly, Sir *John Ruſſell* Knight, Thirdly, Sir *John Clinton* Knight, and Lastly *Robert* Lord *Grey* of **Rotherfeild**: whereupon, by partition [n] betwixt these coheirs in 13 H. 4. the said *Eliz.* had (*inter alia*) this Mannour allotted to her; but dying without issue in 2 H. 6. the posterity of Sir *John Rochford* became her heirs, as to it; [o] *viz. Joan* the wife of Sir *Robert Roos* Knight, *Margaret* the wife of *Frederick Tilney*, and *Alice* of *John Gibthorp*: Betwixt whom partition being made, it was assigned to *Joan*; for Sir *Robert Roos* presented [p] to the Church in 5 H. 6. and dyed [q] *ult. Sept:* 20 H. 6. leaving *Margaret* the wife [r] of *Thomas de Pinchbeck*, and *Alianore*, his daughters [s] and heirs;

b *Teſt*
c *de l*

d *Eſc.*
E.1.n.1

c *Oct.*

f *Cart.*
E.3.n.2

g *Ros.pe*
S.Clark
Bar.

h *Ex*
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i *Erd*
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k *Eſc.*
l *H.*
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heirs; which *Margaret* was afterwards marryed to [c] *John Wittlebury*. But from *Wittlebury* it, ere long, divolved to Sir *Richard Clement* Knight, by *Anne* a daughter and heir, as I gueſſe by the Preſentations.

The other part of this town, poſſeſt by *Osbernus filius Ricardi* in the Conquerors time (as I have ſhewed) was by *Osbertus filius Hugonis*, grandchild to the ſaid *Osbern*, granted [u] to *Hugh Hubald* (progenitor to the *Hubauds* of Ipſley) and his heirs, to hold by the ſervice of one Foot-man in the Marches of Wales, for 8. dayes yearly, upon xv. days notice: which *Hugh* paſt [w] it away to *Walter Cumin*, reſerving the ſaid ſervice, *Osbertus filius Hugonis* confirming the grant. But it continued not long in the line of *Cumin*; for *Walter Cumin*, ſon to the ſaid *Walter*, gave [x] it to the Monks of Bordſley; at which time it was accounted three hides, whoſe grant *Henry Hubauld*, of whom it was held, confirmed [y] for the yearly Rent of x *s.* and the before ſpecified ſervice of a Foot-man &c. which was to be performed in the guarding of Ricards-Caſtle, as that Charter teſtifieth. But it ſeems that the Monks of Bordſley obtained more lands here in Stretton beſides theſe; for in 4 E. 1.. I find [z] that they had 4. hides; and in 9 E. 2. were certified [a] to be Lords of the town; which being the greateſt part thereof, continued to them till the diſſolution of that Houſe; but ſoon after, *ſcil.* in 37. H. 8. was paſt [b] out of the Crown, together with the Grange, unto *Thomas Badger*, *Thomas Fowler*, and *Robert Dyſon*: From whom it came at length to one *William Freeman*, who in 1 *Eliz.* dyed [c] ſeized thereof, leaving *John* his coſin and heir xv. years of age.

In *anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church here, was not valued; but in 14 E. 3. I find [d] it rated at iii. marks and a half; yet is there no mention of it in 26. H. 8.

Ex autog. in bibl. Deuvſ.

Ex autog. penès Will. Sheld. ar.

Inq. per undr.

Nom. ill.

Pat. 37 H. p. 4.

Eſc. 1. 2.

Rot. de onis garb. c. penès em. R. in ac.

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, &c.
Walt. Pykerel.	*Joh. de Ceſtaneſlade Cler.* 8. *Id. Oct.* 1298.
Joh. de Leiceſter Cler.	*Henr. de Schulton Cler.* 17. *Julii* 1330. *Joh. de Wentebrig* 10. *Nov.* 1339. *Rog. Clonne Pbr.* 27. *Apr.* 1340.
Walt. de Leiceſter Cler.	*D. Thomas de Bernak Cap.* 2. *Martii* 1341.
Rog. Hillarie miles.	*Henr. de Ombryſley Pbr.* 23. *Martii* 1393. *Joh. de Sloghtre Pbr.* 24. *Julii* 1361.
Joh. de Hampton Dominus de Stretton.	*D. Joh. le White Pbr. penult. Oct.* 1371.
Rog. Hillarie miles.	*Rob. de Caldecote Pbr.* 6. *Dec.* 1361. *D. Joh. Sweter Cap.* 28. *Nov.* 1368.
D. Eliz. Domina de Clinton.	*Gilb. Bury Cap.* 5. *Martii* 1412. *D. Joh. Handy Cap.* 28. *Aug.* 1420.
Rob. Roos miles.	*Joh. Staundford Pbr.* .... 1426.
Thomas Pinchebek ar.	*D. Joh. Weſtbury Pbr.* 21. *Nov.* 1429.
Joh. Wittlebury ar. & Margar. ux. ejus.	*D. Joh. Sonwyn Cap.* 24. *Ed.* 1442. *Will. Lumbard Cler.* 11. *Martii* 1444.
Rob. Wyttelbury ar.	*D. Rob. Lowth Cap. ult. Junii* 1484.
Anna Wittelbury.	*D. Will. Flockton Cap.* 18. *Feb.* 1506.
Ric. Clemens ar.	*Will. Robyns* 8. *Dec.* 1524.
Anna Grey vidua nuper ux. Ric. Clement militis.	*Hugo Zulley Cler.* 6. *Apr.* 1549.
Rad. Sheldon. ar.	*Thomas Evans Cler.* 29. *Julii* 1575.
Nich. Hobday Yeoman ex conceſſ. Rad. Sheldon ar.	*D. Franc. Hunt. Cler.* 28. *Aug.* 1581.

Bourch. f. 88. a.

Carp. vol. 1. f. 11. b.

Alc. f. 132. a

Gyg. 2 f. 49. a.

Feron f. 18. a.

Heath f. 13. a.

Bul. f. 12. a.

Ib. f. 20. a.

Iſſ. f. 439.

Wl. vol. 1. 20. b.

Iſt. vol. 2. 0. a.

f. 37. a

f. 53. b.

vol. 1. f. t.

f. 34. a.

f. 39. b.

f. 29. a.

f. 26. b.

f. 53. b.

rg. vol. 16. b.

f. 7. b.

71. a.

Barcheſton.

STOure, being increaſt with this torrent, which paſſes by the skirts of Stretton, haſteth Northwards, and on its Eaſtern bank leaveth Barcheſton, with Willington, a petty Hamlet. Part of this town, *viz.* two hides and a half, belonging to *Will. fil. Corbucionis* in the Conquerors time (of whom in Studley I have ſpoke) was then held [e] of him by one *Johais*, and valued at xl *s.* having a Mill therein rated a C *d.* But the reſidue, *viz.* one hide and half a virgate, *Aluric* then held of the King, which is certified in the generall Survey [f] amongſt the lands of *Ric. Foreſtarius*, and valued at xl *s.* All which, with the two hides and a half, before expreſt, was [g] the freehold of one *Wiching* in *Edward* the Confeſſors dayes. In *Domeſday* book it is written Berrceſtone in one place, and Berceſtune in another; and was of ſo much note in thoſe antient times, that it gave name to one of the Hundreds then in being, as I have elſwhere already obſerved.

Whether it were any of the deſcendants of the before recited *Johais* that became firſt enfeoft thereof by the poſterity of *Corbuceon*, I cannot affirm, but do conclude that he was common Anceſtor to the family of *Whitacre*, and thence had firſt his ſirname, as in Whitacre-*ſuperior* I have manifeſted: Of which family was alſo *Simon*, who likewiſe aſſumed [h] his ſirname from hence, and wrote himſelf *Dominus de* Berchetone, as in ſundry old Records I have ſeen. To whom ſucceeded *Rich. de Barcheſtone* in [i] 6. *Joh.* and after him *Simon*, [k] *Henry*, [l] and *Alexander*: Then *Richard* in E. 2. time; whoſe name in 17. of that Kings raign is in the liſt amongſt thoſe [m] Eſquiers, which were certified [n] as men at Armes of this County, and bore [o] *a Croſſe engrailed*: And laſtly [p] *Thomas* and *Alexander*, *temp.* E. 3. all Lords of this Mannour. Which *Alexander*, in 26 E. 3. was in Commiſſion [q] with other perſons of quality, for the levying and collecting of a xv. and tenth; ſo alſo in [r] 34 E. 3. and in [s] 45 *Ed.* 3. for the aſſeſſing a Subſidy of 1061 *li.* 07 *s.* in this County: But from him can I not clearly diſcover the ſucceſſive Lords of this Mannour untill *John Durant* became [t] owner thereof in 8. H. 6.

After which *John* I find [u] one *Thomas Durant* in E. 4. time; then *William* in H. 7. but nothing memorable of them, other than that they were

Rot. P. 5 R. 1.

Ex autog. penès præſat. W. Sheld.

Ex Coll. H. Ferrers.

Ex autog. penès præſ. W. S.

Ex autog. penès Ioſeph. Venour.

Rot. F. 26 H. 3. m. 12.

Pat. 34 E. 3. p. 1. m. 24.

Rot. F. 45 E. 3. m. 21.

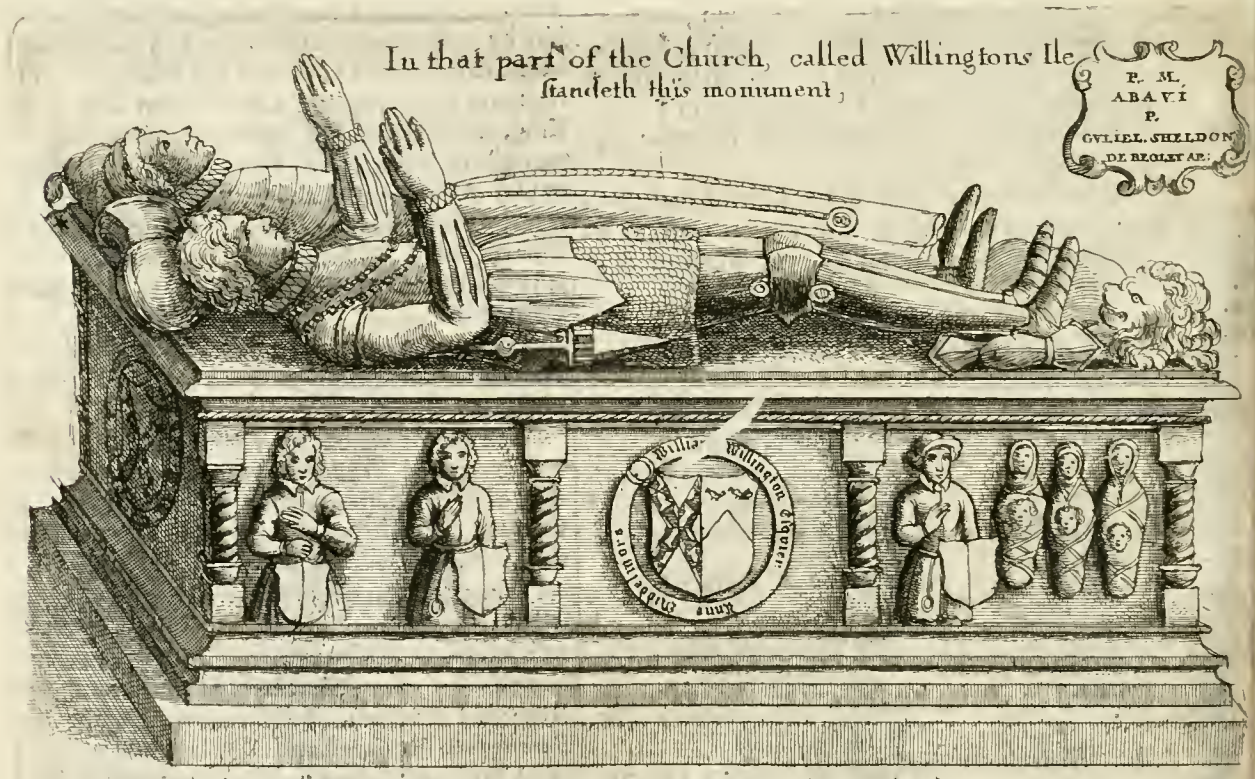
Rot. Cur. penès præſ. W. S.

gentlemen, for ſo is *John* recorded [w] in 10 H. 6. and *VVill.* in [x] 12 H. 7. Which *VVill.* had iſſue *Henry Dunant*, who by his Deed [y] bearing date 14. *Sept.* 23 H. 7. ſold this Mannour to *VVilliam VVillington*, ſon [z] to *John VVillington* of **Todnam** in **Glouceſter-ſhire**, and he of [a] *VVilliam VVillington* of the ſame place, ſon [b] of another *Iohn*; deſcended, as 'tis probable, from that *Raph de VVylinton*, who lived in E. 1. time (of whom I have made mention in **Chriſton**, **Betleſworth**, and **Wiginſhill**) of which line I conceive that *Iohn de VVylinton* and *Raph de VVylinton* were, who in the times of King *Edward* 3. and R. 2. had ſucceſſively Summons to Parliament amongſt the Barons of this Realm.

Of this *VVill. VVillington* I find, that being a wealthy Merchant [c] of the Staple, and ſetling himſelf here at **Bercheſton**, he depopulated [d] the town in 24 H. 7. making incloſure of 530. acres of land; ſo that there was no more than 64. acres left for tillage, which were uſed by him as belonging to his Mannour-houſe there, and mannaged with one Plough: And that he had a very fair eſtate in lands in this County; as alſo in **Oxford** and **Glouceſterſhires**; but having no iſſue male advanced his ſeven daughters in marriage to divers good familyes; *viz.* [e] *Margery* to *Thomas Holt* of **Aſton** *juxta* **Bermingham** Eſquier, and afterwards to Sir *Ambroſe Cave* Knight, *Godith* to *Baſill Fielding* of **Newnham** Eſquier, *Elizabeth* to *Edw. Boughton* of **Lawford** Eſquier, *Mary* to *VVill. Sheldon* of **Beoley** Eſquier, *Margaret* to *Edw. Grevill* of **Pilcote** Eſquier, *Anne* to *Francis Mountfort* of **Kingſhurſt** Eſquier, and *Katherine*, firſt to *Richard Kempe*, ſecondly to *VVilliam Catesby* of **Lapworth** Eſquier, and laſtly to *Anthony Throkmorton* a younger ſon to Sir *George Throkmorton* Knight. And that by his Will, [f] which bears date 25. *Martii anno* 1555. he diſpoſed of his body to be buried here at **Bercheſton**, having a fair Monument in the Church, as I ſhall ſhew by and by. But upon the partition betwixt theſe coheirs, this Mannour came to *Sheldon*, as it ſeems; for his poſterity (of whom I have made ſome mention in **Weſton** *juxta* **Chriſton**) doe enjoy it at this day.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Martin*) in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued [g] at xxviii. marks; but in [h] 26 H. 8. at no more than xiii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.*

w *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
x *F. levat. Oct. Mart.* 12 H. 7.
y *Ex autog. penès præfat.* W. S.
z } Moone
a } *q.* 22.
b }
c *Ex autog. penès præfat.* W. S.
d *Inq. ſuper depop.* 9 H. 8.
e *Ex autog. penès præfat.* W. S.
f *Ex vet. exempl. penès* T. Ho' *eq. aur.* C. B.
g *MS. in Scac.*
h *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 80. 8.



* Here lyeth the bodyes of William Willington of barſon eſquyer, and Anne his Wyeffe Which William dyed the firſt daye of Maye, in the yeere of our lord God M CCCC lv, vnto Whoſe ſoules and bodyes God graunt a ioyfull reſurrection Amen.

	Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff.f.126.	*Henr. de Bercheſton.*	*Ric. de Bercheſton Pbr.* 3. *Cal. Febr.* 1281.
lb.f.409.a.	*Thomas de Bercheſton.*	*Ioh. de Bercheſton Subdiac.* 10. *Cal. Jan.* 1296.
Mont.f.14.		*Gilb. de Swaleclive Pbr.* 12. *Cal. Dec.* 1333.
Volſt.f.88.	*Alex. de Bercheſton.*	*Rog. de Chaſtelion Cler.* 20. *Apr.* 1345.
		Nich. de Todenham Pbr. 17. *Nov.* 1361.
Br.vol.1.f. 10. b.	*Thomas Comes Warwici.*	*Ioh. Aſple* 7. *Martii* 1382.
Pak.f.35.b.	*Rec. Bromley, & alii Feoffati de dominio de Bercheſton & advoc. Eccl.*	*Will. Taylor* 26. *Apr.* 1388.
b.f.52.a.		*D. Ioh. Stark* 28. *Dec.* 1389.
b.f.70. b.	*Thomas Erdington ar. & Sibilla ux. ejus.*	*D. Ioh. Gunne* 18. *Nov.* 1433.
. Germ.f. 45.b.		*Magr. Thoma, Oldbury* 15. *Jan.* 1433.
b.f.247.b.		
Bourch.f. 6. a.	*Rob. Ardern ar.*	*Magr. Thomas Stocton* 7. *Maii* 1439.
arp.vol.1. . 68. b.		*D. Thomas Pyjon* 5. *Maii* 1449.
llc.f.91.a.	*Joh. Hugford ar. & alii Feoffati Will. Durant.*	*D. Hugo Byker Cap.* 23. *Julii* 1481.
yg.2.f.7.	*Tho. Wellys & Joh. Wellys ex conceſſ. Will. Durant.*	*D. Joh. Wellys Cap.* 6. *Sept.* 1498.
b.f.26.b.	*Rob. Throkmorton miles.*	*Magr. Hugo Humfrey* 17. *Aug.* 1503.
eron.f.43.	*Georgius Throkmorton miles.*	*Will. Buckmaſter S. Theol. Profeſſor* 23. *Apr.* 1530.
leath f.10.		*D. Will. Lane Cler.* 4. *Feb.* 1545.
ul.f.82.b.	*Rad. Sheldon de Beeley ar.*	*Will. Bullwer Cleric.* 8. *Oct.* 1606.

Willington.

IN this village did *Robert de Stadford* poſſeſſe one hide and a half at the time of the Conquerors generall Survey [i], then valued at xx *s.* and held of him by one *Lavein*, but had been the freehold of *Dodo* and *Leuric* before the Norman invaſion: The reſidue had *Giſlebertus de Gand* (a great man in **Lincoln-ſhire**,) which was all he poſſeſt in this County, and extended to no more than one hide, one virgate and a half: and being held of him at that time by one *Fulbric*, together with a Mill, was valued at xx *s.* having been the inheritance of *Aluuardus* in *Edward* the Confeſſor's days. In that Record it is written **Illavintone.** Howbeit, after this till 36 H. 3. I do not find a ſyllable more thereof; but then, amongſt the Fees of the Lord *Stafford*, it is certified [k] that *Richard de Bartone* payd xxx *d.* for Scutage here; and in 56 H. 3. *Robert de Hamme* was Lord of it, as appears by a Releaſe [l] made by him and *Mabell* his wife to the Nuns of **Setwardſlee** (*in Com. Northampt.*) of ſuch ſuit of Court as he claimed of them for the lands they held of him, and his ſaid wife within this village. Which *Robert* in 7 E. 1. held [m] of the King four yard land, here, in demeſn by the ſervice of the ſeventh part of a Knights Fee, and ſuit twice a year to his Court at **Long Compton**; for of that Mannour, it ſeems, it was then a member [n], and in 15 E. 1. in the poſſeſſion [o] of *John de Hamme* ſon to the ſaid *Robert*. But in 9 E. 2. the whole village was reputed [p] a Hamlet of **Bercheſton.**

Which *John* departed [q] this life in 13 E. 2. leaving *Robert* his brother and heir, then Parſon of **Burtwent**, lx. years of age; who in 17 E. 2. [r] ſold the inheritance of this Mannour to *Thomas de Hamme*. Which *Thomas* gave a Fine [s] to the King of five marks for licenſe to make that purchaſe, it being held [t] in *Capite* of the King, by the ſervice of the fourth part of a Knights Fee; and no more belonging [u] thereto than one meſſ. half a carucate of land, and xi *s.* Rent of Aſſize *per annum*. But after this do I find no more mention thereof for a long time, other than amongſt the Knights Fees held of the Lord *Stafford*, where it is certified [w] that *Robert Holewey* held half a Knights fee in this place (written **Wolpngton**) and that the depopulation, here, hath been very antient [x].

i Domeſd. b.

k Teſta de evill. & ex au- g. pend's A. eq. r.

l Inq. per Nott. f.120.]

m Nom. Vill.

n Clauſ. 15 E. 1. m. 8.

o Clauſ. 15 E. 1. m. 8.

p Nom. Vill.

q Eſc. 13 E. 2. n. 14.

r Groſſi Fines de an. 17 E. 2. in ced.

s Groſſi Fines de an. 17 E. 2. in ced.

t Eſc. 18 E. 2. n. 101.

u Eſc. 18 E. 2. n. 101.

w Eſc. 46 E. 3. n. 62. Eſc. 10 R. 2. n. 38.

x Hiſt. MS. I. Rous p. 144.

Honington.

THis is one of thoſe towns that Earl *Leofrik*, in the firſt year of King *Edward* the Confeſſors reign, gave [y] to the Monaſtery of **Coventre**, at the Foundation thereof, and in the Conquerors time was rated [z] at five hides, having four Mills yielding liv *s.* iv *d. per annum*; but the whole value is, by the Survey then made, certified at x *li.* wherein it is written **Hunſtone:** From which time forwards, till the generall diſſolution of the Monaſteries, it did continue to that Religious houſe, ſo that there is not much remarkable thereof, other than that in 33 H. 3. the Monks demiſed [a] it unto *Raph de Leiceſtre* Canon of **Lichfield** to hold during his life, together with the advouton of the Church; and that in 41 H. 3. they obtained a Charter [b] of **Free-warren** in all their demeſn lands here: As [c] alſo that the Tenants thereof, beſides their ſeverall Rents, performed ſundry ſervices, every other day from the Feaſt of S. *John Baptiſt* till *Michaelmaſſe*; but if the Lord would imploy them in mowing before *Midſummer* day, then to allow them for their work: For which ſervices they were to have one Mutton, or viii *d.* with viii. loaves of Bread, and a Cheeſe, as alſo iv *d.* in money, they being to carry Hay out of the Lords meadow, and to mow with one man a piece for a day and a half: And moreover, that each of them ſhould come to the Lords Reap with all his family excepting his wife, where he was to reap two lands and carry them; but to perform no other ſervice for that day: And likewiſe plow four times in the year, *ſcil.* two ſelions a piece; as alſo ſow and harrow the ſame, having ſeed found at the Lords barn; And laſtly to harrow two days a piece, giving x. Eggs and 1 *d.* for every Alehouſe; and repair the Lords Pool as often as need ſhould require. All which ſaid Tenants were to pay unto the Lord xvii *s.* iv *d.* for antient Aid, and for carriage of Fiſh iii *s.* iv *d. per annum*. As alſo vi *s.* viii *d.* for maintenance of his Corn-cart; and every two yard land to carry one load of wood from **Packwood** to this town; in which week they ſhould do no other work: but none of them to ſell his Horſe-Colt without Licenſe of the Lord.

y Cart. 19 E. 2. n. 3. per Inſp.

z Domeſd lib.

a Cart. 33 H. 3. m. 4.

b Cart. 41 H. 3. m. 4.

c Inq. per H Nott. &c. f. 108. b. &c.

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The Cottiers, being xvi. in number, did then also perform such like services; every of them paying four Hens, one Cock, and five Eggs, which they were to carry unto **Coventre.** Of these Freeholders was *Nicholas Trimenell* the Chief, who held[d] seven yard land of the said Monks by the service of the tenth part of a Knights Fee. All which before specified, was with the Rectory and advouson of the Vicaridge, in consideration of 786 *li.*-07 *s.*-06 *d.* past[e] to *Robert Gybbes* of **Honyngton** gentleman, and his heirs 28. *Apr.* 32 H. 8. to hold in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Knights Fee, paying 04 *li.* 07 *s.* 04 *d. ob.* yearly to the King his heirs and successors. Which *Robert* dyed[f] seized thereof 10 *Aug.* 5. & 6. *Ph.* & *M.* leaving issue *Robert* his son and heir 30. years of age, who was the father of Sir *Raph Gibbs* Knight, and he of Sir *Henry Gibbs* that now enjoys it.

d *Ib. f.* 109. *b.*

e *Pat.* 32 H. 8. *p.* 7.

f *Esc.* 1 *Eliz.*

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in *anno* 1291: 19 E. 1. valued[g] at xv. marks, the portion, which the Monks of **Coventre** had out of the Tithes belonging thereto, being then rated at iii. marks, and appropriated[h] to them by *John Thoresby* Bishop of **Worcester** 25. *Febr. anno* 1350. (25 E. 3.) whereupon ten marks *per annum*, was reserved for maintenance of the Vicar and a *Pension* of x *s.* yearly to the said Bishop and his successors, the same appropriation being confirm'd[i] by the King five years following: about which time the said Monks granted to the Prior and Covent of **Worcester**, an yearly *Pension*[k] of xiii *s.* iv *d.* to be payd on the *Quinsieme* of S. *Mich.* for ever, in recompence of such damage as they should sustain by reason of the said Appropriation: But it seems there was some alteration afterwards made in these *Pensions*; for[l] in 26 H. 8. that payd to the Bishop of **Worcester** was xxvi *s.* viii *d. per annum*; that to the Monks of **Worcester** xx *s.* and that to the Archdeacon of **Worcester** iv *s.* v *d. ob.*

g *MS. in Scac.*

h *Ex Reg. D. & Cap. Wigorn. f.* 223. *b. & c.*

i *Pat* 30 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.

k *Ex alio Regist. penès eund. D. & Cap. f.* 6. *b.*

l *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 27. *a.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Magr. Joh. de Thoresby Pbr.* 6. *Cal. Feb.* 1325.
	Rad. de Holbeche 16. *Julii* 1335.
	Magr. Lucas de Herdeburgh Accol. 12. *Jan.* 1344.
Patroni Vicariæ.	
Edw. 3. *Rex Angl. ratione vacat. Priorat. de Coventre.*	*Joh. Fillerton Pbr. penult. Aug.* 1361.
Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*D. Joh. de Boys Cap.* 1. *Junii* 1368.
	Will. Tybot Pbr. 1. *Feb.* 1405.
	D. Joh. Hannyer Cap. 10. *Nov.* 1424.
	D. Ric. Longe Cap. 21. *Junii* 1446.
	Magr. Will. Palden in decr. Bacc. 24. *Maii* 1507.
	D. Ric. Hays Pbr. 10. *Martii* 1510.
	D. Thom. Copland Cap. 19. *Dec.* 1515.
	D. Arnaldus Ryle Pbr. 23. *Oct.* 1530.
Eliz. Angl. Regina.	*Will. Thornhill Cler.* 4. *Aug.* 1578.
Rob. Gibbs de Honington ar.	*D. Joh. Heynes Cler.* 26. *Oct.* 1584.
Rad. Gibbs ar.	*Georgius Ball Cler.* 9. *Martii* 1600.
Rad. Gibbs miles.	*Thomas Browneut Cler.* 23. *Jan.* 1607.

Cob. f. 115. *b.* *Mont. f.* 162. *b.* *Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 87. *a.* *Br. vol* 1. *f.* 36. *a.* *writ. f.* 24. *a.* *Cliff. f.* 87. *b.* *Morg. vol.* 1. *f.* 28. *b.* *Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 38. *a.* *Gyg.* 2. *f.* 50. *b.* *Ib. f.* 67. *b.* *Ib. f.* 122. *a.* *Jeron. f.* 45. *a.* *Bul. f.* 15. *b.* *Ib. f.* 28. *b.* *Ib. f.* 74. *a.* *Ib. f.* 85. *a.*

Bradmore.

THis place, taking its name from the flat and low situation thereof, is a member of **Honington.** In 36 H. 3. (for before that time I find no mention of it) *Will. de Timor*, and *John de Bradmore* held[m] the tenth part of a Knights Fee here, of the Monks of **Coventre.** Which Monks in 7 E. 1. had[n] six Tenants here, holding x yard land by the like Rents and services as those of **Honington** performed: But by the Act of Dissolution in 30 H. 8. it came with **Honington** to the Crown, as parcell of the lands belonging to the Priory of **Coventre**: and so, being involved with that Mannour in the Patent to *Robert Gibbs*, is now the inheritance of Sir *Henry Gibbs* before specified.

m *Testa de Neuill.*

n *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 110 *a.*

Idlicote.

NOrthwards from **Honington**, but at a little farther distance from the bank of **Stoure**, stands **Idlicote**; which in the Conquerors time being possest by *Rob. de Stadford*, and by the generall Survey[o] certified to contain five hides, was valued at viii *li.* having been the freehold of *Anegrin*, and *Ordric* before the Norman invasion. In that Survey it is written **Etelincote**, which shews that its originall denomination proceeded from some antient dweller there, in the Saxons time. But from the said *Robert*, or *Nicholas* his son, was this Mannour past to *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain and Treasurer to King *Henry* 1. and by him, upon his Foundation of the Monastery of **Kenilworth** in this County, given[p] (*inter alia*) thereunto. In that Charter[q] it is written **Itelicote**, but afterwards, for the most part, **Utelicote**: which grant was confirmed[r] by the said *Nicholas de Stafford*, who acquitted[s] the Canons of **Kenilworth** from the service of one Knights Fee, whereby the same *Geffrey* held it of him; in consideration whereof he gave to this *Nicholas*, v. marks of silver, and to *Maud* his wife ii. marks.

o *Domesd. lib.*

p *Reg.* q *Kenil. p.* 1.

r *Cart.* 8 *E.* 1. *n.* 4. *p.* s *Inspe.*

In 7 E. 1. the Canons of **Kenilworth**, being Lords thereof, had[t] 3. caracats of land here in demesn, and a Windmill: as also severall Tenants holding xv. yard land and a half by certain Rents and services; *scil.* plowing mowing, making Hay, &c. together with a **Court-Leet**, and Court Baron: which priviledges with certain others, *viz.* Gallows, Weifs, and to be quit of all secular exactions, suits to the County and Hundred Courts, and from Common amerciaments, did they claim[u] in 13 E. 1. by the grants of divers Kings, and had the same allowed: And in 19 E. 1. obtained a Charter[w] of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands here: But upon the generall dissolution of the Monasteries it came to the Crown, and was soon after; *viz.* in 33 H. 8. past[x] away, together with the advouson of the Church, unto *Thomas Cawarden* Esquier, and

t *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 71 *a. b.*

u *Rot. de Quo W.*

w *Cart.* 1 *E.* 1. *n.* 5

x *Pat.* 3 *H.* 8. *p.* 3.

and *Eliz.* his wife, and the heirs of the body of the said *Thomas* lawfully begotten. Which *Thomas* left no issue, as I suppose; for it reverted to the Crown, and in 4 *Eliz.* was granted [y] to *Ludowik Grevill* and others; but soon after to *Underhill*, as it seems; for in 12 *Eliz.* did *Will. Underhill* dye [z] seized thereof, leaving *Will.* his son and heir *xiiii.* years of age and upwards; whose granchild, S[r] *Hercules Underhill* Knight now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S[t] *James*) was in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) valued [a] at *vii.* marks, the Canons of **Kenilworth** then having a portion out of the Tithes thereof, to the value of *x s.* But in [b] 26 *H.* 8. at *xiii l. vi s. viii d.* there being at that time *ix s. v d.* yearly payd by the Incumbent for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
	Rob. de Ketene Accol. 3. *Non. Julii* 1301.
	Thomas de Tydinton Cap. 11 *Cal. Junii* 1310.
	Magr. Joh. de Badington Cler. 19. *Cal. Sept.* 1325.
	Rog. Dod Pbr. 15 *Oct.* 1361.
	Joh. Kynarton 25 *Apr.* 1402.
	Joh. Hull Cap. 28 *Martii* 1428.
	D. Johan. Slatter 1 *Julii* 1430.
	D. Ric. Yonge Pbr. 12 *Oct.* 1437.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*D. Thomas Nele Cap.* 2 *Feb.* 1442.
	Mr. Will. Clopton in art. Magr. 12. *Jan.* 1451.
	D. Joh. Letteworth Cap. 18 *Julii* 1454.
	D. Ric. Stephyn 8 *Aug.* 1456.
	D. Rad. Vaudray 9 *Apr.* 1457.
	Hugo Kyrkland art. Mr. 15 *Martii* 1462.
	D. Rog. Sylveſter Cap. ult. Apr. 1470.
	Nich. Snede Cap. 29 *Jan.* 1501.
	Joh. Blythe Cler. 8 *Maii* 1510.
Thomas Caverden ar.	*Ric. Buſhop Cler.* 26 *Maii* 1544.
Will. Underhill Gen.	*D. Rog. Clerke Cler.* 6 *Sept.* 1556.
	Will. Stocke S. Theol. Bacc. penult. Jan. 1583.
D. Eliz. Regina per lapſum.	*Joh. Brokes Cler.* 24 *Maii* 1593.
Joh. Such Gen. ex conceſs. Herculis Underhill Gen.	*Nich Hill Cler.* 5 *Jan.* 1602.

Whatcote.

BElow **Tolcote** is **Stoure** more augmented by a rivulet that hath its riſe about the foot of **Edghill**; on the South ſide of which torrent ſtands only **Whatcote**, whereof I purpoſe next to ſpeak. This in the Conquerors Survey is written **Quatercote**, and certifyed [c] to contain *v.* hides, having then a Church; and was at that time poſſeſt by *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill*, the value therof being *vii l.* but before the Norman invaſion it was the inheritance of one *Toli*. From which time till 7 *E.* 1. I have not met with any light whereby the ſucceſſive owners thereof may be diſcovered; howbeit, then I find [d] that *John le Lou* and *Philip* his ſon were Lords thereof, as alſo Patrons of the Church; and that they held it of the Abbot of **Weſtminſter** by the ſervice of half a mark. And moreover, that they then had two Carucates of land in demeſn, with a **Court-Leet**, and all other priviledges that the ſaid Abbot had; and likewiſe 8 Tenants holding ſeverall proportions of land, paying certain Rents, and performing ſundry ſervile imployments. After this, *viz.* in 3 *E.* 2. *Philip le Wolf*, or *Lou* (for I find he is the ſame man) and *Margery* his wife levied a Fine [e] of the moity of this Mannour, by which it was ſettled upon the heirs of her the ſaid *Margerie*; Whereupon I ſuppoſe it to have been of her inheritance, and that *Amicia* the wife of *John le Lou*, and ſhe were ſiſters: which being ſo, then will it appear by what I ſhall ſhew in **Hampton** in **Arden**, that they were heirs to *Richard de Arden*.

It ſeems that the whole intereſt that the ſame *John le Lou* and *Amicia* had in this Mannour came to the ſaid *Philip* and *Margery*; for in 9 *E.* 2. *Philip le Lou* is certifyed [f] to be Lord thereof; whoſe name alſo I find [g] in 17 *E.* 2. amongſt thoſe Knights and other men at Armes in this County then returned into the Chancery. In 3. *E.* 3. it appears, that the ſaid *Margerie*, then his Widow, entailed it by Fine, [h] after her own deceaſe, upon *Will.* the ſon of *John de Heyford*, and *Amicia* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; but for lack of iſſue by them, on *John* the brother of the ſaid *William*, and *Lora* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, with remainder to *John* the ſon of *Robert Wolf* and his heirs. By which entail the moytie thereof divolved [i] to *Ioan* the wife of *John*, ſon to *Richard de Foxcote*, who paſt [k] it away, together with the advouſon of the Church, unto *Thomas de Morehall* Clerk: But it was not long after, that the whole Mannour became the poſſeſſion of *Edmund* Earl of **Stafford**, who being ſlain [l] in the battail of **Shrewſbury** 4 *H.* 4. *Anne* his widow had it, *inter alia*, aſſigned [m] to her in dower. After which the poſterity of the ſaid Earl enjoyed it till 12. *H.* 8. that *Edw.* D. of **Buck.** paſt it to *Richard* Biſhop of **Wincheſter**, and others, to the uſe of S[r] *Will. Compton* Knight, from whom the Earl of **Northampton**, now Lord thereof, is deſcended.

The Church (dedicated to S[t]. *Peter*) being originally endowed [n] with half a yard land, was in *an.* 1291. (19. *E.* 1.) [o] valued at *vi*, marks and a half; the advouſon whereof in 3. *E.* 2. had *Philip le Lou* and *Margerie* his wife Licenſe [p] from the King to grant unto the Nuns of **Pinley** in this County: Nevertheleſſe they did not ſo diſpoſe thereof; for in 41 *E.* 3. *Thomas de Morehall* had the like Licenſe [q] to paſſe it to the Canons of **Little-Malvern** in **Worceſterſhire**, and they leave to appropriate [r] it; which was performed the 5. of *June*, *an.* 1368 (42 *E.* 3.) by [s] *Will. VVittleſey* Biſhop of **Worceſter**. Another Inſtrument [t] of the like

a *MS. in Bac.* — b *MS. penes A. eq. f.* 19. *b.* — c Domeſd. *lib.* — d *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 101. *b* — e *Craft. Mart.* — f *Nom. Vil.* — g *Ex coll.* H Ferrers. — h *Levat. Oct. Trin.* — i *Levat. xv.* — k *Paſch.* 29 E. 3. — l T. Walſ. *p.* 409. *n.* 10 — m *Claus.* 5. H. 4. *m.* 24 — n *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 102. *b.* — o *MS. in Scac.* — p *Pat.* 3 E. 2. *m.* 6. — q *Pat.* 41 E. 3. *p.* 2 *m.* 8. — r *Pat. 4 E. 3. p. 1.* — s *Esc. 12. Liz.* — t Witt. *f.* 24. *a* — t *Ex Regiſt. D. & Cap. wigorn. f.* 343.

nature did *Henry Wakefeild* Bishop of **Worcester** make, dated at **Yerfleburg** 21. *Nov. an.* 1388 (12 *R.* 2.) whereupon a yearly *Pension* of *iii*^{s} *iiii*^{d} was reserved to the said Bishop and his successors, to be paid out of the fruits thereof. But notwithstanding all this, those Canons of **Malverne** never took benefit of these appropriations; for it continued a Rectory, and in 26. *H.* 8. was valued [u] at *xiii*^{l} *vi*^{s} *viii*^{d} over and above *ix*^{s} *v*^{d} *ob.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

[u] *MS. penes* S.A. *eq. aur. f.* 19. *b*

	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.
Giff. 116. *a*	*Joh le Lou & Amicia ux ejus, & Philippus le Lou & Margeria ux. ejus.*	*Joh. le Lou Cler.* 5. *Id. Maii* 1281.
Horl. vol. 1 *f.* 19. *b*	*Margeria le Wolfe domina de Whatcote.*	*Will. le Brut Pbr.* 12. *Julii* 1329.
Ib. f. 20. *a*		*Rad. de Snellestон Pbr.* 8. *Dec.* 1329.
Wolst. vol. 2. *f.* 45. *b*	*Joh. de la Morehall.*	*Thomas de la Morehall* 24 *Nov.* 1340.
Br. vol. 1. *f.* 27. *b*	*Thomas atte Morehall resignavit & presentavit.*	*Barth. de Brechinham Pbr.* 18. *Junii* 1359.
Ib. f. 41. *b*	*Phil. de Todenham, Rog. Dod, Ric. de Mene, & Ric. West.*	*Joh. Mulward Pbr.* 3. *Dec.* 1361.
Wit. f. 24. *a*	*Prior & Conv. de Malvern minori.*	*Frater Thomas Bardy monachus* 5. *Cal. Junii* 1368
Lyn. f. 19. *a*		*D. Ric. de Depedale* 11. *Apr.* 1374.
Wak. f. 19. *a*		*Rog. de Caldecote* 12. *Oct.* 1380.
Ib. f. 39. *b*		*Joh. Kyldale* 14. *Oct.* 1384.
Ib. f. 41. *b*	*Hugo Comes Staffordiæ.*	*Joh. Clifford Pbr.* 27 *Maii* 1385.
Wak. f. 93. *a*	*Prior & Conv. de Malvern minori.*	*Joh. Wygot* 10 *Maii* 1392.
Pev. f. 7. *b*		*Joh. Aspele* 3 *Julii* 1409.
Ib. f. 12. *a*		*D. Joh. Taylour* 13. *Jan.* 1409.
Ib. f. 58. *b*		*D. Thomas Stanford* 4. *Nov.* 1413.
Ib. f. 63. *a*		*D. Joh. Aspele Cap.* 10. *Martii* 1414.
Ib. f. 67. *b*		*Joh. Hancock Cap.* 26 *Aug.* 1414.
Pult. f. 16. *a*		*D. Thomas Chyn Cap.* 23. *Martii* 1426.
Bourch. f. 68. *b.*		*D. Christoph. Strange Cap.* 29. *Iulii* 1440.
Carp. vol. 1. *f.* 99. *b*		*D. Thomas Nelle Cap.* 4. *Dec.* 1451.
Alc. f. 159. *a*		*D. Will. Aldyngton Cap.* 23. *Iunii* 1486.
Gyg. 2. *f.* 58. *a.*	*Will. Hill ratione conces. Pr. & Conv. de Malvern.*	*Rob. Maud Cler.* 2. *Maii* 1511.
Bell. f. 29. *b*	*Henr.* 8. *Rex Angl.*	*Nich. Austin Cler.* 26 *Apr.* 1542.
Bul. f. 8. *a*	*D. Anna Comitissa Penbrochiæ.*	*Henr. Michell Cler.* 14. *Iulii* 1573.
Ib. f. 68. *a*	*Joh. Morell ex conces. Will. Domini Compton.*	*D. Ioh. Damport Cler.* 20. *Dec.* 1597.

Oxhill.

ON the North side this torrent lyes **Orhill**, in the Conquerors Survey [w] written **Dæselve**; and, being possest by the same *Hugh de Grentemaisnil* of whom I have made mention in **Whatcote**, was then certified to contain *x.* hides, having a Mill rated at *xvi*^{d}. but the value of all together was *xi*^{l}. and before the Norman invasion belong'd to the same *Toli*, who had **Whatcote**. After this, *viz.* in *H.* 2. time, *Engelram de Dumart* became owner thereof, whose sisters named [x] *Emma* and *Aeliz*, by reason of his death without issue, succeeded [y] him in the inheritance of it, and had livery thereof in 31 of that Kings reign. Upon what occasion it was that K. *John* seized upon it appears not; but in 18 of his reign, the Shiriff of this County received command [z] to deliver possession thereof to *Thodoric de Whicheford*, to whom he had given it; in which Record [a] it is written **Hocteshulve**: howbeit in 3 *H.* 3. *Thomas de Periton* had restitution [b] thereof as heir to *Engelard Dummarish* (*sive Dumart*) his uncle. Which *Thomas* departing this life in 11 *H.* 3. *Adam* his son and heir had livery [c] of these lands in **Ofteschelfe** (for so it is written) of his inheritance; and the next year following was [d] acquitted of the Scutage for half a Knights fee here due upon the expedition of **Kerry**: which *Adam* bore [e] for his Armes *Barry of six peices, and upon a Canton* 3. *barrs wavie*. But from the family of *Periton* it divolved to S^{r} *Will. de Keyns* K^{t} by *Margaret* a daughter and heir (as the Descent sheweth:) which S^{r} *Will.* had issue *Robert*, who in 7 *E.* 1. held [f] it of the King in *Capite* by the service of one Knights fee, having one carucate of land in demesn, and five Tenants holding severall proportions by performance of certain servile labours, and payment of particular Rents: As also divers Freeholders.

It was likewise then found [g], that the Prior of **Mare** had one yard land here, and the Monks of **Worcester** 2 carucates, and 6 virgates, bestowed on them by *Geffery de Beningworth*; three virgates by *Nich. de Donington*, one by *Ric. Clerke*, and one by *Rob. Dumbard*: As also that they had *ix.* Tenants holding sundry proportions by several Rents and servile imployments, with a **Court-Leet** by the grant of K. *H.* 3. Which Family of *Keyns*, being of eminent note, possest [h] **Dodford** in **Northamptonshire**, **Combe**-*Keynes*, and **Tarent**-*Keynes* in **Dorsetshire**, and other lands of good value, held [i] by Barony; but afterwards for want of issue male this Mannour divolved to *Cressy*, through a coheir, Sir *John Cressy* of **Dodford** before specifyed being owner of it in [k] 10 *Henry* 6. who departing [l] this life without issue in 31 *H.* 6. *Alianore* the wife to S^{r} *Humfrey Stafford* of **Grafton** Knight, and *Isabell* the wife of S^{r} *Thomas Chaworth* Knight were found [m] his heirs. Whereupon, by partition made betwixt *Chaworth* and *Stafford* it was allotted to the said *Elianore*, as it seems; for I find [n] that upon an Assize of *Novell disseisin* brought by *John Hathewyk*, who claimed an estate in tail thereof, as heir unto *Keynes*, he recovered it against her in 2. *E.* 4. and that afterwards by his Deed [o] of bargain and sale, bearing date 4. *Jan.* 21 *E.* 3. in consideration

[w] Domes. *lib.*

[x] *Rot. P.* H. 2.

[y] *Rot. P.* H. 2.

[z] *Claus* 18 *Jo m.* 2.

[a]

[b] *Rot. F.* H. 3. *m.* 5

[c] *Rot. F.* H. 3. *m.* 1

[d] *Rot. P.* H. 3.

[e] *Ex aut. in Curia Augm.*

[f] *Inq. per.* Nott. & *f.* 112. *b*

[g] *Ib. f.* 1 *a &c.*

[h] *Pat.* 9. 2. *p.* 2. *m.*

[i] *Lib. Fe. in Scac. f.* 165.

[k] *Rot. in Scac. pen. Rem. R.*

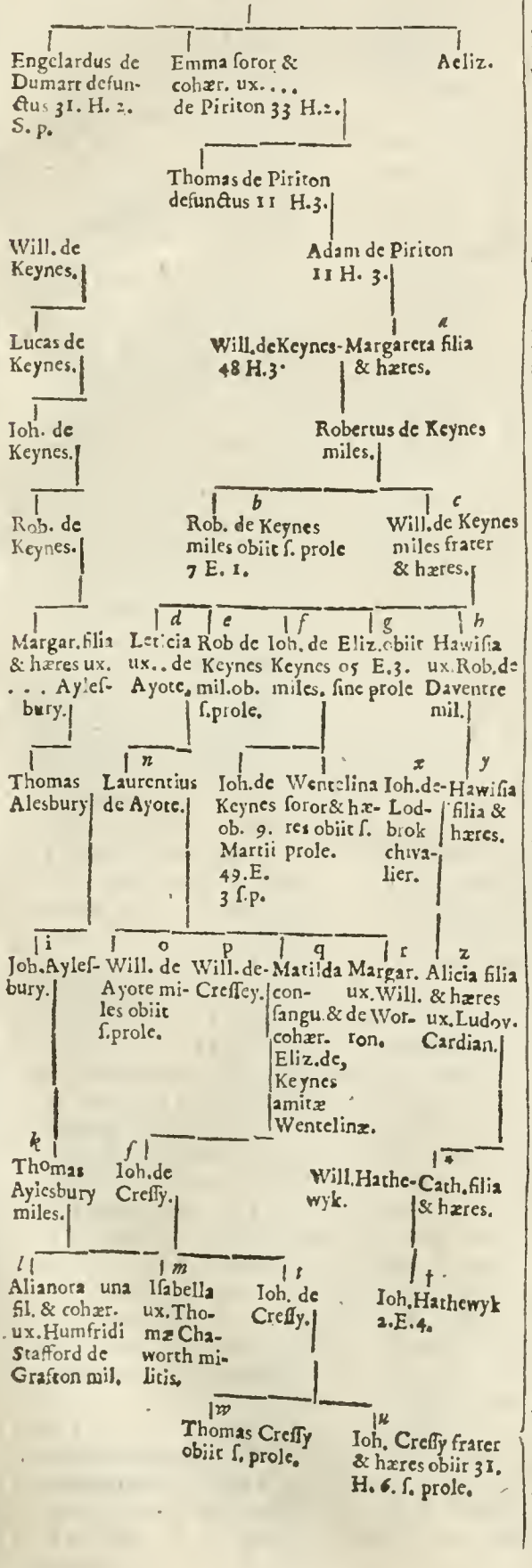
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[m] *Rot.* 36 *m.* 6

[n] *Ex v. Rot. pen.* S. Archi. *eq. aur.*

[o] *Ex aut. in Scac. baga de* Catesby

ration of CC^li he past it to *Will. Gatesby* and his heirs. Which *Will.* being attainted in the Parl. of 1 *H.* 7. (as in **Lapworth** I have declared;) it eschaeting to the Crown, was by the Kings Letters Pat. [p] bearing date at **Westm.** 2. *Iulii* 4 *H.* 7. granted to S^r *David Owen* Knight, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten: From whom descended *John Owen* Esq; who by a Fine [q] levied in 1 *E.* 6. passed it unto *John Houghton* of **Wootton** *in Com. Sur.* Yeoman for *xl.* years, at the yearly Rent of *vili xiii^d.* Which Lease the next year following, was assigned by the said *I. Houghton* to *Leonard Savage* of **Kington** in this County Gent.



But the inheritance of the Mannour still resting in the line of *Owen* (togeather with the Rent reserved upon the said Lease to *Houghton*) was by *Henry Owen*, son and heir to the before specified *John*, sold [r] to *Sim. Walweyn* Gent. by Deed dated . . . *Aug.* 10 *Eliz.* (the said *Simon* being possest of certain lands in **Orhill** before:) which *Simon* dyed [s] seized of it. 15 *Apr.* 20 *Eliz.* leaving *Mathew* his son and heir xxix. years of age, who by his last Will [t] and Testament bearing date . . . . *Martii* 4 *Iac.* entailed it upon the issue male of his brother *Francis*, and for default thereof upon *Ursula* daughter to the said *Francis* and her heirs. Which *Ursula* by virtue of that Entail became seized thereof, and took to husband *Math. Clerke* Gent. who had issue by her *Will. Clerke* his son and heir, lately deceased, leaving *William* his son and heir within age.

But that which the Monks of **Bordsley** had here, was past [u] out of the Crown by Q. *Mary* 18 *Iulii* 2. of her reign, to *Peter Temple* Esq; and *Ric. Petiver* Gent. and their heirs: which *Peter* in 1 *Eliz.* sold [w] it to *George Bishop* and *Ioh. Bishop*, son to the said *George*, whose posterity do (as I think) still enjoy it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) was in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) valued [x] at *viii.* marks, and in 26 *H.* 8. at [y] xv^l xvi^s viii^d over and above ix^s v^d *ob.* for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Will. de Keynes.	*D. Ioh. de Boclande Cler.* 21. *Ian.* 1330.	*Horl. vol. 1 f. 22 a*
	Walt. de Burtiton Pbr. 14. *Martii* 1335.	*Mont. vol. 1 f. 22. a*
	Rob. Godesale Pbr. 11 *Sept.* 1336.	*Ib. f. 24. a*
	Joh. de Egge Pbr. Id. Feb. 1337	*Hem. f. 14 a*
Will. de Keynes miles.	*D. Joh. Davy* 14 *Oct.* 1339.	*Wolst. vol. 2 f. 28. b. in cedula.*
	Joh. de Baynton 6 *Aug.* 1340.	*Ib. f. 42. b*
Joh. de la Hale miles.	*Walt. le Hoppere Cap.* 13. *Aug.* 1349.	*S. Germ. f. 127. a*
Joh. de Keynes miles.	*Will. Blockley Pbr.* 7. *Sept.* 1375.	*Ib. f. 196. a*
Will. de Brantingham miles.	*Will. Lambley* 4. *Oct.* 1398.	*Tid. f. 30. b*
Ludov. Cardigan ar.	*D. Joh. Tuttebury Cap.* 28 *Julii* 1414.	*Pev. f. 65. b*
	Sim. Sloley 26 *Maii* 1416.	*Ib. f. 76. a*
Alicia nuper ux. Ludov. Cardigan.	*Ric. Norton Cap.* 15. *Martii* 1422.	*Morg. vol. 1 f. 22. a*
	D. Ric. Smith Cap. 13 *Julii* 1425.	*Ib. f. 32. b.*
David Owen miles.	*Magr. Ric. . . . . in leg. Bacc.* 1510.	*Gyg. vol. 2. f. 63. a*
Exec. Testam. Davidis Owen mil.	*D. Will. Lathener sacellanus* 22 *Feb.* 1540.	*Bell. f. 16. a*
Will. Hunter ratione Conceſſ. Joh. Owen ar.	*D. Henr. . . . art. Magr.* 20 *Ian.* 1558.	*Heath f. 32 b.*
Nich. Clerke de Tiso yeoman, ex conceſſ. Math. Walwyn.	*D. Jac. Balwin S. theol. Bacc.* 13. *Feb.* 1597.	*Bul. f. 69. a*
Anth. Bishop gen. ratione conceſſ. M. Walweyn.	*Daniel Smarte Cler.* 2 *Iulii* 1624.	*Ib. f. 107. a*

[p] *Pat. 4 H. 7. p. 1.*
[q] *Mich. 1 E. 6. Rot. 1.*
[r] *Ex autog. penès Will. Clerke G.*
[s] *Esc. 21 Eliz.*
[t] *Ex autog. penès eund. W. Clerk.*
[u] *Pat. 2 M. p. 1.*
[w] *Pat. 1 El. p. 10.*
[x] *MS. in Scac. in bac de Catesb.*
[y] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 19. a*

Nether Pillerton.

BElow Orhill about a mile, lies **Nether Pillerton**, which containeth in its parish **Over-Pillerton**, and **Periton**-*Boteler*. In [a] the Conquerors time *Hugh* Earl of **Chester** had 1 hide and 3. virgates of land here, then held of him by one *VValeran*, and valued at xxx[s]. which before the Norman invasion was the inheritance of *HugoCamerarius*: But the residue of this town, at that time possest by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, and written **Pilardetune**, contained x. hides, besides the woods extending to one mile in length, and as much in bredth; there being a Mill rated at v[s] and a Church; all which amounted to xviii[li]. and in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes was the freehold of one *Baldwin*. It was not long that these two great men; *sc*, *Hugh* Earl of **Chester**, and *H. de Grentemaisnill*, continued owners thereof; for King *H.* 1. (as it seemeth) gave the same, either to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, or else to Earl *Roger* son to the same *Henry*, as may appear by the certificate [b] made in 12 *H.* 2. Where *VVill.* Earl of **Warwick** (*inter alia*) declareth, that he held it by one Knights Fee *de veteri Feoffamento*, and that *Robertus fil. VVillielmi* was his Tenant thereof: which *Robert* I take to be the man, who is written [c] *R. de Pilardinton*, being Founder [d] of the little Monastery at **Pinle** in this County.

Howbeit, others there were that bore the firname of this place, as [e] *Gerold de Pilardestone*, in 16 *H.* 2 *Roger de Pilardinton* in [f] K. *John*'s time. *Steph.* [g] *de Pilardestone*, and *Richard* [h] his son and heir *temp. H.* 3. But none of these were Lords of the place for ought I could ever discerne: for certain it is, that one *Gilebert de VVasevill* possest [i] it in *R.* 1. time, and by committing Felony, whereof he was convicted, forfeited his whole estate; which occasioned the King to seize [k] upon this Lordship, and bestow it upon *Hugh de Hercy*. But not long after came *VValeran* Earl of **Warwick** to the said King *Richard*, and petitioned for the same as his right, forasmuch as the forfeiture thereof belonged to him, in regard it was of his Fee, and obtained [l] it accordingly; yet at the King's request, that the before specified *Hugh de Hercy* might enjoy it, did thereupon make a [m] grant thereof to him.

Unto which *Gilb. de VVasevill* I find [n] that *Hugh de Gornai* was the immediate Tenant thereof, and that upon a suit in the Kings Court in 5. *Ioh. Osbert de Roneray* recovered [o] the possession of it against him the said *Hugh*: but within 3. dayes after that, *Geffery Fitz piers*, then *Justiciarius* [p] *Angliæ*, had command [q] to restore it unto *Hugh de Hercy*: Nevertheless *H. de Gornai* retained it for a while, so that the said *Hugh de Hercy* was exposed to a suit [r] at law for it; for in the same year wherein the suit was commenced, it appeareth, that the King, to make satisfaction to *Gornai*, to whom he formerly had given possession of it, commanded [s] that the Sheriff of this County should deliver unto the said *Hugh de Hercy* seisin of the Mannour of **Lineton**, which he had before granted to him in exchange for **Pilardinton**, upon condition, that if the said *Hugh de Hercy* could obtain **Pilardinton** of *Gornai*, either by a friendly agreement, or a lawfull triall, that then **Lineton** should revert to the King. By which of these means it was that *Hercy* had it, I cannot directly tell; but that his posterity enjoy'd it, is very certain.

This *Hugh de Hercy* gave for his Armes [t] only *a labell of 5. points*; and left *Iohn* his son [u] and heir in ward [w] to *Thomas Basset* in 13 *Joh.* From which *John* descended *John de Hercy* (I suppose his grandson) who in 7. *E.* 1. held [x] this Mannour of the Earl **Warwick**, by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time one carucate [y] of land in demesn, and seven Tenants holding severall proportions by particular Rents, and sundry servile imployments: But this *John* had no issue, as I guesse; for in 35 *E.* 1. he setled [z] it, after the decease of himself and *Lettice* his wife, upon *Thomas Wandak* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of the said *Thomas*, covenanting to receive of the same *Thomas*, during his own and his said wifes life, six quarters of Wheat, and six quarters of Barley; and bore for his Armes [z] *a Fesse, with a labell of 3. points in chiefe.* From which, *Hercyes* was it, for a long time, called **Pillerton**-*Hercy*, by way of distinction from the other **Pillerton**, called **Pillerton**-*Priors*.

To the before specified *Thomas Wandak* succeeded *John*, betwixt whom and *Will. Spine* there was a suit [a] for the title to this Mannour in 29 *E.* 3. the said *VVill.* recovering the possession of it, against him the said *John* and *Catherine* his wife, as also against *Thomas Paynell* & others. After which, the next mention thereof, that I meet with, is by a Fine [b] levied in 48 *E.* 3. betwixt *Thomas de Wencote*, and *Alice* his wife Plantiffs, and *Henry de Etynton* and *Kath.* his wife Defore. Whereby the said *Henry* and *Kath.* for themselves and the heirs of the said *Katherine*, quitted all their interest therein to the same *Thomas de Wencote* and *Alice*, and the heirs of the said *Alice* for ever: in consideration whereof the same *Henry* and *Katherine* were to receive yearly during their lives x *l.* sterling: so that 'tis not unlike but that the said *Alice* and *Kath.* were daughters and coheirs to the above specified *John Wandak*: Yet how it comes to passe I cannot well imagine, but the year ensuing the said Fine so levied, *John de Hastings* Earl of **Pembroke** was found [c] to dye seized thereof, *Anne* his widow having it (*inter alia*) assigned [d] to her in dower. So likewise did [e] *John de Hastings* son and heir to the said Earl in 13 *R.* 2. leaving *Reginald Grey* of **Ruthin** his cosin and heir. But in 2 H. 4. I find [f] that the heirs of S[r] *John Thornbury* Knight, held a Knights Fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**: and that in 10 H. 6. S[r] *Philip Thornbury* of **Bygrave** *in Com.* **Hartford** Knight was Lord [g] of this Mannour: As also that in 36 H. 6. *Richard Thornbury* Esq; with *Thomas* his son, demised [h] it to *Hugh Dalby* Gent. for certain years: Howbeit, all that I have farther seen relating thereto, is that in 34 H. 8. there was a Fine [i] levied thereof betwixt *VVill. VVhorwood* Esq; Plantiff, and *John Mawdley* Esq; and others Defore. but to what uses I know not: And that in 1. & 2. *Ph.* & *M.* the Q. granted [k] to *VVill. Rice* Esq, the moytie of the same, which had eschaeted to the Crown by the attainder of S[r] *Ambrose Dudley* Knight.

Touching the Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) I find, that in King *John*'s time there were great suits [l] betwixt the Monks of **S. Neots** and *Thomas Basset*, who had the wardship of *John* son and heir of *Hugh de Hercy*, for the right of Presentation

a Domesd. lib.

b Lib. rub. f. 104. a

c Ex autog. penès ...
d Cooks de Pinley.

e Rot. P. 16 H. 2.

f Ex autog. penès Ric. Dalby Gen.

g Rot. P. 19 H. 3.

h Ex autog. penès Georg. Dalby.

i Plac. de T. Mich. & Hil. 13 Ioh. rot. 2. in dorso.
k
l
m

n Rot. ter. &c. liberat. in Angl. 5. Joh. m. 13. n. 1.
o
p Regist. Roff. cap. 225.

q Rot. terr. ut supra n. 4.

r Plac. de T. Pasch. 7. Joh. rot. 7. in d.

s Clauf. 7. Ioh. m. 1.

t Ex autog. penes pr fat. G. Dalby.

u Plac. de T. Mich. & Hi ut fu pra.
w

x Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 9 b.

y F. leva Oct. Hil. 3 E. 1.

z Ex autog. penès Jo Ferrers a

a Record de Assis. 2 E. 3. rot.

b F. levat sept Pasc 48 E. 3.

c Esc. 45 E. 3. n. 1 c
d Clauf. E. 3. m. 1.
e Esc. 13. 2. n. 51.
f Clauf. H 4. m. 1
g Rot. in Scac. pen Rem. R.

h Ex autog penès G Dalby d Melcomb in com. O on.

i Term. H
k Pat. 1. 2. Ph. & M. p. 9.

l Plac. de Mich. & Hil. 13. Io rot. 2. in d

sentation thereto the Monks pretending that the said *Hugh de Hercy* gave them the perpetuall patronage thereof: but in 14 *Joh.* they came to an Agreement [m], whereby they concluded to present joyntly to the Rectory; and likewise to the Vicaridge by consent of the Parson; so that the Vicar should pay yearly to the Parson 4 marks, saving alwayes the right of the said heir, and of the Monks. In *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [n] at *xx.* marks; out of which the Prior of Ware had a portion of Tithes amounting in value to 7. marks and a half. Upon what title it was I know not, but I do find, that *Thomas de Tydinton*, a Priest, recovered [o] by a tryall at Law against *John de Hercy* the advouson thereof, which he after past away to *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick, by his Deed dated [p] at Elmeley the Wednsday after the Feast of S. *Mich. an.* 1309. (3 *E.* 2.) whose son and heir, *viz. T. Beauchamp* Earl of Warw. in 8 *E.* 3. gave [q] the said advouson to the Canons of his Coll. Church at Warwick; who, within 7. years after, obtained an appropriation [r] of the fruits thereof, from *Wolstan* then Bishop of Worcester, bearing date at Hertleburp 6 *Dec. an.* 1341, (15 *E.* 3.) which was so granted by that Bishop towards the support [s] of their charge in building of the Steeple of the same Collegiate Church, there being by him then reserved out of the same a congruous portion for maintenance of a Vicar, to the value of *xii.* marks, and a yearly *Pension* of half a mark to himself and his successors, to be payd at the Feast of S. *Mich.* the Archangell: the Monks of Worcester, having an annuall *Pension* [t] also granted to them 10 *Kal. Aug.* 23 *E.* 3. by the Canons of the said Coll. Church for their indempnity in respect of the said appropriation.

In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge being valued [u] at viii[l] there was an yearly *Pension* [w] of iii[l]. vi[s]. viii[d]. payd to the Monks of Shene out of it; as also *xli*[s] to the Bishop of Worcester, and *xvi*[s] *viii*[d] to the Monks of Worcester, by composition issuing out of the Rectory.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Joh. de Hercy dominus de Pilardinton.	*Nich. de Hercy Cler. filius Joh.* 3 *Non. Nov.* 1287.	
	Nich. de Hercy Pbr. 8. *Id. Dec.* 1292.	
	Henr. de Hampton medicus & Subdiac. 18 *Cal. Maii* 1299.	
	Jac. de Warr Cler. 8. *Id. Martii* 1307.	
Guido de Bellocampo Comes Warwici.	*Will. le Archer de Toneworth* 11 *Cal. Junii* 1310.	
Thomas Co. Warw.	*Henr. de Staunton Cler.* 18. *Feb.* 1336.	
D. & Cap. Eccl. Coll. S. Mariæ Warw.	*D. Will. Haukin Pbr.* 9 *Jan.* 1367.	
	Joh. Colet Pbr. 8 *Oct.* 1388.	
	D. Joh. Wethy Pbr. 28 *Apr.* 1403.	
	Thomas Sumnor Cap. 24. *Jan.* 1419.	
	D. Ric. Ferthyng 3. *Nov.* 1440.	
	D. Rog. Kenyan 24 *Dec.* 1472.	
	D. Joh. Hobbys Cap. 4. *Julii* 1476.	*Ib f.79. a*
	D. Ric. Salford Pbr. 8 *Martii* 1510.	*Gyg. 2. f. 67 b.*
D. Episc. per Lapsum.	*Ric. More Cler.* 6 *Nov.* 1562.	*Heath f. 37 a.*
Will. Compton dominus Compton.	*Rob. Hall Cler.* 23 *Feb.* 1590.	*Bul. f. 62. b*

Over Pillerton.

THis also being part of the possessions of *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, in the Conquerors time, was by him given [x] to the Monastery of St. *Ebrulf* in Normandy, founded by his brother *Robert*, and two uncles, *sc. Will.* and *Robert*, sons of *Gerot*: In the confirmation of which grant by King *Will.* the Conqueror, it is called [y] *parva* Pilardenton. The extent thereof, by the generall Survey taken at that time, was *vi.* hides and one virgate of land, then valued at *x*[l], and possest by 4. Theins in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes. But the revenue of this Lordship was received and disposed of by the Monks of Ware in Hertfordshire (a Cell [z] to the said House of S. *Ebrulf*) who, in 7 *E.* 1. held [b] two carucates of land here in demesn; and had xxi. Tenants holding severall proportions by payment of certain Rent, and performance of sundry services, as plowing, mowing, making Hay and the like: As also two Cottiers and four Freeholders.

After this, upon the valuation [c] of the *Priors Aliens* lands in 1. 2. & 3. *R.* 2. it was rated at viii[li] xiiii[s] i[d] *per annum*, and at the dissolution of those Houses (whereof I have spoke in Wolston) given by K. H. 5. to the Priory of Shene in Surrey then newly founded [d] by him. But at the generall dissolution in 30 *H.* 8. coming to the Crown, it was in 35 of that Kings reign, sold [e] out to *Geffrey Shakerley* Esq; who had License [f] the same year to pass it unto . . . . *Holt.* In 2. & 3. *Ph. & M.* there was a Fine levied [g] thereof, betwixt *Richard Cliff* and others Pl. and *Christopher Lee* and others Defore, and in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.* another Fine [h] betw xt *Henry Ward* Pl. and the same *Christoph. Lee* and others Defore. the said *Henry* having purchased [i] it from *Lee*: which *Henry* died [k] seized thereof 16 *Dec.* 1. *Eliz.* leaving *Will. Ward* his son and heir 19. years of age.

The Priest serving in the Chapell here, had Tithes to the value [l] of *v*[l] *per an.* in 26 *H.* 8. for his salarie.

Halford.

THis place taking its name originally from the forde or passage through the river Stoure, at first called Aldeford (*i. e.* the old Ford) hath had the H. added thereto by use in pronuntiation. In the Conquerors Survey there is no particular mention of it; neither can I perfectly discover of what place it was then a member: but certain it is, that *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of Warwick, or *Roger* his son, were possest thereof, and that from one of those Earls *Will. Giffard* had it granted to him in H. 1. time; for it appears [m] that the said *Will.*

held two Knights Fees of *Will.* Earl of **Warwick** in 12. H. 2. *de veteri Feoffamento*; and that this Lordship was part thereof, is clear enough from the grant [n] which the same *W. Giffard* made to the Canons of **Kenilworth** of one hide of land here, either in K. *Steph.* or H. 2. time: but whether that *Rob. de Halford*, who held [o] half a Knights Fee, here, of the Earl of **Warwick** in 20 H. 3. was descended from the said *Will. Giffard*, I cannot affirm.

n *Regist. de Kenil. p.40*

o { *Testa* p { *de N.*

The Record [p] of 36 H. 3. expresses, that the heirs of *Andrew Giffard* then held that half Kts. Fee of the said Earl. And in 7 E. 1. *Margerie de Cantilupe* held [q] one Watermill here of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time two servants, as also certain Free holders here. It was then likewise found [r], that one *John de Breggewrithe* held three acres of land in this place of *H. de Halford*, by homage, and the service of finding for *xxxvi.* poor people on every *Christmasse* day, *sc.* each of them a loaf of Bread, a Herring, and a flaggon of Beer. And that the glebe belonging to the Church consisted of two yard land, the Bishop of **Worcester** being then Patron thereof: as also that the whole town did their suit to the Kings **Court Leet** held for the Hundred of **Kineton**. And in 7 E. 1. it was certified [s] that S^r *Robert Burdet* Knight, held one Knights Fee here of *Alan la Zouſche*. And in [t] 9 E. 2. that *John de Fosse* held the fourth part of a Knights Fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**: which Knights Fee so held by S^r *Rob. Burdet* was in 2. E. 3. held [u] by another *Rob. Burdet* of *Robert de Holand* as in the right of *Maud* [w] his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Alan la Zouſche* of **Ashby** *de la Zouſche*. As for the lands here, which belong'd to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, they were after the dissolution sold [x] by the King to *John Pope* and his heirs 8 *Feb.* 36 *H.* 8. for 150^l. 13^s 08^d. Which *John* aliened [y] them again the same year unto *Rob. de Halford*: but of the residue I cannot give any farther account.

q *Inq. per H. Not. &c. f.110.a.*

r *Ib. f.111 a*

s *Esc. 7 E. 2*

t *Clauſ. 9. E. 2. m. 13.*

u { *Esc. 7 E. 3. n. 36.*

w { *Esc. 7 E. 3. n. 36.*

x *Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 26.*

y *Ib. p. 10.*

In *An.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church was valued [z] at *vii.* marks, the portion that the Canons of **Kenilworth** had out of the Tithes belonging thereto, being then rated at five marks: but in 26 *H.* 8. it was esteemed [a] at *xiii^li. vi^s. viii^d.* the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* deducted thereout amounting to *viii^s. xi^d. ob.* the *Pension* to the Canons of **Kenilworth** *xl^s.* and that to the Monks of **Shene**, *viii^s.*

z *MS. in Scac.*

a *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f.19.b.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Giff. f.33.b	*Adam de Bibye Cler.* 14. *Cal. Martii* 1270.	
Ib. f.53.b	*Rob. de Albinton Cler.* 3. *Junii* 1275.	
Ren. f.10.a	*Joh. de Bebury Accol.* 15. *Kal. Julii* 1313.	
Maid. f.24. a.	*Magr. Byndo de Bandinell* 8. *Id. Apr.* 1315.	
Cob. f.25.b	*D. Epiſc. Wigorn.*	*D. Will. Wydebrugge Pbr. die S. M. Magd.* 1321.
Mont. f.15 b.		*Magr. Thom. de Upton Cler.* 25. *Apr.* 1335.
Ib. f.16.b		*Thom. Bakhouſe Pbr.* 10 *Kal. Aug.* 1335.
Wolſt. vol.1 f.19.b		*D. Joh. de Rippon Cap.* 4. *Aug.* 1339.
		Joh. Botoner Pbr. 30. *Dec.* 1339. — *Ib. vol.2. f.31 a*
		Rob. Marny 18. *Dec.* 1340. — *Ib. f.46 b*
		Joh. Gate Cler. 17. *Dec.* 1341. — *Ib. f.51.b*
		Bened. Palmer Accol. 20 *Feb.* 1392. — *Wak. f.104 a.*
		Steph. Donne 11 *Junii* 1405. — *Cliff. f.85.a*
		Joh. Tymmes 2 *Junii* 1406 — *Ib. f.98 b*
		Joh. Roſe 28. *Sept.* 1410. — *Pev. f.24 b*
		D. Will. Will Pikering 13. *Aug.* 1431. — *Pult. f.92 b*
Idem D. Epiſc. Wigorniæ.		*Mr. David Geffrey in utroque jure Bacc.* 27 *Ap.* 1488 — *Mort. f.21 b.*
		D. Will. Loket Pbr. 15 *Julii* 1492. — *Ib. f.45.a.*
		D. Will. Sudill Cap. 2 *Martii* 1514. — *Gyg. vol.2 f.137.a*
		Ric. Cheney Cler. in S. theol. Bacc. 21. *Julii* 1546. — *Heath f.1 b.*
		Nich. Jackſon Cler. 5. *Sept.* 1561. — *Ib. f.35.a*
		Edw. Muſſage Cler. 24. *Nov.* 1571. — *Bul. f. 5.a*
		Will. Thornhill Cler. 8. *Nov.* 1579. — *Ib. f.17.b*

In a North Window of the Church this Coat.

Or two Bends gules. Sudley.

Upon a gravestone, near the dore of the Church, this Inscription.

Hic jacet Magiſter Henricus Kymyeberi quondam Rector iſtius Eccleſiæ, qui obiit 5. *die menſis Julii An D.* MCCCCLXXXIIII. *Cujus animæ propitietur Deus Amen.*

Nether-Eatendon.

A little below **Halford**, **Stoure** leaveth **Nether Eatendon** on its Eastern bank; within the precincts of which parish are the Hamlets of **Over-Eatendon**, **Fulrop**, and **Thoxndon**. There is no doubt but that the name of this place was originally occasioned from its situation, **Ea** in our old English signifying **water**, and **dune**, or **don** an ascending ground; for at the foot of an hill, and near the river doth it stand.

After the Norman invasion *Henry de Feriers* (progenitor to that great family afterwards Earls of **Derby**) possest it, the extent thereof amounting to *xvii.* hides, then valued at *xx^li.* as appears [b] by the Conquerors Survey; and of him did one *Saswalo* hold it, at which time there was a Church and a Mill; to whose posterity in the male line it hath continued even to this day, being the only place in this County that glories in an uninterrupted succession of its owners for so long a tract of time; and till the reign of King *Henry* 3. was their principall seat (though their possessions in other

b *Domel. lib.*

Counties

Counties were very large) whence alſo they were denominated; but afterwards fixing at **Shirley** in **Derbyſhire**, they aſsumed their ſirname of that place, which hath ever ſince been appropriated to this antient Family.

But of this *Saſuualo*, whoſe name argues him to have been of the Old Engliſh ſtock, as ſome think, I have not much to ſay, conſidering that we have ſo little light of Hiſtory, and nothing of Record for other diſcovery, farther than the generall Survey before mentioned, and the Regiſters of **Abingdon** and **Kenilworth**; the one [c] of which teſtifieth that he gave the Tithes of **Hilceſlete** to the Monks of **Abingdon**, and the other that he founded the Church here at **Eatendon**; for it plainly appears [d] that he endowed it at its Dedication: But I do conclude that he was an eminent perſon, foraſmuch as he did not only poſſeſs [e] this great Lordſhip, but alſo **Eſchmerth** in **Northamptonſhire**, part of **Wintenai** in **Lincolnſhire**, with **Yatun**, **Hoga**, and **Etewell** in **Derbyſhire**. For as moſt of the Engliſh were totally bereft of their antient patrimony, ſo few of them were permitted to enjoy any more than a part thereof, and to hold the ſame by military, or other ſervice from their new Lords (as in my Introduction is manifeſted) And if I may gueſſe at his greatneſſe by the extent of his eſtate, which we ſee amounted to *xvii.* hides in this place, I muſt conclude him to have been no leſſe than a Thane in the Saxons time, when not much more than five hides of land, as the learned *Selden* obſerves, [f] was the eſtate of ſome which had that dignity. But leaving this worthy perſon (in regard that at ſo great a diſtance no more can be diſcerned of him) I come to *Henry*, his ſon [g], who was a witneſſe [h] to the foundation Charter of **Nerevale** Abby (made by *Robert de Ferrers*, granchild to the before ſpecifyed *Henry*) in K. *Steph.* time: as alſo a devout Benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; for by the conſent of *Robert* Earl *Ferrers* (his Lord) and for the good eſtate of him the ſaid Earl, his wife and ſons; as alſo for the remiſſion of his own ſins, and the ſouls-health of his Anceſtors, ſucceſſors, parents and freinds, he gave [i] them the Church of this place, with all the Glebe and Tithes thereto belonging: which grant of his was confirmed [k] by the ſaid Earl; but dyed without iſſue, as it ſeems; for plain it is, that *Henry* the ſon to his brother *Fulcher* ſucceeded [l] him in the inheritance, and conferred [m] on the Monks of **Bilſwas** the land of **Ivenhoe**: Which *Henry*, though he had iſſue [n] *Fulcher*, yet conſtituted his younger brother, *Sewall*, his heir, *de Baroniis Fulcheri & Henrici* (*id eſt* of the lands of his father and uncle) by Fine [o] in the Court of *Will.* Earl *Ferrers* his ſuperior Lord, levied in 4 *R.* 1. and perhaps by the power of that great Earl, as more favouring *Sewall*: which Baronies extended to nine Knights Fees, whereof 4. belonged to *Fulcher* his father, and 5. to the before ſpecifyed *Henry* his Uncle, as the red Book [p] in the Exchequer teſtifieth.

This *Saunaldus*, or *Sewallus*, (for he is both wayes written) being a Knight [q], and by reaſon of his reſidence here called [r] *Sewallus de Etendon*, did [s] not only diſclaim and remit to the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth** all his intereſt that he had in the patronage of this Church; but for the health of his ſoul, and of the ſoules of his two wives, gave [t] thereunto a certain peice of ground called **Dodecrofth**, containing 18 acres; and another of *x.* acres lying in **Over-Eatendon**: as alſo 3. acres of land adjoyning to the ſaid **Dodecrofte**. To the Canons of **Derley** in **Derbyſhire** he gave [u] certain lands called **Aldewerch**; and to the Monks of **Tutbury** two parts of **Hoga** (now called **Hoton**) in that County. To which *Sewall* ſucceeded *Henry* his ſon and heir, called *Henricus filius Sewalli*, who attended [x] *William* Earl *Ferrers* in the Kings Army, when he ſailed into **Poictou**, which was (as I take [*] it) in 4 *Joh.* And in 7 *Joh.* by virtue of the Kings Precept [y] had livery made to him of the Mannour of **Edneſoure** in **Derbyſhire**, whereof he had been diſſeiſed during his abſence in that voyage, as it ſeems. This *Henry* likewiſe erected [z] an Altar, dedicated to S. *Nicholas*, in the Church here at **Eatendon**, and gave [a] divers particular parcells of land thereto, for the maintenance of a Chantry Preiſt to celebrate divine ſervice thereat, for the health of his own ſoul, and the ſoules of his wives, as alſo of his childrens ſouls every day except on Thurſdayes, and the Feaſt day of S. *Nicholas*; on which day the ſaid Preiſt was particularly to celebrate to that Saint. And in augmentation of the maintenance for the ſaid Prieſt, he gave [b] the tithe of the Toll of his Mill here, and an annuity of 5ˢ. whereof 4ˢ was to be received by the Preiſt for his own uſe, and *xii*ᵈ for the Lampe in the ſaid Church of **Eatendon**; reſerving power for himſelfe and his heirs to preſent to the ſaid Chantry, as often as by death it ſhould become void.

To him ſucceeded [c] *Sewallus*, commonly called *Sewallus filius Henrici*, who was a Knight [d], but dyed [e] before the 44 of *H.* 3. And to him *James* [f] his ſon and heir, the firſt of this family that aſſumed the ſirname of *Shirley*; for by that appellation he had **Free-warren** granted [g] to him in all his demeſn lands, as well at **Shirley** in **Derbyſhire** 31 *H.* 3. as in 39 of the ſame Kings reign, here [h] at **Eatendon** in this County. Which *James* being afterwards a [i] Kuight, had iſſue *Raph* his ſon and heir, who in 7 *E.* 1. held [k] this Mannour of *Edm.* Earl of **Lanc.** the Kings brother, by the ſervice of two Knights fees, having at that time three carucates of land in demeſn, here; and *xii.* Tenants holding ſeveral proportions by ſundry ſervices: As alſo divers Freeholders. The ſame year he was Shiriff [l] of the Counties of **Nottingham** and **Derby**. In 9 *E.* 1. being preſented before the Juſtices Itinerant, becauſe, being of full age, and holding a whole Knights fee, he was not a Knight, he procured [m] the Kings Letters Pat. as to the reſpiting thereof for five years: And in 22 *E.* 1. upon the grant made to the King in Parliament of a Subſidy for the ſupport of his warrs, was, with *Thomas de Garſhale* conſtituted [n] a Commiſſioner for the aſſeſſing and collecting thereof within this County. In 28 *E.* 1. he had the cuſtody [o] of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Stafford**, with the Caſtle of **Shrewſbury** committed to his charge. In 29 *E.* 1. he had ſummons [p] with divers other great men, to attend the King at **Barwick** upon **Twede** on the Feaſt day of St. *John Baptiſt's Nativity*, well appointed with Horſe and Armes to march againſt the Scots.

Saſuualo

c *Regiſt. de Abend. in Bibl. Cott. f.* 40.

d *Regiſt. de Abin. p.* 166

e *Domeſd.*

f *Cott. of Honour p.* 2. *p.* 5. §. 4

g *Pat. P.* 5 *Joh. Not. & Derb.*

h *Autog. penès Ric. Camberlain.*

i *Regiſt. de Ken.* f. 164.

k *Inq. per. Mich. penès S. Roper.*

l *Cart. Antiq. n.* 20.

m *Ex exemplar. Remembr. penès R.*

n *Pat.* 1 *E.* 1. *m.* 6. *in ced.*

o *Claus.* 1 *E.* 1. *m.* 8.

p *Lib. f.* 106. *a*

q *Reg. de Kenil. f.* 166.

r *Lib. f.* 163.

s *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Shirley *Bar.*

t *Cart.* 57 H. 3. *m.* 26.

u *Ex Regiſt. de Tutb. penès* Henr. Agard *eq. aur.*

x *Claus.* 7 Joh. *m.* 8.

y *Claus.* 7 Joh. *m.* 8.

z *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 165. 166.

a *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 165. 166.

b *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 165. 166.

c *F. de div. Com. levat. menſ. P.* 31 H. 3.

d *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Shirley *Bar.*

e *Plac. de an.* 44 H. 3 *rot.* 6.

f *F. de div. com. ut ſupra.*

g *Cart.* 31 H. 3. *m.* 11.

h *Claus. Vaſc.* 39 H. 3. *m.* 2.

i *Ex autog. penès eund.* R. Shirley.

k *Inq. per.* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 106 *a*

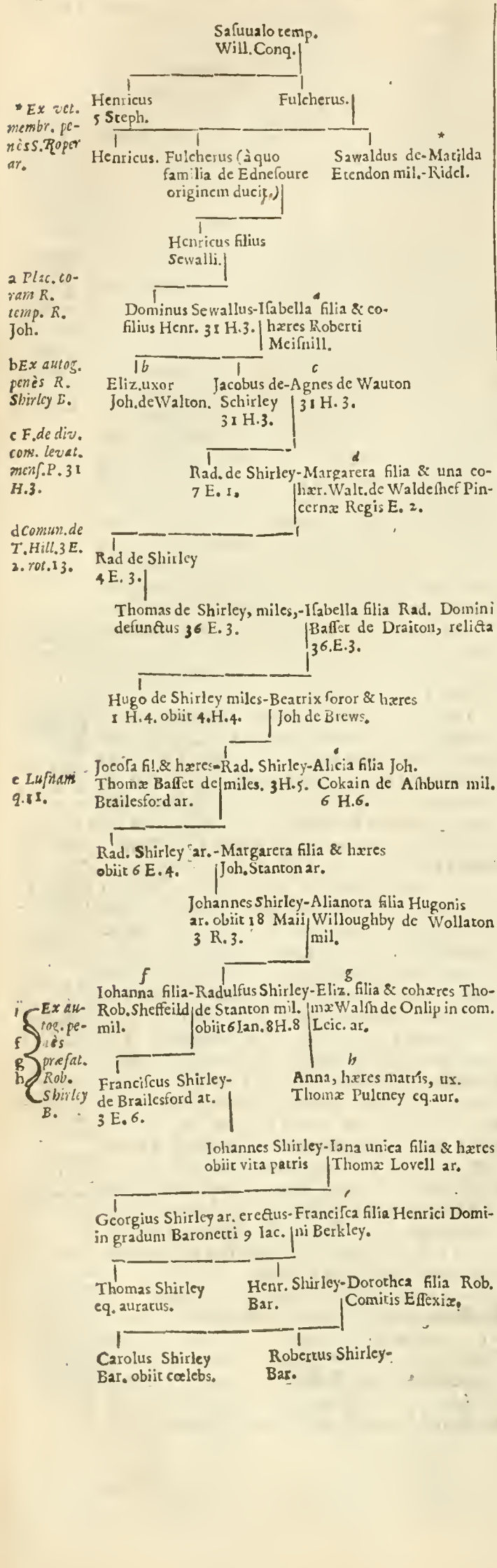
l *Com. de T. Mich.* 7 E. 1. *rot.* 1.

m *Plac. apud* Derb. *coram Juſtic. Itin.* 9 E. 1.

n *Pat.* 22 E. 1. *m.* 2. *in ced.*

o *Com. de T. Mich.* 28 E. 1. *rot.* 9.

p *Claus.* 29 E. 1. *in d. m.* 13.



* *Ex vet. membr. penès S. Roper ar.*

a *Plac. coram R. temp. R. Joh.*

b *Ex autog. penès R. Shirley E.*

c *F. de div. com. levat. menſ. P. 31 H. 3.*

d *Comun. de T. Hill. 3 E. 2. rot. 13.*

e *Luſnam q. 11.*

i, f, g, h *Ex autog. penès præfat. Rob. Shirley B.*

In 3 E. 2. he was conſtituted [q] one of the two Juſtices in this County for the Goal delivery at **Warwick**: And in 5. E. 2. ſerved as a K[t] for this ſhire in two Parliaments, the one [r] held at **London**, and the other [ſ] at **Weſtm.**

Being one of the Coroners in this County (an office of great note in thoſe days, as I have elſewhere intimated,) he had, through want of health, a diſcharge [t] from that employment in 6 E. 2. but in 8 E. 2. was Governour [u] of **Hozeſton** Caſtle in **Derbyſhire**; and in 16 E. 2. one [w] of the Commiſſioners in this County for levying a *xv*[th]. In 17 in [x] the liſt of thoſe Knights and men at Arms whoſe names were then certifyed into the Chancery: and in 20 E. 2. departed, [y] this life, leaving *Raph* his ſon and heir, who having been in [z] Commiſſion for the aſſeſſing and collecting a xv[th] and x[th] granted in the Parl. of 11 E. 3. was in 12 E. 3. appointed [a] to aſſeſs and collect the Scutage then due to the King for the Scotch expedition in the firſt year of his reign: and in 14 E. 3. ſerved [b] in the Parl. then holden at **Weſtm.** as one of the Knights for this ſhire.

To which *Raph* ſucceeded S[r] *Thomas Shirley* K[t] of whom I find nothing memorable but his death, which hapned [c] before the 36 of *E.* 3. and that by *Iſabell* his wife, he left iſſue *Hugh*, who being a Knight in 1 *H.* 4. and the ſame year (by Pat. [d] dated at **Weſtm.** 20 *Martii*) made Maſter of the Kings Hawks of all ſorts, was a Juſtice of Peace in this County in [e] 2 H. 4. and the next enſuing year conſtituted [f] one of the Commiſſioners to enquire of ſuch perſons as were diſturbers of the Laws and ſpreaders of falſe reports. Upon this *Hugh* and the heirs male of his body, did the laſt Lord *Baſſet* of **Drayton** (his uncle by the mothers ſide; for he therein calls [g] him his nephew) in 13 *R.* 2. entail [h] all his lands, whereof he was ſeized in Fee ſimple (as the Feoffment thereupon made [i] to *Walter-Skirlaw* Biſhop of **Dureſm** and others, bearing date 16 *Jan.* manifeſteth) provided that he ſhould bear the name and Arms of *Baſſet*; with remainder to *Will. de Stafford*, brother to *Edmund* Earl *Stafford &c.* but performing not the conditions, he did not quietly enjoy them, the ſame Earl (being found heir to the reſt, through an old Entail [k] made of them by *Raph* Lord *Baſſet*, his grandfather, in 13 *E.* 3.) oppoſing him therein. Howbeit at length was there an [l] Agreement made betwixt the ſayd Earl and the ſame S[r] *Hugh*; *viz.* that S[r] *Hugh* ſhould quietly enjoy the premiſſes; but both of them being ſlain in the battel of **Shrewſbury**, 4 *H.* 4. before it could be ſealed, the difference about that matter continued betwixt their heirs, untill King *H.* 6. ſo decided it many years after, as that S[r] *Raph Shirley* Knight, ſon and heir to the before ſpecifyed S[r] *Hugh*, ſhould quietly enjoy them, according to the true meaning of that Accord; *viz.* the Mannours of **Radcliff** *ſuper* **Soze**, and **Colſton-***Baſſet in com. Nott.* **Rakdale**, **Willows**, **Radcliff** *ſuper* **Wreke**, **Barrow** *ſuper* **Soze**, and **Watton** *in com.* **Leic.** as alſo thoſe of **Weſthall** and **Eaſt-Hall** in this County; many of which remain to his deſcendants at this day.

q *Pat. 3 E. in d. m. 3.*

r *Clauſ. 5 E. 2. in d. m. 24.*

ſ *Ib. m. 1.*

t *Clauſ. 6 E. 2. m. 26.*

u *Com. 8 E. 2. rot. 4 in*

w *Pat. 11 E. 2. p. 1. m. 12.*

x *Ex Co. H. Ferrer*

y *Rot. F. 20 E. 2.*

z *Rot. F. 14 E. 3. m. 1.*

a *Ib. m. 3.*

b *Clauſ. 14 E. 2. in d. 26.*

c *Barnet 19. a*

d *Orig. 14 E. 4. bund. rot. 27.*

e *Pat. 2 H. 4. p. 2. in m. 15.*

f *Pat. 3 H. 4. p. 2. in d. 15.*

g, h, i *Ex autog. penès Rob. Shirley Bar.*

k *F. de div. com. levat. craſt. Aſc. 13 E. 3.*

l *Ex vet. membr. penès præfat. R. Shirley*

But I return: This S^r *Hugh* was made [m] cheif Warder of **Higham**-*Ferrers* Park, by *John* of *Gant* D. of **Lancaster**; and in 22 *R.* 2. Constable [n] of **Donington** Castle by *Henry* Duke of **Lanc.** (afterwards King by the name of *H.* 4) and having wedded [o] *Beatrix* sister and heir to *John de Brews* (of **West-Nesson** in **Suffer**) was slain [p] on Saturday, being the Eve of S. *Mary Magd.* 4 *H.* 4. in the battel of **Shrewsbury**, fighting on the Kings part, leaving the said *Beatrice* a Widow: of whom I find, [q] that in 9 *H.* 5. she furnisht the K. with an Esquier (by name *John Hayteley*) as also 3. Archers to serve on Horseback with him in the said Kings warrs beyond Sea, for three quarters of a year. To this S^r *Hugh* succeeded *Raph* his son [r] and heir, then xii years of age; who in 3 *H.* 5. being retained [s] to serve the King then in person with his Army in **Guyen**, with six men at Armes and xviii Archers (the famous Battail of **Agincourt** then hapning;) and the next [t] year following with viii men at Armes and xvi Archers, was honoured with the dignity of Knighthood about that time; for in 8 H. 5. being then Shiriff [u] of the Counties of **Nottingham** and **Derby**, I find him so stiled.

Unto this Sr *Raph*, and the heirs male of his body, did the Feoffees of *Raph* Lord *Basset* of **Drayton**, in 2 H. 6. release [w] all their interest in the Mannours of **Colston**-*Basset*, **Radcliff** *super* **Soze** *in com.* **Nott.** **Rakdale**, **Willows**, **Radcliff** *super* **Wreke**, **Barrow** *super* **Soze**, **Dunton**, and **Watton** *in com.* **Leic.** as also in the Mannours of **Westhalle** and **Ecchalle** in **Sheldon** in this County. After which, *viz.* in [x] 10 *H.* 6. he had his residence at **Radcliffe** *super* **Soze** above mentioned, and left issue, by [y] *Joyce* the daughter and heir to *Thomas Basset* of **Brailsford** Esq; *Raph* [z] his son and heir, who by *Margaret* [a] the daughter and heir of *John Staunton* (of **Staunton**-*Harold in com.* **Leic.**) had issue *John*, and dyed [b] on the Feast day of S. *Steph.* 6 *E.* 4. Which *John* having wedded [c] *Alianore* the daughter to Sr *Hugh Willoughby* of **Middleton** K^t dyed [d] 18 *Maii* 3 *R.* 3. leaving *Raph* his son and heir 26 years of age; who for his great valour in the battel of **Stoke** 2 *H.* 7. was made [e] a Banneret; and in 7 *H.* 7. retained [f] to serve the said King in his wars beyond Sea for one whole year, with his Custrell and Page, as also four Demilances, and *xl* Archers on foot, receiving for his said men at armes, Custrell, and Page *xviii^d per diem*; for every of the said Lances *ix^d*, and Archers *vi^d*.

This S^r *Raph* in 13 *H.* 7. for his Releif was charged [g] with 5 K^ts Fees, for his lands in **Shepey**, **Hone**, **Bradley**, **Polgrave**, and **Birch-over**, one K^ts Fee in **Brailsford**, and **Wingeworth**, and the fourth part of a Knights Fee in **Stanton**-*Harold*: and having by his Testament [h] bearing date at **Stanton**-*Harold* 2 *Jan.* 1516. 8 *H.* 8. appointed, that a thousand Masses should be sayd on the day of his burying, or shortly after, for his soul, but not assigning any certain place for his Sepulture; within four dayes after. *viz.* 6 *Jan.* dyed [i] seized of this Lordship of **Over-Eatendon**; as also of **Nether-Eatendon**, and **Newton**-*Regis* in this County; of **Rakdale**, **Willows**, **Ratcliff** *super* **Wreke**, **Whatton**, **Dunton**, **Stanton**-*Harold*, and **Boxton** *in Com.* **Leic.** **Barnham** in **Suff.** **Easter-Leeke**, and **Sutton-Bonington** in **Nottinghamshire**: as also of **Shirley**, **Brailesford**, **Cadneston**, and **Hoone** in **Derbyshire**, leaving *Francis* his son and heir within [k] age, afterwards in Ward [l] to S^r *Will. Compton* Kt. which *Francis* in *E.* 6. time resided [m] at his Mannour of **Brailesford** in **Derbyshire**, and had issue *John* his son and heir, who took to wife *Jane* the only daughter and heir of *Thomas Lovet* Esq; but dyed [n] in his fathers life time, leaving issue *George*, who inherited [o] the Mannours of **Astwell** in **Northamptonshire**, **Bottlebridge** in **Huntingdonshire**, **South-Newton** in **Oxfordshire**, and **Doxington** in **Gloucestershire**, through his mothers right.

Which *George* was created [p] Baronet 22 *Maii* 9 *Iac.* (at the very first erection of that dignity by King *James*:) and having a **Court-Leet** granted [q] to him and his heirs 23 *Martii* 16 *Jac.* whithin this Mannour, which also extended to his Tenants in **Over-Eatendon**, **Fulredy**, **Whatcote**, and **Ilmington**, in this County, left issue S^r *Henry Shirley* Baronet his son and heir, and S^r *Thomas Shirley* Knight, a great lover of learning, and especially affected to Antiquities, in the study whereof he hath attained to much Knowledge, and thereby given no small lustre to this antient and worthy Family. Which Sir *Henry* wedded the Lady *Dorothe* sister and one of the coheirs to *Robert Devereux* the last Earl of **Esser**; by whom he had issue Sir *Charles Shirley* his son and heir, who dyed unmarried, and Sir *Robert Shirley* now Lord of this Mannour; and through his mothers right inheritor of great possessions heretofore belonging to the said Earl of **Esser**.

The Church was given to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Henry*, sonne to *Sasuualo* that lived in the Conquerors time (as I have already intimated) In 6 *Joh.* upon the vacancy of the Priory of **Kenilworth**, the King presented [r] *Hugh de Wells* Archdeacon of **Wells** thereto (who was shortly after Lord [s] Chancelour.) But about the later end of King *John*'s time, *Silvester* then Bishop of **Worcester** appropriated [t] it to the said Canons, reserving a competency for maintenance of the Vicar; *scilicet* not less than C^s *per annum*: Which Appropriation was confirmed [u] by Pope *Gregory* the nineth, *an.* 1228. 12 *Henry* 3. In *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [w] at xxi. marks, the Vicars portion at that time being vi. marks and a half: but in 26 *H.* 8. I find [x] the Vicaridge rated at x *li* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* ix *s.* v *d. ob.* being then payd out of it for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

m { *Ib.* n {

o *Orig.* 27 *H.*6.*rot.*44. *Buck.*

p { *Esc.*4 H 4.*n.*12. *Hist.* T. *ip.alsc.*

q *Ex autog. penès* Th. Shirley *eq. aur.*

Esc. 4 H. 5.*n.*12.

Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.

Rot. F. 8 *l.*5.*m.*10.

Ex autog. penès ob. Shirley *B.*

Rot. in *ac. penès com.R.*

Ex autog. penès cumd. R.S.

Esc. 6 *E.* *n.*18.

Ex autog. nès cumd. .S.

*Esc.*1 H. *n.*95.

MS. in bl. Cot- n.[Clau- us *C.* 3.] 20.

*Ex autog. nès pret.*T.Shir *i.*

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*Ayloff.q.*1

i *Esc.*9.H.8

k { *Bl.f.* 8. l { *a.*

m Sampf. *f.*43.*a*

n *Lib.*5. *cedul.*

o *Esc.* 29 *Eliz. post mortem* T. Lovet.

p *Pat.*9 *Jac.*

q *Pat.* 14 *Jac.*

r *Cart.* 6 *Joh.m.*7.

s *Cart.* 7 *Joh.m.*7.

t *Reg. de Kenil.p.*93.

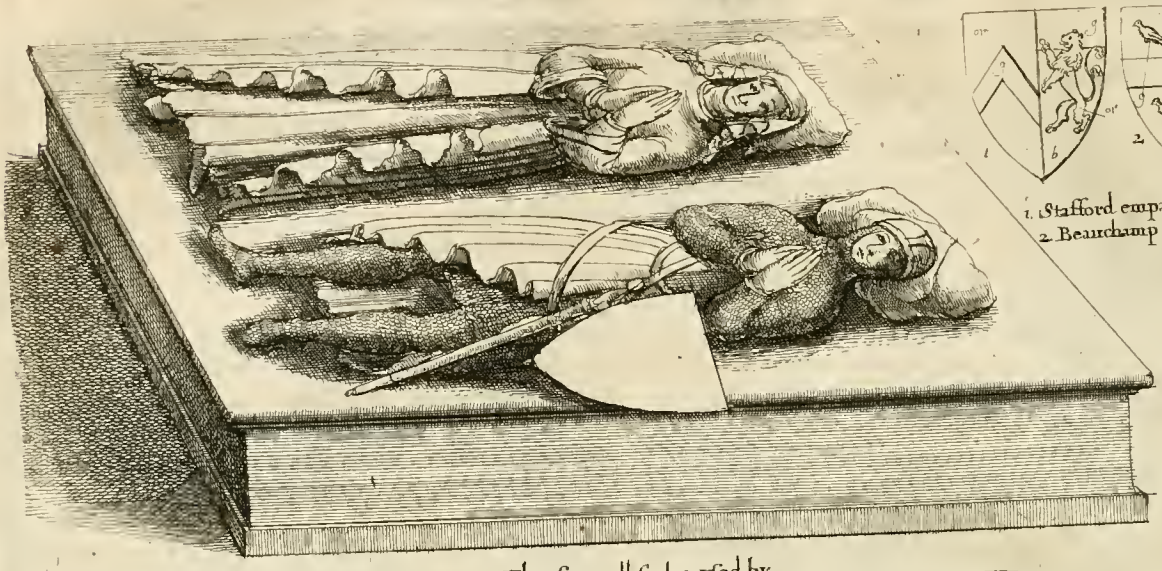
u *Regist. de Stoneley f.* 87.*b.*

w MS. *in Scac.*

x MS. *penes* S.A. *eq. aur.f.*19.*a*

Eatendon.

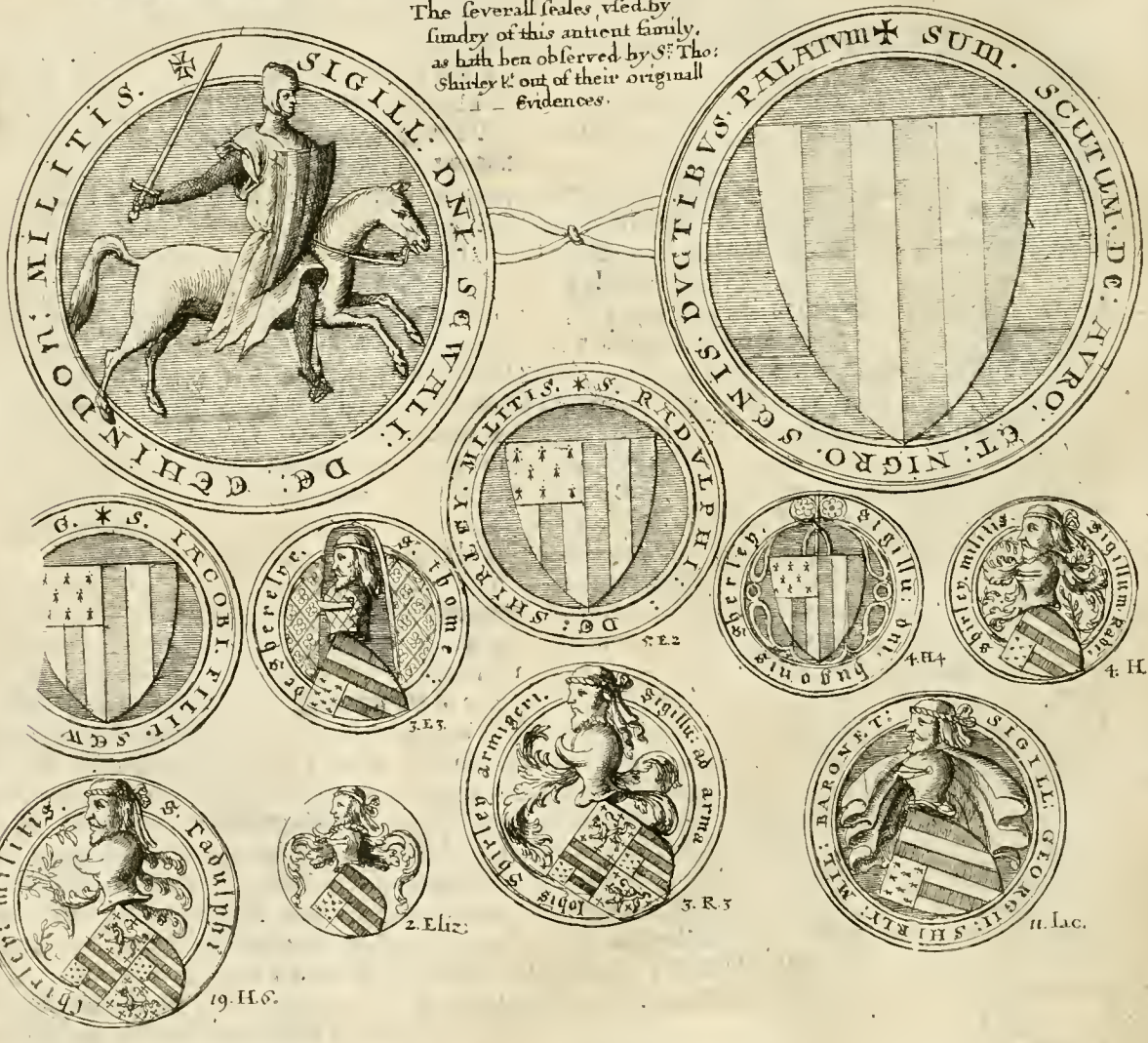
In the South Ile of the Church.



In a North Window of the Church.

1. Stafford empaling Hastings
2. Beauchamp of Powik.

The severall seales, vsed by sundry of this antient family, as hath ben observed by Sr Tho: Shirley k^t out of their originall evidences.



Patroni Vicar.	Incumbentes &c.		
Cart. 6. Ioh. n. 77.	*Ioh. Rex Angl. ratione vacat. Priorat. de Kenilworth.*	*Hugo de Wells Archidiac. Wellen.* 8 *Aug.* 6 *Ioh.*	
Giff. f. 294. b. Wolst. vol. 2. f. 56. b. Bar. f. 19. a.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Will de Ichynton* 3 *Non. Feb.* 1287. *D. Hugo de Knytcote Cap.* 4 *Feb.* 1342.	
	Pr. & C. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Isab. relictæ T. de Shirley mil.	*Adam de Kymberworth Diac.* 15 *Apr.* 1362.	
	Pr & C. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Beatricis de Shirley, relictæ Hug. de Shirley mil.	*D. Will. Robyns Pbr.* 10 *Iunii* 1405.	Cliff. f. 85
	Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	*D. Will. Bele Cap.* 16 *Nov.* 1414.	Pev. f. 70
	Pr. & C. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Iohan. Bron & Roberti Porter firmar. de Eatendon.	*D. Thomas Bantyng Pbr.* 10 *Oct.* 1438.	Bourch. f. 51. a

Prior

Carp.vol.1. f.105.a		D. Thomas Parker Cap. 3. Jan. 1452.
b.f.108.a		D. Will. Hill. Cap. 14. Martii 1452.
Carp.vol 2. f.29.a	Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	Will. Marten 12 Maii 1472.
Alc.f.133.a		D. Ric. Moore Cap. 17. Nov. 1484.
Byg. vol.2. f.122.b.		D. Jac. Smyth Cap. 6 Feb. 1515.
Heath.f.34.	Henr. Shirley ar.	Henr. Bradney Cler. 2 April. 1561.
Bul.f.98.a	. . . . .	Joh. Bursey Cler. 13. Nov. 1617.
b.f.102.b	Georgius Shirley Bar.	Joh. Price Cler. 1. Octob. 1621.

In the body of this Church be severall marble grave-stones, whereon are portraitures in brasse; *viz.* the first of a man in a gowne, with his wife, over whose heads are two coats of Armes.

1. a *Cheveron betwixt 3 trefoiles.*
2. *party per cheveron arg. and sable, 2 Morescocks, of the second, in chief.*

And at their feet a plate, with this Epitaph.

Here lyeth buried under this stone Edward Underhill sometime gentleman, of this Town, with Margaret sometime his wife; which Edward disseased this World the fift day of November an. D. MDxlvi. On whose sollys Jhesu have mercy, Amen.

On another this Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the bodyes of Thomas Underhill of this Towne Esquier, and Elizabeth his wife, who lived married together in perfect amitie above 65 years, and had issue between them xv Children; viz. xiii. sons and vii. daughters. She dyed 22 Junii An. D. 1603; and he the 6 day of October next after. Their frugality in provision for their Children, their charitable disposition to relieve the needy, and great bounty in hospitality was a pleasing spectacle to their neighbours, and may be an allaring president to their posterity. As they lived to the liking, and with the love of mortal men so they dyed in the true service and love of the immortall God. The poore, their Tenants, Neighbours and freinds will for a time bewaile the want of them; but the Angells of Heaven and Saints of God will perpetually rejoyce in the company of them: for God they feared, God they served God they loved, and to God they dyed. Their warfare in Gods Church militant in earth hath been short, but their glory in his Church Triumphant in heaven will be eternall.

Upon another marble with portraitures in brasse, whereon there are two Escocheons of *Underhills* Armes, empaling *a Cheveron betwixt three battel-Axes*, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth William Underhill of the Inner Temple of London Gentleman, of Edward Underhill Esquier second sonne; and Ursula his dearly beloved wife, youngest daughter of John Congreve of Stretton in com. Staff. Esquier, whose life was a spectacle unto all honest virtuous and obedient wives, and she dyed the xiiii^th day of May An. Dom. MDlxi. *upon whose souls Christ have mercy, Amen.*

Under their portraitures is one son and 4 daughters, whose names are there expresst; *viz. William, Dorothe, Elizabeth, Margaret, Anne.*

In the North Ile are other grave-stones with these following Epitaphs.

Here lyeth Jane Underhill daughter of Thomas Underhill of Nether-Etingdon, who dyed the sixth day of July an. Dom. 1566.

Against the North wall is a plaine monumemt of Free-stone, over which hangeth a Tablet with this Inscription.

An Epitaph and true report upon the death of Anthony Underhill, the son of Thomas Underhill of Nether-Etington, who dyed the xvi^th day of July An. dom. 1587.

Anthony Underhill *lyeth buried here in stone*
It were but vaine for to obscure his name
Though no man write the death of him alone
Yet heaven and earth will still record the same, &c.

In the South Ile is there of late erected a very beautifull monument with Corinthian pillars of Black marble, and the statue of a Lady excellently cut, lying betwixt them.

On the south side of it is this Inscription.

MEMORIÆ SACRUM.

Hic Franciſca jacet Frekeltoni nobilis Uxor,
Magnus eques bello qui Frekeltonus erat;
Si patrem quæris, Franciſce, quare Regiſtrum,
Portorum *tumulo ſubjacet ipſe meo.*
Non moritur mortis Frekeltonum vulnere nomen,
Nec Portere *tuæ gloria magna domus.*
Magna tibi, majorq́, viro, majorq́, tonanti
Gloria, qui mortis nos meminiſſe jubet.

On the other side.

EPITAPHIUM.

En Franciſca docet vivos ad ſydera palmas
Tendere dum moriens corde gemente levat.
Rapta paraxiſmis biduo moribunda ſilebat
Quæ vivens orbem ſprevit, & orbis opes.
Illa fidem Chriſti verâ pietate colebat,
Octoginta annis vixit & illa Deo.
Illa Deo moritur, poſt mortis funera vivit,
Sanctorumq; inter numina ſancta manet.

At the west end thereof.

Here lyeth Dame Frances Freckleton, *wife of a worthy Knight Sir* Ferdinando Freckleton. *Obiit Sept.* 13. 1633.

Eatendon ſuperior.

OF this Village, containing 3 hides in the Conq. time, did [y] *Turchil de Warwick* poſſeſs 1 hide, which *Ermenfridus* then held of him, having been the freehold of *Almarus* before the Norman invaſion.

[y] ſ Domeſ. [z] ſ lib.

Another did [z] at that time belong to *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill*, being then held of him by one *Baldwine*: but the third, then held of the King by *Ordric*, was waſt, and reckoned amongſt the lands of *Ric. Foreſtarius*. To this *Ric. Foreſtarius* ſucceeded *Will. Croc* (as in **Chetterton** I have ſhewed) who [a] enfeoffed *Fraricus de Biſhopeſdon* thereof, to hold by the ſervice of keeping a certain Dog: which hide, in 33 H. 3. was poſſeſt [b] by *Bardulfus de Ceſterton*, who had it in [c] marriage with the daughter of *Will. de Biſhopeſdon* (a deſcendant from the ſaid *Fraricus*.)

a, b, c, d } *Teſta de Nevill.*

After this; *viz.* in 36 H. 3. it appears [d] that the heir of *Thomas de Etindon* held the ſeventh part of a Knights Fee, here, of *Sewall de Etindon*, and he of the Earl *Ferrers*; (which ſhews, that part of **Nether-Etindon** extended into this.) And that in 7 [e] E. 1. *Henry de Brandeſton* had xx. Tenants in this Village, holding ſeverall proportions of land: As alſo, that *Thomas* the ſon of *Thomas de Etindon* had two yard land and a half in demeſn, and certain Tenants holding other lands of him by particular Rents, and divers ſervile employments, beſides ſome Freeholders: And [f] moreover *Jordanus de Pilardintone* four yard land, held of *John de Warwick*, by the ſervice of a pair of Gloves; which *John* held it over of *William le Boteler*, and he of the Earl of **Leiceſter**: But this (I believe) was part of that proportion, which *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill* had in the Conquerors time, as aboveſaid; as was that (without queſtion) which *Henry de Brandeſton* held: For in 27 E. 1 upon the death of *Hugh de Brandeſton* it is evident [g], that he had much land in this Village; whereof xii. Tenants held xii. toftes, and twelve yard land in Villenage, then valued at vi *li.* as alſo, that he the ſaid *Hugh* to held them all of *William le Boteler* of **Wemme** by the ſervice of the fourth part of a Knights Fee: And that the Progenitor of *Boteler* was enfeoft thereof, either by *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill* himſelf, or by *Robert Blanchmains* Earl of **Leiceſter**, who wedded the daughter and heir to the ſaid *Hugh* (as I have elſwhere obſerved) there can be no doubt.

e *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f.* 106. *a. &c.*

f *Ib. f.* 117. *a.*

g *Eſc* 27 E. 1. *n.* 33.

Afterwards, *viz.* in 20 E. 3. *John* Lord of **Over-Etingdon** held [h] the ſeventh part of a Kts. Fee, here, of the Earl of **Lancaſter**: From which time till 23 H. 8. I find not a ſyllable of this place worthy the taking notice of in an hiſtoricall way: But then did *Thomas Porter* poſſeſſe a good part of it, by the name of the capitall meſſuage and certain lands in **Over Etingdon**, and dyed [i] ſeized thereof; leaving *Fouk Porter* his ſon and heir within age: which *Fouk* departing [k] this life 28. *Febr.* 12 *Eliz.* left *Simon* his ſon and heir, 19. years of age.

h *Rot. penès* S. Clarke *Bar.*

i *F. levat. term. Hill.* 23 H. 8.

k *Eſc.* 12 *Eliz.*

In 4 E. 1. there was a *Chantry* founded [l] in the Chapell of our Lady within this Village, by *William de Ichington*, who gave thereunto one meſſuage, one tofte, one yard land and a half, two acres of meadow, and four marks yearly Rent with the appurtenances in **Over-Etindon** and **Newbold**, for the maintenace of a Prieſt to ſing Maſſe dayly there, for the health of his ſoul; as alſo for the ſouls of his Anceſtors, and all the faithfull deceaſed: the Ordination [m] of which *Chantry* was made xii. *Cal. Maii anno* 1316. (10 E. 2.) by the Prior & Covent of **Kenilworth**, unto whom the Church of **Etindon** *inferior* was appropriated (as I have already obſerved) upon the Petition of the ſaid *William de Ichington* the Founder, then Vicar of **Nether-Eatindon** before ſpecified, at the inſtance of *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaſter**, for the health of the ſouls of the ſaid Earl, and of his father and mother, and of Sir *Robert de Holland*; as alſo for the ſoul of the ſaid *William de Ichington*. By which Ordination it appeareth, that the ſaid Earl and his heires were to preſent thereto, ſo oft as occaſion ſhould be; but that the *Chantry* Prieſt, there celebrating, ſhould not receive any Offrings or Tithes from the Pariſhioners, nor adminiſter the Sacraments to them in prejudice of the mother Church: And that upon theſe Feſtivall days, underwritten, he ſhould repair to the ſaid mother Church (at **Nether-Eatendon**) and there celebrate divine ſervice; *viz. Chriſtmaſſe-day*, *Candlemaſſe-day*, *Palm Sunday*, *Good-friday*, *Eaſter-day*, *Aſcenſion-day*, *Whitſunday*, *Trinity-Sunday*, the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptiſt*, the *Aſſumption* of our Lady, *All-hallown-day*, and the day of the *Dedication* of the ſaid Church: And moreover that he and his ſucceſſors ſhould in the Chapter houſe at **Kenilworth** always make Oath of their fidelity to the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth** upon admiſſion thereto; as alſo to perform all and ſingular the Articles above mentioned. Which Ordination was confirmed [n] by *Walter de Maydenſton* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, with the Prior and Monks of that Church.

l *Pat.* 4 E. 2. *p.* 2. *m* 8.

m *Ex Reg. D. & Cap. Wigorn.* [*ſcil. the* White book] *f.* 97. *a.*

n *Ibid.*

To this *Chantry* did *Henry de Brandeſton* alſo give [o] viii *s.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of two meſſuages, and two yard land lying in this Village of **Over Eatendon**: So that the revenue belonging thereto in 26 H. 8. was valued [p] at vii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* the Rent of xviii *d.* *per annum*, being then payd out of it to *Francis Shirley* Eſquier: But in 37 H. 8. [q] at vii *li.* viii *s.* iv *d.* the like Rent of xviii *d.* *per annum*, being reckoned as due to *Shirley*, and xviii *d.* more payable to the Biſhop of **Worceſter** to be deducted.

o *Ex R. in offic. cat. Lar. ſub tit.* Com. Warw. 37. *a.* 7.

p *MS.* S. A. *f.* 1. *a.*

q *Ex a. M S.* penès *ed.* S. A. *f.* 1. *b.*

Fulridy.

IN the Conquerors time did the ſame *Ermenfridus*, who held one hide of land in **Over-Eatendon**, of *Turchill de Warwick*, hold of him another in this place, as appears [r] by the generall Survey, in which it is written **Fulret**: But the Progenitors of *Shirley* were antiently enfeoft thereof, as it ſeems; for in 36 H. 3. it was certified [s], that one *Robert de Fulri* held half a Knights Fee, and the ſixt part, here, of *Sewall de Etendon*; and in [t] 7 E. 1. that *John de Weſton* held it of *Raph de Shirley* by the ſervice of half a Knights Fee: Which *John* then had half a carucate of land in demeſn, and two Tenants holding certain lands by ſervile tenure, with ſome Freeholders. But after this, *viz.* in 20 E. 3. *John Dimok*, and *John Bardolf* anſwered [u] for half a Knights Fee here, held of the Earl of **Lancaſter**, and the Lord *Stafford*: Howbeit, I do not find that this was ever reputed to be a diſtinct Mannour of it ſelf, but that the Mannour of **Nether-Eatendon** did extend [w] into it; and that the Inhabitants thereof do their ſuit to the **Court-Leet** at **Nether Eatendon**, granted [x] by King *James* to Sir *George Shirley* Baronet, in 16. of his raign.

r Dom. *lib.*

s *Teſta* Nevill.

t *Inq.* H. No. *&c. f.* 1. *b.*

u *Rot. pen.* S. Clar. *Bar.*

w *Eſc.* 11. 7.

x *Pat.* Iac.

Thorndon.

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This Hamlet, long since depopulated [y], being a member [z] of **Nether-Eatendon** is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, but was poſſeſt therewith by *Shirley*'s Anceſtors; for in 36 H. 3. it appears [a], that *William de Biſſopeſdon* held three parts of a Knights Fee, here, of *Sewall de Etendon*; which argues, that *Fraricus de Biſſopeſdon*, Progenitor to the ſaid *William* (of whom in **Fulrdop** I have made mention) was firſt enfeoft thereof by the Anceſtors of the ſaid *Sewallus*. In 7 E. 1. this *William de Biſſopeſdon* (for I ſuppoſe it might be he) was Lord [b] hereof, and held it of *Raph de Etendon* (for ſo it ſeemes that *Raph de Shirley* was called, when he reſided at **Eatendon**) by the ſervice of half a Knights fee, and had two carucates of land here in demeſn, with xv. Tenants holding ſeven yard land and a half, by ſeverall Rents and ſundry ſervile imployments. But of this family of *Biſhopeſdon* I ſhall particularly ſpeak in **Biſhopeſdon**, where the deſcent is inſerted.

In 13 E. 2. *John de Biſhopeſdon* had a [c] Charter of **Free-warren** to him and his heirs in all his demeſn lands here; from whom it deſcended to Sir *William Biſhopſdon* of **Alſcote** *in Com.* **Glouc.** Kt. who in 10 H. 6. held [d] it by half a Knights Fee: which Sir *William* in 17 H. 6. entailed [e] it, with divers other lands, upon his iſſue by *Philippa* his wife, with remainder to his right heirs. After which I have ſeen no more thereof, ſave that in 18 H. 7 *Thomas Nevill* Eſquier dyed [f] ſeiz'd thereof, leaving *William* his ſon and heir 27. years of age; and that, about the later end of Queen *Eliz.* raign, *John Watſon* of **Bretforton** *in Com.* **Wigorn.** gent. (nephew to *John Watſon* Biſhop of **Winchester**) poſſeſt it; whoſe ſon ſold it to *Lewes Hobdy*, of late years.

y *Hiſt. MS. I. Rous p. 144.*
z *Nom. Vill.*
a *Teſta de Nevill.*
b *Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 107. b.*
c *Cart. 13 E. 2. n. 27.*
d *Rot. in Cac. penès Rem. R. F. de div. com. levat. a Paſch. 1 H. 6.*
e *Eſc. 19 H. 7.*
f *Cat. 34 H. 8. 4.*

Lambcote.

Of this place, originally a member of **Eatendon** *inferior*, I do find no mention till 34 H. 8. but then was it paſt [g] out of the Crown, by the name of a Mannour, and lately belonging to the diſſolved Monaſtery of **Kenilworth**, unto *Richard Andrews* Gentleman, and *Leonard Chamberlain* Eſquier, and to the heirs of *Andrews*.

g *Pat. 34 H. 8. 4.*

I Muſt now paſſe over to the Weſtern ſide of **Stoure**, to obſerve the reſt of thoſe places, which remain in this Hundred to be ſpoke of; and in ſo doing, am to skip over a long and narrow tract of land, that is part of **Worceſterſhire**, and yet wholy environ'd with this County: therefore before I go farther, it will not be amiſſe to give ſome probable reaſon (for apparent proof I have none) why this and ſuch parcells ſo encompaſſed (as is frequenly ſeen) became thus ſevered from the Counties wherein they lye; which, in ſhort, I conceive to be no more than this; *viz.* that they, being originally (I mean before the diviſion of Counties was abſolutely made and ſetled) belonging to ſome great perſon, whoſe reſidence was far diſtant; and in the old aſſeſſments rated there, continued always afterwards ſo taxt; and for that reſpect have been, and are ſtill reputed part of thoſe Shires. And that this was the firſt ground thereof, will be evident enough from the inſtances that might be given therein through ſundry parts of this Realm, as in this particular here before us; where it is cleer, that **Trednton**, with thoſe Hamlets belonging thereto, *viz.* **Tidelminton**, **Blackwelle**, and **Darlingſcote**; together with **Newbold** [h] (antiently a member thereof) were [i] parcell of the lands heretofore belonging to the Church of **Worceſter**, founded before K. *Alfred*'s time, that the condition of our Counties, as now they are, was abſolutely ſetled: As alſo **Goldſcote**, [k] and **Alder-parſton** [l] belonging to the Monaſtery of **Perſhore**, of which place 'tis moſt like they were members long before that antient Abby was erected. But all I have now to take notice of, in this Hundred, is **Ilminton**, **Whitchurch**, and **Atherſton** *ſuper* **Stoure**, with the ſmall Hamlets belonging to them.

h *Teſta de Nevill.*
i *Domeſd. lib.*
k *Teſta de Nevill.*
l *Ex autog. penès* Tho. Lucie *eq. aur.*

Ilmington.

This containing the Villages of **Compton-Scorfen**, and **Forcote**, and rated at ix. hides by the Conquerors Survey [m], whereof eight were at that time poſſeſt by the Earl of **Pellent**, and prized at xii *li.* and the odde hide by *Robert de Stadford*, valued at L. *s.* is in two places of that Record written **Ilmedone**, and in the third **Edelmitone**; ſo that whether it had the name originally from the antient owner thereof, as the later imports, or from the high ſituation, as the former doth ſeem to imply, I cannot well determine: but in [n] that part, which the Earl of **Pellent** had, there then ſtood the Church.

Of this Mannour was the Progenitor of *Robert de Harecourt* enfeoft (as it ſeems) either by the ſaid Earl of **Pellent**, or one of his deſcendants; for in 5. *Joh.* it being ſeiz'd [o] into the Kings hands amongſt [p] the reſt of thoſe lands, which belong'd to the Normans (in reſpect [q] that the Dukedome of **Normandy** was then recovered out of the poſſeſſion of King *John*, by *Philip* ſirnamed *Auguſtus*, King of **France**) xiii *li.* land thereof was given [r] by the ſaid King, to *Owen fil. Davidis*, in exchange for his land of **Ellesmere**. In that Record it is written **Illamedone**; but the next year enſuing, being extended [ſ], together with the reſt of thoſe lands, which had belong'd to the Normans, and were then ſo ſeized on, the Rent of Aſſize there, amounted unto xiv *li.* ſeting aſide the Lord's Aid and the profits of his Court: And it was then certified, that there might be maintained four Ploughs of xl. Oxen, 500. Sheep, 4. Kine, 3. Horſes, and 24. Hogs, it having been uſed to be let to ferm for xx *li.* with the like ſtock upon it. After which ſeizure King *John* beſtowed [t] it upon *Simon de Montfort* (firſt of that name) Earl of **Leiceſter**: but he being diſherited [u] and baniſhed for adhering to the French, *John de Harecourt*, a famous Baron, (ſaith my Author) [w] with the Archbiſhop of **Roan**, interceding with King H. 3. in behalf of the Earl, and making then his Claim to this Mannour, obtain'd it, by the conſent of the ſaid Earl, who had poſſeſt it ever ſince the Normans loſt their lands for their ſubjection to the above ſpecified King of **France**.

I ſuppoſe that his name was *Richard de Harecourt*, and not *John*; for by the Record [x] of 5 H. 3. it appeareth, that *Richard de Harecourt* making

m *Domeſd. lib.*
n *Ibid.*
o *Clauſ. 5 Joh. m. 14.*
p q *Lel. Coll. Vol. 1. p. 188. Recuiel des Roys de France per* I. du Tillet. *p. 159.*
r *Clauſ. ut ſupra.*
ſ *Rot. de terr. Norm. 6 Joh. m. 2.*
t *Lel. Coll. ut ſupra.*
u *Rot. penès camer. Scac. in baga de Inq. & tenuris.*
w *Lel. Coll. ut ſupra.*
x *Clauſ. 5 H. 3. m. 17.*

Fine with the King for all the lands in **England**, which belong'd unto the above specified *Robert de Harecourt* his father, and did by inheritance rightly belong to him the said *Richard*, had restitution of this Mannour by the Kings Precept dated from the Tower of **London** 6. *Jan.* that very year. Howbeit, notwithstanding this restitution to *Harecourt*, *Simon de Mountfort* Earl of **Leicester** (*scil.* the second of that name) held the possession, as it should seem; for I have seen his originall [y] Deed, whereby he granted & quit claimed *Domino Johanni filio Ricardi de Harecourt Normanni* (are the words) all his right therein, with the advouson of the Church, reserving to himself & his heirs the service of one Knights Fee, and the inheritance of the **Court-Leet**, with all other Royalties: And another [z] grant of his, whereby he passed to Sir *Peter de Montfort* and his heirs xl *li.* lands of his demesn, here, according to an indifferent and lawfull extent, together with the Mannour-house and Warren; as also all Homages, Rents, Reliefs, and free customes belonging thereunto, for the service of one Knights Fee to him the said Earl and his heirs. This *Peter de Montfort* was a great man in this County, as when I come to **Beldesert** shall appear; and had issue *Peter*, who in 56 H. 3. obtained of Sir *John de Harecourt* Knight (before specified) a full grant [a] of this Mannour to himself and his heirs, having possession thereof delivered accordingly in *May Anno* 1272. the same 56. year of K. H. 3. as also the Kings Charter [b] of confirmation bearing date 10. *Junii* following.

Which *Peter* in 7 E. 1. held [c] it of the Earl of of **Leicester** by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time 4. Carucates of land in demesn, **Free-warren**, **Court-Leet**, Gallows, and other priviledges; together with xxxix. Tenants holding 26. yard land by payment of severall Rents, and performance of certain services; as also viii. Cottiers and iv. Freeholders. From whom descended Sir *John de Mountfort* Knight, who in E. 3. time wedded *Joan* the daughter and heir to Sir *John de Clinton* of **Colshill**, as by the descent in **Beldesert** will appear: And from him Sir *Baldwin*, who in H. 6. time had great suits with Sir *Edmund* his brother, by the Fathers side, touching the title to this Lordship, which the same Sir *Edmund*, in disherison of Sir *Baldwin*, endeavoured to hold; the Story whereof I have set forth in **Colshill**, in regard that Mannour was then in question upon the same title. But the last of the *Montforts*, that possest this Lordship, was Sir *Symon*, son and heir to the above specified Sir *Baldwin*; who being attainted in 11 H. 7. (as in **Colshill** I shall also shew) the inheritance thereof, *inter alia*, eschaeting to the Crown, was by the said King 1. *Dec.* 12 H. 7. bestowed [d] on Sir *Reginald Bray* Knight (a great favourite in those days,) who dying without issue, *Margerie* the onely child of his brother *John*, wife to Sir *William Sands* Knight, became his next [e] heir: Which Sir *William* (afterwards Lord *Sandes*) did his [f] homage for the same in 31 *H.* 8. But it continued not long in the family of *Sandes*; for *Thomas* Lord *Sandes*, son and heir to *William*, past [g] it away to *Thomas Andrews* Esquire, since which time I have seen no more of it.

The Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) was in *anno* 1291. (19. E. 1.) valued [h] at xxx. marks, (there being at that time a portion of r. mark, issuing out of it to the Monastery of **Evesham**:) but in [i] 26 H. 8. at xxx *li.* out of which the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* payd, amounted to x *s.* v *d. ob.* and the yearly *Pension* to the said Monastery of **Evesham** vi *s.* viii *d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Hugo de Vienna* 5. *Id. Dec.* 1270.	*Giff. f.* 32
D. Joh. de Monteforti.	*Will. de Monteforti* 8. *Cal. Apr.* 1290.	*Ib f.* 329
	Henr. de Astede Subdiac. 12. *Cal. Aug.* 1295.	*Ib. f.* 293
	Petrus de Monteforti Cler. 18. *Cal. Iulii* 1312.	*Ren. f.* 53.
D. Petrus de Monteforti miles.	*D. Joh. Anneys Cap.* 3. *Non. Oct.* 1320.	*Cob. f.* 22.
	D. Ric. le Archer Pbr. 8. *Cal. Martii* 1323.	*Ib. f.* 34.
	D. Ric. de Budeford Pbr. 5. *Apr.* 1357.	*Br. vol.* 1 22. *a.*
	Will. de Monteforti Cler. 13. *Junii* 1368.	*Wit. f.* 24.
D. Will. Mountfort miles.	*D. Joh. Hathewey Pbr.* 26. *Sept.* 1431.	*Pult. f.* 9 *a*
	Ric. de Mountfort Diac. 13. *Oct.* 1433.	*S. Germ* 245. *a.*
Simon Mountfort miles.	*Joh. Frysby S. Theol. D.* 5. *Oct.* 1467.	*Carp. vol.* *f.* 213. *b.*
	D. Oliverus Alwode ult. Martii 1474.	*Carp. vol.* *f.* 50. *b.*
	D. Joh. Menske Pbr. 19. *Nov.* 1492.	*Mort. f.* *b.*
Will. Sandys miles & D. Margeria ux. ejus.	*Nich. Hall. Cap.* 7. *Apr.* 1528.	*Jeron f.* *a.*
Eliz. Angl. Regina.	*Augustinus Walker Cler.* 22. *Nov.* 1586.	*Bul. f.*



Compton-

[y] *Penès* Sim. Montfort *ar.*
[z] *Penès* Sim. Montfort *ar.*
[a] *Ex autog. penès* Sim. Mountfort
[b] *Cart.* 56 H. 3. *m.* 3.
[c] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *&c. f.* 122; *b. &c.*
[d] *Pat.* 12 H 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 14
[e] *Bill. sign. de an.* 19 H 7.
[f] *pasch. Rec.* 31 H. 8. *ro.* 5.
[g] *F. levat. T. Pasch. E.* 6.
[h] *M S. in Scac.*
[i] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 19.

Compton-Scorfen.

THis, as all other **Comptons** taking its name from the situation thereof, in a deep narrow Valley (as I have elsewhere observed) being possest by *Robert de Stadford* in the Conquerors time, was then certified [k] to contain six hides, five whereof *Warinus* then held, which were valued at C *s.* and the sixt *Aluinus*, then rated at x *s.* In the generall Survey it is in one place written *parva* **Contone**, and in the other **Contone** without any distinction at all. Howbeit, after this till 36 H. 3. I do not directly find who was owner of it; but then did *Robert de Haleford* answer [l] for half a Knights Fee, which he held here of *Roger le Poer*, and he of *Ernald de Bois*, and he of the Lord *Stafford*; in which Record [m] it is called **Hethin-Compton**. After this, *viz.* in 7 E. 1. it had the name [n] of **Scorfen** added thereto, at which time *Robertus filius Petri* was Lord thereof, and held [o] it of *Thomas de Stoke*, *Jordan Cathelewe* and *Felicia* his wife, by the service of half a Knights Fee *de parvo feodo Stafford*, as the Record hath it; having at that time three yard land in demesn, and three Tenants holding certain lands by payment of sundry Rents, and performance of severall base services.

I am of opinion that this *Peter* abovementioned, father to the said *Robert*, was sirnamed *de Valle*; for clear it is that the Family of that name, whose principall seat was at **Lodinton** (neer **Stratford**) were owners of this place from E. 1. time till 34 E. 3. and that [p] *Peter de Valle* in this County *temp.* H. 3. who preceded the same *Robert*, had first to do here, is also apparent, which makes it the more likely. Which *Robert de Valle* possest it in [q] 9 E. 2. being afterwards a Knight, and so was *Robert* his son and heir (as in **Lodinton** is shewed) Which *Robert* the younger having issue *John* that died childlesse, *John Burdet* of **Arrow**, and *John Norrys* (who were his sisters sons, as the descent in **Lodinton** manifesteth) became [r] his heirs: But the direct time when partition was made of the lands, which descended to these coheirs, I have not seen: howbeit certain it is, that this Mannour was allotted to *Burdet*; for the Entail [s] made by *Thomas Burdet* Esquier, *temp.* E. 4. doth shew, that he was solely seized of it: After whose attainder *Margaret* his widow had restitution thereof [t] by force of that entail; and so it descended and continued to his posterity, till *Robert Burdet* of **Bramcote** (in this County) his great grandson, by his [u] Deed bearing date *ult. Sept.* 37 H. 8. in consideration of 1300 *li.* sold it to *William Sheldon* of **Weston** in this County, and *Robert Palmer* of **Curton** *in Com. Glouc.* Yeoman.

k Domesd. fol.

l Testa de N.

m Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 102. b.

n Pat. 11 E. 3. in d.

o Com. Vill.

p 7. 36 E. 3. n. 63.

q Cust. 16 E. 2. in d.

r Cust. 17 E. 2. m. 13.

s Autog. penes W. Sheldon Arm.

Foxcote.

THis, having been antiently a member [w] of **Ilmindon**, and possest therewith by *Peter de Montfort* in 7 E. 1. (before which time I have not seen it named in Record) was then held [x] by the same tenure; all the Tenants which the said *Peter* had here, being ix. in number, holding 8. yard land of him by certain Rents, and severall base services; doing their suit twice a year at the **Court-Leet** held for the Honour of **Leicester**. In which Family it continued a great while; for Sir *William Montfort* of **Colshill** possest [y] it in 10 H. 6. but it hath been long depopulated [z].

w Rot. de Oblat. & Fin. 7 E. 1. m. 3.

x Rot. Hundr. penes Rem. R.

y Hist MS. I. Rous p. 144.

Whitchurch.

THis containing the Hamlets of **Crimscote**, **Wimpston**, and **Broghton**, was in the Conquerors time reputed for two Mannours, and possest by the Earl of **Pellent**; the extent thereof by the generall Survey then made, being certified at seven hides, where it is written **Witecerce**, having two Mills and a Church, and the value of all rated at viii *li.* x *s.*

That this was part of that which *Henry de Newburgh* (the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, and brother to the said E. of **Pellent**) had of that Earl's lands, is not to be doubted, forasmuch as 'tis plain, that the Ancestor of *Peter de Montfort* became enfeoft thereof in H. 1. time, it being questionlesse part of those x. Knights Fees and a fourth part, which *Thurstane de Montfort* in 12 H. 2. certified [a], that he then held of *William* Earl of **Warwick** *de veteri feoffamento*; for in 20 H. 3. the said *Peter de Montfort* held [b] it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of one Knights Fee. After which, *viz.* in 32 H. 3. there being some difference betwixt the beforespecified *Peter* and *Simon de Montfort* Earl of **Leicester**, then Lord of **Ilmendon** (whereof I have lately spoke) touching the bounds of each Mannour, the King directed his Precept [c] to the Shiriff of this County to cause perambulation to be made there, betwixt them: Whereupon in 34. H. 3. this *Peter* obtained a Charter [d] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here: but being slain in the battaill of **Evesham** *anno* 49 H. 3. fighting against the King, this (with the rest of his lands) was seized [e] on: which, nevertheless, by the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** came to *Peter* his son; who in 7 E. 1. held [f] it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of one Knights fee, having four carucates of land in demesn, as also divers Tenants holding severall proportions by certain Rents and servile imployments; together with a **Court-Leet**, and **Free-warren**. Which *Peter* in 13 E. 1. exhibited his claim [g] for those priviledges, and likewise for a Gallows, with Assize of Bread and Beer; producing King H. 3. Charter for the **Free-warren** manifesting that himself and his Ancestors had enjoyed all the rest of those immunities time out of mind, and had allowance of them accordingly.

a Lib Rub. f. 104. a.

b Testa de Nevill.

c Clauf. 32 H. 3. in d.

d Ex autog. penes Sim. Mountfort ar.

e Esc. 50 H. 3.

f Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 123. b.

g Rot de Quo W.

To this *Peter* succeeded *John*, and to him *Peter* (as in **Beldesert** is shewed) which last mentioned *Peter*, in 20 E. 2. entailed [h] it, with other lands, upon *John de Montfort* his son by *Lora de Illenhale* (a Concubine.) Other Entails do I also find thereof; *viz.* [i] on *Guy de Montfort* (the legitimate son to the said *Peter*) and *Margaret* his wife, daughter to *Tho. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and the heirs of the body of the same *Guy* begotten on her the said *Margaret*; and for lack of such issue on the said *Thomas* E. of **Warwick**, and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of the said Earl. Which *Guy* departing this life without Children (as in **Beldesert** shall likewise be shewed) the said Earl in 35 E. 3. entailed [k] it again; as also divers other Lordships in this and other Counties upon *Thomas*

h F. levat. Oct. Mich. 20 E. 2.

i F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Hill. 22 E. 3. Record. xv. P. 23 E. 3.

k F. de div. Com. levat. 3. Sept. Mich. 35 E. 3.

Thomas Beauchamp his eldeſt ſon, with ſeverall remainders: But notwithſtanding all this, the heirs generall of *John de Montfort* (father of the laſt recited *Peter*.) *ſcil.* Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, and Sir *Thomas Boteler* Knights, recovered [l] it, with other lands, by a writ of *Formedone*, through the advantage of a preceding [m] Entail; but making partition betwixt them in 9 R. 2. as coſins and heirs to Sir *Peter de Montfort*, it was allotted [n] to *Boteler*; whoſe heirs, at length, marrying to *Norbury* and *Belknap* (as the deſcent in **Giff** ſheweth) and their lands thereupon divided betwixt Sir *John Norbury* Knight, and *Edward Belknap* Eſquier, this Mannour (*inter alia*) was in 13. H. 7. allotted [o] to him the ſaid *Edward*, who made much depopulation and incloſure here: but being one of the Eſquiers to the body of *Henry* 7. in 24. of that Kings raign, obtained a Pardon [p] for the ſame; and afterwards, *viz.* in 4 H. 8. paſt [q] it away with other lands, in exchange, unto *John Cotes* of **Honingham** in this County: From whom it came to *Anthony Cotes* of **Beneſcello** *in Com. Northampt.* Eſquier; which *Anthony* in 25. H. 8. depopulated the [r] Capitall Meſſuage and incloſed C. acres of land there; and in 1. & 2. *Ph. & M.* levied a Fine [s] thereof to *Thomas Gibbons*.

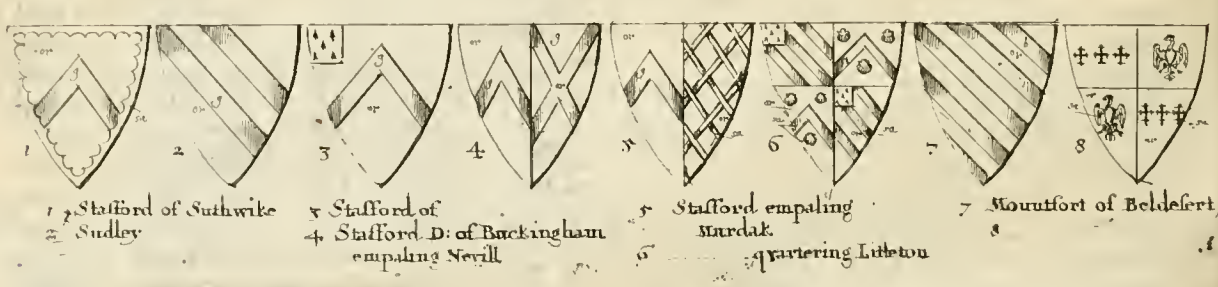
The Church *in anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued [t] at xxv. marks; and in 26 H. 8. at [u] xxi *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* the *Procurations* and *Synodalls* being ix *s.* v *d. ob.*

l *Plac. de B.* 5 H. 5. *rot.* 395.
m F. *Livat. xv. Paſch.* 14 E. 1.
n *Pat.* 6 H. 8. *p.* 2. *per Inſp.*
o *Clauſ.* 13 H. 7.
p *Pat.* 24 H. 7. *P.* 1. *m.* 17.
q Manwaring *q.* 17.
r *Inq. ſuper depop.* 3 E. 6.
s *Term.* H. 1. & 2. *Ph. & M.*
t *MS. in Scac.*
u *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.* f. 19. *a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Giff. f. 390. *a.* *D. Joh. de Monteforti miles.*	*Will. de la Plaunch Cler. craſt. Purif. b. M.* 1293.	
Ib. f. 420. *b.* *D. Alicia de Monteforti.*	*D. Walt. de la Plaunche* 7. *Cal. Jan.* 1297.	
Ib. f. 441. *b.*	*Will. de la Plaunch Accol.* 19. *Cal. Feb.* 1298.	
	Will. de Stodley Pbr. 18. *Feb.* 1336.	*Mont. f.* 2 *b.*
D. Petrus de Monteforti miles.	*Ric. de Budeford Pbr.* 25. *Aug.* 1349.	*S. Germ.* 128, *a.*
	Adam Alreſhawe Accol. 5. *Apr.* 1357.	*Br. vol.* 1. 22. *a.*
Thomas Comes Warwici.	*Rog. de Tangeley Cap.* 7. *Junii* 1382.	*Wak. f.* 31
D. Tho. Boteler miles Dominus de Suydley.	*D. Thomas Knyzt Pbr.* 25. *Junii* 1392.	*Ib. f.* 97. *a*
Will. Boteler ar.	*Magr. Regin. Povy* 26. *Sept.* 1410.	*Pov. f.* 2
Rob. Fuyſchell, & Joh. Eburton ſen.	*Joh. Eburton Cler. penult. Feb.* 1415.	*Ib. f.* 75.
Alicia nuper ux. Will. Boteler mil.	*Joh. Balle* 20. *Jan.* 1419.	*Morg. v* 2. *f.* 7. *b.*
	D. Joh. Smith Cap. 23. *Julii* 1420.	*Ib. f.* 14
D. Walt. Taylboys Dominus de Kyma.	*D. Rog. Bealfitz* 1. *Dec.* 1442.	*Bourch.* 81. *b.*
. . . . .	*D. Steph. Ruſſell Cap.* 4. *Maii* 1443.	*Ib. f.* 92
. . . . .	*Joh. Elys* 20. *Martii* 1451.	*Carp.* 2. *f.* 100
Rad. Boteler miles Dominus de Sudley.	*Thomas Thornton in S. Theol. Scholar.* 9. *Febr.* 1460.	*Ib. f.* 1
	D. Will. Thommes Cap. 4. *Junii* 1462.	*Ib. f.* 1
Edw. Belknap. ar.	*Will. Urmeſton Pbr.* 6. *Nov.* 1493.	*Mort.* 5. *a.*
	D. Will. Cokkes Prior de Erdbury 15. *Julii* 1504.	*Gyg.* 2. *b.*
Edw. Wotton miles, Maria Danet vidua Anth. Cook ar.	*Magr. Rob. Serle S. Theol. Bacc.* 16. *Jan.* 1539.	*Bell. f.*
Rob. Brook ar. & Tho. Callow gen. ex conceſſ. Anth. Cook mil.	*Nich. Underhill* 19. *Junii* 1571.	*Bul. f.*

Whitchurch.

Armes in the windows of the Church.



Crimſcote.

OF this place is there no particular mention in the Conquerors Survey; neither have I ſeen any thing thereof till 7 E. 1. at which time *Peter de Montfort* held [w] it, with **Whitchurch** (whereof originally it was a member, without queſtion,) having divers Tenants, holding their lands by performance of ſundry ſervile employments, and ſome ſmall Rents, together with certain Freeholders: with which Lordſhip it came to Sir *Edward Belknap*, who poſſeſt [x] it in 1 E. 6. As for the name, I am of opinion that it firſt proceeded from ſome antient Inhabitant here, in the Saxons time, though antiently it be written in a various manner; *ſcil.* **Henermarcote**, **Hilmeſcote**, **Hirmiſcote**, and **Henempſcote**; but of its Owners I can ſay no more.

w *Inq. per H. Not. &c. f.* 123. *b. &c.*
x *Eſc.* 1 E. 6.

Wimpſton.

THis being alſo a member [y] of **Whitchurch**, and poſſeſt [z] by the Family of *Mountfort*, therewith, was heretofore written **Wilmeton**, **Wilmeſton**, and **Wilmpſton**; and yet is reputed as part of that Mannour.

y *Nc. Vill.*
z *In. H. Not. &c.* 12 *b. C.*

Broughton.

THis Hamlet, antiently written **Brocton**, and ſo called by reaſon of its ſituation neer the **Stoure**, which paſſeth on the Weſtern ſide thereof, was originally a member of **Whitchurch**, as may be inferred from the Roll [a] of 20 E. 3. howbeit till [b] 6 E. 2. I have not found any mention thereof;

a *pe's S Clare Bar*
b E. 6 E. 2. *n.* 95.

thereof; but then did *John de Whitehurch* hold lands here to the value of x *li.* And in 8. E. 3. Sir *Robert de Vale* Knight, poſſeſſing it (with **Compton-Scorfen**) entailed [c] it upon *John* his ſon and heir, who had his reſidence here, and dyed [d] ſeized of it in 36 E. 3. leaving *John Burdet* and *John Norrys* his coſins and heirs, as in **Ludinton** may be ſeen: To which family of *Burdet* it continued till 10 H. 8. that Sir *John Burdet* Knight, paſt [e] it away to *George Throkmorton* Eſquire and others.

[c] *levat. Mich.* 8 E.
[d] 36 E. 3. *n.* 63.
[e] *levat. T. Mich.* 10 H.

Atherſton ſuper Stoure.

THis place ſtanding a little lower, and on the ſame ſide of the **Stoure**, hath that diſtinction, *ſcil.* from the ſaid River, by reaſon that there is another town called **Atherſton** on the North part of the County. And being one of thoſe towns which *Odo* Biſhop of **Baſeur** had of (his half brother) the Conquerors gift in this Shire, was by the generall Survey [f], then taken, certified to contain 4. hides, and to be held of the ſaid Biſhop by one *Corbin*, having a Church; as alſo a Mill which yielded x *s.* and x. ſticks of Eeles; but the whole valued at iv *li.* In that [g] Record it is written **Edzeceſtone**, which ſhews that it had its originall denomination from one *Edricus* in the Saxons time.

[f] Domeſd. *lay lib.*

It ſeems that the Anceſtor of *Raph de Ruperiis* was antiently enfeoft thereof, and by the K. 'tis like, in regard of the ſaid Biſhop's forfeiture [h]. Whether *Roger de Ruperiis* firſt enjoy'd it, I am not certain, though in King *John*'s time he had [i] it; but being a Norman he was diſpoſſeſt [k] thereof by K. H. 3. by reaſon of his adhering to the K. of **France**, and ſubjecting himſelf, with what he had in **Normandy** to his obedience: whereupon the King gave it [l] to *Godfrey de Craucumbe*; which *Godfrey* had alſo a grant [m] of it from *Raph de Ruperiis* abovementioned; who thereby reſerved to himſelf and his heirs a pair of gilt Spurs, to be paid yearly at Eaſter for all ſervices; which grant the ſaid King confirmed [n]: but there it is written **Abericheſtan**, and **Adzicheſtone**: howbeit afterwards, *ſcil.* in 32 H. 3. the King beſtowed [o] the inheritance thereof on *Geffrey de Langley* (of whom in **Pinley** I have ſpoke;) in which Charter he calls it *Eſchaeta noſtra de terris Normannorum*; making alſo mention that he had it of the ſaid *Godfrey* in exchange for **Staunſozham** in **Northumberland**.

[h] Parif. *l.* 7. &
[i] *Carta de* Nevill.
[k] *art.* 1 H. 3. *m.* 5.
[l] *per lit.* 4. *b.*
[m] 32 *f.* 5.

To this *Geffrey* ſucceeded *John de Langley*, his grandchild, in the poſſeſſion thereof; who in 7 E. 1. held [p] it of the King in *Capite* by a pair of gilt Spurrs, having at that time two carucates of land in demeſn, and ſeven Tenants holding ſeven yard land, paying ſeverall Rents and performing ſundry ſervile labours: as alſo a **Court-Leet**. But from this *John*, (by ſome private agreement, it ſeems) was it paſſed to *Geffrey de Langley*, his younger brother; for the ſaid *Geffrey*, being poſſeſt thereof in 15 E. 1. and impleaded [q] for certain lands here, at that time, by *Fouk de Lucy*, called [r] his ſaid brother *John* to warranty. Which *Geffrey*, being a devout man, became ſigned [s] with the Croſſe for a voyage to the *Holy Land* in 55 H. 3. In 22 E. 1. he was one [t] of the Knights of the retinue to *Edmund* Earl of **Lancaſter**; upon whom being attending at ſuch time as he agitated a Peace betwixt the then King of **France** and his brother King *Edward* of **England**, he was ſent [u] with Letters by the ſaid King of **France** to recall the Conſtable of that Realm then upon his march into **Gaſcoign** with an Army; and afterwards, returning to **England**, releaſed [w] to the Monks of **Stoneley** x *li. per annum* of that annuity of xx *li.* which had been reſerved to *Geffrey de Langley*, his father, when he granted to them the Mannour of **Staverton** in this County: whoſe deſcendants * in the male line enjoyed this Lordſhip for divers generations, *John* being the laſt of them, that I find, who at the death of *William* his father in 22 E. 4. was [x] about 13. years of age: but dyed without iſſue, leaving *Alianore* his ſiſter and heir, as it ſeems: for in 12 H. 7. it appears, that *John Clarelke* and *Alianore* his wife levied a Fine [y] of this Mannour, whereby it was conveyed to *Richard Empſon* and his heirs, with warranty againſt her the ſaid *Alianore* and her heirs. After which it came to *Thomas Morton* Eſquier, who in 37 H. 8. paſt [z] it to *Thomas Hunks*; which *T. Hunks* dyed [a] ſeized thereof in 5. & 6. *Ph. & M.* leaving *Robert* his ſon and heir of full age. To whom ſucceeded *John Hunks* Gentleman, who dying [b] ſeized of it in 1 *Eliz.* left *Urſula* his daughter and heir ſix years of age, afterwards married to *Raphe Lidkote*.

[w] *Pat.* 17 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 6. *per Inſp.*
* *Vide in* Pinley.
[x] *Eſc.* 1 R. 3.
[y] *Oct. Mart.*
[z] *F. levat. T. Paſch.* 37 H. 8.
[a] *Lib.* 2. *cedul.*
[b] *Eſc.* 19 *Eliz. de melius inquir.*

The advouſon of the Church was given [c] in K. *John*'s time to the Monks of **Tewkeſbury** by *Roger de Ruperiis*, but never appropriated to them. In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectory was valued [d] at vi. marks; ſo likewiſe in [e] 14 E. 3. but in [f] 26 H. 8. at xiii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* out of which was allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls* xii *d* and iv *s.* yearly *Penſion* to the Monks of **Tewkeſbury**.

[c] *Teſta de* Nevill.
[d] *MS. in Scac.*
[e] *Rot. de Nonis, &c.*
[f] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 19. *b.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Abbas & Conv. de Tewkeſbury.	*Will. de Dalby Accol.* 6. *Id. Jan.* 1304.	*Geyn. f.* 37. *b.*
	Mr. Rad. Turvill Cler. 11. *Cal. Jan.* 1324.	*Cob. f.* 35. *b.*
	Mr. Rob. de Southam 5. *Jan.* 1339.	*Wolſt. f.* 12. *b.*
	D. Will. de Herdewyke Cap. 13. *Aug.* 1362.	*Bar. f.* 9. *a.*
	Will. Solito 12. *Dec.* 1364.	*writ. f.* 11. *b.*
	Joh. Roſe Pbr. 8. *Aug.* 1392.	*Wak. f.* 100. *a.*
	Joh. Tymmes 28. *Sept.* 1410.	*Pey. f.* 24. *b.*
	D. Rob. Oſgodby Cap. 3. *Apr.* 1426.	*Morg. f.* 38. *a.*
	Magr. Will. Vauce 20. *Jan.* 1446.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 47. *a.*
	Thomas Compton Cap. 4. *Apr.* 1448.	*Ib. f.* 60. *b.*
	D. Rog. Kyningham Cap. 22. *Junii* 1469.	*Ib. f.* 241. *b.*
	Ric. Ferthing 24. *Dec.* 1472.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 35. *b.*
	D. Thom. Ruttur Cap. 26. *Junii* 1489.	*Mort. f.* 31. *a.*
	D. Ric. Salbrugg Cap. 24. *Martii* 1505.	*Gyg. 2. f.* 47. *a.*
Ric. Bydle Civis Wigorn. ratione conceſs. Ab. & Conv. de Tewkſbury.	*D. Rob. Skyres Pbr.* 14. *Nov.* 1545.	*Heath. f.* 9. *b.*
Joh. Turner de Atherſton gen.	*Magr. Will. Stoche in S. Theol. Bacc.* 23. *Nov.* 1581	*Bul. f.* 21. *a.*
	Tho. Wilde Cler. 20. *Feb.* 1583.	*Ib. f.* 24. *a.*

Ib. f. 85. a. *Joh. Turner & Will. Turner ejus filius.* } *Joh. Rogers Cler.* 11. *Jan.* 1608.

Ib. f. 103. b. } *Magr. Ric. Wright Cler.* 16. *Sept*, 1622.

Aylefton.

THis little Village, ſituate in the Pariſh of **Atherſton**, lyeth on the other ſide the water, and in the Conquerors time, being poſſeſt by *Nicholas Baliſtarius*, was certified [g] to contain three hides and one virgate, then valued at lx *s.* having been the freehold of *Leuricus* before the Norman invaſion: but in the generall Survey it is written **Alnodeſtone.** Shortly after which, *viz. in an.* 1095. (9. *Will. Ruſi*) *Nich. de la Pole* (whom I take to be the ſame *Nich. Baliſtarius*) gave [h] it to the Monks of S. *Peters* in **Glouceſter**, in exchange for **Plantreu** in **Devonſhire**, which *Odo fil. Gamalielis* had beſtowed on them, it being then written **Elmundeſton**; whence 'tis apparent, that the name originally proceeded from ſome antient Poſſeſſor thereof: which exchange was confirmed [i] by King H. 2. in whoſe Charter it is written **Alvodeſtone.** After which, *viz.* in 7 E. 1. it was certified [k], that the Abbot of S[t] *Peters* in **Glouceſter** held it in pure Almes of the King; and that he had here one carucate of land in demeſn, and ix. Tenants holding 8. yard land and a half under ſeverall Rents, and certain ſervile imployments. But upon the diſſolution of that Monaſtery it came to the Crown, and was by Q. *Eliz.* in 4. of her raign, granted [l] to . . . . . *Rainsford* of **Cliffoꝛd** *in Com.* **Glouc.** Eſquier, to hold in *Capite*; whoſe deſcendants do enjoy it at this day.

[l] 1 *Pat.* 4 *Eliz. p.* 2.

HAving thus perfected my view of **Kineton** Hundred, and followed the river **Stoure** till it enters the **Liberty** of **Pathlow**, which is now accounted part of **Barlichway** Hundred, I muſt aſcend to the head of thoſe petty ſtreams on the North-eaſt ſide thereof, that iſſue out of it before they fall into **Avon**; and then reſorting to **Avon**, ſo ſoon as it comes into that Liberty, follow the courſe thereof till it meet with **Stoure**, and afterwards with **Arrow**: by the guidance of which Rivers; as alſo of **Alne** that joyneth with **Arrow** at **Alceſter**, I purpoſe to obſerve whatſoever is or hath been notable within thoſe precincts. But before I begin, I ſhall firſt ſay ſomething in relation to the Hundred of **Barlichway** in particular, and likewiſe touching the **Liberty** of **Pathlow**; and then, not making any diſtinction betwixt them, proceed with the towns and Villages, as the Rivers do moſt opportunely lead me.

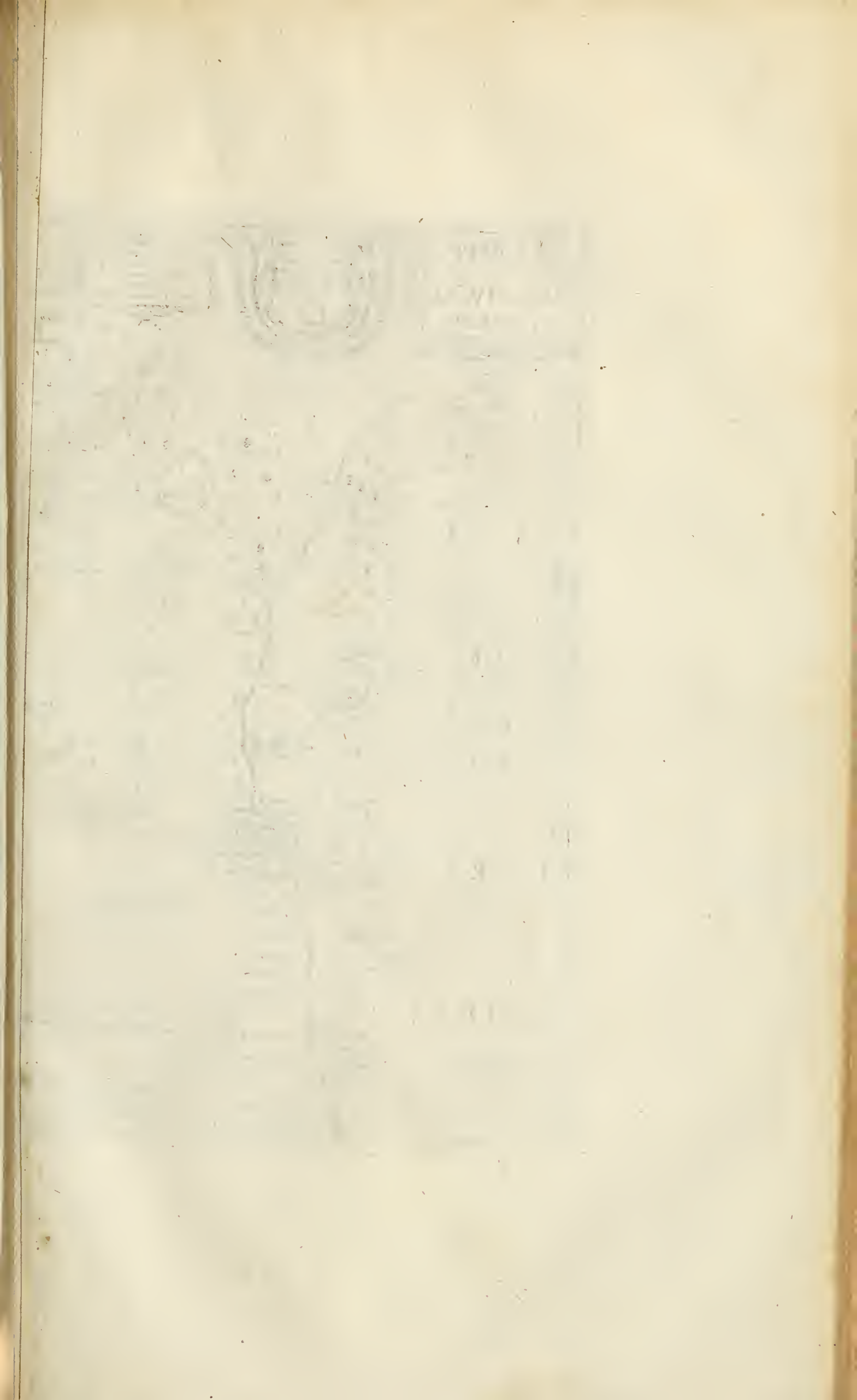
[g] Domeſd. *lib.*

[h] *Chron. MS. Abb. S.* Petri *Glouc. in bibl.* Cotton *f.* 155. *b.*

[i] *Pat.* 8 *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 13. *per Inſp.*

[k] *Inq. per* H. Nott. *Ert. f.* 74. *a.*

BARLICH-




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BARLICHWAY HUNDRED.

THAT all this tract, which is now reputed **Barlichway** Hundred, was in the Conquerors time ſtiled by the name of **Ferncumbe** Hundred, I have already, elſwhere, manifeſted; though where it is that the particular place, then called **Fernecumbe**, lyes, I am yet to learn: but that it is in ſome deep valley, the late ſyllable, *viz.* **Cumbe**, doth ſufficiently declare. The firſt mention that I meet with, where it is called **Barlichwei** Hundred, is in [a] 21 H. 2. the Shiriff accounting viii. marks for murder, then payd to the King out of it. In [b] 24 H. 2. vii *s.* x *d.* is reckoned for the like offence, it being then written **Barlingewei** Hundred. In [c] 29 H. 2. xl *s.* for the like: But in King *John*'s time the Ferm [d] thereof was x. marks; the Shiriffs Aid vi *li.* xii *s.* and the *Warth-money* half a mark. And in the 21 H. 3. *William de Luſcy*, then Shiriff of this County and **Leiceſter-ſhire**, accounted [e] for the Ferm thereof x. marks; For the Shiriffs Aid vi *li.* For the profits of the **Leet** xliii *s.* iv *d.* and for *Warth-ſilver* half a marke, all for the Kings uſe; in whoſe hands it hath continued ever ſince.

a *Rot. P. 21 H. 2.*
b *Rot. P. 24 H. 2.*
c *Rot. P. 29 H. 2.*
d *Lib. rub. 233. b.*
e *Rot. penès Camer. Cac. in bar. de div. inquiſ.*

But there is no place whereof this Hundred takes the name, other than a little plot of ground, about eight yards ſquare, now incloſed with a Hedge, and ſituate upon the top of a Hill in the middle way between **Haſeler** and **Binton** (being about a mile diſtant from each of thoſe towns) and about half a mile from **Temple-Grafton**; which is reputed to be the very place where thoſe three Pariſhes do meet; the Court being there kept for part of this Hundred twice a year; *ſcil.* the wedneſday after *Eaſter*, and the wedneſday after *Michaelmaſſe*, by antient cuſtome, and the ſtile thereof **Barlichway-Greve**, *parcell. Hundredi de* **Barlichway**; but by the vulgar called **Barly-Greve-Court**: Howbeit at this time there are no more than theſe Towns that do owe ſuit thereto; (divers other, which formerly have appeared thereat, having had **Court-Leets** granted to the Lords of them, to be kept within their ſeverall Mannours; *viz.* **Binton**, **Norton-Bagot**, **Norton-Limſi**, **Wolvardington**, **Langley**, **Offord**, **Wawenſmore**, **Alne-magna**, **Haſeler**, **Walcote** and **Upton** (*juxta* **Haſeler**) and one Tenement in **Temple-Grafton**.

For the reſt of this Hundred there is alſo a **Court-Leet** kept twice in the year; *viz.* on the Saturday after *Eaſter*, and Saturday after *Michaelmaſſe*, at a place called **Bredon-Croſſe** in the Pariſh of **Ipſley**, *ſcil.* on the outſide thereof neer to **Red Ditch** in **Worceſter-ſhire**, where the *baſis* of the Croſſe yet remaineth; the ſtile of this Court being **Bredon-Croſſe** *parcell. Hundredi de* **Barlichway**, and the Towns that owe ſuit thereto, no more than **Abbots-Salford**, **Donington**, **Cock-Bevington**, **Wood-Bevington**, **Wetheley**, **Kinnerton**, **Studley**, S^t *John*'s in **Studley**, **Ipſley**, and **Bickmerſh**. Which Courts are held in the name of the High Shiriff for the time being, who keeps a **Court-Baron** at the ſeverall places abovementioned, as well as a **Leet**, in reſpect that many doe hold of the King as of theſe particular Mannours. But through the corruption of the Bayliffs of the Hundred, who have frequently taken money of divers to ſpare their appearance, there is now ſuch a neglect in reſorting to them, that except it be the Conſtables, or Thirdboroughs of thoſe Villages, ſcarce any one elſe comes thither.

The Liberty of Pathlow.

THis having the title of a Hundred in the Conquerors time, as appears by the generall Survey [f] then taken, where it is written **Patelau** Hundred, in [g] 21 H. 2. anſwered v. marks by way of Fine, for concealing one *Roger*, who had been with the Kings Enemyes (that being the time when *Henry* the Kings eldeſt ſon was in Rebellion, as our Hiſtories do manifeſt) and in [h] 5 *Joh.* was aſſeſt at two marks for Murther, about which time the Ferme [i] of it came to xl *s.* It ſeems that the Biſhops of **Worceſter** had antiently the benefit thereof granted to them from the Crown, by reaſon that a great part of the lands, which lay within the ſame, was of their Fee: but when ſuch conceſſion was firſt made, I have not yet found; howbeit, in 4 E. 1. 'tis apparent [k], that the then Biſhop had Return of Writs, Aſſize of Bread and Beer, with other Royall cuſtomes therein; the ſame Record having this expreſſion, *Hundredum de* **Patelow** *eſt Epiſcopi Wigorn: à quo tempore, & Quo Warranto Juratores neſciunt:* but a little after, under the title of *Hundred. de* **Patelow**, in the ſaid Roll, there is this recorded, *Dicunt quod iſtud Hundredum eſt in manus Epiſcopi Wigorniæ, ut putatur per Chartam Regis* Henrici *ultimi, & valet per annum vi. marcas.* And further, *Dicunt quod Epiſcopus Wigorn. habet Returna Brevium, placita Namii-vetiti, Furcas, Aſſiſam Panis & Cerviſiæ per totum Hundredum iſtud, neſciunt quo Warranto.*

f Domeſd. *lib.*
g *Rot. P. 21 H. 2.*
h *Rot. P. 5 Joh.*
i *Lib. rub. f. 233. b.*
k *Inq. per Hundr. penès Camer. Scac.*

But in 13 E. 1. *Godfrey Giffard*, then Biſhop of **Worceſter**, being then ſummoned [l] to ſhew by what warranty he claimed Return of Writs, with Aſſize of Bread and Beere therein, and pleading only Preſcription, the Kings Atturney replyed [m], that Return of Writs was ſuch a Royalty annext unto the Crown, that it could not be ſevered therefrom, without ſpeciall grant thereof by Charter; and required Judgment for the King, whether in this caſe the Biſhops Preſcription ſhould be allowed. Whereupon the Kings Juſtices demanded, that a Jury ſhould inquire what ſeiſin the ſaid Biſhop & his Predeceſſors had thereof; who upon their Oaths certifie, that they had been in poſſeſſion time out of minde; by reaſon of which Verdict the Biſhop was then diſmiſt. And in 9 E. 2. it was found [n], that the Biſhop of **Worceſter** was Lord of this Hundred (for ſo it was then ſtiled:) by which

l, m *Rot. de Quo W.*
n *Nom. Vill.*

Record it appears that **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, with the Hamlets belonging thereto; **Hampton** *super* **Avon**, with the like Hamlets; As also **Bishopston** and **Clopton**, **Henley**, and **Belvesert**, together with the town of **Lapworth**, were then reputed within the same.

But about the 13th year of King *Edw.* 3. *John de Peyto junior* (of whom in **Chesterton** I have made mention) obtained a grant [o] of it for life; together with the Mannour of **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, from *Wolstan* then Bishop of **Worcester**, for the Rent of lx *li. per annum* to be payd to him the said Bishop and his successors: which Lease, being made without the Kings license, became void; and not only so, but the King for that trespasse seized [p] them into his hands: Howbeit, regranting [q] them to the said *John*, he past [r] over the Bailywick of it to the said Bishop and his successors, for ever; In consideration whereof, and for his service and Counsell, *impenso, & in Com. Warwici imposterum impendendo*, he got an Annuity [s] of xxx *li.* for life, from that Bishop: whereupon, by an Inquisition [t], then taken, it was certified that there did belong to the said Hundred a certain Court called **Gylput**, held every three weeks: as also Return of Writs, and the execution of them; Fines, and Amerciaments, with the goods & Chattells of all Felons and Fugitives therein. After which, till 3 E. 6. it continued in the possession of the Bishops of **Worcester**; but then, *viz.* 9. *Julii*, was it granted [u] away in Exchange for divers lands in **Worcestershire**, by *Nicholas Heath*, the then Bishop, unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; which *John* being attainted in 1. *M.* (as in my Story of the Earls of **Warwick** is shewed) it escheated to the Crown; and was by Queen *Eliz.* in 4. of her raign, passed [w], *inter alia*, unto *Ambrose Dudley* E. of **Warwick** & the heirs male of his body: which Earl failing of issue, it return'd again to the Crown, and was by King *James* granted to Sir *Francis Smyth* of **Wotton**-*Wawen* Knight, and his heirs; whose son Sir *Charles Smyth* now, *scil. anno* 1640. enjoys it.

o Inq. de Ad quod dampn. 13 E. 3. n. 12.

p q

r Pat. 14 E. 3. p. 3. m. 47

s Ex Reg. D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 181. b.

t Inq. de Ad quod dampn. ut supra.

u Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 3.

w Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 4.

But the place, which gives name to this Hundred or Liberty, is a *Tumulus*, or heap of earth situate in a Lane on the top of an Hill, upon the left hand the road leading from **Wotton**-*Wawen* to **Stratford** *super* **Avon** (about the midway betwixt those two towns, and about a Bow-shoot from the said road) in the very way betwixt **Warwick** and **Alcester**; which High way thwarteth the other road; neer unto it being certain inclosed grounds that lie within the Parish of **Alcon**-*Camlow*, and bearing the name of **Pathlows** to this day. To this place there is a **Court-Leet** as also a **Court-Baron** belonging, and kept twice in the year, *Infra mensem Paschæ, & infra mensem Michaelis*, as all other **Leets** are, but no certain day assigned for the same, nor is the place, where they are kept, always one and the same; but being in the Lane beforementioned, is commonly made choise of in that part, where the Hedges are the best shelter from the winde; the Stile of the Court being *Hundred. Sive Libertas de* **Pathlowe**; and the Towns and Villages, within this Liberty, these, *scil.* **Wotton**-*Wawen*, **Henley**, **Ullenhale**, **Fullbroke**, **Hampton** *super* **Avon**. **Hatton** *super* **Avon**, **Alveston**, **Lorley**, **Stratford**-*vetus*, **Clopton**, **Bishopston**, **Wilmecote** *parva*, **Dzapton**, **Dodwell**, **Shotteric**, **Ludington**, **Ingon**, **Welcombe**, **Bzidgtown**, **Lidington**, and **Rien-Cliffozd**; whereof divers are depopulated, as in my discourse of them will appear.

Of these, at this day, only do suit; *viz.* **Wotton**-*Wawen*, **Ullenhale**, **Lorley**, **Bishopston**, **Ludington**, **Dzapton** and **Wilmecote**-*parva*: Besides divers, who owe suit thereto in respect of tenure; howbeit, neglect in appearance hath almost lost it. But the Bailiffe of the Hundred of **Barlichway** doth usually answer at all Assizes and Sessions for this Liberty, being made use of by the Lord thereof, for conveniencies sake.

Having said thus much in relation to the particular Hundred of **Barlichway**, it self: and in generall touching the Liberty of **Pathlowe** (the bounds whereof the Map doth shew) I shall first begin my next discourse, of the Towns and Villages therein contained, with **Honiley**, which lyeth in the very North-East corner thereof; and thence go on Southwards till I touch upon the bank of **Avon**.

Honiley.

Till H. 3. time I have not seen any certain mention of this place; but then, *scil.* about the beginning of that Kings reign, did *Richard Peche* (of whom in **Hampton** in **Arden** I shall say more) obtain [a] a great share of this Lordship, from *Henry de Bereford*, *scil.* that whereof *Raph de Grafton* was enfeoft by *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick**; and of another part, which he the said *Raph* had by the grant of *Hugh fil. Willielmi* (Lord of **Hatton**;) both parcells being expresst by certain metes and bounds; *viz.* bordering on the said Earls Parke (called **Meadnock**) as also upon the Park of **Kenilworth**; and so extending to a torrent called **Merebrook**, &c. All which the said *Richard Peche* was to hold to himself and his heirs of the beforespecified *Henry de Bereford* and his heirs, by the service of xii *d.* yearly, to be payd at *Easter*, and a pair of Gloves at the Feast of S. *Michaell* the Arch-Angell. Of these lands severall [b] confirmations were made to the same *Richard Peche*, by *Margery* sister to the before specified *Raph de Grafton*, and *Felicia* daughter to her the said *Margery*: But the residue of this Lordship (then written **Hunilegh**) with the advouson of the Church, did *William de Arden* give [c] to the said *Richard Peche* in frank marriage with *Hawise* his daughter; which, perhaps, was at first a part of **Hampton** in **Arden**, and involved therewith in the Conquerors Survey: in whose family it continued till H. 4. time, that *Margaret* the daughter and heir to Sir *John Peche*, brought it with divers other fair Mannours, in marriage, unto Sir *William Mountfort* of **Colshill** Knight (as by the descent in **Hampton** will appear;) whose grandson, *scil.* Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight, being attainted in 11 H. 7. (as in **Colshill** is shewed) this, with the greatest part of his possessions, came to the Crown; and in 12 H. 7. was granted [d] to *Gerald* Earl of **Kildare** and *Eliz. S. John* then his wife, and the heirs male of their two bodyes lawfully begotten. After which, *viz.* in 18 H. 7. they obtained a Charter [e] of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands here.

a Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton

b

c Ex aut. penes S. Mountfort de Bescote,

d Pat. 12 H. 7. p. 1. m. 29.

e Pat. 11 H. 7. p. 2. m. 3

Which Earl leaving issue by the said *Eliz.* Sir *James Fitz-Gerald* Kt. attainted in 28 H. 8. (as in **Blackwell** I have manifested) it escheared again to the Crown; and was granted to Sir *Thomas Palmer* Knight, a martiall man, as it seems; for I find

find [f] that in 38 H. 8. he was imployed in the French Warrs; but adhering to the Duke of Northumberland in 1. *Mariæ*, participated of his fate, *viz.* losse of life and estate by [g] attainder. After which the Queen, in that very year, granted [h] it to *Michael Throkmorton* Esquier, and his heirs, who dyed seized thereof 1. *Nov.* 5. & 6. *Ph. & M.* leaving *Francis* his son and heir 7. years of age. Nevertheless I have heard, that the same . . . . *Hill*, of whom in Blackwell I have spoke, having obtained a long Lease thereof (together with Blackwell) from Sir *T. Palmer* before specified, left issue severall sons; and that *Robert Dudley* Earl of Leic. through colour of a title from *Francis* the yongest of them, possest himself thereof; but that, after the said Earls death, *Thomas*, the eldest, got into it again, and sold his interest to *Roger Burgoin* late of Wroxhall Esquier.

In *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church [i] dedicated to S[t] *John Baptist*) being valued but at 1. mark, was not taxed in 14 E. 3. *propter paupertatem*, as the Record [k] expresseth. And in 26 H. 6. it appeareth [l], that all the profits belonging thereto were so small, as that they sufficed not to maintain a Priest; but that the Cure was usually served by some Frier that came from Warwick and received the same, with other offrings from the Parishioners.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
D. Joh. Peche miles.	*Rob. Achard Pbr. prid. Id. Aug.* 1305.
D. Nich. Peche miles.	*Ric. Hanne Cap. Non. Apr.* 1354.
D. Joh. Peche miles.	*Joh. de Ardeley Pbr. Cal. Sept.* 1366.
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*David Aber. Pbr.* 8. *Aug.* 1387.
Kinardus de la Bere miles.	*Joh. Bowre Pbr. . . . Maii* 1396.
	Philippus Horspath 25. *Junii* 1398.
	D. Joh. Glover 8. *Apr.* 1400.
Katherina de la Bere.	*Joh. Del Dyche* 18 *Dec.* 1410.
	Will. Chamberleyn 18 *Julii* 1411.
	Henr. Rueth Cap. 25. *Jan.* 1495.
Edw. Hill, Thom. Hill, & Franc. Hill.	*Thom. Abbington Cler.* 27. *Martii* 1574.

Wroxhall.

SOuthwards from Honiley, somewhat above a mile, stands Wroxhall, of which there is no particular mention in the Conquerors Survey; neither of Hatton, whereof it was originally a member: Nor is there probability that they were at that time involved with any other place that lyeth neer them; the barrenesse of the soil, though woody, perhaps giving occasion that they were not then taken notice of. But insisting not on probabilities, I shall descend to such certain authorities, as I have seen, to discover the first possessor thereof: and therefore because the Monastery of Nuns was very antiently here founded, *viz.* in K. *Stephen*'s time, as I shall further shew anon, I will here exhibit the substance of what is to be seen in an historicall Manuscript [m], penned about King *Edward* 4. time by some Priest or Officer belonging to the said Nunnery (as I guesse;) whereby not onely the first Lords and owners of the place will appear, but the occasion and circumstances touching that Foundation; which, though some may think wholy fabulous, in respect of the Miracles wherewith it is so much deck't; yet, setting them aside, and well considering the Story, a body of Truth is not hard to be discerned therein; the substance whereof is as followeth. *viz.*

That one *Richard*, shortly after the Norman Conquest, holding the Lordship of Hatton, and likewise this place of Wroxhall, of *Henry* then Earl of Warwick, had issue a son callled *Hugh*, who was a person of great stature, and bore the same Armes that the *Mountforts* of Beldesert (near Henley) in this County did (*scil. Bendè*) *with a fesse gules* for his difference, being a branch of that Family, as was thought. Which *Hugh* going to warfare in the *Holy Land*, was there taken Prisoner; and so continued in great hardship there for the space of seven years: But at length considering, that S. *Leonard* was the Saint to whom his Parish-Church had been dedicated, and the many miracles that God had often wrought by the merits of that his glorious Confessor, made his addresses by earnest Prayers to him for deliverance. Whereupon S. *Leonard* appeared to him in his sleep, in the habit of a black Monk, bidding him arise and go home, and found at his Church a House of Nuns of S. *Benet's* Order: But the Knight awaking took this for no other than a dream, till that the same Saint appeared to him a second time in like manner: Howbeit, then, with much spirituall gladnesse rejoycing, he made a Vow to God and S. *Leonard*, that he would perform his command. Which Vow was no sooner made, than that he became miraculously carryed thence, with his Fetters, and set in Wroxhall woods, not far distant from his own House; yet knew not where he was, untill a Shepherd of his own, passing through those thickets, accidentally found him; and after some communication (though he was at first not a little affrighted, in respect he saw a person so overgrown with hair) discovered all unto him. Whereupon his Lady and Children, having advertisement, came forthwith to him, but believed not that he was her husband, till he shewed her a piece of a Ring, that had been broken betwixt them; which, so soon as she applied to the other part in her own custody, closed therewith. And shortly after, having given solemn thanks to God, our Lady and S[t] *Leonard*; and praying for some divine revelation where he should erect that Monastery, so promised by his said vow; he had speciall direction where to build it, by certain stones picht in the ground, in the very place where the Altar was afterwards set. After the structure whereof, two of his daughters were made Nuns therein, a Lady from the Nuns of Wilton being fetcht to direct them in that their Rule of S. *Benedict*.

But from this *Legend*, I shall proceed with its endowment with lands, &c. as I find the same declared in our publique Records, or have observed from any private evidence. Wherein, first, I must take notice how munificent the pious Founder himself was: Of whom it appears, that he [n] gave thereunto *totam terram loci de* Wrochesshale, with

[f] *Life of H. 8. by the L. Herb. p. 453.*
[g] *Rot. Parl. 1. M. m. 13. & 14.*
[h] *Pat. 1. M. p. 15.*
[i] *MS. in Scac.*
[k] *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.*
[l] *MS. penes I. A. eq. Warr. f. 61. a.*
[m] *Penes I. Burgoin Bar.*
[n] *Cart. 1 E. 3. n. 1. per Insp.*

a large proportion of lands and woods thereabouts, all mentioned either by particular names, or by metes and bounds, (the rehearsall whereof, for brevities sake, I omit) together with the Church of **Hatton**, and whatsoever belonged thereto: as also all that land in **Hatton**, which *Aytropus* * had; and so much of his (the said Founder's) roialty in **Hatton**, as lay betwixt the two little brooks there, together with many other particulars lying in that Lordship.

* He was Lord of Haseley.

Of the Benefactors, *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** gave [o] the Church of **Shukburgh** in this County, with its appurtenances, as also four yard land: And *Roger* Lord of **Shukburgh** xx. acres of Inclosure in that place. In **Burton**, *Robert* Lord of **Burton** gave [p] one yard land, with . . . . . acres of Inclosure; as also one yard land and a half lying in **Radford**. And *Raph*, the son of *Wigan*, the Kings Marshall, certain lands [q] adjacent to **Wroxhall**, called **Baldecote**, or **Killecote**, with divers Inclosures situate betwixt the said **Killecote** and **Burbey**: as also all the woods and plain adjoyning thereto on the one side, and unto the Park of *Hugh fil. Ricardi* (the Founder) on the other. Out of **Wardon** in **Northamptonshire** did *Richard Foliot* likewise grant [r] thereunto xxiv *s.* yearly Rent: And out of **Hinkley** *in Com.* **Leic.** *Robert* Earl of **Leicester** the [s] Rent of x *s.* And to all these did King H. 2. adde [t] the gift of x. marks yearly Rent, for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Father and Ancestors, to be payd out of his Exchequer annually at the Feast of S. *Michael*, untill he should bestow on them as much in substance some other way: which was by King H. 3. in 43. of his raign [u] performed; six marks yearly being assigned to them, to be received from the Bishop of **Worcester** and his successors; and the other four marks from the Shiriff of **Warwick-shire**. In **Shrewley** they had half a hide of land given [w] to them by one *Henry de Waltham*; and in **Haseley** certain lands by [x] *Aitrop Hastang*, for the health of the soul of *Cecilie* his wife.

o p q r s t } *Cart. 1 E. 3. n. 1. per Inspex.*

u *Cart. 43 E. 3. m. 1.*

w *Testa de Nevill.*

x *Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 88. a.*

This is the substance of what I have seen touching their possessions: all which were confirmed [y] by King H. 2. *Ric.* 1. King *John*, and H. 3. with many priviledges and immunities, as by their particular [z] Charters may appear; and which the said Nuns claimed [a] in 13 E. 1. to gether with a **Court Leet**, Gallows and Weifs, both in **Wroxhall** and **Hatton**, whereof they had allowance [b] accordingly. But all the rest, which is memorable, relating to this Monastery (whereof I have taken notice) till the dissolution thereof, is, that upon Tuesday the Even of S. *Luke*, *anno* 1290. (18 E. 1.) *Godfrey Giffard*, the then Venerable Bishop of **Worcester**, made his [c] visitation here, and preach't upon this Text, *Non est talis mulier super terram, &c.* And that upon the ninth of *July anno* 1315. (9 E. 2.) *Walter de Maydeneston*, then Bishop of the same Dioces, dedicated [d] the Church, here, together with the high Altar. Which new *Dedication*, being so long after the said Monastery was founded, argueth plainly, that it was then rebuilt by the Nuns; for [e] unless there had been a new fabrick erected, or at least an enlargement and alteration of the old, by new walls and a roof, it had not been proper.

y *Cart. 1 E. 3. ut supra.*

z *Cart. 11 H. 3. m. 1.*

a } *Rot. de*
b } *Quow.*

c *Giff. f. 326. b.*

d *Mayd. f. 29. a.*

e *Durandi Rationale divin. lib. 1. f. 15.*

And now that I am thus come to mention this *Dedication*, it will not be amisse (I think) to say something briefly of the Order and Ceremonies antiently used in the like *Dedication* or consecration of Churches, herein making use of the learned *Durandus* [f] his *Rationale Divinorum* for my authority; who, first, discourseth of the cause from whence such consecrations had their originall; Secondly, by whom; and Thirdly, wherefore the Church is dedicated; and what as well such *Dedication*, as all and singular that is performed therein doth signify.

f *Lib. 1. cap. 6. f. 13.*

Dedication of churches.

First, therefore as to the cause and occasion whence the *Dedication* of Churches proceeded, he observeth; that *Moises*, by the command of God, made a Temple and consecrated it, with a Table and an Altar; as also brazen vessells and utensills for the service of God; not only hallowing it with divine prayers, but by the annointing with holy Oyle, as the Lord had appointed: for it is written, that the Lord commanded *Moses* that he should make *Chrisme* wherewith to annoint the Tabernacle, as also the Ark of the Testament in the *Dedication* thereof. Also *Solomon* the son of *David*, by the Command of God, built the Temple, with an Altar, and consecrated all things thereto for the service of God, as is to be seen in the book of *Kings*. That *Nebuchadnezar* called together all his Nobles at the *Dedication* of the Brazen Statue which he had made; And that the Jews, as *Burcardus, lib. 3. c. Judei*, observes, did not sacrifice to God, nor offer up unto him their divine supplications, in any other places, than such as were specially dedicated to him. If therefore (saith my Author) they which lived under the shadow of the Law did do thus; how much more should we to whom the light of Truth hath so appeared, and grace is given by *Jesus Christ*, build Churches to God, adorn them the best we can, and with divine Prayers, and holy Unctions consecrate them, with the Altars, Vessells, and Vestments, and all things else pertaining to Gods worship, according to the institution of Pope *Felix* the third. Secondly, it is to be observed, that none but the Bishop, onely, hath authority to dedicate Churches and Altars, in regard he beareth the Image of Christ the Chief Bishop, spiritually dedicating, without whom we cannot be established in grace: for he saith, *Sine me nihil potestis facere*; And the *Psalmist*, *Nisi Dominus ædificat Domum, &c.* whereupon the Councell of **Carthage** prohibited, that no Priest, or any person of an inferior Order should do it.

To these, why a Church not first endowed, and with what hath been lawfully acquired, should not be dedicated, he addeth divers reasons to the Constitutions of sacred Canons, which here, for brevity, I passe by, and come to the third point; *viz.*, wherefore it is dedicated. First (saith he) that the Devill and his power may be expelled: whereupon *Gregory* in his Dialogues *Lib. 3. Cap. 30.* reports, that when a Church that belonged to the *Arrians*, being to be rendred to the faithfull, was to be consecrated, and the Reliques of S. *Sebastian* & S. *Agatha* were taken out of it; the people, then assembled there, perceived a Hogg running to and fro amongst them; which being driven out of dores could not be discerned of any man, whereat they grew much amazed. By this (saith he) God shewed that the unclean Inhabitant should depart thence &c. Secondly, that all persons, flying for refuge thereto, should have safety, as may be read in the Canon of *Gregory*, *Et ob hoc Joab in tabernaculum fugit, & Altaris cornua apprehendit.*

hendit. Thirdly, that Prayers may there be heard; whereupon in the Prayer at Masse, *Concede ut omnes qui huc deprecaturi conveniunt, ex quacunq; tribulatione, consolationis tuæ beneficium consequantur.* So also did *Solomon* pray at the *Dedication* of the Temple, as is to be seen *Kings lib.* 3. *cap.* 8. Fourthly, that prayses may be therein made to God. Fiftly, that the Ecclesiastique Sacraments may be there administred; whence the Church it self is called a Tabernacle, *quasi Taberna Dei*, wherein the divine Sacraments are contained and ministred.

Consecration of Churches.

It rests now, in the fourth place, to be spoken after what manner the Church is consecrated, every person being put out, and the Deacon onely shut in. The Bishop standing before the Church door, consecrateth *Holy Water*, but not without salt: in the mean time, within, xii. Torches being lighted before xii. Crosses painted on the walls of the Church, the Bishop, with the Clergy and people following him, go thrice about the outside of the Church, and with a branch of Hysope sprinkleth the Walls thereof with *Holy Water*; at every time, as he passeth by the Door, smiting the threshold with his Pastorall staff, and saying *Tollite portas*, &c. and the Deacon within answereth, *Quis est iste Rex gloriæ?* To whom the Bishop replyeth, *Dominus fortis*, *&c.* But the third time, the Door being unbolted, he enters in with a few of his Officers, the Clergy and people standing without, and saith *Pax huic Domui*, and rehearseth the *Letanies.* Afterwards in the pavement of the Church he makes a Crosse with Ashes and Sand, whereupon all the *Alphabet* is written both in Greek and Latin Letters. And then again doth he consecrate other *Holy Water* with Salt, Ashes, and Wine, and halloweth the Altar; as also anoint the xii. Crosses, depicted on the Walls, with *Chrysme.* I shall here omit the reasons given by this learned Author for these particular Ceremonies, they being many and large; referring my Reader, if he desire further information therein, to the Book it self.

That such solemn Consecration of Churches was antiently practised, we have an eminent example in that worthy Christian Emperour *Constantine*; who, having finished a House for the service of God at Hierusalem, assembled [g] the greatest part of the Bishops in Christendom for the consecration thereof; which thing they did at his request, each of them most willingly setting forth that Action to their power; Some with Orations, some with Sermons, some with the sacrifice of Prayers unto God for the Peace of the world, for the Churches safety, for the Emperours's and his Children's good. The like is recorded by [h] *Athanasius* concerning a Bishop of Alexandria, in a work of the like devout magnificence.

[g] *Euseb. de vit Const. lib. 4. cap. 43, 44, 45.*

[h] *Athanasii Apol. ad Constant.*

Nor doth the solemn *Dedication* of Churches serve onely to make them publique (as the reverend *Hooker* [i] well observes) but further also to surrender up that right, which otherwise, their Founders might have in them, and to make God himself their owner: For which cause at the erection and consecration, aswell of the [k] Tabernacle as the Temple (saith he) it pleased the Almighty to give a manifest signe, that he took possession of both. Besides it notifieth [l] in solemn manner, the holy and religious use, whereunto it is intended such Houses should be put. Which things the Wisedom of *Solomon* did not account superfluous; for he knew how easily that which was meant should be holy and sacred, might be drawn from the use whereunto it was first provided: He knew how bold men are to take, even from God himself; how hardly that House would be kept from impious prophanation: He knew, and wisely therefore endeavoured by such solemnities to leave in the minds of men that impression [m], which might somewhat restrain their boldnesse, and nourish a reverend affection towards the House of God. For which cause, when the first House was destroyed, and a new instead thereof erected by the Children of *Israel*, after their return from Captivity, they kept the *Dedication* [n], even of this House also with joy. The argument [o] which our Saviour useth against prophaners of the Temple, he taketh from the use whereunto it was solemnly consecrated: And as the Prophet *Jeremy* forbiddeth [p] the carrying of burthens on the Sabaoth, because that was a sanctified day: so because the Temple was a place sanctified, our Lord would not suffer, no [q] not the carriage of a vessell through it.

[i] *Eccles. Polity lib. 5. n. 2.*

[k] *Exod. c. 40. v. 34. 1 Reg. c. 8. v. 11. 2 Chron. c. 7. v. 1.*

[l] *Exod. c. 40. v. 9.*

[m] *The place named Holy.*

[n] *Ezra 6. 16.*

[o] *Math. 21. 13.*

[p] *Jer. 17. 24.*

[q] *Mark 11. 16.*

These two Commandements are in the Law conjoyned, *Yee* [r] *shall keep my Sabaoths, and reverence my Sanctuary*, out of those the Apostles words, *Have* [s] *yee not Houses to eat and drink?* albeit Temples, such as now, were not then erected for the exercise of Christian Religion: It [t] hath been nevertheless not absurdly conceived, that he teacheth what difference should be made between House and House, what is fit for the dwelling place of God, and what for man's habitation he sheweth; requireth that Christian men at their own Houses take common food, and in the House of the Lord none but that food which is heavenly; he instructeth them, that as in the one place they use to refresh their bodyes, so they may in the other learn to seek the nourishment of their souls; and as there they sustain temporall life, so here they would learn to make provision for eternall. Christ would not suffer that the Temple should serve for a place of Mart; nor the Apostle of Christ, that the Church should be made an Inne: when therefore we sanctifie, or hallow Churches, that which we do is onley to testifie, that we make them places of publique Resort, that we invest God himself with them; and that we sever them from Common uses. Thus far M^r *Hooker.*

[r] *Levit. 26. 2.*

[s] *1 Cor. 11. 22.*

[t] *Petrus Cluniac.*

Consecration of the Altar.

I come now to speak of the Altar; which (as my Author [u] saith) is to be consecrated for three respects; First, for the offering of a Sacrament there to God, *Genes. cap.* 8. *Ædificavit Noe Altare Domino, & tollens de cunctis volucribus & pecoribus mundis obtulit super Altare:* for this Sacrament is the Body and Blood of *Christ*, which we offer in memory of his Passion, according to that Precept, *Hoc facite in meam commemorationem.* Secondly, for that the name of God is there to be called upon; whereupon *Genes.* 12. *Ædificavit Abraham Altare Deo, qui apparuit ei; & invocavit ibi nomen Domini*: And this invocation, which is made upon the Altar, is properly called the *Masse.* Thirdly, to sing there, *Eccles.* 47 *Dedit illi contra inimicos potentiam, & stare fecit contra Altare Cantores, & in sono eorum fecit dulces modulos.*

[u] *Durandus ut supra lib. 1. cap. 7. f. 17. a.*

After this manner and order is the Altar consecrated; First, the Bishop begins, *Deus in adjutorium meum intende*: Afterwards he halloweth Water; then doth he make Crosses with *Holy Water* at each corner thereof; which being done, he goeth seven

times

times about it, and ſprinkleth ſeven times alſo *Holy Water* upon it with a branch of Hyſope: Then doth he ſprinkle the Church again, putting the remainder of the *Holy Water* at the foot of the Altar. All this being performed, four Croſſes are made with *Chryſme* at the four Angles of the Sepulcher, wherein the *Reliques* ought to be depo- [illegible] ich Reliques are put into a Cabinet with three grains of Frankincenſe, and ſo layd up in the Sepulcher, and a tablet put over them with a Croſſe made upon the midſt thereof. Theſe things being done, the great ſtone which covers the Altar is fitted for it, and then annointed with Oil in 5. places, and after the ſame manner with *Chryſme*: Then is it confirmed on the front with a Croſſe made of *Chryſme*; and Incenſe is burnt in 5. places thereof: After which it is clenſed and covered with clean linnen, and laſtly the Sacrifice celebrated thereon.

Churches bearing Saints Names, the reaſon.

Now the reaſon and ſignification of all theſe Ceremonies follows, which I here, for brevity, omit; reſolving to ſpeak a word or two of the cauſe wherefore Churches do bear the name of ſome Saint (by which many of them are yet diſtinguiſhed) although the *Conſecration* or *Dedication* were unto none but to God alone; wherein I ſhall make uſe of S. *Auguſtine's* teſtimony [w]. *To them* (ſaith he, ſpeaking of Angells and Saints) *we appoint no Churches, becauſe they are not to us as Gods.* Again, *The* [x] *Nations to their Gods erected Temples, we not Temples unto our Martyrs as unto Gods; but memorialls as unto dead men, whoſe ſpirits with God are ſtill living.* So that hereby is cleerly manifeſt, that as they were dedicated to God alone, ſo was it in memory of ſome ſpeciall Saint; either (as M[r] *Hooker* [y] obſerves) becauſe by the miniſtry of Saints it pleaſed God there to ſhew ſome rare effect of his power, or elſe in regard of death, which thoſe Saints having ſuffered for the teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, did thereby make the places, where they died, Venerable. Thirdly, for that it liked good and vertuous men to give ſuch occaſion of mentioning them often, to the end that the naming of their perſons might cauſe enquiry to be made, and meditation to be had of their vertues.

w *Aug. lib. 8. de Civit. Dei c. 27.*

x *Lib. 23 c. 10. Epiſt. 49*

y *Eccl. pol. lib. 5. n. 13.*

And I have ſeen a very antient tranſcript [z] of a Decree made by *Robert de Winchelſe* Archbiſhop of **Canterbury** in his Metropoliticall viſitation, *temp. E. 1.* which was confirmed by *Walter Reynold* his immediate ſucceſſor, whereby it appeareth (*inter alia*) that the pariſhioners, throughout all the Archdeaconries of his Province, were appointed to ſee, that the Image of that Saint, to whoſe memory the Church was dedicated, ſhould be always erected in the Chancell of every Pariſh-Church. But theſe, as all other Images, which ſtood heretofore in Churches, being pulled down (as we know) either in King *Edw. 6.* or beginning of Queen *Eliz.* reign, hath left the name of ſuch Saint in many places forgotten; So that now, except it be by keeping the Feſtivall called the **Wake** (whereof in **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon** I have ſpoke) which uſually is obſerved the Sunday following the Saints day to whom ſuch *Dedication* was, there is very little memoriall thereof; conſidering how, of late time, the fury of ſome out of a pretended zeal to Reformation, hath battered the windows in pieces; in more places whereof the portraiture of ſuch Saint was depicted, than of any other whatſoever, as I have frequently obſerved.

z *Ad calcem Regiſt. Priorat. de Daventre penès Joh. Ruſhworth er.*

But I now return to this Religious Houſe of **Wroxhall**; from the ruine and deſtruction whereof; as alſo of the Church and Altar before ſpecified, no *Conſecration* or *Dedication*, were it never ſo ſolemn and ſacred, could affright that barbarous generation, which under the power and authority of K. H. 8. ſubverted this, and the reſt of thoſe goodly ſtructures of that kind, wherewith **England** was ſo much adorned: as a preamble whereunto was that fatall Survey [a] in 26 H. 8. made; whereby it appears, that the value of this then extended to lxxii *li.* xii *s.* vi *d.* above all repriſes, Sir *Edward Ferrers* Knight, being high Steward thereof, and his Fee iii *li.* vi *s.* viii *d. per annum*; And that there then was every *Maunday-Thurſday* diſtributed to poor people for the Founders ſoul, in Bread and Herrings, with xiii *d.* in money, the ſum of xx *s.* After which, *viz.* the next year following, was it diſſolved with the reſt of the ſmall Houſes, by Act of Parliament, *Anne Litle* being then Prioreſſe, and having a *Penſion* [b] of vii *li.* x *s. per annum* granted to her by the King, during life: but the reſt of her fellow Nuns were expoſed to the wide world to ſeek their fortune: And in 36 *H.* 8. granted [c], *inter alia*, (I mean the ſite thereof) with the Church, Belfrey, Church-yard, and all the lands in **Wroxhall** thereto belonging; as alſo the Rectory and Tithes of **Wroxhall** unto *Rob. Burgoyn* and *John Scudamore*, and their heirs: From which *Robert*, is Sir *John Burgoyn* of **Sutton** *in Com.* **Bedf.** Baronet, the preſent poſſeſſor thereof, deſcended.

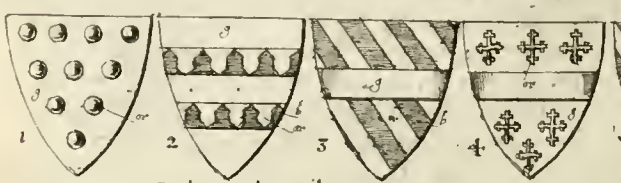
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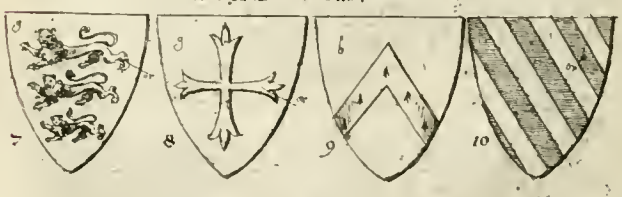
c *Pat. 36. 8. p. 5.*

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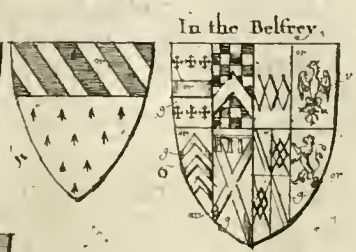
In a South window of the Church.



In the North windows.



In the Belfrey.



1. Zouch
2. Say of Picardy Caſtle.
3. .....
4. Beauchamp E. of Warr.
5. ....
6. ....
7. England.
8. Latimer.
9. Lodbrock
10. Montfort of Beldeſert

Upon a graveſtone of Marble,

Domina Jocoſa Brome filia Johannis Brome et Prioriſſa de Wroxhall. obijt xvi Juny anno Domini.

Catalogus Prioriſſarum.

Conventus ejuſdem domus.

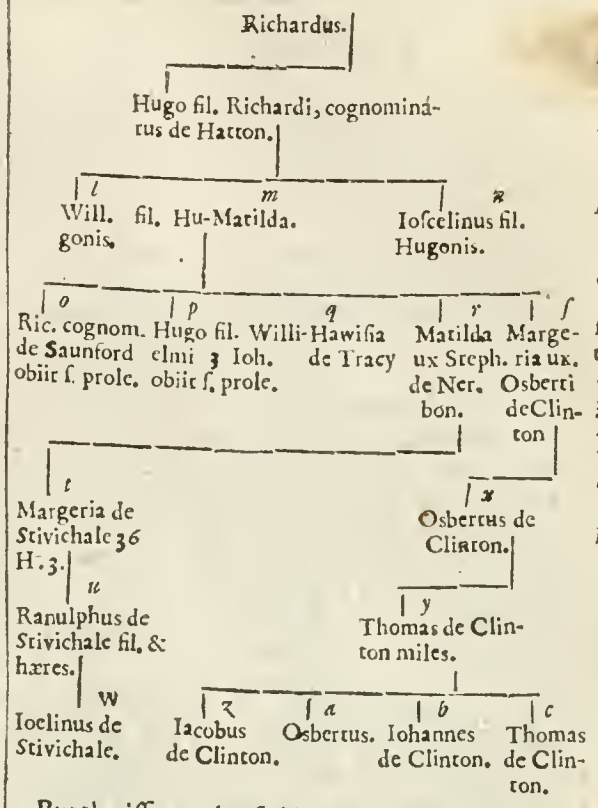
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Sabina	*Cecilia*
Helena	*Ida*
Matilda	*Amicia.*

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Iſabella relicta Joh. de Clinton de Maxſtoke mil. obiit an. 1300.
Agnes de Alesbury 8. *Id. Dec.* 1311.
D. Agnes de Broy.
D. Iſabella de Fokerham 8. *Cal. Nov.* 1339.
D. Alicia de Clinton.
D. Johanna Ruſſell 2 *Julii* 1356.
D. Horabila de Aylesbury 19 *Aug.* 1361.
D. Alicia de Aylesbury.
D. Iſolda Walſhe 3 *Sept.* 1425.
D. Iſabella Aſteley 20 *Julii* 1431.
D. Jocoſa Brome filia Joh. Brome obiit 21 *Junii an.* 1528.
Anna Lytle 28 *H.* 8.

Hatton.

THis place, having its firſt denomination from the Heath, near which it was ſituate; and ſo, for facility of expreſſion, contracted from Heathton into Hatton, is not at all mentioned in the Conquerors Survey: neither indeed do I find any thing thereof ſooner in Record, than what is expreſt in thoſe grants, which were made to the Monaſtery of Wroxhall, of the Church and lands here, by *Hugh fil. Richardi* the Founder of that Houſe; which I judge to be about the later end of *H.* 1. or beginning of King *Steph.* time. Howbeit, that this, with Wroxhall (which was originally a member hereof, as is there manifeſted) was poſſeſt by *Henry de Newburgh*, the firſt Earl of Warwick of the Norman line, I have not only the *MS.* hiſtory of Wroxhall for my authority, but a ſtrong and moſt evincing circumſtance in further teſtimony thereof, *viz.* the certificate [d] made by *Will.* Earl of Warwick in 12 *H.* 2. whereby it appeareth, that the ſaid *Hugh* held of him ten Knights fees *de veteri feoffamento*; *id eſt* whereof he was enfeoft in *H.* 1. time, whereof this place was (queſtionleſs) a part, it being his principall ſeat, and the place whence he aſſumed [e] his ſirname; to the Charters of which Earl he was frequently a witneſſe [f]. But having already ſpoke at large of that eminent and pious work of his, *viz.* the Foundation of Wroxhall Nunnery, I ſhall here goe on in taking notice briefly of what otherwiſe I have found memorable of him; which is, that he confirmed [g] the Mannour of Newnham in this County to the Canons of Kenilworth in King *H.* 1. time; and gave unto them certain lands in Lillington; all which the ſaid King ratifyed [h].

To the Priory of Warwick he gave [i] the Church of Snitfield; and to the Nuns of Polesworth confirmed [k] the grant of Dodbury, which was of his Fee, being beſtowed on them by *Walt. de Haſtings* and *Hathewis* his wife.



But the iſſue male of this Family extinguiſhing, (as the Deſcent ſheweth) and this Lordſhip thereby coming unto daughters, part thereof divolved [d] by *Margerie*, one of the coheirs, to the *Clintons*; but the reſidue [e] the Nuns of Wroxhall and the Canons of Studley had. Which part ſo coming to *Clinton*, was by Sr. *Thomas de Clinton* Knight, grandchild to the before ſpecified *Margerie*, given [f] by the name of his Mannour of Hatton, and Beauſale unto *James* his younger ſon, and to his heirs, reſerving to the ſaid Sir *Thomas* and his heirs a peny to be paid yearly at *Chriſtmaſs*, for all ſecular ſervice and demands whatſoever. But it ſhould ſeem that *James* quitted his title therein to *John* his elder brother's ſon: for in 13 *Edw.* 1. the ſaid *John* commenced ſuit [g] againſt *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick for the whole Mannour, excepting two meſſuages, and two yard land therein, in which the ſaid Earl claimed right by virtue of a grant from *Hamon le Strange*: Howbeit, the Earl pleading that he held but a third part thereof, whereas the other chalenged the whole, had, by reaſon of that advantage the better in the ſuit; ſo that the ſaid *John*, within a ſhort time after, came to an Agreement with him; and paſt [h] unto him one meſs. 1 Mill, 27. acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, xl. acres of wood, 7 Rent, and the Rent of 2 *li.* of pepper, with two pair of Gloves, price *iij*[d] yearly; quitting [i] wholy alſo all his title and claim that he had to this Mannour. To whoſe poſterity it continued till 3 *H.* 7. that all the lands belonging to that great Earldome were given up to the King by *Anne* Counteſſe of Warwick (as in Warwick I have more fully ſhewed:) Since which I have not ſeen any more thereof.

That which belong'd to the Nuns of Wroxhall, being in *E.* 6. time reputed [k] for a Mannour, was then in the Kings hand.

In *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1,) the Church (dedicated to the holy *Trinity*) was valued [l] at five marks, and had a portion of *iiii*[s] issuing out of it to the Canons of **Warwick**; but in [m] 14 *E.* 3. at *vi l. xiii s. iiii d.* being not presentative.

l *MS. in Scac.*

m *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.*

Shrewley.

THis Village is in the parish of **Hatton**; and, being possest by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* in the Conquerors time, was then certified [n] to contain three hides, valued at xxx *s.* the woods thereof extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which, before the Norman invasion, had been the freehold of one *Toli*. But soon after this, *Rob.* Earl of **Leic.** (the first of that name) had it, and enfeoft *Ernald de Bois* thereof, as it seems: for in a grant [o] which the said *Ernald* made to the Nuns of **Pinley**, of one carucate of land here, in **Shravesle** (for so it was then written) he expresses it to be by the consent of *Rob.* E. of **Leic.** his Lord: which grant the same E. for the health of his own soul, and the souls of his father and mother, as also of the soul of K. *H.* 1. confirmed [p].

n Domesd. *lib.*

o } *Ex autog. penes ...*
p } Cooks *de Pinley.*

The next mention I find thereof, is, that in 6 *H.* 3. *Magr. Henry de Waltham* had livery [q] of those lands here, together with the rest in **Wilcby** which *Will. fil. Wigani*, his uncle, held of the K. in *Capite*. And in 33 *H.* 3. I find that *John de Screveila* held [r] a yard land in this village of the King by *Sergeantie*, in *Capite*: which *John* was Lord of the Mannour, as it seems; for in 13 *E.* 1. it appears [s], that *Fouk de Lucy* had kept a **Court-Leet**, here, in prejudice of the said *John*, he holding of the King by *Sergeantie*; and that the said *Fouk* had without authority erected a Gallows in this Village; wherefore it was determined that the said Gallows should be pulled down, and that the same *John* might enjoy his **Court-Leet** again. Nevertheless, upon the death of the said *Fouk de Lucy* in 31 *E.* 1. I find [t], that he dyed seized of this Mannour, and held it of *Maud* the daughter and heir of *John de Shrevele*, *Will. de Lucy* his son and heir being then 26. years of age. But the said *Will.* enjoy'd it not accordingly; for *Maud* the wife of *Walt. de Culy* (whom I conclude to be her that is before exprest) having license [u] from the King, in respect of the tenure in *Sergeantie*, sold [w] it for CC *li.* to *John de Dufford* and his heirs in 1 *E.* 2. Which *Sergeantie* [x] was to find one armed man with an Hauberk on Horseback in the Kings service for the space of xl. days; *viz.* to ride personally with the K. in his expedition for **Wales**.

q *Rot. F.* 6 H. 3. *m.* 8.

r *Testa de* N.

s *Rot. de Quo W.*

t *Esc.* 31 E. 1. *n.* 12.

u *Pat.* 1 E. 2 *p.* 2. *m.* 9.

w *F. levat.* xv. *Mich.* 2 E. 2.

x *Esc.* 6 E. 2 *n* 68.

Which *John de Dufford* was a Knight [y] in 3 *E.* 2. and in 6 *E.* 2. sold [z] it to *Philip* the son of *Philip de Gayton*, who departed [a] this life in 9 *E.* 2. leaving his two sisters his heirs; *sc. Juliana*, the elder, wife [b] to Sir *Thomas Murdak* Knight, and *Scolastica* (the younger) wedded [c] to *Godfrey de Meaux*, being also heirs [d] to their brother *Theobald*: Of the moitie whereof, the said *Scolastica* had livery in 10 *E.* 2. she being then a widow. But all that belong'd to *Julian* (as I can find) was but one carucate of land, which eschaeted to the Crown by reason of her forfeiture [f], in conspiring with Sir *John Vaux* Knight, to murther her husband, for [g] which she was burnt: the inheritance whereof was given [h] by the King to *Henry* Earl of **Lanc** in 23 *E.* 3. it then passing by the name of one messuage, 26 acres of land, and one roode of meadow, a pasture called **Berry-moze**, and x *s.* iii *d. ob.* Rent. Neither did that which her sister *Scolastica* had here goe any longer by the name of the moitie of the Mannour: for in 27 *E.* 3. she was found [i] to dye seized of one messuage, xx. acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and viii *s.* Rent, held of the King in *Capite* by the eighth part of a Knights fee, leaving Sir *John de Meaux* Knight her son and heir then xl. years of age. Which Sir *John* [k] sold the same, before the 38 of *E.* 3. to *Nich. Fililode* and *Will. Fililode* his brother; passing it by the name of the moitye of the Mannour of **Shreveste** (*Nich.* having but an estate for life and the inheritance to *Will.*) The custody of which moitye was in 6 *R.* 2. committed [l] by the King to *John Horewode*, one of the Grooms of his Chamber, in respect that *John Fililode*, heir to the said *W.* was under age: which *John* dyed [m] seized thereof 1 *H.* 4. leaving *Giles Fililode*, his Uncle, his next heir; who departed [n] this life in 2 *H.* 6. *Katherine* the widow of *John Blike* being found [o] his sister & heir.

f *Esc.* 4 E. 3. *n.* 57.

g *Plac. coram R. apud Warw. Trin.* 13 E. 3. *rot.* 118.

h *Pat.* 22 E. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 22.

i *Esc.* 28 E. 3. *n.* 50.

k *Rot. F.* 3 E. 3. *m.* 3.

l *Rot. F.* 6 2. *m.* 15.

m *Esc.* 1 4. *n.* 31.

n } *Esc.*
o } H. 6. 19.

To whom succeeded *Ric. Blike* her son and heir, who had livery [p] thereof in 4 *H.* 6. and to him *Richard* [q]; and to *Ric. Humfrey* [r]. But the last of the *Blikes*, that had to do here, was *John Blike* Gentleman, who sold [s] all his interest to *John Oldnale* in 4 *E.* 6. by the name of one mes. CC. acres of land, xl. acres of meadow, C. acres of pasture, x. acres of wood, and lxxx. acres of Heath and Furs, part thereof lying in **Pinley**: all which in 4 *Eliz.* the said *John Oldnale* conveyed [t] to *Thomas* and *Clement Walford*.

p *Rot.* H. 6. *m.*

q *Esc.* 5 *n.* 6.

r *Esc.* 7 H.

s *Pat.* 4 E. 6. *p.* 3.

t *Pat.* 4 *Eliz. p.*

But besides this moytie, and the other, which so came to the coheirs of *Philip de Gayton*, 'tis certain that the *Lucies* of **Cherlecote** had a Mannour here: for in 16 *E.* 3. the Lady *Eliz.* the widow of Sir *Will. de Lucy* Knight, had a grant [u] thereof, together with the Mannour of **Cherlecote**, made by Sir *Will. de Lucy* Knight, son to the said Sir *Will.* to hold during her life: in consideration whereof she released her interest in other lands, which she had right to have held. And it is plain by sundry [w] Records, that the posterity of the said Sir *Will. Lucy* posset it till *H.* 7. time; but how much longer I find not.

u *Ex autog. penes* Lucy *e aur.*

w } *Esc.* H. 14 *Rot.* 7 *m. Esc.* H.

Beausale.

THis is also in the parish of **Hatton**, and by the Conquerors Survey [x] certified to contain half a hide, being at that time posseset by *Odo* Bishop of **Baieux** (the Kings half brother) but then held of him by one *Wadardus*, and under him by *Geroldus*, the woods containing two furlongs, and the whole valued at xx *s.* In that Record it is written **Beoschelle**: But very shortly after this, it came [y] to the hands of *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (also Lord of **Hatton**, as hath been shewed) and so, by *Margerie* his grandchild and heir, to *Osbert de Clinton*: which *Osbert* had issue *Osbert*, and he *Thomas*, by whom the inheritance thereof was given (together with **Hatton**) to *Iames de Clinton* his younger son. Whether this grant to *Iames* proved invalid, or that he quitted his title therein to *John* his elder brother's son, I know not; but certain it is, that the said *J.* [z] pass'd it (with **Hatton**) unto *W. de Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** and his heirs: And for the better strengthening of their title did *Maud* Countess of **Warwick** after the death of the said Earl her husband purchase from Sir *Hamon le Strange* Knight all his right therein; which *Hamon* had

x Dom. *lib.*

y *Ex MS.* penes R. Digby

z *Cart. Warw.* f. 92.

a *Esc.* 1 *n.* 3.

had a grant [b] thereof from S.r *Thomas de Clinton* above ſpecified; but I ſuppoſe it to have been only as a truſt; for it continued (with **Hatton**) to the ſucceeding Earls of **Warwick**, as by ſeveral inſtances I could manifeſt.

Within the precincts of this Lordſhip there was antiently a Chapell [c], dedicated to S. *John* the Evang. and endowed with Glebe and Tithes by *Margerie de Clinton*, wife to *Osbert de Clinton* abovеſpecified, as is exactly expreſt in a ſpecial grant [d] made by her thereto, and confirmed [e] by *Joh. de Abetoth* her 2 husband: Amongſt the particulars whereof are mentioned the Tithe of the Foul caught in the Park, and of the Fiſhes in the Pool there: as alſo of the Veniſon; *viz.* a ſhoulder of each, with the Tithe of the paunage; and paſturage in the ſame for ſix beaſts, ſeven Hogs, one Sow, a Mare and Colt, with two loads of wood at *Chriſtmaſſe* yearly: All which were antiently given and united to the Collegiate Church of our Lady in **Warwick** (as it ſeems) after the Mannour of **Beauſale** was ſo poſſeſt by the Earls of **Warwick**, as aboveſaid: For at the death of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** (who dyed towards the later end of *E.* 3. time) and in *R.* 2. time did the Canons of that Church enjoy [f] them. But this is now included within **Wedgnok** Park, and was of later time called by the name of **Cuckow-Church**, whereof in my diſcourſe of **Wedgnock** I have alreade ſpoke.

[b] *Cartul. Warw. Com. 55. b*

[c] *Reg. Col. de Warw. f. 174. b.*

[d] *f. 175 a.*

Haſeley.

NExt unto **Hatton**, on the other ſide of that rivulet which cometh fromwards, . . ., ſtandeth **Haſeley**; which in the Conquerors time was poſſeſt [g] by *Haſculf Muſard*; but of him held by *Hunfridus* (progenitor to the Family of *Haſtang*, as in **Lemington-Haſtang** appeareth) and then certified to contain 3. hides, and half a virgate of land, there being a Church, as alſo a Mill rated at iiii *s.* and the woods belonging thereto extending to a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth, all valued at xxx *s.* having been the Freehold of *Azur* before the Norman Invaſion. But it continued not long in the Family of *Haſtang*; for *Aytrope Haſtang*, granchild to the before ſpecified *Hunfridus*, in conſideration of lxxx marks of ſilver, ſold [h] it to *Will Turpin*, a gentleman of the Kings Bedchamber; reſerving from the ſaid *W.* and his heirs, to him the ſaid *Aytrop* and his heirs, the like ſervice as was due by him to his Lord for the ſame; *viz.* the half and the tenth part of a K[ts] Fee: By which grant the ſaid *Aitrop* alſo covenanted, that every of the heirs to the ſaid *W. Turpin* ſhould be quit of their Relief for one *Beſantine**.

[g] *omeſd.*

[h] *tul. n. Com. a*

From this *W. Turpin* was it ſoon after conveyed [i] to *Rog.* the ſon of *Thurſtane de Cherlecote*, and his heirs: By which grant it appeareth, that the Knights ſervice due, in reſpect thereof, was as much as belong'd to two hides, whereof five made the ſervice of one Knights Fee. And for the better confirmation thereof, did *Osbert Turpin*, brother to the ſame *Will.* levy a Fine [k] unto *Thomas de Cherlecote*, ſon to the above mentioned *Roger*, in 7 *H.* 3. Of which branch of *Cherlecote's* Family, reſiding here at **Haſeley**, and aſſuming it for their ſirname (as I ſhall ſhew anon) I muſt not omit to mention what I have met with in an hiſtoricall way (the deſcent being placed in **Cherlecote**)

[i] *eice old- anti- h 50 l. n. gr.] l.*

[k] *ept. 7 H.*

In 12. *H.* 3. the King remitted [l] to *Thomas de Cherlecote* the Scutage then due from him; *viz.* for half a Knights Fee, and a fourth part; where he is called *Thomas de Cherlecote Vadletus Magiſtri Stephani de Lucy*; which ſhewes he was *Lucie's* ſervant, though in what capacity is hard to ſay: And in 20 *H.* 3. accepted [m] of 5 marks inſtead of xx, which were due from him unto the Exchequer for divers defaults of his in the *Iters* of the Kings Juſtices: But this *Thomas* came to an untimely end, for he was ſtrangled [n] by three of his own ſervants; *viz.* two men and one woman; and afterwards caſt into a pool here at **Haſeley**; which, till the murther was found out, occaſioned ſuch a ſuſpicion that he had drowned himſelf, that his goods and Catalls were ſeized into the Kings hands, and then valued at 71 *li.* 05 *s.* 04 *d.* But the truth at laſt appearing [o], the Murtherers had their demerits by judgment of the Kings Juſtices, and reſtitution was made of thoſe his goods unto his heirs, to diſpoſe of for the health of his ſoul.

[l] 1 Clauſ. 12. H. 3. *m.* 1.

[m] *Rot. F. 20 H. 3. m. 6*

[n] [o] *Rot. F. 47 H 3 m. 10.*

To him ſucceeded *Thomas* his ſon and heir; who by a Charter [p] bearing date 3 *Maii* 51 *H.* 3. had **Free-Warren** granted to him in all his demeſn lands here. This *Thomas* was [q] one of the Commiſſioners for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick** in 53 and 56 *H.* 3. ſo alſo in [r] 1. 2. and 3 *E.* 1. In 6 *E.* 1. he was Shiriff [s] of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**; and in [t] Commiſſion likewiſe for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; as alſo in [u] 11. 12. and 14 *E.* 1. In 15 *E.* 1. he was conſtituted [w] one of the Commiſſioners in this County for conſervation of the peace, and taking care that the ſtatute of **Winchester** ſhould be obſerved. The ſame year, and the two next years following, he was again [x] one of the Juſtices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: in ſeverall of which years, he is indifferently written, ſometimes *Thomas de Cherlecote*, and ſometimes *Thomas de Haſele*, and was a Knight [y]. But his ſon and heir; *ſc.* *Robert* paſt [z] away his title in this Mannour to *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in 30 *E.* 1. to whoſe poſterity it continued till all the lands belonging to that Earldome came to the Crown in 3 *H.* 7. (as in **Warwick** I have manifeſted) out of which it was granted, [a] together with the Caſtle of **Warwick** and many other Lordſhips, by King *E.* 6. 22 *Junii* 1. of his reign unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; and in 3 *E.* 6. paſt [b] back to the King by the ſaid Earl (*inter alia*) for lands in **Oxfordſhire** and other Counties: Howbeit, the next year following he had it again, with the reſt, in exchange [c] for certain Mannours in **Northumberland** and elſewhere.

[p] *Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 6.*

[q] [r] *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

[s] [t] *Rot. F. 6 E. 1. m. 2. in ced.*

[u] [w] *Pat. 6 E. 1. m. 4.*

[x] *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

[y] *Pat. 15 E. 1. m. 13.*

[z] *Cartul Warw. Com. f. 91. a*

[a] *Ib. f. 90. b*

[b] *Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 9.*

[c] *Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 9.*

But upon the attainder of the ſaid *John* (then D. of **Northumb**) in 1, *Mariæ*, the Q. granted [d] it to *Mich. Throkmorton*, Eſq; and his heirs; who aliened [e] it the year enſuing to *Clem. Throkmorton* his Nephew (third ſon to Sir *George Throkmorton* of **Coughton**, in this County Knight) who had iſſue *Job Throkmorton*, one of thoſe notable Zelots in Q. *Eliz.* time, of whom, with ſome other of the like ſpirit, Mr. *Cambden* in his Annals of that Queens reign (*an. ſc.* 1588) hath this expreſſion— *Hi itaq; & in Hierarchiam, & in Præſules, probroſis editis libellis, quibus tituli erant* Martinus * Præſulibus exitioſus, *vel* Præſulomaſtix, Minerali, Diotrephes, Demonſtratio diſciplinæ &c. *calumniis & convitiis virulentiſſimis adeo ſcurriliter debacchati ſunt, ut authores non*

[d] *Pat. 1 M. p. 15.*

[e] *Pat. 1. & 2. Ph. & M. p. 11.*

* *Marpre-late.*

pietatis cultores, sed è popina ganeones viderenter. Authores tamen erant Penrius *&* Udallus *Verbi Ministri, &* Jobus Throgmortonus, *vir doctus & facetè dicax: Fautores* Ricardus Knightleius, *&* Will. Wigstonus *equites aurati, viri alioquin boni, graves, & prudentes (sed à quibusdam ministris sibi sapientibus circumventi) qui crimen gravi mulcta in Camera stellata irrogata luissent, nisi Archiep.* Cantuar. *quæ fuit ille lenitate, Reginam agrè exorasset.* Which *Job* had issue Sir *Clem. Throgmorton* Knight (a Gentleman not a little eminent for his learning and eloquence, having served in sundry Parliaments as one of the Knights for this shire, and undergone divers other publiq; imployments of note) and he *Clement Throkmorton* Esq; now Lord of this Mannour.

The Church (dedicated to the *Visitation* of the blessed Virgin) was given[f] to the Monastery of S. *Oswald* at **Nostell** (in **Yorksh.**) by *Ansride Hastang*, brother to the first *Aytrope*, in *H.* 1. time; but how or when the Canons of **Nostell** quitted their title thereto, I know not: Howbeit, I find, that the Canons of **Warwick** had it afterwards; and that there grew some question betwixt *Thomas de* **Cherlecote**, Lord of this Mannour, and them for the right of patronage thereto, which the said *Thomas*, at the length, released[g] to them. In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued[h] at 5 marks, at that time the portion therein, belonging to the Canons of **Warwick**, being iiii *s.* And in[i] 26 *H.*8. at iiii *li.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* a *Pension*[k] of iiii *s.* being payd yearly out of it to the Priory of **Warwick**, and for *Procurations* and *Synodalls* iiii *s.* more.

f *Cart.* 7 *Joh. m.* 7. *per. Insp.*

g *Ex autog. penès* S.A. *eq. aur.*

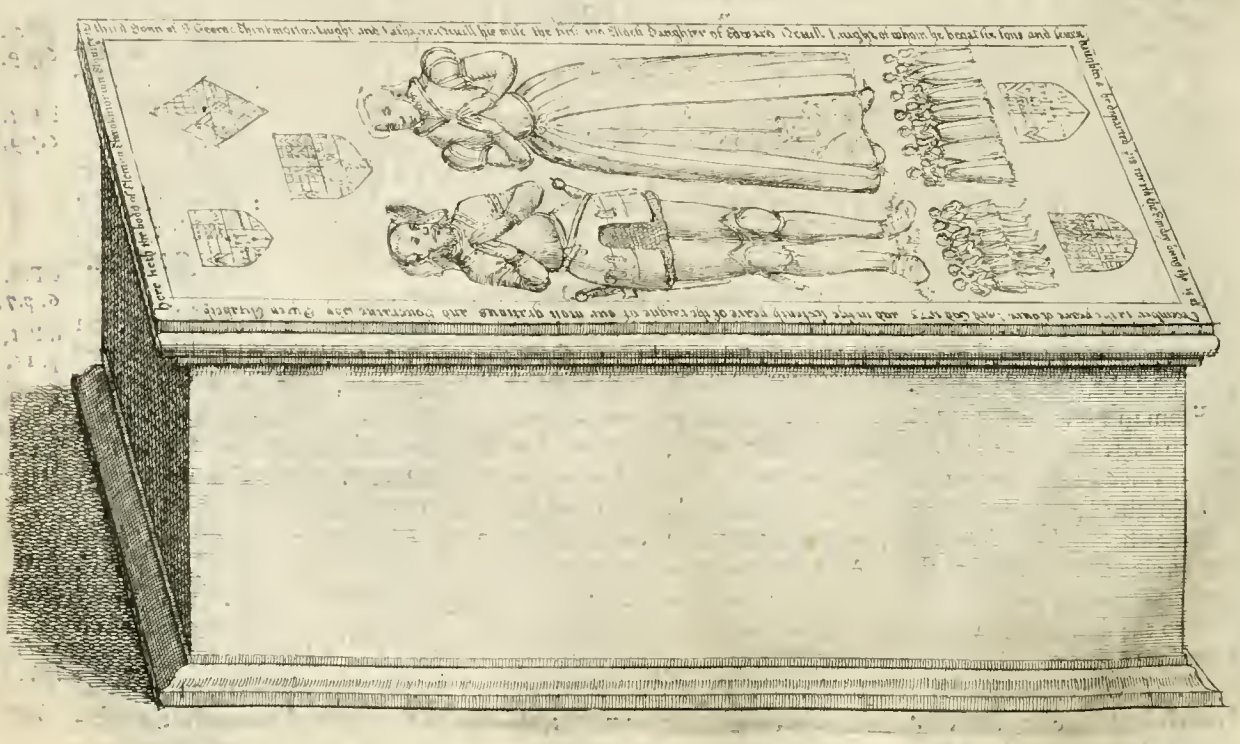
h *MS. in Scac.*

i *MS. penès* S.A. *eq. aur. f.*21.*b*

k *Ib. f.*5.*a*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Giff. f. 428 *a*		
Geyn f. 362 *a*	*Prior & Canonici S. Sepulcri Warw.*	*Thomas Tankard* 9 *Cal. Julii* 1298.
Maid. f. 552 *a*		*Joh. Mile subdiac.* 6 *Cal. Junii* 1304.
		Mr. Joh. de Wulfreton Cler. 16 *Cal. Nov.* 1317.
	Idem Prior & Canon. S. Sepulcri Warw.	*Ric. de Mesford Cap.* 15 *Cal. Jan.* 1320. — *Cob. f.* 23.
		Henr. de Bradewas Cap. Id. Julii 1325. — *Ib. f.* 111.
		D. Thomas de Baddesley Pbr. 5. *Feb.* 1328. — *Horl. vol.* 1 *f.*18.*b*
		D. Will. de Nayleston 17 *Dec.* 1359. — *Br. vol.* 1. *f.* 28.*b*
		Will. Warde Pbr. 29 *Maii* 1364. — *S. Germ. f.* 118.*a*
		Rob. Felde Pbr. 8 *Sept.* 1369. — *Lyn. f.* 2.*a*
		Will. atte Hulle 17 *Junii* 1370. — *Ib. f.*4.*b*
		Rad. Daston 4 *Sept.* 1388. — *Wak. f.*54
		Laur. Staundene 12 *Julii* 1404. — *Cliff. f.*77
		Joh Aynolph 21 *Aug.* 1406. — *Ib. f.*91.
		Robertus. Grene 12. *Nov.* 1409. — *Pev. f.*11
		Joh. Clerke 3 *Novembris* 1410. — *Ib. f.*25.*b*
		Henr. Mackley 24. *Martii* 1410. — *Ib. f.*32.*b*
		D. Rad. de Herleston Cap. 1 *Sept.* 1414. — *Ib. f.*67.*b*
		Frater Ricardus Canon. in domo Hosp. S. Joh. Warwici 10 *Jan.* 1433. — *S. Germ.* 247.*b*
	D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Phil. VVorthyn Pbr.* 24 *Nov.* 1468. — *Carp. vol. f.*235.*b*
		D. Joh. Somburne Cap. 24 *Feb.* 1471. — *Ib. vol.* 25.*a*
	D. Ric. Mores Cap. hacvice Patronus.	*Frater Rob. Ychinton Canon. ... Oct.* 1512. — *Gyg.* 2. 105.*a*
	Pr. & Canon. S. Sepulcri Warwici.	*D. Joh. Uttynge Cap.* 4 *Dec.* 1526. — *Feron. f.* 28.*a.*
	Job Throgmorton.	*VVill. Meacock Cler.* 16 *Julii* 1594. — *Bul. f.*6.*b*

Haseley
On the North side of the Chancell.



Claverdon.

Claverdon.

ASCending another torrent, which meeteth with that last spoke of, a little below **Hasley**, I come to **Claverdon**. In the Conquerors time this, being possest [1] by the Earl of of **Pellent**, contained 3 hides, and was valued at iiii *li.* the woods whereof were a mile in extent; but in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes, it was the Freehold of one *Bovi.* From which Earl, as most of the lands which he had in this County did, it came to the hands of *Henry de Newburgh*, his brother, (the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line) as is evident enough: And in *9 Joh.* was (*inter alia*) assigned [m] for the dower of *Alice* the widow of *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick**; so also in [o] *26 H. 3.* to *Ela* the widow of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick**: which *Ela* in *36 H. 3.* obtained a Charter [p] of **Free-warren** in all her demesn lands here; and purchased [q] certain other lands, in this place, of Sir *Henry de Lodbroke* Kt. which she gave [r] to the Priory at **Warwick**.

[1] Domesd. lib.

[m] F. levat. 9 Joh.

[o] Clauſ. 26 H. 3. p. 2. m. 7.

[p] Cart. 36 H. 3. m. 27.

After this, *viz.* in *13 E. 1. Will. de Beauchamp* claimed [s] a Gallows, with Assize of Bread and Beer in this Mannour, by Prescription which were allowed: And in *9 E. 2.* was it assigned (*inter alia*) as part of the dowry of *Alice*, widdow unto *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**. To the posterity of which Earls it continued till *3 H. 7.* but then coming to the Crown (with all the rest of the possessions belonging to that Earldome) was by K. *H. 8.* in *26* of his reign, leased [u] to *Reg. Walford* for xxi years: But King *Edw. 6. 22 Dec.* 1. of his reign, granted [w] the inheritance thereof, together with the Castle of **Warwick** &c. unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**: After whose attainder in *1 Mariæ*, the said Q. made a Lease [x] thereof for xl. years at the Rent of xxvii *li.* iiii *s.* i *d. ob.* to *Clem Throgmorton* of **Hasley** Esquier: But in *4 Eliz.* did *Ambrose Dudley*, then Earl of **Warwick**, obtaine a Pat. [y] thereof, together with the Castle of **Warwick** *&c.* to himselfe and the heirs male of his body; who dying without issue, it returned to the Crown, and was afterwards purchased by *Thomas Spencer* Esquier, a younger son to Sir *John Spencer* of **Althorpe** *in com. Northampt.* Knight. Which *Thomas*, having likewise obtained a Lease from the Dean and Chapter of **Worcester** of certain lands in this place, built a very fair House thereupon; and for the great Hospitality which he kept thereat, was the mirrour of this County: But having no issue male, setled this Mannour (*inter alia*) upon Sir *Will. Spenser* Baronet, son and heir of Sir *Thomas*, and he of Sir *Will.* sometime of **Yarnton** in **Oxfordshire** (his third brother.)

[n] Ex autog. penes Will. Spenſ. eq. aur.

[s] Rot. de Quo VV. Clauſ. 9 E. 2. m. 22.

[u] Pat. 26 H. 8. p. 2.

[w] Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 6.

[x] Pat. 2. & 3. Ph. & M. p. 7.

[y] Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 4.

Touching the Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) it appeareth [z], that *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** in *23 H. 1.* gave to his Collegiate Church of **Warwick**, then newly founded, two parts of the Tithes issuing out of the Inclosures in this parish, and likewise of the paunage of all the woods belonging thereto: And that in *an.* 1291 (*19 E. 1.*) it was valued [a] at xv. marks and a half, the Vicars portion being then six marks and a half: Which Vicaridge in *26 H. 8.* was rated [b] at vi *li.* the *Procurations* and *Synodalls*, issuing out of it, being viii *li.*

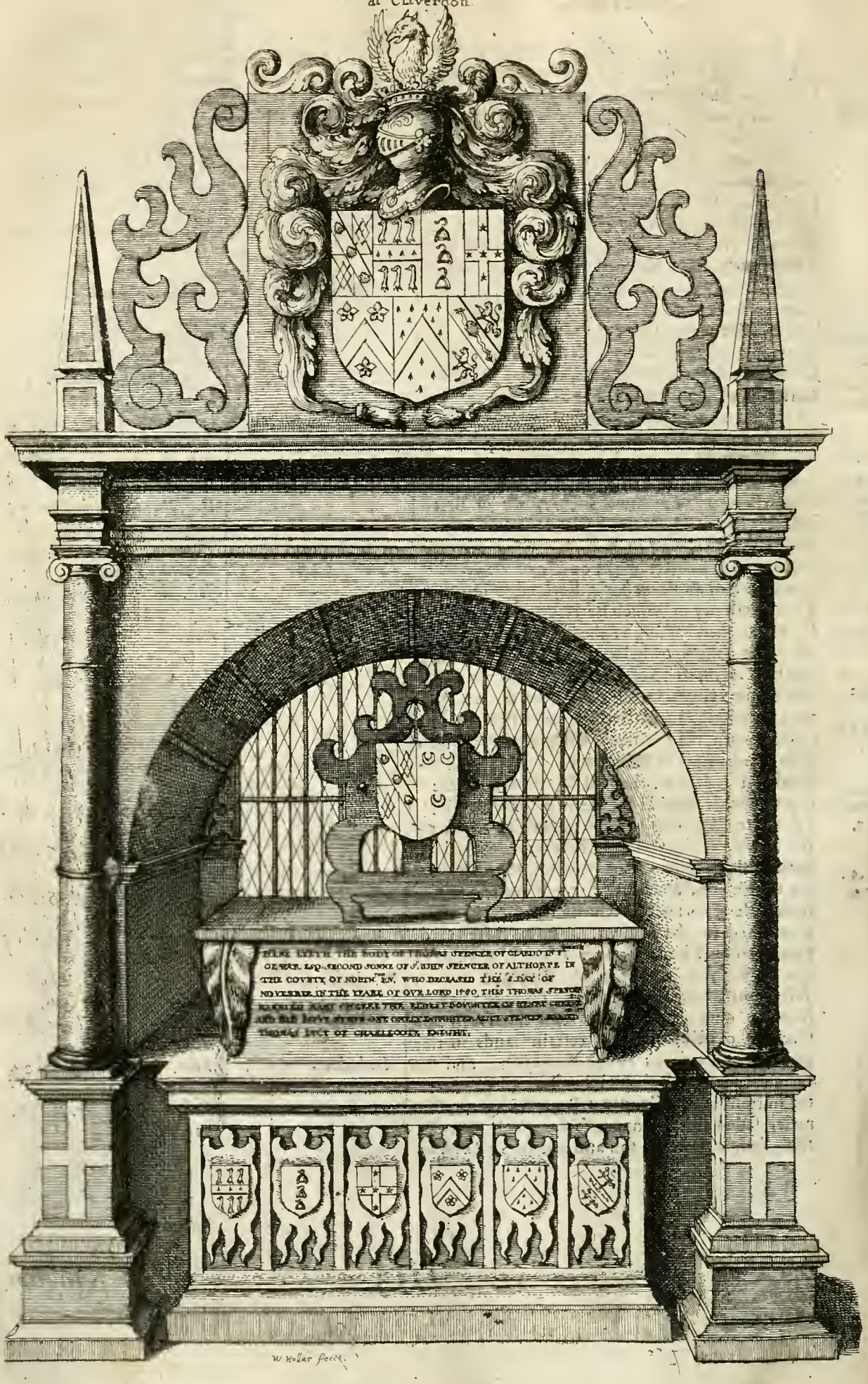
[z] Reg. Col. de V Warw. f. 12. a

[a] MS. in Scac.

[b] MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 21. b

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Archidiaconus Wigorniæ.	*Joh. de Berninton Cap. 2 Cal. Junii* 1269.	*Giff. f. 13. b*
	Galf. de Wykwan Pbr. 5 Cal. Sept. 1283.	*Ib. f. 189. b*
	Ric. de Stockton Pbr. 6 Non. Martii 1304.	*Geyn. f. 28 a*
	Rob. de Buynton Cap. 11 Cal. Apr. 1307.	*S. Germ. f. 38. b.*
	D. Joh. de Clone Pbr. 19 Cal. Sept. 1327.	*Cob. f. 131 a*
	Thomas Person Cap. 14 Maii 1359.	*Wolst. f. 11 a*
	Joh. de Stone Pbr. penult. Aug. 1361.	*Br. vol. 1. f. 36. a*
	Will. de Blaklow Pbr. 8 Oct. 1361.	*Ib. f. 38. a*
	Joh. Curteys Pbr. 19 Feb. 1373.	*S. Germ. f. 167. a*
	D. Joh. de Westbury, alias Brakley, 4 Oct. 1413.	*Pem. f. 57. a*
	Henr. Andrew Cap. 3 Jan. 1423.	*Morg. vol. 1. f. 25. a*
	Joh. Fletcher Cap. 9 Apr. 1432.	*Pull. f. 126 b*
	Joh. Hamond Pbr. 8 Julii 1436.	*Bourch. f. f. 23. b.*
	D. Joh. Reve Cap. 5 Jan. 1473.	*Carp. vol. 2 f. 47. a*
	Will. Pecock art Magr. 17 Apr. 1535.	*Jeron. f. 73 b.*
D. Episc. hac vice.	*Andr. Bassam S. Theol. Bac. 4 Maii* 1536.	*Lat. f. 1. a*
Archidiac. Wigorn.	*D. Ric. Todde Pbr. 3 Julii* 1543.	*Bell. f. 34. a*
	Edw. Millard Cler. 29 Julii 1574.	*Bul. f. 10. a*
	Rob. Fynche Cler. 8 Feb. 1586.	*Ib. f. 33. a*

On the North side of the Chancell
at Claverdon.



Kington.

THis is that place (as I conceive) which I find written **Cinton** in the Conquerors Survey [c], and there certified to have been at that time poſſeſt by the Earl of **Mellent**, and to contain one hide and a half, which was then waſt, and valued at no more than v *s.* But the extent of the woods is not there recorded; howbeit the valuation of them is put at x *s.* which, with the reſt had been the freehold of *Fritnod* before the Norman invaſion. All that I have further ſeen of this place is, that the Abbot of **Bordſley** had very antiently two carucates of land here; for which in 4 *E.* 1. he was preſented [d] to have withdrawn his ſuit xx. years before that time: but by whom or when it was given, I am not very ſure: And that after the diſſolution of the ſaid Monaſtery, the ſame land, by the name of the Grange, Mannour, or Ferme of **Kington** &c. was granted [e] to *Clem. Throkmorton* Eſq; and *Alex. Avenon* and their heirs in 37 *H.* 8. Which *Clem.* dyed ſeized thereof by the name of **Kinton**-Ferm, or Grange in 16 *Eliz.*

c Domeſd. b.

d Inq. per Iundr. peès Camer. Cac.

e Pat. 37 H. p. 9.

Langley.

IN the Conquerors time this being poſſeſt by *Rob. de Stadford*, was of him held by one *Judichel*, and by the Survey then taken, certifyed [f] to contain 1. hide and a half, having woods belonging thereto of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which were valued at xl *s.* and had been the freehold of *Ernvi* in *Edw.* the Confeſſors dayes. Howbeit, after this till 13 *Joh.* I find [g] no more mention of it, and then it with **Norton**, being part of the Honour of *Hervie de Stafford*, in this County, anſwered for two Knights Fees. But, it ſeems, that one of the *Curleys* (Lords of **Norton** *Curley*) was enfeofe thereof by ſome of the poſterity of the before ſpecifyed *Robert de Stadford*; for in 23 *H.* 3. *Will. de Curley* confirm'd [h] to the Monks of **Bordſley** all the lands which had been granted to them within the Territories of **Langle** of his Fee: And in 36 *H.* 3. held [i] one Knights Fee here and in **Norton** of *Robert de Stafford.*

To deduce the ſucceſſion of its poſſeſſors, exactly, I cannot; therefore what I have diſjointedly found thereof muſt ſatisfy. In 17. *Edw.* 2. Sir *Henry de Lodbroke* Knight wrote [k] himſelf *Dominus de Langele*; and within two years after *Will. Vauban* had the ſame title, as by his deed [l] with his ſeal of Armes thereto annext; *viz. a Croſs within a border both engrailed*, doth teſtifie. And in 39 *Edw.* 3. was there a Fine [m] levyed of this Mannour, between Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, Pl. and *John* the ſon of Sir *John Trillow* Knight, and *Joan* his wife Deforc. it being of her inheritance; whereby it paſt to the ſaid Sir *Baldwin* for life. But in 10 *Henr.* 6. *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** was Lord [n] of it: And, ſhortly after that, *John Arden* of **Park-hall** Eſquier, who, upon the marriage of *Thomas* his ſon and heir, ſetled [o] it (*inter alia*) upon him. Which *Thomas* in 1. & 2. *Phil. & M.* levyed a Fine [p] thereof, but to what uſes I know not.

f Domeſd.

g Lib. rub. f. 7 a.

h Ex autog. Cur. Regm.

i Teſta de N.

k Ex autog. penès Cantab.

l Ex autog. penès Com. Scac.

m Abbaga de Bordesby.

n Ex autog. penès Com. bibl. Wilton.

o Craſt. Inrif.

p Pot. in Sc. penès Com. R.

q Sc. 37 H. 6.

r Term. Pa.

The Chapell here, (as alſo that of **Norton**-*Limeſi*) antiently belong'd [q] to the Church of **Wolverton**-*Wawen*; but in the yeat 1257. by a ſpecial Agreement [r] made betwixt the Prior of **Wolverton** and the then Rector of the Church of **Claverdon** it was concluded, that from thenceforth, the ſaid Chapells with all the Tithes, as well great as ſmall; ariſing within their precincts, ſhould belong to the Church of **Claverdon**; as alſo that the Inhabitants of this Village and **Norton** ſhould bury their dead, and receive the Sacraments there: In conſideration whereof the Rector of **Claverdon**, and his ſucceſſors were to pay, for ever, unto the Prior of **Wolverton** and his ſucceſſors in the Church of *Wawens*-**Wolverton** 5. marks, and 8[s] yearly upon the Feaſt days of St. *James* the Apoſtle, and St. *Martin* by equall portions, or within two dayes following: which agreement was confirmed [s] by *Maugerius* Biſhop of **Worceſter** upon Fryday, being Saint *Peters* day, the year aboveſaid. When or how the difference grew betwixt the Succeſſors of the ſaid Rector and Prior, I know not: but I find, that about 22 *H.* 7. the Arch-Deacon of **Worceſter**, as Rector of **Claverdon**, and the Provoſt and Fellows of Kings Colledge in **Cambridge**, ſucceſſors to the ſaid Prior, came to a new Agreement [t]; *viz.* that the ſaid Rector of **Claverdon** and his ſucceſſors ſhould themſelves pay to the ſaid Provoſt and Fellows, and their ſucceſſors xl *s.* yearly *Penſion* at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmaſſe* by even portions, in right of their Rectory of *Wawens*-**Wolverton**; which Agreement bears date 1. *Februarii anno* 1506. (22 *Henry* 7.)

s Ex autog. penès Præpoſ. & ſocios Coll. Regal. Cantab.

t Gigles f. 119. a.

Norton Limeſi, alias Norton Superior.

FOllowing this little brook I come next to **Norton**-*Limeſi*, ſtanding upon an aſcent on the Northweſt ſide thereof; but it is not at all mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, which makes me conclude, that it was then involved with **Wolverdinton**, being the very proportion which *Rob. de Stadford* then held in that place: For in 13 *Joh.* Where the Fees belonging to the Honour of **Stafford**, in this County, are recorded, [u] **Langeleg** and **Norton** (which I take to be this **Norton**) are certified for two Knights Fees: And afterwards; *viz.* in 36 *Henr.* 3. is it alſo joyned with **Langele**, *Will. de Curli* (of whom I have ſpoke in **Budbroke**) anſwering [w] for one Knights Fee in both theſe places. But in 9 *E.* 2. it was reputed [x] a Hamlet of **Fulbroke**, and written **Norton**-*Limſey*, for diſtinction from the other **Nortons**. It ſeems that the Earls of **Warwick** became poſſeſt of it in *E.* 3. time, if not before; for in 46 *E.* 3. it appears [y] that the Knights Fee here in **Langley** above mentioned, was held of *Raph* Earl *Stafford* by *Thomas Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, and ſo [z] likewiſe by the ſucceeding Earls of **Warwick**.

u Lib. rub. f. 157. a.

w Teſta de N.

x Nom. Vil.

y Eſc. 46 E. 3. n. 62.

z Eſc. 10 R. 2. n. 38. Eſc. 22. R. 2. Eſc. 38. & 39 H. 6.

The Chapell here (dedicated to the holy *Trinity*) was [a] antiently dependent upon the Church of **Wolverton**-*VVawen*, but long ſince annext [b] to the Pariſh Church of **Claverdon**.

a } Gigles
b } f. 119. a

Sunger

Sunger.

THis place was given [c] to the Monks of **Bordsley**, in K. *Steph.* time, by *Will. Giffard*, and confirm'd [d] by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**; but the reason why it is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey is, because it was then involved with **Bralles**, of which Mannour it was accounted for half a hide, as the Charter [e] of its confirmation, made by *Will.* Earl of **Warwick** (son to Earl *Roger*) doth testifie. After the dissolution of which Monastery it was granted [f] out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Clem. Throkmorton* Esquier, and *Alex. Avenon*, and their heirs, by the name of the Mannour, Ferm, and Graunge called **Songer-grange**, and is now possest by *Clem. Throkmorton* of **Haseley** Esq; great grandchild to the said *Clement*.

t, u Ex autog. penes W. Sheldō de Beoley ar.

c Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 10. per Insp.

f Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 9.

Paulines-Heath

OF this place all that I have seen [g], is no more than that the Canons of Saint *Sepulchers* in **Warwick** were seized thereof in 42 *H.* 3. But I do not find that those lands, then so called, did continue that name, or were reputed a Mannour.

g Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.

Pinley-Priory.

ON an ascending ground, upon the North side of that torrent rising about the skirts of **Claverdon**, stands **Pinley**, which was antiently a member [h] of **Rowinton**, and granted (as I guesse) by *Robert* the first Earl of **Leicester** of the Norman line (who possest *Hugh de Grentemaisnill's* lands, whereof **Rowinton** was part) to *Robert Boteler* of **Overley** in this County: which *Robert*, as it seems, enfeoft *R. de Pilardinton* thereof, who was the Founder of this little Monastery: For in the Confirmation [i] made by *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester**, as also of *John Pagham*, and *Alured*, his immediate successors (who lived in K. *H.* 1. and K. *Steph.* times) there is recitall, that the said *R. de Pilardinton* gave to God and the Nuns of this place *totam terram de Pineleia assensu Roberti Pincerne de Oversleia.* Whether there were any formall Charter of its Foundation, I much doubt; but if there were 'tis no wonder, through the various changes of its possessors since the dissolution, that it is lost: And for enroulment in our publique Records, I am sure there is none, it seldome hapning that such small Houses went to the charge thereof.

h Nom. Vill.

i Ex autog. penès .... Cookes de Pinley.

I come now to the severall Benefactors that they had. In **Pinley**, *Will.* the son of *Wigan Mareschall* gave [l] them half a yard land. In [m] **Shrewley** *Ernald de Bois* one carucate; and *Robert de Tayden* a certain Tenement containing a full carucate. In † **Walton**-*Manduit* *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick** gave the tithe corne. In * **Walton**-*Daivil Walt. de D'avill* the tithe of his Mill. In **Claverdon** several parcells of land were given [n], some by *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick**, in a place called **Crudshale**; and the rest by *Nich. de* **Crudshale**. In [o] **Rubinton** *Will.* the son of *Will. de Freynuse* gave a meadow. In [p] **Langeley** *Will. de Curley*, and his Tenants several parcells. In **Whatcote**, the Nuns of this House had one yard land and a half granted [q] by Sir *John le Lowe* Knight. In **Whitchurch** an yearly Rent of xiii. quarters of Wheat, and xiiii. quarters of Barley, which they purchased [r] of *Peter de Montfort*, Lord of that Mannour: which Family of *Montfort* (whose seat was at **Belvesert**) were very devout Benefactors to this Monastery: for I find [s] that *Thurstan de Montfort* gave thereunto the tenth part of all the victualls spent in his House; *viz.* Bread, Beer, Flesh, Fish, and whatsoever was dresst in his Kitchin; and that *Peter* his son obtained [t] the patronage thereof from *Roger de Pilardinton* in *H.* 3. time, whereof he had a confirmation [u] by *Walter de Cantilupe* Bishop of **Worcester**: which Tenth of Victuall, the said *Peter* also allowed all the days of his life; and so likewise *Peter* the son of that *Peter* untill 5 *E.* 1. Wherefore I am of opinion, that the Rent-Corn, above mentioned, was by him setled, as is before expresst, in lieu thereof. And in 3 *E.* 2. *Philip le Lou*, and *Margerie* his wife, gave [w] the perpetuall advouson of the Church of **Whatcote** in this County. Within the precinct of **Fulbroke**-Park had [x] they also two Tofts, one yard land, one Croft called **Hoppescroft**, one meadow called **Latomes-meadow**, and half an acre in **Wodemedow**, with an Isle called the **Hilldams** compassed about with the River **Avon**; but of whose grant I find not.

l, m, n, o, p Ex autog. penes eundem .... Cookes.

† * Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton

q Cart. 19 E. 2. n. 7. per Insp.

r Pat. 29 E. 1. m. 3.

s Esc. 29 E. 1. n. 96.

t, u Ex Coll. H. Ferrers.

w Pat. 3 E. 2. m. 6.

x Esc. 18 E. 4.

And that the hearts and hands of many people, in antient time, were free and open to such devout Votaries, we have innumerable examples: Neither did there want Instruments to stirr them up thereto, as here, by severall Indulgences, one [y] of *Hubert* Archb. of **Canterbury** *an.* 1195 (7 *R.* 1.) another [z] by the before specified *Walt. de Cantilupe* Bishop of **Worcester** *an.* 1253. and a third [a] by *Simon de Wauton* Bishop of **Norwich** *an.* 1260, each of them vouchsafing pardon of Penance, for a certain number of dayes, for such sins, whereof the persons offending, making true confession, should be heartily sorry, giving something of their temporall substance to these Nuns. Divers immunities also, usually granted to such Religious Houses did King *Henry* 2. and King *Henry* 3. vouchsafe unto them, as by their Charters [b] may appear. But neither could the pious and strict lives of these innocent Ladies; nor the priviledges of those Kings preserve them from that generall ruine, which hapned in 27 and 30 *H.* 8. As a preparatory to which work was that Survey [c] in 26. of his Reign, whereby this House with all that belong'd thereto, was rated at xxii^{li} vi^{s} iiii^{d}. over and above the Reprizes; whereof xvii^{s} iiii^{d} *per an.* was reckoned to be yearly distributed in Almes to poor people, for the soul of Sir *Peter de Montfort*, one of their Benefactors, and xii^{s} for the soul of Sir *Raph de Sudle* Knight another; *Roger Wigston* Esq; being then high Steward thereof, having a *Pension* of xx^{s} *per. an.*

y, z, a Ex autog. penès præfat .... Cookes

b Cart. 1 H. 3. m. 3. per Inf.

c MS. pen. S. A. eq. au. f. 10. 4.

And the next year ensuing followed the dissolution of it, with the rest of the small Houses, by Act of Parliament; whereupon *Margerie Wigston*, the then Prioress, obtained an annuity [d] of iiii^{li} *per an.* during her life; but the rest of her Covent nothing. After which, *sc.* in 36 *H.* 8. the King, by his Letters Pat. [e] bearing date 15 *Oct.* in consideration of 342^{l} 11^{s} 00. sold to *Will. Wigston*

d Ex Reg. Pens. in Curia Aug.

e Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 1.

ston Esquier (son to the before specified *Roger*) the site of this Monastery with the Mannour of **Pinle** and all the demesns thereto belonging; as also the lands in **Shrewley**, **Clarvon**, and **Langley**; with a Croft in **Hatton**; and the said Rent-corn issuing out of the Mannour of **Whitchurch**, to hold to him the said *Will.* and his heirs in *Capite* by the xx^th^ part of a Kts. Fee; Reserving xxxvi^s^ ix^d^ yearly to himself, his heirs and successors in the name of a Tenth: which said site, and lands in **Pinle** is since come by purchase to . . . . *Cookesey*, the present owner thereof.

Priorissæ.

Electæ per Convent.

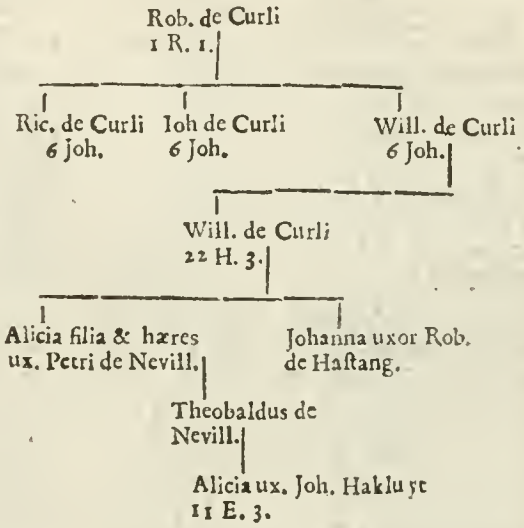
- *Lucia de Sapy* 5. *Id. Nov.* 1269.
- *Helewysia de Langelegh Non. Oct.* 1321,
- *Eliz. de Lotrynton* 4. *Id. Martii* 1324.
- *Matilda le Bret.*
- *Amicia de Hinton* 4. *Julii* 1358.
- *Alicia Myntyng, monialis de Whiston,* 12 *Martii* 1426.
- *Margareta Wigston.*

Budbroke.

FOllowing this little stream I come next to **Budbroke**, which in the Conq. time was possest [f] by *Raph de Limesi*, a great man in those days (as in **Itchington** *longa* I have intimated) though he had no more land in **Warwickshire** than five hides in this place, whereunto belong'd a Mill, valued at ii^s^. and woods of a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth; as also seaven Houses in **Warwick**, yeilding *vii^s^* Rent *per an.* all which were valued at *viii^li^*. and were the inheritance of *Edwine* Earl of **Percia** before the Norman invasion. In *Domesday* book it is written **Budebroc**, and tis like had its name originally from the muddinesse of that petty stream, **Bude** in the Brittish signifying the same with *immundus* in Latine.

But the posterity of the said *Raph de Limesi* continued not long owners of it; for in 22 *H.* 1. I finde [g] that *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** had it; which makes me presume, that lying so near to **Warwick** *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of the Norman race (and father to *Roger*) obtained it. From which E. *Roger* was it past (as it seems) to *Geffery de Clinton* (Founder of **Kenilworth** Castle, and the Monastery there, as I have elswhere shewed) for it appears [h] that *Geffrey de Clinton*, son to the said *Geffrey*, upon his gift of the Church, here at **Budbroke**, to the Canons of **Kenilworth**. conditioned with them to pay a mark of silver yearly to the Collegiate Church of our Lady in **Warwick**, in performance of an Agreement made long before, betwixt the said *Geffery* his father, and the Canons of that Church: and plain it is that the same Earl *Roger*, upon his foundation of that Collegiate Church, gave [i] this of **Budbroke** thereunto, together with all the Tithes of the Town. To which *G. de Clinton*, (as by the Descent in **Colehill** appeareth) succeeded *Henry* his son and heir; who in 2 *Joh.* in consideration of xx. marks of silver, one Palfrey, and one Ring of Gold, granted [k] two Knights fees here in **Budbroc** unto *Hugh de Bardulf*; which *Hugh* immediately past [l] them away again to *John de Curly*, and his heirs, for xl. marks of silver.

But it seems that *Rob. de Curli*, Father to the said *John* and *Will.* had an estate in this Lordship by some grant from the said *G. de Clinton*, as when I come to speak of the Church may be discerned (being contemporary with *G. de Clinton* the second, and witness [m] to one of his Charters.) of which *Robert* the last mention that I find [n] is in 1 *R.* 1. And of *John*, his son, the first, that for adhering to the Kings enemies in 6 *Joh.* he had all his lands seized [o] upon. This was (as I guess) for deserting [p] him in **Normandy**, whereupon ensued the totall loss of that Dutchy: for in the Record [q] of 33 *H.* 3. **Budbroke** is said to be *de terra Normannorum*: but these lands so seized, did *Will. Curly*, brother to the said *John*, obtain [r] from the said King, for C. marks fine and one Palfrey.



Which *Will.* became eminently imployed in his time. In 5 *H.* 3. he was constituted [f] one of the Justices of Assize for determining the difference betwixt *Philippa Marmion*, widow of *Robert Marmion*, and *Rob. Marmion* son to the said *Robert*, touching her dowry in **Tamworth** and **Middleton**; and from 6 till 11 *H.* 3. a Justice [t] of Assize in this County. To the Monks of **Bordsley** he gave [u] two acres of land in **Edrichestun**; and left issue *Will.* his son and heir, one of the Justices of Assize also in this shire, for sundry [w] years: and likewise in Commission for the Gaol delivery from [x] 27 till 37 *H.* 3. Which *Will.* confirm'd [z] to the Monks of **Bordsley** all the land that had been granted to them of his fee, within his Lordship of **Langley**, his Seal [a] of Armes being a *Labell with 4. points standing in the place of a Bend sinister*; and left issue two daughters [b], his heirs, *Alice* the wife of *Peter de Nevill*, and *Ioan* of *Rob. de Hastang*: From whom descended *Theobald de Nevill*, and *John de Hastang*; who were certified [c] to hold 1 Knights Fee here of *Will. de Odingsells* in 23 *E.* 1.

But it seems that the inheritance, which belong'd to the two daughters above specified, came at length to be divided betwixt their heirs: for I find [d] in 7 *E.* 2. and afterwards, that this Mannour of **Budbroke** became wholy possest by *Hastang*; and in *E.* 3. time was past [e] away in Exchange, together with other lands; unto *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of

k, l *F. levat.* 2 *Joh.*

m *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 22.

n *Rot. P.* 1 *R.* 1.

o *Rot F.* 6. *Joh. m.* 4.

p *Math. Paris. p.* 208. *n.* 50.

q *Testa de N.*

r *Rot. F.* 6 Ioh. *m.* 4.

f *Pat* 5 H. 3. *in d.*

t *Rot. de iisd. an. in d.*

u *Ex autog. penès* Clem. Throkmorton *ar.*

w *Pat.* 22. & 25 H. 3. *in d. Rot. F.* 26 H. 3. *m.* 13.

x *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*

z, a *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*

b *Clauſ.* 37 H. 3. *m.* 13.

c *Esc* 23. E. 1. *n.* 130.

d *F. levaat. Oct. Hill.* 7 E. 2.

e *Ex autog. penès* Will. Stafford *de Blatherwike ar.*

of Warw. for the Mannours of Grafton and Upton-warin in Worcesterſh. with whoſe poſterity it continued till 3 *H.* 7. that all the other lands of that great Earldome came to the Crown, as in Warwick is manifeſted. After which it was, by K. *E.* 6. in 1. of his reign granted [g] (*inter alia*) unto *John Dudley* E. of Warwick and his heirs; but in 3 *E.* 6. exchanged [h] back to the K. again; and the next enſuing year reobtained [i] upon another exchange: ſo that eſchaeting to the Qu. in 1 *Mariæ*, upon the attainder of the ſaid *John* (then D. of Northumb.) it was leaſed [k] out to *John Kitley* for xxi. years at the Rent of 16[li] *per an.* and 4 *Nov.* in 2. and 3. of her reign granted [l] to *Edw. Sutton* Lord *Dudly*, and the heirs male of his body; whoſe ſon and heir. *viz. Edward* Lord *Dudley*, in 31 *Eliz.* ſold [m] it to *John Puckering* Sergeant at Law, which *John* left iſſue Sir *Tho. Puckering* K[t] and Bar. the late owner thereof.

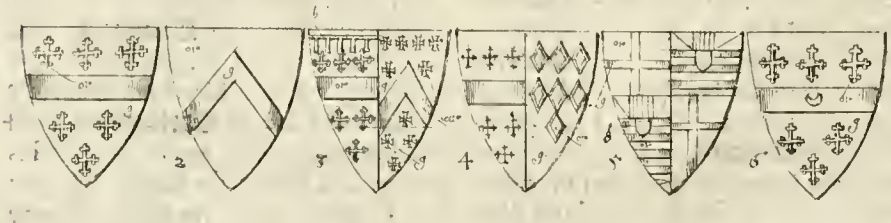
The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) with all the Tithes, was by *Rog.* E. of Warwick given [n] to the Canons of his Collegiate Church in Warwick, upon its Foundation in 23 *H.* 1. who being thus poſſeſt of it, granted [o] the ſame to one M[r] *John* a Canon there, to hold during life; with caution that in acknowledgment of the mother Church (*id eſt* the Coll. Church aboveſaid) whereof it was a member, he ſhould once every year within the *quinzime* of S. *Michael* diſtribute xv[s] amongſt the Communicants of this pariſh. But ſhortly after this, there growing ſome difference betwixt *Rob. de Curli*, Lord of the Mannour of Budbroc (as I have already intimated) and the before ſpecified Canons, in the preſence of certain perſons delegated by the Biſhop of Worceſter, to be Judges thereof, the ſaid *Rob.* rendred [p] up to them all his title and claim therein, acknowledging it to be only a Chapell belonging to that mother Church: By which recognition of his, it alſo appeareth [q] what Glebe and Tythes then appertained thereunto; *viz.* lx. acres of Inclоſure of the ſaid town, on one part of the feild, and as much on the other, together which the Prieſt's dwelling houſe, and Croſts antiently belonging to the Church: as alſo all the Tithe of Budbroc, aſwell of the demeſn as otherwiſe; and of Hampton, Noxton, and Crebecuor; together with the Tithe of the Mill and Pool: all which were belonging to the ſaid Church from the time of *Geffrey de Clinton*, formerly mentioned, who is there ſtiled *Vetus Camerarius*, in regard that his ſon *Geffrey* was alſo Chamberlain after him.

By this Agreement doth it alſo appear, that the Vicar of Budbroc, and his ſucceſſors ſhould be preſented to the ſaid Church by the Canons of Warwick, yet not without the good liking and approbation of the before mentioned *Rob. de Curly* and his heirs: But for better confirmation of this Church to thoſe Canons, did *Will. de Curly* quit [r] all his right to them therein in 12 *H.* 3. In *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) being valued [ſ] at xvi marks, the portion out of it, belonging to the ſaid Canons was certifyed to be xv[s]. But in 41 *E.* 3. the condition thereof ſtood thus; *viz.* [t] that it was a Prebendary to the beforementioned Coll. Church, and that the prebend did Preſent a Rector or Parſon thereto; which Parſon preſented a Vicar, who ſerved the Cure, and had a competent portion aſſigned unto him by the Biſhop, the value of what the Rector then had, being x[li] *per an.* Howbeit, after this, *viz.* in *an.* 1398. 22 *R.* 2. there was a new Appropriation [u] made thereof to the ſaid Canons of Warwick by *Tideman* Biſhop of Worceſter, in reſpect that in the originall annexation, the word ſucceſſors of the Dean and Canons, to whom it had been firſt granted, was deficient, by reaſon whereof they had been outed from their poſſeſſion in the time of *Will. Wittleſey* Archb. of Cant. there being a *Penſion* [w] of *vis. viii d.* reſerved to the ſaid Biſhop and his ſucceſſors out of it: So that in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued [x] at *viii li.* but in *ar.* 1584 (27 *Eliz.*) there was a new Ordination [y] or Compoſition made, whereby the Vicar's rights were better ſetled.

d *F. levat. Oct. Hill.* 7. E. 2.
f *Ex autog. penès* Will. Stafford *de Blatherwik ar.*
g *Pat.* 1 E. 6. *p.* 9.
h *Pat.* 3 E. 6. *p.* 9.
i *Pat.* 4 E. 6. *p.* 7.
k *Pat.* 1 M. *p.* 11.
l *Pat.* 2, & 3 Ph. & M. *p.* 2.
m *Ex autog. penès* T. Puckring *mil. & B.*
n *Reg. Coll. de* Warw. *f.* 12. *a.*
o *Ib. f.* 10. *a*
p *Ib. f.* 9. *b.*
q *Ib. f.* 9. *b.*
r *F. levat. in die S.* Cath. 12 H. 3.
ſ *MS. in Scac.*
t *Regist. de* Warw 57. *a.*
u *Ex Reg. D. & C. Wigorn. f.* 396. *b.* & w Tident. 34. *a.*
x *MS. penes* S.A. *eq. a. f.* 21. *a.*
y Bullin. *f.* 26. *b.*

Budbroke.

In the East Window of the Chancell.



1. Beauchamp E. of Warr
2. Stafford.
3. Beauchamp impaling Berkley
4. Beauchamp impaling Ferrers of Groby.
5. Burgh E. of Ulſter and Mortimer quartered.
6. Will. Beauchamp lord Bergavenny.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Giff. f. 39. *a.* D. Epiſc. *per lapſum.*	*Ric. de Bradewell Cler.* 7 *Id. Maii* 1272.	
Ib. f. 153. *a.*	*Petrus de Leiceſter. Subdiac.* 5. *Cal. Dec.* 1282.	
Ib. f. 329. *a* D. *Rad. de Hengham, & alii Canon. Eccl. b. M. Warwici.*	*Thomas de Houghton Pbr.* 10 *Cal. Apr.* 1290.	
Geyn. f. 33. *a*	*Petrus de Barton Subdiac.* 7 *Cal. Jan.* 1303.	
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Ren. f. 53. *b.* *Decan. Eccl. b. M. Warw.*	*Joh. de la Hale Pbr.* 17. *Cal. Julii* 1312.	
Maid. f. 45. *a.* D. Epiſc. *per lapſum.*	*D. Will. de Nayleſton Cap.* 2. *Non. Junii* 1316.	
Decan. ut ſuprà.	*D. Henr. de Hewynton* 18 *Cal. Maii* 1319.	*Cob. f.*
Patroni Eccleſiæ.		
Prebendar. Preb. de Compton-Murdak.	*Nich. de Southam Pbr.* 28. *Nov.* 1349.	*S. Ger. f.* 125. *b*
	Sim. de Bloſton 4. *Julii* 1354.	*Br. vol. f.* 11. *a.*
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Tho. Brok Rector Eccl. de Bodebrok.	*Rob. Lovekyn Pbr.* 8. *Feb.* 1352.	*S. Ger. f.* 110. *a*
Patr. Eccl.		
Joh. de Bokyngham Prebendarius.	*Nich. Andrew* 24. *Julii* 1357.	*Br. vol. f.* 22. *b.*
Patr. Vic.		
Rector Eccl. de Budbrok.	*Rog. de Remſtone Cap.* 15. *Dec.* 1363.	*Bar. f.*

Patroni

	Patr. Eccl.	
Germ. f. 18. a.		Rob. de Caldewell Cler. 23. Apr. 1364.
2. f. 9. b.		Rog. de Caldwelle 15. Cal. Maii 1365.
Germ. f. 16. a.	Prebendar. Preb. de Compton Murdak.	Phil. Keys Pbr. 25. Aug. 1375.
ik. f. 45. a.		Magr. Joh. Grafton 13. Jan. 1386.
f. 49. b.		Thomas Young Cler. 27. Nov. 1387.
	Patr. Vicariæ.	
f. 106. a.	Thomas Young Rector.	Joh. de Mason Pbr. 20. Febr. 1392.
iff. f. 77.		Joh. Rolton Cap. 2. Julii 1404.
rp. vol. 156. b.		D. Joh. Robyns Cap. ult. Sept. 1460.
189. b.	Decan. & Cap. Eccl. Coll. B. M. Warw.	D. Will. Onne Cap. 10. Julii 1465.
g. 2. f. 4. a.		D. Humfr. Compton Cap. 23. Dec. 1509.
ron. f. 16.		Steph. Richardson Pbr. 23. Maii 1524.
ath. f. 1. b.		Georgius Frekylton Pbr.... 1549.
f. 14. a.	Burgenses ville Warw.	D. Henr. Maudesley Pbr. 21. Martii 1549.
ll. f. 12.	Balivus & Burgenses Warw.	Will. Bonde Cler. 2. Julii 1575.
f. 33. b.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Will. Bonde in art. Bacc. 30. Martii 1588.
f. 38. a.		Thomas Abington Cler. 23. Julii 1588.
f. 109. b.	Bal. & Burg. Warw.	Joh. Claridge Cler. 16. Julii 1625.

Hampton-Curli.

THis taketh its name from the high situation thereof, **Heau**, in our old Emglish, signifying the same with *altus* in Latin: for originally those of this name were called and written **Heantone**, and afterwards by corruptenesse in pronunciation, **Hantone**, **Hamtone**, and **Hamton**; the addition of *Curli* thereto being to distinguish it from the severall other **Hamtons** in this County, because the *Curlies* were antiently Lords thereof.

In the Conquerors Survey there is no mention of it, in regard it was involved with **Budbroke**, whereof it is still a member, and had a Chapell [z] in K. *Stephens* time belonging to that mother Church: which Chapell was built (without question) by *Robert de Curli*, of whom I have spoke in **Budbroke**; for it is manifest, that in his time, and by him partly, it became endowed [a] with glebe at the Dedication of the Church-yard; *viz.* three parts of one yard land inclosed, given by him; and two Acres a piece out of every yard land in the field, by each of his Tenants: whereunto did one *Auschitell* adde [b] two acres, lying on one side of the Field, and two on the other; the Priest serving therein having, of antient custome, out of the Town-woods *House-bote*, *Hey-bote*, and *Fire-bote*. And as this Hamlet was a member of **Budbroke**, so did the possession thereof continue to the Lords of that Mannour, being past away therewith, in exchange, to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in E. 3. time, from *John de Hastang* (as in **Budbroke** appeareth) Neither hath it been ever since severed.

z Regist. Coll. de Warw. f. 9. b.

Norton-Curli, alias Norton inferior.

OF this place I have not found any mention till King *Stephens* time, and then is it named [c] as a member of **Budbroke**, the family of *Curli* (antiently owners of it) giving occasion of that additionall distinction thereto: From whom it came to *Hastang*; and from *Hastang* to the Earl of **Warwick** in E. 3. time, as **Budbroke** did, where my authorities for proof thereof are cited. But after the 10. of H. 6. at which time it was (with **Budbroke** and **Hampton-Curli**) possest [d] by *Ric. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, I have not seen any more thereof as a Mannour.

c *Ibid.*

d *Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*

Grove-Park.

THE first mention I find of this place, is in 29 E. 1. where *Henry de Pinkeni* granted [e] to the King (*inter alia*) the homage and service of *Will. de Curli*, and his heirs, for one Knights Fee held of him here; in which Record it is called **la Grave**, that is to say **the Grove**; shewing, that it took its name originally from being a thick wood of high Trees, for in that sense we still use the word. By the same Record above cited 'tis also evident, that it was at first a member of **Budbroke**, and so devolving to *Theob. de Nevill*, son [f] and heir to *Peter* (by *Alice*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Will. de Curli*, as the Descent in **Budbroke** sheweth) in 12 E. 1. was by the said *Theobald* granted [g] to *Philip de Gayton* and *Scolastica* his wife, for life, with remainder [h] to *Saier de Rochford*, son and heir of *Raph de Rochford*. But, in the end, *Thomas de Hastang*, descended from *Joan* the other daughter and coheir to *Will. de Curli* (as the Descent in **Lemington-Hastang** manifesteth) obtained it by purchase [i] in 11 E. 3. from *John Haklayt* and *Alice* his wife, in whom it seems the inheritance thereof was, the said *Alice* being the daughter and heir [k] of *Theobald de Nevill* above specified.

e *clauſ.* 29 E. 1. *in d. m.* 2.

f *Pasch. Fin.* 15 E. 2.

g *Plac. de T. Mich.* 32 E. 1 *rot.* 30.

h *Clauſ.* 9 E. 2. *m.* 3.

i *F. levat. xv. Mich.* 11 E. 3.

k *Pasch. F.* 15 E. 2.

What interest it was that *Hugh le Despenser*, the elder, Earl of **Winchester**, had therein I know not, though it appears [l], that at the time of his death he was seized of it; whereupon the King granted out a Comm.ssion [m] to enquire: neither what was done therein can I find: but certain it is, that the family of *Hastang* for a time enjoy'd [n] it, *Saier de Rochford* before specified, by his Deed [o] bearing date at **Westminster**, the Munday next after the Feast of S. *John Port Latine* 28 E. 3. totally releasing unto Sir *John Hastang* Knight, all his title and right therein. Which Sir *John Hastang*, being the last principall male branch of that Family, left issue two daughters and heirs (as in **Lemington-Hastang** appeareth) by whom, I suppose, it was past away about the beginning of R. 2. time, to *Thomas Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**: for the Lodge in the Park (which I take to be that which is now the Mannour-House) was built [p] by him the said Earl in 17 R. 2. who dyed [q] seized thereof in 2 H. 4. In the posterity of which Earl it continued till 3 H. 7. and then coming to the

l *Rot. F.* 1 E. 3. *m.* 16.

m *Pat.* 16 E. 3. *p.* 1 *in d. m.* 29.

n *F. de d. v. Com. levat. xv. Pasch.* 17 E. 3.

o *Clauſ.* 28 E. 3. *in d. m.* 23.

p *Comp. Ballivi Warw. Com. penes* S. A. *eq. aur.*

q *Eſc.* 2 H. 4.

Crown, with all the reſt of **Warwick** and *Spenſer's* lands, as in my ſtory of the Earls will appear, was by King *Edward* 6. in 1. of his raign, granted[r] away together with the Caſtle of **Warwick**, and ſundry other lands in this County, unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs: After whoſe attainder it return'd again to the Crown; and therein continued till Queen *Elizabeth* by her Letters[s] Patents in 8. of her reign, diſpoſed of it to *Robert Dudley* Earl of **Leic.** and his heirs. Which Earl in 23 *Eliz.* paſt[t] it back to the ſaid Queen.

r *Pat.* 1 E. 6. *p.* 9.

s *Pat.* 8 *Eliz. p.* 7.

t *Pat.* 23 *Elix. p.* 24.

Having now done with the Pariſh of **Budbroke**, deſcending lower towards the bank of **Avon**, I come to a little Brook, which, riſing betwixt **Snitfeild** and **Wolverton**, and paſſing by the skirts of **Norton**-*Limeſi*, falleth into **Avon** neer to **Shrebirne**: Of theſe I ſhall therefore ſpeak in their order.

Snitfeild.

THis, perhaps, had its name originally from the old Engliſh word **Snide**, which ſignifies a cutting or inciſion, as probably here may have been, to divide the ground before there was any habitation at all. In the Conq. time it was poſſeſt[u] by the Earl of **Pellent**, and eſteemed at four hides, there being then a Church, and the whole rated at C *s.* In the generall Survey then taken, it is written **Snitefeld**, having been the freehold of one *Sexi* before the Norman invaſion. That it came to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, brother to the ſame Earl of **Pellent**, with the reſt of thoſe lands in this Shire, which he then had, there can be no doubt: for in 23 H. 1. *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, (ſon to the ſaid *Henry*) being owner of it, gave[w] to the Collegiate-Church at **Warwick** one hide of land lying here, with two parts of the Tithes of all the Incloſure; as alſo of the paunage of thoſe woods, which belong'd to this Village. It ſeems that *Hugh fil. Ricardi* (of whom in **Wroxhall** I have ſpoke) being enfeoft hereof by the ſame Earl *Roger* (for in King *Stephens* time he[x] gave the Church to the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick**) granted this Mannour to *Will. Cumin*, who in H. 2. time wrote[y] himſelf *Dominus de Snitenesfeld*; to whom ſucceeded *Walter*, his brothers ſon, as the Deſcent ſheweth.

u Domeſd. *fol.*

w *Regiſt. de Warw. f.* 12. *a.*

x *Ex autog. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

y *Ex autog. in Offic. Armorum.*

Which *Walter* gave[z] to the Monks of **Bordsley** certain lands lying here, adjoyning to **Songer** before ſpecified; as alſo in[a] **Stretton** *ſuper Foſſe*: but his ſon *Walter*, being in rebellion againſt King *John*, forfeited his lands, which were ſeized on for that offence: howbeit in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, he had reſtitution[b] of them again. Of theſe *Cumins* was *Will.* the laſt male branch; who being dead[c] in 18. *Joh. Margerie* his widow (and an heir[d]) then took to husband[e] *Will de Haſtings*. Which *Will. Cumin* left iſſue a daughter and heir called *Margerie*, within[f] age in 13 H. 3. and in Ward to *Will. de Cantilupe*, but afterwards married to[g] *John de Cantilupe* a younger ſon to the ſaid *Will.* who in 36. H. 3. was certified[h] to hold one Knights fee, here in **Snitterfeld** of *Thomas de Clinton*, the ſaid *Thomas* holding it over of the Earl of **Warwick**. This *John*, having his ſeat here, obtained to himſelf and his heirs, of King H. 3. a Charter[i] bearing date at **Worceſter** 24. *Sept.* 41 H. 3. for a weekly **Mercate** at this place upon the Wedneſday; and a **Faire** once every year, to hold for three days; *viz.* the Even, day, and morrow of S. *Kenelm.* After which, *Margerie*, wife to the ſaid *John*, ſurviving her husband, did in her widowhood releaſe[k] to the Monks of **Bordsley** the ſuit, which by their Atturnies they had uſed to make to his Court at **Snitfeild**, for the lands they held within that fee.

z *Cart.* 51 H. 3. *m.* 10. *per Inſp.*

a *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*

b *Clauſ.* 1 H. 3. *m.* 20.

c *Clauſ.* 18. Joh. *m.* 2.

d *Clauſ.* 20 H. 3. *m.* 7.

e *Clauſ.* 18 Joh. *m.* 2.

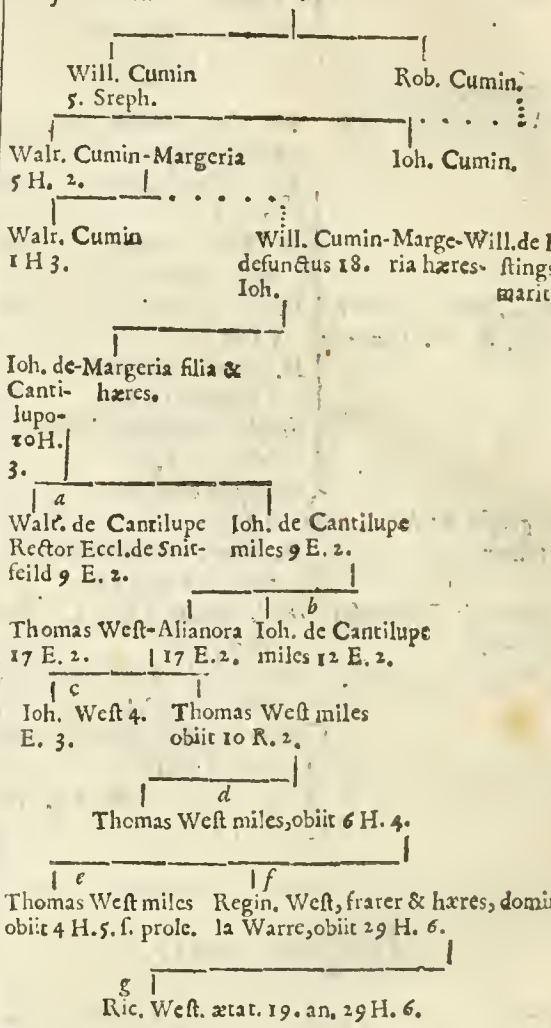
f *Clauſ.* 13 H. 3. *m.* 21.

g *Clauſ.* 20 H. 3. *m.* 7.

h *Teſta de* Nevill.

i *Cart.* 41 H. 3. *m.* 2.

k *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*



To the ſaid *John de Cantilupe* and *Margerie* ſucceeded another *John*, who in 25 E. 1. received ſummons[l], with divers other great men, to attend *Edward* the Kings eldeſt ſon, then Lieutenant to the King for defence of the Realm, at **Newcaſtle** upon **Tine** upon S. *Nicholas* day, to march againſt the Scots; and the next year following was[m] in that memorable battail of **Fawkirk**: as alſo in 1 E. 2. aſſigned[n] one of the Commiſſioners for conſervation of the peace in this County; and for cauſing the Articles in the Statute of **Winchester** to be obſerved: ſo alſo in[o] 3. 7.[p] and 9[q] E. 2. In[r] 5, 6, 7. 10. and 11 R. 2. he was one of the Juſtices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 9 E. 2. being a Knight he bore[s] for his Armes 3. *Leopards heads jeſſant flower de Lis, Or.* To whom ſucceeded *John* his ſon and heir, called[t] *John de Cantilupe junior*; who in 12 E. 2. was alſo a Knight,[u] but after that year I find nothing of him, and therefore do conclude, that he dyed ſhortly after, his father being then alive; For in 17 E. 2. the ſaid Sir *John de Cantilupe*, the elder, entailed[w] this Mannour upon *Thomas Weſt*, and *Alianore* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodyes; paying to him the ſaid Sir *John* and *Maud* then his wife xl *li.* ſterling, yearly, during their lives; with remainder, for want of iſſue by the ſaid *Thomas* and *Alianore*, to the right heirs of the ſaid Sir *John*, which *Alianore*

l *Claus.* 25 E. 1. *in d. m.* 26.

m *Ex R. vet. penès* W. le N. *eq. aur.*

n *Pat.* 1 2. *p.* 2. 21.

o *Claus.* 2. *m.* 7.

p *Pat.* 7. 2. *in d. p. m.* 6.

q *Pat.* 9 2. *p.* 2.

r *Pat. d.* *iiſd. an. dorſo.*

s *Ex aut.* *penès* Mountf. *ar.*

t *Ex tog. nès* Pet. *q. aur.*

u *Ex aut.* *penès* Si Mountf. *ar.*

w *F. lev.* *Oct. Mich.* 4 E. 3.

Ex aut. *penès* Ec. Peto *eq. aur.*

F. lev. *Oct. Mich.* 4 E. 3.

Eſc. 14 4. *n.* 16.

Eſc. H. 5 *n.* 2

Eſc. 2 H. 6.

Claus. E. 1. *in d. m.* 26.

3. *ſept. Mich.* E. 2.

nore was daughter and heir to the said Sir *John de Cantilupe*.

It seems that Sir *John de Cantilupe* dyed that very yeare; for before the end thereof it appears, that the same *Thomas* and *Alianore* obtained a Charter [x], bearing date at **Westminster** 7. *Maii*, for the change of the Wednsday **Mercate**, weekly here, unto Tuesday, and enlarging the **Faire** unto eight dayes, beginning on the even of S. *Kenelm* as aboveſaid; and granting [x] alſo unto the ſaid *Thomas* and *Alianore*, and the heirs of their two bodyes, **Free-warren** in all their demeſn lands here: which *Thomas* was [z] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster** the ſame year. To theſe *Thomas* and *Alianore* ſucceeded *Thomas* their ſon [a] and heir, who was a Knight, and paſt [b] away this Mannour, about the beginning of R. 2. time, to Sir *William Beauchamp* Kt, and his heirs, in exchange for the Mannours of **Newenton-Tony**, and **Stretford-Tony** in **Wilt-shire**, but reſerving an yearly Rent of x *li. per annum* out of it, to himſelf and his heirs.

Cart. 17 E. 2. n. 10.

Clauſ. 17 2. in d. m. 10

F. levat. T. Mich. E. 3.

Clauſ. 10 2. m. 34.

Which Sir *William* being he that was Lord *Bergavenny* (and brother to *Thom.* Earl of **Warwick**) dyed [c] ſeized thereof in 12 H. 4. leaving *Richard* his ſon and heir 14. years of age: But ſome entail there was, or other ſettlement hereof in remainder, after the death of *Joane*, wife to the ſame Lord *Bergavenny*, upon *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; for it appears [d] that ſhe held it during her life; and the ſaid Earl *Richard* afterwards: By which means it came at length to the Crown, through the attainder of *Edward Plantaginet* Earl of **Warwick** in H. 7. time; and was (*inter alia*) granted [e] out, to *Richard Moriſon* Eſquire, and his heirs 29. *Aug.* 37 H. 8. who ſold it [f] the next year following to *John Hales* (of whom in **Coventre** I have ſpoke) which *John*, being a wealthy man, through a beneficiall [*] Office that he had, whereby he acquired a great eſtate, eſpecially in Monaſtery lands, and living unmarried inricht his kinred much (as elſwhere I have in ſome ſort ſhewed) diſpoſing of this Lordſhip to *Bartholomew* his third brother, who dyed [g] ſeized thereof 15. *Febr.* 41 *Eliz.* leaving *Bartholmew* his ſon and heir thirty years of age: which laſt mentioned *Bartholmew* being afterwards made a Knight by King *James*, and having no iſſue, did, in conſideration of 1500 *li.* payd in hand, and 500. marks at his death, where he ſhould appoint, ſettle it upon *Stephen Hales* of **Newland** Eſquire (his neer kinſman) and his heirs; whoſe grandchild, *ſcil. Stephen*, now enjoys it.

F. 12 H. 4. n. 32.

Eſc. 14 H. 4. n. 35.

Cart. 37 H. 8. n. 7.

F. levat. T. Mich. 38 H. 8.

Clerke of the Hamper.

Eſc. 41 Eliz.

The Church (dedicated to S. *James*) was given to [h] the Canons of S. *Sepulchers* in **Warwick** by *Hugo fil. Ricardi*, about King *Stephens* time, as I have already intimated: But in 20 H. 2. there growing a Controverſie betwixt the ſaid Canons and *William Cumin*, then Rector thereof, the ſame was determined [i] by *Roger* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, and *Adam* Abbot of **Evesham**, as Delegates from Pope *Alexander* the third, in this manner; *viz.* that the ſaid *William* ſhould yearly pay to thoſe Canons, in the name of this Church, one mark of ſilver yearly within the *Octaves* of S. *Michaell*; and when it ſhould become void, that *Walter Cumin*, the Patron, and his heirs might preſent thereunto; but, that the Parſon preſented, before he did receive inſtitution, ſhould give ſecurity to the ſaid Canons, by his corporall Oath, to make juſt payment of that ſum, yearly, unto them.

Ex aut. og. penes S. A. eq. aur.

h S. in Sc.

In *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) this Church was valued [k] at xx. marks, the Canons of **Warwick** receiving one mark, as a *Portion*, out of the ſame: but about 17 E. 2. *Walter Stapleton* Biſhop of **Exeter** obtained [l] the perpetuall Patronage of it, from *Walter de Cantilupe*; and made an exchange [m] thereof, unto the Canons of **Warwick** before ſpecified, for certain meſſuages and lands, lying without **Temple-barr** in the Pariſh of S. *Clement Danes*, within the ſuburbs of **London**, together with the advouſon of the ſaid Church of S. *Clement*: at which time the ſaid Canons had the Kings licenſe for [n] appropriating thereof to their own uſe, it being accordingly effected by [o] *Thomas Cobham* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, 3. *Id. Junii* 1325, (18 E. 2.) and the Vicaridge ordained [p] by *Adam de Orlton*, his ſucceſſor, 14. *Jan.* 1330. 4 E. 3. which Vicaridge was in 26 H. 8. valued [q] at x *li.*

l F. levat. Oct. J. Bapt. 18 E. 2.

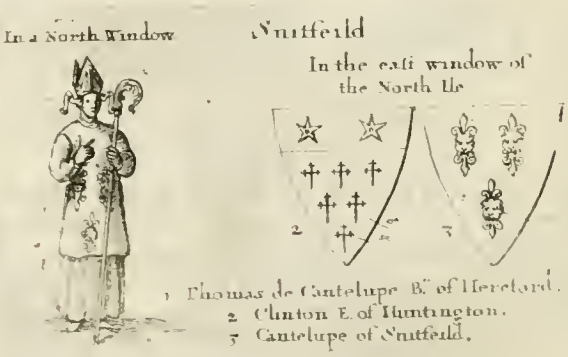
m Cart. 2 E. 3 n. 44. per Inſp.

o Cobham f. 110. a.

p Horton vol. 2. f. 40. a, b.

q MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 22. a.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Joh. de Cantilupo.	*Walt. de Cantilupo Subdiac. Cal. Junii* 1288.	Giff. f. 297. a.
D. Epiſcopus Wigorn.	*Philippus de Hambury Cler.* 5. *Id. Dec.* 1326.	Cob. f. 124. a, b.
	Will. de Lemynton Pbr. 15. *Dec.* 1330.	Hort. vol. 1. f. 21. a.
	Walt. Powyk Pbr. 3. *Martii* 1386.	Wak. f. 45, a.
	D. Will. Walton Pbr. 15. *Sept.* 1432.	Pult. f. 136. a.
	D. Joh. Cheſtryfeld Pbr. 28. *Oct.* 1444.	Carp. vol. 1. f. 4. b.
	D. Ric. Harryes Pbr. 2. *Jan.* 1444.	Ib. f. 8. b.
	. . . . . 10. *Julii* 1465.	Ib. f. 191. b.
	D. Rog. Clarke Cap. 3. *Junii* 1485.	Alc. f. 149. a.
	D. Joh. Done Pbr. 6. *Junii* 1515.	Gyg. vol. 2. f. 138. b.
	Thomas Hargreve Pbr. 3. *Junii* 1541.	Bell. f. 26. b.
	D. Thomas Burton Pbr. 18. *Maii* 1557.	Heath. f. 26. a.
	Joh. Peder in S. Theol. Bac. 26. *Sept.* 1561.	Ib. f. 35. a.
	D. Thomas Ferymon Cler. 15. *Oct.* 1571.	Bul. f. 5. a.
	Joh. Smyth Cler. 20. *Apr.* 1597.	Ib. f. 67. a.



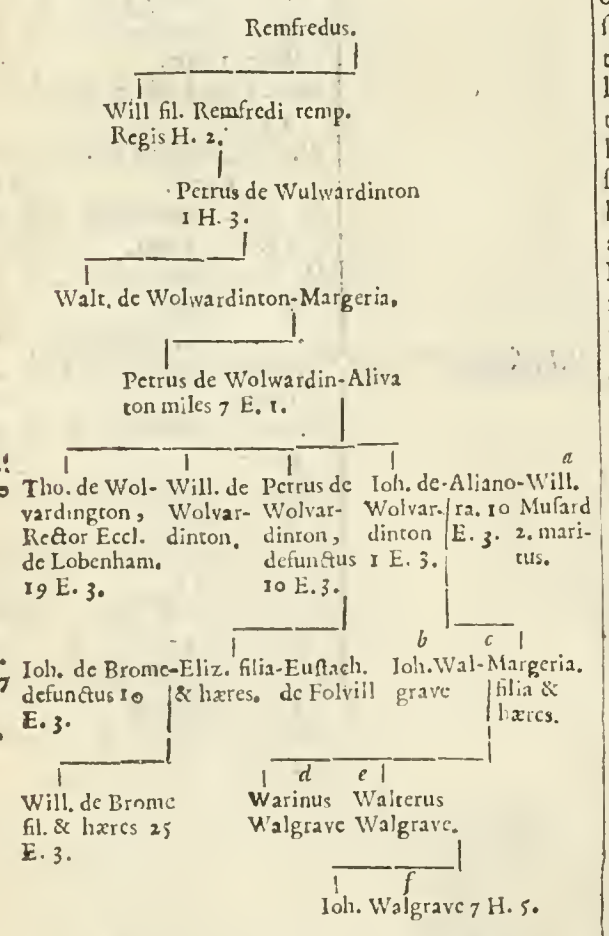
Wolverton.

IN the Conquerors time *Robert de Stadford* was poſſeſt [r] of one hide, one virgate, and a third part lying in this Village, valued at xx *s.* and then held of him by *Urſer*; all which, before the Norman invaſion, belonged to one *Simund* a Dane.

r Domeſday *lib.* f

The residue, *viz.* two hides and a half and two parts of a virgate, did *Will. fil. Corbucionis* hold, with the woods thereto belonging, which were in length one furlong, and half a furlong in breadth: as also one House of viii *d.* rent, lying in **Warwick**, being a member thereof; all which were rated at xxx *s.* and had been the freehold of one *Ernvin*, in *Edward* the Confessors days. In the generall Survey [f] then taken it is written **Ulwardstone**, which shews that the originall denomination thereof proceeded from some antient possessor that it had in the Saxons time. But touching that proportion so held by *Robert de Stadford* I find no further mention under the name of **Wolverton**, which makes me suppose that the Village called **Poxton**, *Limes* is it; and that what *Peter Corbucion*, son to the same *William*, granted [t] to *William* the son of *Remfred*, and his heirs, by the appellation of **Wolfordstone**, was the same part and no more than is above mentioned, which he gave to hold of him the said *Peter* and his heirs by the third part of a Kts. Fee; yet so, as that xx *s.* yearly (whereof x *s.* to to be payd at *Easter*, and x *s.* at *Michaelmasse*) should suffice in lieu of that service.

t *Ex autog. penès* ... Stanton *gen.*



To this *William* the son of *Remfred* succeeded *Peter*, who, residing here, assumed his firname from this place: Of whom what I find most memorable, is, that he was in [u] rebellion against K. *John*, by reason whereof his lands were seized; but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, he had restitution [w] of them again: And that in 18 H. 3. he gave [x] one mark fine to the King for coursing in the Forest. Which *William* had issue *Walter*, who gave to *Richard*, then Rector of the Church of S. *Mary-Magdalen* at **Tamworth** in this County, and his successors, one mess. situate in **Tamworth**, to hold of him the said *Walter* and his heirs in pure Almes; his Deeds [y] whereby he made that grant, having a large *Cressant betwixt two Starrs* in the impression of the Seal, which hath been esteemed by skilfull Antiquaries for a badge only used by those who had made a journey to the *Holy Land*. To the said *Walter* succeeded *Peter*, who being a Knight [z] in 7 E. 1. as also one [a] of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, was in 33 E. 1. one of [b] the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, which *Peter had* [c] issue *John*, *William*, and *Peter*; as also *Thomas*, Parson of **Lobenham** in **Leicester-shire**, and Founder [d] of the *Chantry* at **Stretton** *super* **Dunsmore** in this County. But all these dying without issue male, *Elizabeth* daughter to the last *Peter* became his heir, and was first [e] the wife of *John Brome*, but afterwards of [f] *Eustace de Folvill*.

u *Clauf.* 1. H. 3. *m.* 17.
w *Clauf.* 1. H. 3. *m.* 17.
x *Rot. P.* 18 H. 3.
y *Ex autog. penès* Will. Paulet. *ar.*
z *Clauf.* 7 E. 1. *in d. m.* 8.
a *Pat.* 7 E. 1. *in d.*
b *Clauf.* 33 E. 1. *in d. m.* 15.
c *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
d *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

By which *John Brome* she had issue *William*, upon whom this Lordship was entailed [g] in 10 E. 3. who, being within age at the death of his father, became Ward [h] for the same to Sir *Thomas West* Kt. (by right of descent from *Alianore* his mother, daughter and heir to Sir *John de Cantilupe* of **Snitfield**; *Corbicon's* Fees being setled on the Ancestor of that Sir *John de Cantilupe*, as in **Stodley** I shall shew.) which Sir *Thomas West*, in consideration of C *s.* and at the solicitation of some friends of the said *William*, first quitted [i] his said custody; and afterwards, upon the request of *William Breton*, released [k] also his right to the said summe. But how this Mannour past from *Brome* I yet know not: howbeit, long it was not afterwards ere that the said *William Bretoun* become owner thereof, as by his severall feoffments [l] made in 35, and 43 E. 3. appeareth; in the later whereof he stiles himself a Knight. But the next that possest it, though I have not seen how, was *John Boteler*; who in 8 H. 4. wrote [m] himself *Dominus de* **Wolvardinton**: which *John* sold it (as I suppose) to the Earl of **Warwick**, or to certain feoffees for his use: for in 10 H. 6. *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** was certified [n] to be owner thereof: from whom it descended to *Anne* his daughter, as heir to *Henry* D. of **Warwick** her brother of the whole blood, wife to *Richard Nevill* Earl of **Salisbury**, and in her right of **Warwick** (as in my Story of the Earls appeareth.) Which *Richard* and *Anne* in 8 E. 4. according to the appointment of the before specified E. *Richard*, expest by his last Will and Testament, caused assurance [o] to be made thereof (*inter alia*) to the Dean and Canons of the Collegiate Church in **Warwick** and their successors. After the dissolution whereof in 37 H. 8. it was past [p] out of the Crown, 13. *Julii* the same year, unto *Clement Throkmorton* Esquier, and *Alexander Avenon*, and their heirs: which *Clement* dyed seized of it 13. *Dec.* 16 *Eliz.* leaving *Job* his son and heir 28. years of age; who sold it, soon after, to *William Baylies*, and *Thomas Staunton* Gent. for within two years after I find that they kept [q] a Court-Baron here, as Lords thereof, the grandchild of which *Thomas* now enjoys it.

e *Ex autog. penès* S. A. eq. *aur.*
f *F. levat. xv. Hill.* 1 E. 3.
g *F. levat. xv. Hill.* 1 E. 3.
h *Ex autog. penès* S. A. eq. *aur.*
i *Ex autog. penès* S. A. eq. *aur.*
k *Ex autog. penès* S. A. eq. *aur.*
l *Ex autog. in Offic. Arm.*
m *Cliff. f.* 95. *a.*
n *Rot. in Scac. per Rem. R.*
o *F. de a. Com. lev. Oct. Hil.* E. 4.
p *Pat.* 3 8. *p.* 9.
q *Rot. Cr. de an.* 1 *Eliz. pars* .... Stanton. *gen.*

The Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) being in *anno* 1291 (19 E. 1.) valued [r] at x. marks, was reedified, it seems, in E. 2. time; for it appears [s], that *Walter de Maydenestone* Bishop of **Worcester** dedicated it, with the high Altar xi. *Cal. Julii* 9 E. 2. But in 26 H. 8. I find it [t] rated at viii *li.* the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* then issuing out of it being ix *s.* v *d. ob.*

r *MS. in Scac.*
s *Mayd.* 29. *a.*
t *MS. penès* S. A. eq. *aur.*

Patroni

	Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
(f.f. 191.	D. Petrus de Wolwardinton.	Walt. de Wolwardinton Cap. 16. Cal. Dec. 1283.
m.f.46.	Joh. Dominus de Wolvardinton.	Walt. filius Alexandri Cap. 2. Cal. Aug. 1307.
rl.vol.1. f.9.b.	VVill. Muſard.	D. Rob. de Alne. 1. Julii 1329.
ſt.vol.2. f.3.b.		Rob. de Hertyndon Cler. 5. Nov. 1340.
or.f.26.	Will. de Brome.	Joh. de Creſwell Pbr. 18. Sept. 1351.
autog. ès D. Cap. b.	Will. le Breton Dominus de Wolvardinton.	Ric. de Fladbury . . . . . 1354.
ak. f. b.	Johanna uxor dudum Will. Breton mil.	VVill. Flokkeſhull Pbr. 12. Nov. 1386.
f.95.a.	Joh. Boteler D. de VVolvardinton.	Thom. Wright Pbr. 1. Dec. 1406.
rg.vol. 8.b.	Joh. Lee de Warwick, Will. Hopkyns de eadem, Will. Broke de Coventre.	D. Thom. Bayton Cap. 2. Maii 1422.
t.f.86.	. . . . .	Thomas Roger 5. Dec. 1430.
p.vol.1. 2.b.	Tho. Hugford ar. Nich. Rody. Will. Berkſwell Cler.	Feoffati H. Ducis warwici. Joh. Alyſaunder ult. Junii 1445.
p.vol.2. f.a.	Deean. & Capitulum Eccl. Coll. B. Mariæ Warw.	Joh. Stamford Cap. 17. Dec. 1470.
.70.a.		Clement Smyth art. Magr. ult. Apr. 1475.
f.116.		D. Will. Mundes Cap. 13. Junii 1483.
t.f.48.		D. Rob. Whingar Pbr. 5. Feb. 1492.
.2 f.67.		D. VVill. Clerke Pbr. 4. Martii 1510.
m.f.27.		D. Edw. Mulgan Pbr. 29. Aug. 1526.
40.b.		D. Thom. Wade Pbr. 24. Sept. 1528.
		D. Joh. Hycks Pbr. 29. Sept. 1528.
f.11.	Cath. relicta Clementis Throkmorton ar.	Clemens VValford Cler. 10. Apr. 1575.
.67.b.	Thomas Stanton ar.	D. Edw. Belfeild Cler. . . . Maii 1597.
100.b.	Jac. Rex.	Georgius Tonge Cler. 22. Oct. 1619.

Wolvardington Armes in the Church windows.



1. Ric. Nevill E. of Warr. 2. Verney. 3. Wolvardington.

Shirburne.

NEer to the conjunction of this torrent with Avon, ſtands Shireburne, which had its name originally from the ſaid brook, Scipebupne, in our old Engliſh ſignifying a cleer running ſtream; for ſo is this. In the Conquerors Survey this [u] Village (written Scireburne) was certified to contain two hides and a half, then valued at L s. and poſſeſt by the Earl of Meilent, having been, before the Norman Invaſion, the freehold of *Edricus* and *Levegot*: From which Earl it came to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of Warwick, with other lands in this County of a great extent; whoſe ſon, Earl *Roger*, gave [w] half a hide and two parts of the Tithe of the Incloſure, here, unto his Collegiate Church at Warwick, upon the Foundation thereof in 23 H. 1. But the reſidue of this Lordſhip, with the Mill, did he beſtow [x] upon the Knights *Templars*; which part, by the Survey [y] taken in 31 H. 2. was valued at iii *li.* viii *s.* v *d.* the Tenants at that time thereof, being by cuſtome to mow three days, and reap three, for their Landlords, having their dyet given them: as alſo to mow their Meadow here, and to make the Hay at their own charge; and upon *Chriſtmaſſe* Eve to pay ii *d.* for every yard land, or four Hens, at their choice.

u Domeſd. lib.

w Reg. Coll. de Warw. f. 12. a.

x MS. in Offic. Arm. [L. 17] f. 148. a.

y Ex Cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. K.

Which *Templars* in 32 H. 3. had a Charter [z] of Free-warren granted to them in all their demeſn lands here. But after this, upon the ſuppreſſion and expulſion of the *Templars*, *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick ſeized [a] upon this Mannour as an Eſchaet: howbeit, as all the reſt of their lands came to the *Hoſpitalars* (as in Balſhall ſhall be ſhewed) ſo did this; and by that means, at the generall diſſolution by King H. 8. divolved to the Crown; wherein it continued till King *Edward* 6. 22. *Apr.* in the ſeventh of his raign, paſt [b] it away to *Thomas Lucy* of Cherlecote Elquier, and his heirs, whoſe poſterity do enjoy it at this day.

z Cart. 32 H. 3. m. 4.

a Eſc. 9. E. 2.

b Pat. 7. E. 6. p. 6.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) being antiently appropriated to [c] the ſaid Knights *Templars*, yielded [d] vi *s.* viii *d.* yearly to the Canons of the Collegiate Church in Warwick; and in 14 E. 3. was valued [e] at 5 *li.* but in 26 H. 8. there is no mention of it.

c Claus. 6 E 2. m. 30.

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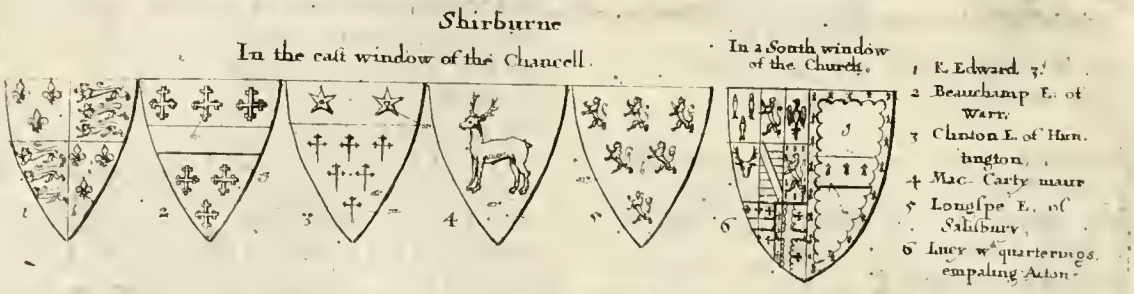
e Rot: de Nonis garb. &c.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Magiſter militiæ Templi in Anglia.	Henr. de Aſpes Pbr. 4. Cal. Oct. 1289.	Giff. f. 303. b.
	Nich. de la More Cap. 17. Cal. Junii 1324.	Cob. f. 35. b.
	Joh. Bakere Pbr. 22. Apr. 1338.	wolſt. vol. 1. f. 10. b.
	Thomas de Hales Pbr. 28. Aug. 1349.	S. Germ. f. 128. b.
	Philippus de Wolvardinton Pbr. 5. Julii 1357.	Br. vol. 1. f. 22. b.
Prior Hoſpit. S. Joh. Jeruſalem in Angl.	Will. de Harpecote Pbr. 11. Julii 1357.	Ib. f. 25. a.
	Will. de Peek Pbr. 17. Sept. 1370.	Lyn. f. 5. b.
	Thomas de Kirby Pbr. 8. Nov. 1402.	Cliff. f. 20. a.
	D. Will. Lawles Pbr. 8. Apr. 1427.	Pult. f. 16. a.

Ib. f. 70. a.	*Prior Hospit. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Angl.*	*D. Joh. Cokkes 13. Aug. 1429.*	*Joh. Beaufitz ar. firmarius domûs Præceptoriæ de Balshal, sibi dimiss. per Will. Torney Priorem Pr. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Angl.*	*Rich. Enkeston Cap. penult. Martii 1475.*
Bourch. f. 66. a.		*D. Joh. Hogge Cap. 19. Oct. 1439.*		
Carp. vol. 1. f. 170. b.		*D. Joh. Joys Cap. penult. Martii 1462.*		
Ib. f. 244. a.		*D. Thomas Hessyl Cap. 2. Febr. 1469.*	*Prior Hospital. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Anglia.*	*D. Joh. Weston Cap. 7. Apr. 1486.*

Carp. vol. f. 63. a.

Alc. f. 156. a.



Fulbroke.

FOllowing the stream of **Avon** I come next to **Fulbroke**, which perhaps had its name from the depth of the River there. In the Conquerors time, being possest [f] by the Earl of **Pellent**, it contained two hides, having then a Mill rated at xii *s.* but the whole was valued at lx *s.* and held by one *Alsled*, a woman, in *Edward* the Confessors days. But as **Shirburne** (last spoke of) with divers other lands that the said Earl of **Pellent** had in this Shire, came to *Henry de Newburgh*, his brother, so did this of **Fulbroke**, as it seems; for in 23 H. 1. *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, son to the said *Henry*, gave [g] to his Collegiate Church at **Warwick**, then newly founded, half a hide of land, and two parts of the Tithes of his demesn here; as also two parts of the Tithes of the Mill: and enfeoft *Geffrey de Turvill* or his father thereof; for in 12 H. 2. Earl *William* his son certified [h] that the said *Geffrey* held of him one Knights Fee *de veteri feoffamento*: and in 10 R. 1. I find [i], that *William de Turvill* possest it. After which time till 20 H. 3. I have not met with any more mention of this place; and then it appears [k] that *Simon de Turvill*, and *Roger de Craft* answered for half a Knights Fee here, and in **Wodecote**; which half Knights Fee in 36 H. 3. was held [l] by *Roger de Craft* and *John Mace*, and in [m] 52 H. 3. by *Henry Hubaud*.

How it comes to passe I cannot yet discover, but plain it is, that this Mannour, about the beginning of *Edw.* 1. time, was the inheritance of *Isabell*, wife to *William Gernun*; which *William* and *Isabell* in 11 E. 1. sold [n] it to *William de Hynkelee* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of the said *William de Hynkelee*; reserving to themselves and their heirs two Messuages one Mill, x *s.* rent, and two yard land; as also an annuity of six marks of silver yearly, to be payd at the Feast of S. *Michael* the Arch-Angell, together with the service of one Kts. Fee: which said service of one Knights Fee and Rent of six marks, with the homage and service due from *Nicholas de Warwick* and *Ioan* his wife for the lands that he held in this Lordship, the said *William Gernun* and *Isabell* granted [o] to *William de Sutton* in 21 E. 1. And the next year following did the same *Nicholas de Warwick* & *Ioan* his wife obtain [p] the whole Mannour of *Alice* the widow of *William de Hynkelee* before specified, in exchange for the Mannour of **Stoke** in **Leicestershire**; whereof being so possest, in 34 E. 1. he purchased [q] of the King a **Court-Leet** here, to himself and his heirs; as also Assize of Bread and Beer, *Infangthef*, Gallows, and Weyfs, with other priviledges; for all which he was to pay [r] a certain Rent into the Exchequer, yearly, by the hands of the Shiriff for the time being.

Of this *Nicholas* his parentage I am not very certain, though I find his name in these parts in the times of [t] H. 2. King *John* [t], and H. 3. [u] but of himself 'tis apparent, that he was a man learned in the Laws, and [w] Atturney generall to the King. In 5 E. 1. he attended [x] *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in his Welch expedition. In 24 E. 1. he was [y] one of the Commissioners assigned to enquire after certain malefactors that had trespassed in the Earl of **Warwick's** Park at **Studley**, (in this Shire) the said Earl being then in **Scotland**. In [z] 32 E. 1. one of the Justices of Assize and Gaol-delivery; so also in [a] 1. and 3. E. 2. and had issue two sons, *viz. Nicholas* and *Will.* which *Nicholas* was he that wedded *Elizabeth* the daughter and heir of *Richard de Loges* of **Chesterton**; of whom I find nothing farther memorable than what I have observed in **Chesterton**, except his going [b] into **Wales**, with divers other persons of quality in the Kings service in 15 E. 2. and that in 17 E. 2. he is in the list [c] of those Esquiers and men at Armes in this County, whose names were then return'd into the Chancery. But *William de Warwick* (his other son) who bore [d] for his Armes *Sable 6. guttes Or*, had this Lordship, though he kept it but a while; for in 18 E. 2. it appears [e], that *John de Hastings* Lord *Bergavenny* died seized of it, leaving *Laurence* his son and heir 5. years of age. After which (*scil.* the next ensuing year) it was, *inter alia*, assigned [f] to *Iulian*, then wife of *Thomas le Blount*, as part of her dowrie, by the death of the said *John de Hastings* her former husband, being then valued at xix *li.* xvii *s.* ii *d. ob.* and in like sort was enjoyed [g] by *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**, her third husband, who held it of the King in *Capite* by the payment [h] of vi *s.* ii *d. per annum* for all services: the last of which family (*viz.* of *Hastings*) that enjoy'd it, was *John de Hastings*, son and heir to *John* Earl of **Pembroke**, who dyed seized [i] thereof in 13 R. 2. without issue, leaving *Reginald*

[f] *Domesd. lib.*
[g] *Reg. Coll. de Warw. f. 12. a.*
[h] *Lib. rub. f. 104. a.*
[i] *Rot. P. 10 R. 1.*
[k] [l] *Testa de N.*
[m] *Esc. 52 H. 3.*
[n] *F. levat. craft. Mart. 11 E. 1.*
[o] *F. levat. craft. Asc. 21 E. 1.*
[p] *Plac. de T. Mich. 22 E. 1. rot. 1.*
[q] [r] *Esc. E. 1. 122.*
[t] *Ex aut. penès S. eq. aur.*
[u] *Rot. F. H. 3. m. 7.*
[w] *Brevia de an. 18. 1.*
[x] *Pat. 5 1. m. 23.*
[y] *Pat. 24 1. in d. m. 11.*
[z] *Pat. 32 E. 1. in dorso 23.*
[a] *Pat. 1 & 3 E. 2. p. 2. m. 30.*
[b] *Ex Coll. H. Ferr.*
[c] *Ex aut. penès E. Peto eq. aur.*
[d] *Esc. 1 E. 2. n. 83.*
[e] *Clauf. 9 E. 2. m.*
[f] *Esc. 2 E. 3. n. 5.*
[g] *Esc. 4 E. 3. n. 34.*
[h] *Esc. 1 R. 2. n. 51.*
[i] *Clauf. 6 Ioh. m. 8.*

Reginald Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin** his cosin and next heir, as the descent in **Fillongley** sheweth.

But by the entail of *Hasting's* lands (whereof in **Fillongley** I have also spoke) it came to *William Beauchamp* Lord *Bergavenny* (a younger brother to the Earl of **Warwick**:) for I find that *Joan* his Lady built a sumptuous Gatehouse here, *Hospitium nobilis Domini satis habile, ut Duci, suo adventu complaceret*, saith *Rous* [k]: as also a Lodge called by the name of **Bergavenny**, which stood undemolished [l] about the later end of King H. 8. time, the said Gate-house being ruin'd [m] long before. The next possessor of it, that I find, was *John* Duke of **Bedford** (third son to King H. 4.) though how he obtained it I have not yet seen; who in 10 H. 6. held [m] it by the fourth part of a Knights Fee. This Duke first [n] made the Park, and built that little Castle of brick and stone, within the compasse of it, which was such an eye-sore to the Earls of **Warwick**, as *Leland* [o] affirmeth; and dyed [p] seized thereof in 14 H. 6. leaving King H. 6. (his nephew) his cosin and next [q] heir, who in 28. of his raign granted [r] the custody thereof to *John Talbot* Lord *L'isle*, to hold during life, and to make use of the buildings therein for his own proper habitation at all times, except when himself should be there.

Being thus in the Crown, I find [s] that K. E. 4. in 2. of his raign, gave it unto *Richard Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**, and his heirs; after whose death, at **Barnet**-field, the Park was granted [t] to *George* D. of **Clarence**, to hold during life; who shortly after obtained [u] an estate in tail thereof to himself and the heirs male of his body: upon the attainder of which Duke in 18 E. 4. it was certified [w], that the before specified Castle of brick was ruinous; so likewise the Gate-house of stone, and the Lodge; as also a Chapell, which in times past had been a Parish-Church. After this, *viz.* in 2 H. 8. the custody of the Park was granted [x] to *Thomas Lucy*, then one of the Sewers to the King, to hold during pleasure: But in 1 E. 6. *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** obtained [y] the inheritance of it (together with the Castle of **Warwick** and divers other great Lordships) upon whose attainder, which hapned in 1 *Maria*, as I have elsewhere shewed, the Qu. [z] passed it unto Sir *Francis Englefield* Knight, to hold in *Capite*: Since which it is come to the *Lucies* of **Cherlecote** by purchase, the last Sir *Thomas* having renewed the Park, and, by the addition of **Hampton** woods thereto, enlarged it much.

Touching the Depopulation here, I find, that it hath been very antient; for in [a] 6 H. 6. there were but 4 Inhabitants: nay, very shortly after, our Countreyman *Rous* makes this complaint [b], *Apud* **Fulbroke** (saith he) *quondam erat Rectoria, Ecclesia destruitur Villanis effugatis solùm Manerium remanet, & residuum imparcatur* (he means inclosed) *per* Johannem D. Bedfordiæ, *fratrem Regis* Henrici *quinti, qui ibi ædificavit turrim nobilem Castro æquipolientem, sed modo quasi nihil est*: And a little further he goes on thus, —— *& per talem imparcationem via, olim secura, modò per sepes & palos obtenebrata, fit latibulum latronum, carcer fidelium, locus multiformis supplicii, &c.* Which Castle (being ruinous, as I have said) was pulled down, in the beginning of H. 8. time, by Sir *Will. Compton* Knight, who had then the custody of the Park; and the materialls thereof carried [c] to build his House at **Compton-winyate**.

The Church in 14 E. 3. was valued [d] at lx. marks; but in 26 H. 8. no notice is taken of it, having been demolish'd before that time.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Will. de Clinton Comes Huntindon.	*Henr. de Burlyngham Pbr.* 30. *Apr.* 1337.	*Mont. f.* 2. *a.*
	Joh. Wodecock Pbr. 6. *Cal. Oct.* 1337.	*Hem. f.* 10. *b.*
D. Sym. Geynesbury Rector Eccles. de Hampton Episc.	*Sim. le Bakere Pbr.* 22. *Apr.* 1338.	*Wolst. vol.* 1. *f.* 10. 2.
D. Juliana Comitissa Huntind.	*Henr. Spenser ult. Jan.* 1358.	*Br. vol.* 1. *f.* 26. *a.*
	D. Will. de Stanceby 19. *Julii* 1363.	*Bar. f.* 36. *b.*
Joh. de Hastings Comes Pembr.	*Ric. Taylour Pbr.* 14. *Junii* 1370.	*Lyn. f.* 4. *a.*
D. Episc. contemplatione Nich. Lyllingmil.	*D. Ric. de Whashford Pbr.* 18. *Martii* 1383.	*Wak f.* 38. *a*
D. Ric. 2. Rex Angl. ratione terr. Joh. de Hastings Com. Pembr. in manu sua &c.	*Thomas Shepey* 23. *Apr.* 1384.	*Ibid.*
	Joh. Harry Cap. penult. Maii 1388.	*Ib. f.* 52. 1.
	D. Henr. Norreys Pbr. 28. *Julii* 1389.	*Ib. f.* 65. *a.*
D. Philippa Comitissa Pembr.	*Thom. Tymburland* 1. *Oct.* 1398.	*Tid. f.* 26. *b.*
D. Episcopus.	*Edm. Hecker Cler.* 24. *Oct.* 1457.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 144. *a.*
	Rob. Enkbarow Cler. 4. *Julii* 1468.	*Ib. f.* 226. *b.*
	Ric. Newman Cler. 6. *Oct.* 1470.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 13. *b.*
	Ric. Ewer in Sacra Theol. Bac. 2. *Nov.* 1543.	*Bell. f.* 36. *b.*

Hampton super Avon.

A Little lower, upon an ascending ground, stands **Hampton**, heretofore called Bishops-**Hampton** for the reasons I shall forthwith shew, but of later times **Hampton** *super* **Avon**; which, being given to the Bishoprick of **Worcester** in the Saxons time, was then involved with **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, and by the Conquerors Survey certified [e] to contain xii. hides, there being then a Church, as also a Mill rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* and Woods of a mile in length, and as much in breadth: all which, together with three Houses in **Warwick** (as part thereof) were at that time valued at xx *li.* e Domesd. *lib.*

Continuing to the said Bishops, it was in 33 H. 3. found [f] to be one of the towns belonging to their Barony; and in 39 H. 3. *Walt. de Cantilupe* (the then Bishop) obtained a Charter [g] of **Free-warren** for himself and his successors in all his demesn lands thereof. After which, *viz.* in *an.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the value [h] of it, is thus set forth; *scil.* in Rent of Assize vi *li.* Three carucates of land at xx *s.* a carucate. One Dovecote at vi *s.* one Mill at xx *s.* The Pleas and perquisits xx *s.* and the profits of the store xx *s.* But in 3 E. 6. (for so long it continued to the succeeding Bishops) did *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** obtain [i] it (*inter alia*) in exchange, from *Nich. Heath* Bishop of **Worcester**, for certain lands in **Worcester-shire**; and the same year parted [k] with it again to the King for a more advantagious bargain of lands, lying in **Oxford-shire**, and elsewhere: but, having a design to repossesse it once more, he accomplisht [l] his purpose the next year following,

f Testa de N.

g Cart. 39 H. 3. m. 6.

h MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.

i Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 3.

k Ib. p. 9.

l Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 7.

lowing, in exchange for lands lying in Northumberland, and other places: howbeit, his attainder shortly after ensuing, Queen *Mary*, in 3. & 4. of her raign, granted [m] the inheritance thereof, together with the advouson of the Rectory unto *Thomas Lucy* of **Cherlecote** esquire, whose posterity do enjoy it at this day.

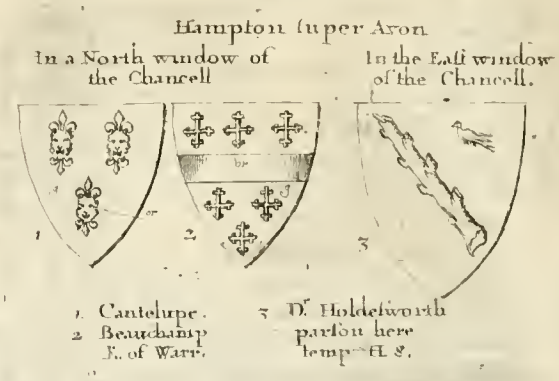
m *Pat.3.& 4.Ph.&M. p.9.*

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter ad Vincula*) was in *an.* 1291. (19 E.1.) valued [n] at xlv.marks, there being then a *Portion* of xx *s.* to the Monks of **Coventre** issuing out of it: But in 26 H. 8. I find it rated [o] at lv *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* vi *s.* viii *d.* being then allowed for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*, and iv *li.* for a *Pension* to the Vicar of **Walperton**.

n *MS. in Scac.*

o *MS. penès S. A. eq.aur. f. 20. b.*

	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff.f.224. b.		*Magr. Sim. de Balyndon* 3. *Non. Apr.* 1284.
Ib.f.318.a.		*Magr. Nigellus le Waleys Cler.* 9. *Cal. Junii* 1290.
Ib.f.370.b.		*Hugo de Babington* 3. *Id. Apr.* 1293.
Geyn.f.30. b.	*D. Episcopus Wigorniæ.*	*D. Walt. de Morton Subdiac. Non. Sept.* 1305.
Wolst.vol.2. f.48. b.		*Magr. Rob. de Chigewell Cler.* 18. *Junii* 1341.
Ib.f.104.b.		*D. Sym. de Geynesburgh* 23. *Sept.* 1346.
Br.vol.1.f. 17.a.		*Thomas de Mersh̃ton* 1. *Junii* 1356.
Ib.f.31.a.		*Magr. Ric. de Cleanger* 9. *Maii* 1361.
Wak.f.30. a.	*Ric. Rex Angl.*	*Joh. Parkere Cap.* 3. *Apr.* 1382.
Ib.f.65.a.		*D. Thomas Fladbury Pbr.* 10. *Aug.* 1389.
Ibid. b.		*Ioh. Burbache* 17. *Sept.* 1389.
Cliff.f.13.b.		*D. Ric. Clifford Pbr.* 4. *Maii* 1402.
Pev.f.61. b.	*D. Episc. Wigorn.*	*Ioh. Wareyn Cap.* 5. *Maii* 1414.
Morg.vol. 1.f.36.b.		*Magr. Edw. Prentys Cler.* 14. *Febr.* 1425.
Carp.vol.1. f.156.b.		*Henr. Sharpe Legum Doctor* 20. *Dec.* 1460.
Gyg.2. f. 56.b.	*Magr. Ric. Ewer in S. Theol. Bac. virtute advoc. per I. Bel*	*Magr. Reb. Haldesworth S. Theol. & Decret. Doctor* 9. *Nov.* 1508.
Heath.f.21. b.	*Episc. Wig. T. Heneage mil. & aliis conceff.*	*Magr. Joh. Jolyffe in S. Theol. Bac.* 24. *Sept.* 1556.
Bul.f.33.a.	*Thomas Lucy de Cherlecote mil.*	*Ric. Hill Cler.* 13. *Dec.* 1586.
	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Rot.f.1.a.	*Walt. de Morton Rector.*	*Adam de Utlicote* 8. *Cal. Nov.* 1308.
Wolst.vol.2. f.54.a.	*D. Rob. de Chilwell Rector.*	*D. Ric. de Wykingeston Subdias.* 17. *Cal. Apr.* 1342.
Ibid.		*D. Ric. Toky Pbr.* 8. *Maii* 1342.
Wit.f.15.a.	*Rector ejusdem Ecc.*	*Walt. Mullewarde* 12. *Cal. Aug.* 1367.
Cliff.f.12.b.	*Magr. Joh. Burbache Rector.*	*D. Ric. Ferne Pbr.* 11. *Apr.* 1402.
Pev.f.25. b.	*Joh. Tissebury Rector.*	*Ric. de Chelmescote Cap.* 22. *Oct.* 1410.
Ib.f.78.b.	*Rector Ejusdem Eccl.*	*D. Ric. Wodehous Cap.* 5. *Dec.* 1416.



Hatton super Avon.

THis had its name originally from the Heath neer which it stood, and being a member of **Hampton** past with it to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, and since that to the *Lucies* of **Cherlecote**, as the Records which I have cited in **Hampton** will manifest; but it hath been antiently depopulated, as our Countreyman *Rous* intimates [p].

p *Hist. M. I Rous p 143.*

Hunscote.

THis is also in the Parish of **Hampton** *super* **Avon**, but long [q] since depopulated. The first mention I find of it is in 8. *Joh.* where it [r] appears, that *William de Ludinton* impleaded *Walter fitz Raph* for half a hide of land lying therein; who very shortly after past [s] away all his interest here unto *Thomas de Erdinton* (of whom in **Erdinton** I have spoke) which *Thomas* dyed seized thereof in 2 H. 3. whereupon it was committed [t] to the custody of *William Marshall* Earl of **Pembroke**. From this *T. de Erdinton* it descended to *Henry* his great grandchild; who in 7 E. 1. was certified [u] to be joint Lord thereof with one *William de Bladintone*, holding it of *Margery de Cantilupe* (of whom in **Aven-Drilct**, I have made mention) by the third part of a Knights Fee, the said *Margery* holding it over of *Theobald de Verdon*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**. It was also then found that the said *Henry* held at that time one carucate of land here of *Will. de Stafford*, and he of the said *Margery*, &c.

q *Ib. p.14*

r *Rot. P. 1 Ioh.*

s *Cartul. Erdinton f. 22. b.*

t *Clauf. H. 3. m.*

u *Inq. p H. Nott &c. f. 73.*

Which *Henry* in 23 E. 3. did his homage [w] to the said *W. de Stafford* (then of **Bromhull** *in Com. Staff.*) for the lands lying here, so held of him as hath been said; *viz.* 1. mess. and 4. yard land in demesn, and two yard land in Villenage; acknowledging that he held them of him by the xii[th] part of a Knights Fee, and declaring it to be a member of **Amulcote** in **Staffordshire**, having been so granted to his Ancestour, *Thomas*, by the before specified *Walt. fil. Radulfi*, as above is expresst. All which continued in the family of *Erdington* for divers ages, as by severall [x] authorities is manifest: but this was not the whole Mannour: for in 10 H. 6. it appeareth [y] that *Thomas Erdington* Esquier had but a part thereof, and one *Thomas Muston* the residue, who in that Record is stiled *Dominus de* **Huntescote**: Both which parts, about King E. 4. time (as I guesse) were purchased by Sir *William Lucy* of **Cherlecote** Knight, for

w *Cartul. de Erd. 48.a.*

x *Rotuli Scac. penès R.*

y *Rot. Scac. penès Rem. R.*

z Esc. 8 H. 7. for I find that he dyed [z] seised thereof in 7 H. 7. leaving *Edmund* his son and heir; whose posterity doe still enjoy it.

Alveston.

THis, lying on the other side the River, pertained to the Church of **Worcester** long before the Norman Conquest: for I find [a] that Bishop *Oswold* granted unto *Eadric*, his God-father, three mess. lying in this place, to hold for his own life, and to two such others as he should assign them unto; but after that to return unto the said Church of **Worcester**. In that grant, bearing date in the year DCCCLXVI. it is written **Eanulfestune**, which shews that the name originally sprung from some antient possessor thereof, *Eanulfus* having been an appellation very frequent in those elder times: but after this it was injuriously taken and withheld from the Bishops by certain great men, for the space of many years, untill that S. *Wolstan* (the venerable Bishop of that See) purchased it for a large summe of money of King *William* the Conquerour, and gave it to the Monks of that place in the third year of King *William Rufus*, as by his grant appeareth; which, for the solennity of it, I have here inserted.

a *Regist. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f.* 136.

Ex Regist. eodem vetusto nèc D. & pp. Wirn. f. 2. b.

Ego [b] Wlstanus *gracia Dei* Wigornensis *Ecclesiæ Pontifex, Monasterium S. Dei genitricis* Mariæ *à piæ memoriæ beato scil.* Oswaldo *prædecessore meo in sede Episcopali constructum, majori honore & dignitate amplificare cupiens, non solum in Ecclesiæ constructione, & ordinatione, verùm etiam & Monachorum ibidem Deo famulantium illud locupletare studui augmentatione. Quod utrumq; Dei omnipotentis miseratio per me servum suum adimplere ex parte dignata est: Nam cum à me paulò plus quam xii. inventi fuissent fratres, usq; ad quinquaginta à me ibi congregati sunt, in eodem Monasterio Dei mancipati servicio. Unde factum est, ut sicut numerum fratrum, ita etiam ad eorum opus augere opportunum duximus possessiones terrarum: Consilio ergo inito cum optimatibus meis, terram quandam xv. hidarum, quæ* **Alrestun** *ab incolis nominatur, multo tempore à quibusdam potentibus hominibus injustè possessam, maximo labore & pecuniæ donatione à Rege* Willielmo *seniore adquisivi & adquisitam verò ad victum eorundem fratrum in eodem Monasterio Deo servientium dedi; eamq; super Altare S. Dei genitricis* Mariæ, *pro remedio animæ meæ, atq; ejusdem Regis, filiiq; sui* Willielmi *similiter Regis, in testimonio tam optimatum ejus, & meorum, quàm etiam totius populi devotè obtuli, anno Dominicæ Incarn. M. LXXXIX. indict. XII. regni autem* Willielmi *junioris tertio, Episcopatus verò mei XXVII. ingressionis nostræ in novum Monasterium quod construxi in honore ejusdem Dei genetricis primo die S. Pentecostes. Adjuro igitur & obtestor per nomen terribile omnipotentis Dei, tam cunctos fratres & coepiscopos meos successores, quàm etiam omnes Christianæ fidei cultores, ut sicut sua statuta & decreta inconvulsa servari desiderant, sic hanc meam donationem & eleemosynam subtrahere & minuere non audeant. Si quis autem Demoniaco instigatus spiritu, hanc meam donationem, quod absit, subtrahere, vel ab eorum scilicet Dei servorum possessione, auferre, sive in aliquo minuere conatur, ex auctoritate Patris & Filii, & Spiritus Sancti, omniumq; Sanctorum Patrum, Prædecessorum meorum, & mea excommunicatione, anathemate æternæ dampnationis perpetualiter constringatur, & cum* Juliano *Apostata, Ecclesiarum Dei raptore & destructore in die Judicii dampnetur, nisi à talibus conatibus desistat, & digna pœnitentiâ Deo, ipsisq; Dei servis satisfaciat: Hæc verò servantibus vita & pax æterna perenniter in cœlestibus.*

Nomina exim testium, qui huic meæ donationi, & interfuerunt, & consensuerunt, hæc sunt; Ego Wlstanus *Episcopus hanc meam donationem propria manu firmavi, & Sigillo corroboravi; His testibus* Thomas *Prior, cum omni congregatione* Wigornensis *Ecclesiæ,* Algericus *Archidiaconus,* Colemannus *Monachus & Cancellarius Episcopi,* Frithericus *Capellanus ejus, cum omnibus Clericis Episcopi,* Urso *Vicecomes cum omnibus militibus Vicecomitatus ejus;* Ordricus *dapifer, cum omni Curia Episcopi;* Alwinus *similiter dapifer Episcopi,* Ordricus *Præpositus ipsius villæ, & plurimarum villarum Episcopi.*

And hereunto did King *William* the younger adde his Confirmation [c]. Of which wrongfull possession thereof to the prejudice of that Church in *Edward* the Confessors days, let us observe what *Domesday-book* witnesseth, *Briestvinus* T. R. E. (*scil. tempore Regis Edwardi*) tenuit *in* **Alvestone** *vii. hid. & dim. De hac terra habet* Eldred * *Archiepiscopus* Sacam & Socam, & Toll & Tem, Cersec, *& omnes alias forisfacturas, præter illas quatuor quas Rex habet per totum suum regnum: Hæc testantur filii eius* Lewinus, Edmar *& alii quatuor;* sed *nesciunt de quo, an de Ecclesia, an de Comite* Leuric, [d] *cui serviebat, hanc terram tenuit. Dicunt tamen quod ipsi tenuerunt de L. Comite, & quo volebant, cum terra, poterant se vertere: Reliquum autem septem hidarum & dimid. tenuit* Britenodus & Aluuin; *sed Comitatus nescit de quo tenuerunt:* Wlstanus *autem Episcopus dicit se hanc terram deplacitasse coram Regina* Mathilde *in præsentia quatuor Vicecomitatuum, & inde habet Breve Regis* W. *& testimonium Comitatus* Warwici.

c *Ib. f.* 3. a.

* He was Bishop of Worcester (and Archbishop of Yorke at the same time) next before S. Wolstan.

d *sc.* Leofric, Comes Merc.

By which Survey it also appeareth, that there were then three Mills yielding xl *s.* xii. shichs of Eeles and a thousand; as also four Houses in **Warwick** belonging thereto, rated at xvi *d.* the value of all then being xv *li.* Five hides of which fifteen, I find that King H. 1. for the health of his own soul, and of Queen *Maud* his wifes soul, did by his speciall Charter [e] make free unto them from all payments and exactions whatsoever. Which immunitie King *Stephen* likewise confirmed [f]; as also [g] *Roger* then Earl of **Warwick**. Whereunto King H. 3. by his Charter [h], dated at **Framelingham**, 2. *Apr.* 40. of his reign, added **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands here; which in 19 E. 1. were [i] rated at four carucates, each carucate valued at one mark, and the Rent of Assize with the Mill at xvii *li.* But upon the dissolution of **Worcester**-Priory in 30 H. 8. the King placing a Dean and Canons there in instead of the Monks, this Manour was, *inter alia*, granted [k] unto them and their successors, 24. *Jan.* 33. of his reign, in pure and perpetuall Almes. How the said Dean and Canons parted with it I know not, but it seems it came again to the Crown; for in 2. *Eliz.* the Queen conveyed it (*inter alia*) to . . . . . *Gerard* and others, and about two years after past another

e *Pat.* 1 E. 1. *n.* 10. per *Inspex.*

f *Pat.* 29 E. 3. *p.* 2 *m.* 12. *per Insp.*

g *Inspex.*

h *Pat.* 33 H. 8. *f.* 5.

i *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

k *Pat.* 2 *Eliz. p.* 13.

another Patent [m] of it to *Edw. Williams* &c. After which it came to *Lodowike Grevill*, who sold [n] it to one *John Hey*; which *John* died [o] seized of it 30. *Jan.* 13. *Eliz.* leaving *Thomas* his brother and heir 50. years of age.

m Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 4.
n Esc. 23 Eliz.
o Eliz.

Of the Church (dedicated to S. *James*) I find no valuation, neither in 19 E. 1. nor 14 E. 3. as of others, in respect it was a member of **Hampton-Episcopi**, as by the Presentations to the Vicaridge will appear.

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff. f. 32. a.	*Magr. Thom. de Cantilupo Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.*	*Ric. de la Mare Pbr. 4. Id. Oct. 1269.*
Ib. f. 95. b.	*Ric. de Tadington Curator & Custos Rect. Eccl. de Hampton.*	*Umfredus de Cerinceſtre Cap. 4. Non. Sept. 1279.*
Ib. f. 317. b.		*D. Will. de Pecco Pbr. 2. Non. Apr. 1289.*
Ib. f. 320. a.	*Nigellus dictus le Waleys.*	*Phil. de Nova terra Pbr. 14. Cal. Aug. 1290.*
Cob. f. 27. b.	*Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.*	*Phil. Baldewyn Cap. 7. Id. Nov. 1321.*
Wolst. f. 13. b.		*Walt. le Hoppere Cap. 21. Junii 1339.*
Wit. f. 12. b.	*D. Episc.*	*Joh. de Stapelford Cap. 3. Id. Feb. 1365.*
Wak. f. 27. a.	*Rector Eccl. de Hampton Episc.*	*Joh. Compton Pbr. 5. Non. Oct. 1380.*
Ib. f. 39. a.	*D. Episc.*	*Ric. Watts Pbr. 5. Sept. 1384.*
Ib. f. 50. a.		*Joh. Jenkyn Pbr. 19. Dec. 1387.*
Carp. vol. 1. f. 116. a.	*Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.*	*D. Galf. Dun 4. Maii 1454.*
Carp. vol. 2. f. 79. b.		*D. Thomas Maſon Cap. 12. Aug. 1476.*
Alc. f. 58. b.		*D. Will. Blamford Cap. 26. Sept. 1479.*
Ib. f. 162. a.	*Ric. Lavander Archid. Leic. Rector Eccleſ. de Hampt. Episc.*	*D. Thomas Wager Cap. ult. Sept. 1486.*
Mort. f. 24. b.	*Rector Eccleſiæ de Hampton Episc.*	*D. Will. Lye Cap. 10. Junii 1488.*
Bell. f. 11. b.		*D. Will. Cowherd Pbr. 26. Aug. 1540.*
Heath f. 13. b.		*Will. Warwyk Cler. 19. Oct. 1549.*
Bul. f. 16. a.		*Nich. Knowles Cler. ult. Apr. 1579.*
Ib. f. 85. b.		*Rob. Dowley Cler. 14 Jan. 1608.*
Ib. f. 109. a.		*Magr. Joh. Dowley 24. Jan. 1624.*

On the wall of the Church is this Monumentall Inſcription.

Here lyeth buried the body of Nicholas Lane gent. who deceaſed the xxvi. day of July An. D. 1595.

Tidington.

THis was alſo belonging to the Church of **Worceſter**, in the Saxons time, and involved with **Alveſton** (as I gueſſe:) for in the year 985. did Biſhop *Oſwold*, by the conſent of King *Ethelred*, and *Ælfric* Earl of **Mercia** paſſe [p] a Leaſe thereof to *Eadric* his ſervant for three lives, it then conſiſting of five dwellings: but in the Conquerors Survey there is no mention, in particular, of it: neither have I afterwards ſeen any thing thereof till 8 E. 3. that upon the taxation [q] of a Fifteenth and Tenth it was certified to bear ſomewhat a greater proportion than **Alveſton**; yet was it not a diſtinct Mannour of it ſelf, but a member of that, and ſo paſt [r] from the Crown in 33 H. 8. to the Dean and Chapter of **Worceſter** before ſpecified; and is at this day reputed parcell thereof.

p Reg. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f. 95. a.
q Rot. penes S. A. eq. aur.
r Pat. 33 H. 8. p. 5.

Bridg-town.

THis place hath its name by reaſon of the ſituation thereof ſo neer to **Stratford**-bridg: but the chiefeſt thing memorable in it is [s], that there hath been an Heremitage, whereunto the Chapell of S. *Mary Magdalen* in this village belonged; which Heremitage was antiently endowed [t] with lands by ſome of the *Powers* of **Ryen-Clifford**, for reparation of the before ſpecified Bridg: all which were confirmed [u] thereunto by *Thomas Power* Eſquier in 22 H. 6. who conſtituted [w] one *John Rawlyns* to be Heremite there during his life, appointing, that he ſhould yearly celebrate an *Obit* in the Pariſh-Church of **Stratford** before mentioned, upon the Eve of *Corpus Chriſti*, for the ſouls of the Parents and Anceſtors of him the ſaid *Thomas Power*. The donation of which Heremitage, upon the grant of **Ryen-Clifford** from *Chriſtopher Power* to *William Clopton* in 5 H. 8. is therewith [x] paſt to him the ſaid *William* and his heirs; ſince when (and not before that ever I could ſee) this place hath been reputed a Mannour, the ſaid *William Clopton* being certified [y] to dye ſeized thereof 4. *Jan.* 1 *Eliz.* From whom is deſcended *Thomas Clopton* of **Clopton**, that hath the like right therein at this day: but the ſite of the Heremitage was in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.* granted [z] to the Hoſpitall of **Savoy**, in the Suburbs of **London**.

s t u w Ex Cartul. de Clopton, penes Thom. Clopt. ar.
x Ibid.
y Eſc. 2 Eliz.
z Pat. 3. & 4. Ph. & M. p. 12.

Loxley.

THis place was given [a] by *Offa* King of the Mercians unto the Church of **Worceſter** about CCC. years before the Norman Conqueſt, and continued thereto till the time of King *Canutus* the Dane: but then the whole Realm being burthened with grievous taxes, and a Conſtitution made, that if any place did fail in payment by the ſpace of 3. days of what was ſo exacted, he that ſhould depoſite the money to the Shiriff might preſently poſſeſſe himſelf thereof; this, with divers other lands (whereof **Ludington**, **Drayton**, and **Pilcote** in this County were part) was by that crafty advantage moſt injuriouſly taken from it; *Sed Deus hanc ſui rapinam abſq; ultione non dimiſit* (ſaith the [b] Monk of **Worceſter**) *nam unuſquiſq; eorum, qui huic fraudi operam dederunt, digna ultione percuſſi, aut luminibus privati, aut paralyſi diſſoluti, aut in inſaniam verſi ſunt; plurimi etiam ſemetipſos interfecerunt.*

But at the Norman invaſion one *Eatſtanus* had the greateſt part of it, as his freehold; which by the

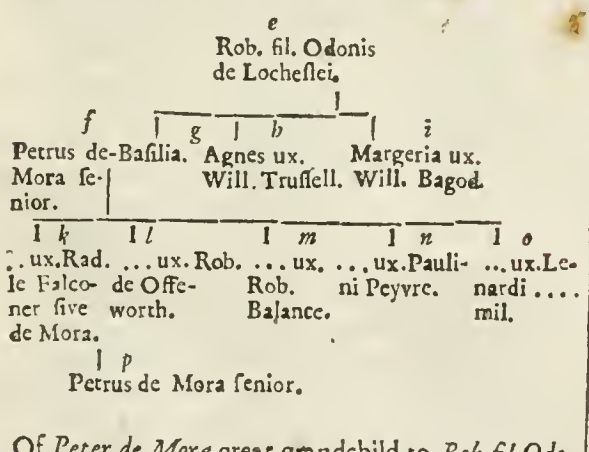
a Ex Reg. prædict. nès D. Cap. Wigorn. f. 1.
b Ex Reg. Wigorn. bibl. Cotton. f. 1. b.

the Conq. was disposed of (*inter alia*) to the E. of **Mellent**, as may appear by the generall [c] Survey shortly after made, where it is written **Lochellei**, & certified to contain 4. hides, all which excepting one virgate held by *Hugo fil. Constantii* of *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, and valued at v *s.* were rated at iv *li.* xv *s.* there being then a Church. Another hide, by the same Survey, may seem to have been here, though it be in that place written **Lochesham**, which was then in the Bishop of **Worcester's** hands, and rated at xxv *s.* But that which the Earl of **Mellent** had, came to his brother *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, as it seems, with the rest of those lands in this County, which the same *Henry* and his posterity enjoy'd: for by what I shall shew anon, it will appear to have been of their Fee.

[c] Domesd. *lib.*

Whether *Robert fil. Odonis*, who lived in H. 2. time, was the first that had it by the Earl of **Warwick's** grant, or whether it were his father I am not sure; but that the said *Robert* possest it, and made it the place of his residence, is out of doubt; for in his grant [d] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, of Cxx. acres of his demesn lands here, with a messuage toft and croft, and ii *s.* Rent, which for xii. marks of silver he sold to them, he writes himself *Robertus fil. Odonis de Locheslei*. And besides this so sold by him, he gave unto them, for the health of his fathers soul, whose body lay buried in that Monastery; and for the good estate of himself and his posterity, pasturage for x. Oxen and C. Sheep in his demesn lands here. Which *Robert* left issue onely 3. daughters his heirs, whose matches and descendants I have here inserted.

Regist. de Kenil. p. 53. 4. & 147.



Ex Reg. de Kenilw. penès Edw. Gresswould gen.

Of *Peter de Mora* great grandchild to *Rob. fil. Odonis*, I find that he was a liberall Benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; for it appears [q], that about 38 H. 3. he gave them the Mannour-house here at **Lorley**, and all his possessions belonging thereto, besides his lands at **Westcote** and **Moxton-Bagot**, with the advouson of that Church, *Will. Mansell* being then high Shiriff of this County, and a witnesse thereto; which was confirmed [r] to them by *Will. Mauduit* Earl of **Warwick** in 47 H. 3. And that the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, in [s] 19 E. 1. one carucate of land, valued at xvi *s.* in Rent of Assise viii *s.* and one Mill rated at iv *s.* at which time the Monks of **Worcester** had xviii *s.* Rent of Assize in this Lordship. But it seems that the Ancestour of *John de Wauton* (Lord of **Walton D'eivile**) was enfeoft by the Canons of **Kenilworth** in the greatest part of this Lordship; for it [t] appears that the said *John* held the same of them by Knights service: and in [u] 20 E. 3 *Baldw. Frevill* and *William Trussell* answered for half a Knights Fee in this place. Which Canons having a great share here, in 25 E. 3. purchased [w] of *John* the son of *John de Peyto* xiv. messuages more, with two carucates, five yard land, three acres of meadow, and x *s. ob.* Rent in this place. All which, together with the rest whereof they were possest before, coming to the Crown upon the dissolution of that Monastery, was 28 *Martii* 33 *H.* 8, granted [x] to *Thom. Cawarden* Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, and the heirs of the body of the said *Thomas*; and afterwards coming to *Lodowyk Grevill* Esquier, and *Francis Gyll* Yeoman, was by them sold [y] to *Edward Nevill* Esquier, but continued not long with him: for in 12 *Eliz. William Underhill* dyed [z] seized of it, leaving *William* his son and heir aged xiv. years and six months.

[q] *ex autog. penès Will. Vinc. Sr.*

[r] *Ex. de Kenil. penès Edw. Sr.*

[s] *Esc. in Sc. penès R.*

[t] *F. f. 38 b.*

[u] *Esc. penès S. Clarke B. Will. 25 E. 3. p. 3. m.*

[w] *Pat. 33 H. 8. p. 3.*

[x] *Pat. 33 H. 8. p. 3.*

[y] *Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 9.*

[z] *Esc. 12 Eliz.*

The Church, being given to the Monastery of **Stone** in **Staffordshire** (which was a Cell to the Priory of **Kenilworth**) by *Rob. fil. Odonis* before specified; and confirmed [a] therero by *Basilia de Mora* in 1 *Joh.* was in *Edward* 1. time rebuilt, and newly consecrated [b] upon the Sunday next after the Feast of S. *Thomas* the Martyr *an.* 1286. 14 E. 1. by *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester**, who then preacht therein upon this Text, *Sanctificate domum hanc quam ædificasti*. In *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued [c] at x. marks, and the Vicaridge in [d] 26 H. 8. at 5 *li.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* out of which was then allowed xii *d.* for Synodalls.

[a] *F. levat. 1 Joh.*

[b] *Giff. f. 256. b.*

[c] *MS. in Scac.*

[d] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 20. a.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Joh. de Warwyk Subdiac.* 9. *Cal. Martii* 1274.	*Giff. f. 48. a.*
	D. Walt. de Banneburi Cap. 19. *Cal. Jan.* 1323.	*Cob. f. 34. a.*
	Will. de Bradewey Pbr. 13. *Jan.* 1356.	*Br. vol. 1, f. 21.*
	Will. Haukyns Pbr. 27. *Sept.* 1361.	*Ib. f. 37. b.*
	Will. Merston Pbr. 27. *Junii* 1402.	*Cliff. f. 16. a.*
	Joh. Attewelle 24. *Maii* 1410.	*Pev. f. 18. b.*
	Joh. Cowpus Pbr nlt. Julii 1414.	*Ib. f. 65. b.*
	D. Rob. Wynn Cap. 23. *Aug.* 1422.	*Morg. vol. 1. f. 10. b.*
	D. Will. Northampton Cap. 22. *Martii* 1420.	*Morg. vol. 2. f. 25. b.*
	D. Henr. Sywell Cap. 13. *Julii* 1431.	*Pult. f. 91. b.*
	D. Thomas Ennok Cap. 18. *Dec.* 1445.	*Carp. vol. 1. f. 28. a.*
	D. Thom. Kynasley Cap. 4. *Jan.* 1448.	*Ib. f. 65. b.*
	D. Thom. Carpenter Cap. 20. *Aug.* 1451.	*Ib. f. 95. a.*
	D. Joh. Broun Cap. 8. *Oct.* 1455.	*Ib. f. 132. b.*
	D. Hugo Byker Cap. 9. *Oct.* 1461.	*Ib. f. 164. b.*
	Nich. Lytleton Cap. 4 *Junii* 1464.	*Ib. f. 185. b.*
	D. Ric. Potter Cap. 13. *Julii* 1507.	*Gyg. vol. 2. f. 51. a.*
	D. Will. Hilley Cap. 22. *Nov.* 1525.	*Ieron. f. 24. b.*
	D. Joh. Hybbins Cap. 21. *Maii* 1530.	*Ib. f. 43. a.*
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Will. Prycks Cler.* 3. *Junii* 1562.	*Heath f. 36. b.*

Bull.f.7.b. *Eliz. Angl. Regina.* *Will. Jeffes Cler.* 16. *Dec.* 1572.
Ib.f.24.a. *Joh. Duppa Cler.* 22. *Feb.* 1583.
Ib.f.94.b. *Jacobus Rex Angl.* *Will. Debanck Cler in art. Magr.* 7. *Julii* 1613.

Stratford ſuper Avon.

THis place was above CCC. years before the Norman Conqueſt belonging to the Biſhoprick of **Worceſter**, and given thereto by *Æthelardus* a Viceroy in **Worceſterſhire**, as is evident from the words of S. *Egwine's* Charter (the third Biſhop of that See, and Founder of **Evesham** Abby) which I will here recite, *Cum* [e] *maxime florerem in diebus Æthelredi Regis* Merciorum, *cepi eum benignè precari, ut mihi concedere dignaretur antiquum cœnobium, quod* **Flaudenburch** * *nuncupatur; quod ſibi evenit ex hæreditate ſuæ uxoris, quæ fuit* Oſtrithis *vocata: Satis ille libenti animo quod poſcebam conceſſit. Hoc cœnobium poſtea dedi Æthelardo ſub regulo, qui erat Rex illius Provinciæ quæ* **Wicce** *dicitur, pro alio cœnobio quod* **Streatforde** *nominatur.*

e Lel.Coll. vol.1.p. 365.

* Fladbury in Com. Wigorn. Vide etiam Regiſt. Wigorn. in in bibl. Cotton. [ſub effigie Tiberii A. 13] f. 10. a.

About an hundred years after it came thus to the Biſhoprick of **Worceſter**, *Berthuulf* King of **Mercia** granted divers priviledges thereto, the ſubſtance of whoſe Charter †, in reſpect of its great antiquity, and rarity I have here inſerted. + *In nomine Domini* (&c.) *ego* Berhtuulf, *gratia divina largiente, Rex* Merciorum, *de remedio animæ meæ prœcogitans, diem tremendum diſtricti examinis ante oculos cordis mei componens; cogitavi; quod aliquid de iſtius mundani regni perceptione pro memetipſo in perpetuam eleemoſynam, ac libertatem Eccleſiaſticam Deo vivo in æternum erogarem; ideo, cum conſenſu & licentia Epiſcoporum & Principum meorum, & omnium ſeniorum gentis noſtræ, donabo* Heaberto *meo venerabili Epiſcopo, hujus libertatis privilegium, & eius familiæ in* **Wegernaceſtre**, *illius Monaſterii* **bi Eafne**, *quod appellatur* **Ufera Stretforde**, *cujus quantitas eſt xx. manentium, eo quod placabile pecunia acceptus fui, id eſt x. lib. argenti; ea conditione, ut libera permaneat in ſempiternum ſoluta & liberata ſit ab omni jugo humanæ ſervitutis, ab omnibus ſecularibus tributis & vectigalibus, cum cunctis utilitatibus ad illam Eccleſiam rectè pertinentibus, ſcil. campis vel ſilvunculis, paſcuis vel pratis, fluminibus vel piſcationibus, ab opere regali & paſtu regis, & principis vel juniorum eorum, ab hoſpitorum refectione, vel venatorum etiam, equorum Regis, falconum & ancipitrunm, & puerorum qui ducunt canes: Quid plura? ab omni tribulatione noti & ignoti, magni & mediocri libera conſiſtat in ævum, quamdiu fides Chriſtiana privilegiis apud Anglos in Britannia inſula permaneat (&c.) Feſta eſt autem hæc donatio Anno Dominicæ incarn. DCCXLV. Indict. VIII. in loco regali qui dicitur* **Tomeworthig** *in Nativitate Domini* (&c.)

† Ib.f.104. b.

It was thought (as *Leland* [f] ſaith) that the Monaſtery, here mentioned, ſtood where the Church is now ſituate. By the Conquerors Survey it appeareth that **Stratford** was rated at xiv. hides and a half, and then poſſeſt by S. *Wolſtan* Biſhop of that Dioces, there being at that time a Church; as alſo a Mill yielding x *s. per annum* and a thouſand Eeles; but the value of the whole extended to xxv *li.* In that Record it is writen **Stradforde**, the name having been originally occaſioned from the forde or paſſage over the water, upon the great ſtreet or road leading from **Henley** in **Arden** towards **London.**

f Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 167.

The next mention I find of this antient Mannour, is in that Regiſter, belonging to the Biſhop of **Worceſter**, called his *Domeſday*-book [g], compoſed about H. 2. time, where it is ſaid to contain xv. hides and one yard land; whereof *Frethricus de Biſhopeſdone* held three hides, *Stephen (le Poiver)* in **Clifford** two hides and a half; the Monk, (*id eſt* of **Worceſter**) one virgate; *Frethricus de . . . . . .* one hide; *Adam de Scetrive* one hide and a half, &c.

g In Armario Wigorn. Epiſc.

That it was the poſſeſſion of thoſe Biſhops for ſome hundreds of years in the Saxons time, may appear by what I have already ſaid; And that it continued to their ſucceſſors for many ages after the Norman invaſion, I ſhall proceed to make manifeſt; not neglecting to take notice what advantages have accrued thereunto, either by their procurement from the Kings of this Realm, or were vouchſafed to it by their own ſpeciall favours; whereof the weekly **Mercate** upon the Thurſday is not the leaſt; which, as it hath precedency in time, ſo doth it deſerve the firſt mention; for it was granted [h] by King *Richard* the firſt unto *John de Conſtanciis* Biſhop of **Worceſter** 25. *Jan.* in the ſeventh year of his reign. Which Biſhop immediatly thereupon, by his own Deed [i] reciting the ſaid Charter of King *Richard* beſtowed on his Burgeſſes of **Stratford** (for by that name he calls them) the inheritance of their Burgages, paying yearly for each of them to himſelf and his ſucceſſors xii *d.* for all ſervices at four times in the year; *viz.* at the Feaſt of S. *Michael* iii *d.* the *Nativity* of our Lord iii *d.* at Eaſter iii *d.* and at the Feaſt of the *Nativity* of S. *John Baptiſt* iii *d.* to every of which Burgages he thereby allowed three perches and a half in breadth, and twelve perches in length; and that they ſhould be free of *Toll*, forever, according to the cuſtome of **Wykkoll**; excommunicating all perſons that ſhould preſume to make violation of thoſe their priviledges. All which, *Maugerius* the next Biſhop confirmed [k]. Next unto whom ſucceeded *Walter Grey*; who, towards the later end of King *John's* reign, obtained a grant [l] for an yearly **Faire** here, beginning on the Even of the holy *Trinity*, and to continue for the two next days enſuing; which Charter bears date 29 *Oct.* 16. *Joh.*

h i k Ex autog. in præfat Arma

l Cart. 16 Joh. m.

Touching the originall occaſion of which meetings called **Faires**, let us hear what the learned *Spelman* [m] hath obſerved——*Cum autem Chriſtiani ad inſignes aliquas celebritates, præſertim encœnia & dedicationes Eccleſiarum Feſta annua peragenda convenirent: adeſſe utiq; Mercatores ſolebant, ſua mercimonia ſub ipſis Eccleſiis atq; in cœmiteriis diſtracturi.* And a little below he thus goes on——*Partier verò conveniſſe ium ad merces vendendas tum ademendas Mercatores quamplurimos; atq; ita Feſtum cum Nundinis, Nundinas cum Feſto miſcuiſſe. Tunc enim non ſolùm advolant ipſi parochiani* (ſaith he) *ſed & vicini plurimi; majorq; ſemper frequentia pro Eccleſiæ & villæ dignitate.* And further he takes notice, that this ill cuſtome in the ſucceeding ages increaſt much, not onely by the concourſe which the Pariſhioners themſelves had thither at that time, but

m Spelm. Gloſſ. v. cæn. Fer. Faires ar tiently ke at the Fe of the Ch che's Dec cation.

but even multitudes from the neighbouring Towns; and that the meeting was always the greater, as the dignitie of the Church and Town became more eminent than ordinary; as of S. *Peters* at **Westminster**, S. *Bartholomew's* in **Smithfield**, S. *Cutberts* at **Dureme**, &c. Neither (saith he) is it a hard matter to guesse by the **Faire** day, in case it have been antient, to what Saint the Church is dedicated: And that this is so we have also an evident testimony here, the Church of **Stratford** being dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*.

For the authority usually given, by speciall Charter, to keep such **Faires** or meetings, he also gives a very good reason——*Cum verò ex tanta hominum frequentia* (saith he) *periculosi sæpè tumultus orirentur, tenendarum Feriarum prærogativa solius Principis diplomatibus est indulta.* As for the antiquitie of the word **Faire**, which shews of what great continuance the thing it self hath been, it is no lesse then from the Britans, **Faire** in their language (which Doctor *John Davies* in his *Britannico-Lat.* Vocabularie, derives from the Greek word φέρειν, being the same with *merces* in Latin) signifying as much as *Nundinæ, Forum* and *Mercatum* doth. And that such **Faires** were frequently kept upon the Sunday in former times, as this here had used to be, is evident by this instance which I shall give. In the year of our Lord 1200 (being the second of King *John's* raign) the Abbot of **Flay**, a man both devout and learned, came into **England** (saith my Author [n]) and preaching very zealously in sundry parts, amongst other of his pious doctrines, he prohibited the keeping of **Faires**, and **Mercates** on the Lords day——*Nundinas*[o] *verò & Mercata Dominicæ diei adeo interdixit, quod omnia ferè quæ diebus Dominicis per Angliam fieri consueverant, constituerentur in una hebdomada sequentium feriarum: Sicq; Dominicis diebus fidelis populus divinis solummodo vacans obsequiis, omne opus servile penitus abdicavit: verùntamen tempore procedente plerique; ut canes ad vomitum sunt reversi.* You see, after a while, his preaching was quite forgot, as appears plainly here; for this Charter, for a **Faire** to be kept on *Trinity* Sunday, was about xiv. years after those good documents of that holy Abbot. Nor indeed do I see that this prophane usage was left, till by a Statute [p] law made a long time after, *scil.* 27 H. 6. *all such goods or merchandize, which should be exposed to sale upon Good-Friday, Corpus Christi day, Ascension day, All Saints day, the day of the Assumption of our Lady, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, or other Sunday (the four Sundays in Harvest excepted) were to be forfeited to the Lord of the Libertie or Franchise, where such* **Faire** *should happen to be kept.* But the restraint for keeping them in the Church-yards, (antiently usuall) was much elder; *viz.* by the Statute of **Winchester** 13 E. 1. cap. 6.

Having spoken thus much as to the first occasion of **Faires**; *viz.* the concourse of people to keep the Festivall of the Churches Dedication; it will not be amisse (I think) to say something of the *Feast of Dedication* it self, now vulgarly called the **Wake**.

That these *Feasts* were antient we have the testimony of holy Scripture, *Facta sunt encœnia, id est festa dedicationis in Hierosolimis* (saith S. John [q]) *&* Jesus *ambulabat in templo in porticu* Solomonis *ad confirmationem illius festivitatis.* *And S.* Angustin *in his Homily upon that Text saith, Illum diem quo Templum dedicatum est, Judæi solenniter celebrabant.* That they were originally kept on the same Saints day, annually, unto whose memory the Church was dedicated, there is no scruple to be made: which dutie so performed by Christians, was by S. *Basil* [r] termed λατρεία τῶν Θεῶν, and with all τιμὴν ἐκ τῆς ψυχῆς. *id est* a worship of God, and a reverence to the Martyrs. Neither can we judge lesse than that the pious and devout munificence of him that was the Founder and endower of the Church, was likewise then gratefully remembred. Of the service used in that solemnity I shall not make rehearsall, referring my Reader to *Durandus* [s], where it is particularly described: but to the end it may appear how it came to passe that the yearly celebration of that Festivall was, and yet is called the **Wake**, I shall briefly make some discovery,

Antiquitùs [t] *in præcipuis festivitatibus* (saith the same Author) *duo nocturnalia agebantur officia, & populus, qui ad festa venerat, tota nocte in Dei laudibus in Ecclesia vigilabat, quod adhuc* Romæ, *& in plerisq; locis in magnis festivitatibus, præsertim Sanctorum patronorum Ecclesiarum observatur.* And in another place he says——*Et vocabatur* Vigilia, *quia habuit initium à Pastoribus vigilias noctis super greges suas servantibus.* And he goes on—*Sed quia lusores & Cantores conveniebant, & turpibus Cantilenis, & saltationibus, & commensationibus, & potationibus, & fornicationibus intendere ceperunt; propter hæc & multa alia inconvenientia quæ fiebant, hujusmodi* Vigiliæ *sunt interdictæ, & institutum ut loco earum fiant* Jejunia, *quæ* Jejunia *adhuc retinent nomen officii; nam communiter* Vigiliæ *& non* Jejunia *nuncupantur.*

The substance of this I have found Englished in an old Manuscript Legend of S. *John Baptist*, as followeth.——**And ye shall understond and know how the** Evyns **were furst fonnd in old time. In the beginning of holi Chirche it was so that the pepull cam to the Chirche with candellys brennyng and wold** Wake, **and coome with light toward night to the Chirche in their devocions; and aftir they fell to lecherie and songs, daunses, harping, piping, and also to glotony and sinne, and so tourned the holinesse to cursydnes: wherefore holy faders ordeined the pepull to leve that** Waking, **and to fast the** Evyn. **But hit is callyd** Vigilia **that is** Waking **in English, and it is callyd the** Evyn, **for at** Evyn **they were wont to come to Chirche.**

Howbeit, the direct time when this prohibition for coming so to Church in the Evening was made, hath not as yet appeared to me; but I do conclude it to have been very antient: for though *Simon Islip* Archbishop of **Canterbury** in the year 1362. (36 E. 3.) by vertue of that appointment [u] made by Pope *Gregory* the ninth for observation of some speciall Holy days, and leaving the rest thus, *quas singuli Episcopi in suis Diocæsibus cum Clero & Populo duxerint solenniter venerandas,* [w] comanded that *Solennitas Dedicationum Ecclesiarum Parochialium, & Sanctorum in quorum honore Ecclesiæ parochiales dedicantur*, according to the Canon Law *Dist.* [x] 1. *cap.* 16. 17. *Dist.* 3. *cap.* 1. yet there is no doubt to be made (considering what is before expresst) but that such solemnities of the Churches Dedication were no lesse antient than the primitive times of Christianity, and annually kept for many ages upon the same Saints day

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r Basil. *in Psal.* 114.

s *Rationale divin. lib.* 7. *f.* 251.

t *Ib. lib.* 6. 140. *b.*

M. Paris. 201. n. 20.

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u *Decret. Greg. cap.* 5. *Tit. de* Feriis.

w *Lindw. Provinc. Constit. f.* 52. *a. Col.* 2. *cap. Ex Scripturis.*

x Gratian *de Consecratione.*

to whose memory such dedication was made; but in processe of time certain inconveniencies being found in the observance of those very dayes, especially such as hapned in Harvest, when a little neglect may occasion much losse, many of them were by speciall authority from the Bishop, for that very reason altered, and the solemnity transferred to the next Sunday following, or some other Sunday; as I have seen (for instance) of **Tadcaster** [y] and *Bishop*-**Wilton** in **Yorkshire**, where the Churches *Festivall* of the one, being on the 28, of *August*, was in the year MCCC. xiv, assigned to be kept on the Sunday next ensuing the Feast of the *Decollation* of S. *John Baptist*; and of the other [z], which fell out on the fifteenth of *September*, to be observed the Sunday ensuing. Which alteration, forasmuch as it broke the antient course and order, perhaps occasioned, for uniformities sake, that Injunction of King *Henry*, made in the year 1536. (28. of his raign) whereby *with the common assent and consent of the Prelates and Clergy of this his Realm in Convocation lawfully assembled* (amongst other things) *he decreed, ordained and established, that the* Feast of Dedication *of Churches should in all places throughout this Realm be thenceforth celebrated and kept on the first Sunday of the month of October for ever, and upon none other day*. Since which time that Rule hath been observed in divers places (as I have particularly taken notice) especially where the Saints day unto whom the Church was dedicated hapneth in the Winter time; but where it falls out in that time of the year that the weather is warm and proper for merry meetings, it is generally seen that the said *Festivall* is yearly kept on the Sunday next following such day, though not by commemoration of the Saint in any particular Church service; but by holding up the Custome of Feasting amongst friends and good neighbours, with the exercise of dancing and other sports, which time is now usually called the **Wake** through most parts of this Kingdom.

y *Ex Regist. vocato* Bowet *penès Archiep. Eber. f.* 113.

z *Ib* Kempe *f.* 196.

But returning to **Stratford**, and the successive Bishops that were Lords thereof, I find, that *William de Bleys*, then being Bishop, procured a Charter [a] for another **Faire**, to be kept here, on the *Eve* of S. *Augustin*, and on the day & morrow after; which Festivall falls yearly on the seventh *Cal.* of *June* (being the 26. of *May*:) And within xvi. years after, *Walter de Cantilupe* obtained another [b] to be yearly kept on the *Eve* of the *Exaltation of the Holy Crosse*, the day, and two days following (*viz.* 14. *Oct.*) which Charter bears date at **Winchester** 23. *Dec.* 24 H. 3. This indeed hath continued till the present times, frequented by multitudes that come from far and neer unto it, the *Toll* whereof was very antiently leased [c] for ix *s.* iv *d.* and the *Toll* of the **Mercate** at [d] xvi *s. per annum*; which *Walter* sate Bishop for divers years, & in 39 H. 3. obtained a Charter [e] of **Free-warren** for himself and his successors in all their demesn lands here, bearing date at **Merton** 2. *Apr.* Another **Faire** [f] likewise did *Godfrey Giffard* (when he was Bishop) procure, in 53 H. 3. to be held for three days, *viz.* the *Eve* of the Ascension of our Lord, commonly called *Holy Thursday*, and upon the day and morow after. And moreover the next year following got a new Charter [g] for renewing the **Faire** again on the *Eve* of *Trinity Sunday* (so granted by King *John*, as aforesaid) and to continue for three days after.

a *Rot. F.* 8. H. 3. *m.* 1.

b *Cart.* 24 H. 3. *m.* 4.

c *Ex Reg. quodam in d mario Episc. Wigorn.*

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e *Cart.* 39 H. 3. *m.* 6.

f *Cart.* 53 H. 3. *m.* 13.

g *Cart.* 54. H. 3. *m.* 9.

Touching the revenue which the said Bishop had here in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) I find [h] that it was in Rent of Assize xx *li.* two carucates of land rated at xx *s.* one Mill yeilding C *s.* the pleas and perquisites lx *s.* and the profits of the store xx *s.* But it should seem that the said Thursday **Mercate** grew in time to be neglected; for it appears, that *Walter de Maydenstane*, made Bishop of **Worcester** in 2 E. 2. did in the very first year of his consecration obtain a new Charter [i] for one to be kept upon the same day every week; and added also another **Fair** thereto, to begin yearly on the *Eve* of *S. Peter* and *Paul* (being at the later end of *June*) and to hold for xv. days. Which Charter bears date at **Westminster** 4. *Martii* 2 E. 2.

h *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

i *Cart.* 2 E. 2. *n.* 24.

And now that the **Mercate** became thus setled, it was not long ere that the Paving of the town began; for in 5 E. 3. did one *Robert de Stratford*, (then Parson [k] of the Church of **Stratford**, but afterwards highly advanced, as I shall shew by and by) procure a Patent [l] for taking *Toll* for the space of four years, upon sundry vendible commodities that should be thither brought for sale, towards defraying the charge thereof: which Patent being directed *Ballivis & probis hominibus villæ de* **Stratford** *super* **Avene** expresseth, that it was obtained *ad requisitionem dilecti Clerici nostri Roberti de Stratford*; And was afterwards twice renewed at the request of the said *Robert*; *viz.* [m] in 8 E. 3. for four years longer, and in [n] 10 E. 3. for two years more.

k *F. levat. xv. Pasch.* 2 E. 3.

l *Pat.* 5 E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 10.

m *Pat.* 8 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 33

n *Pat.* 10 E. 3 *p.* 2. *m.* 32

This *Robert de Stratford* was afterwards Archdeacon [o] of **Canterbury**; next [p] Bishop of **Chichester**, and then Chancelour [q] of **England**; brother likewise [r] to *John de Stratford* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, of whom I shall speak anon; who assuming his firname from hence (being the place of his birth) bore a more than ordinary affection thereto. In 13 E. 3. *John de Peito junior* (who was a Lawyer, as in **Chesterton** I have shewed) obtained a Lease [s] for life of this Mannour, from *Wolstan* then Bishop of **Worcester**, at the Rent of lx *li. per annum*. But little is there memorable of the succeeding Bishops relating to this place till 3 E. 6. that *Nicholas Heath* past [t] it away to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** in exchange for certain lands in **Worcestershire**; which, Earl the same year, parted [u] with it to the King, upon an advantagious bargain for lands in **Oxfordshire**, and other places; but with an eye to have it again, as it fell out he had in 7 E. 6. by another exchange [w]. Upon the attainder of which *John*, in 1. *Mariæ* (being then Duke of **Northumberland**:) this, called by the name of the Mannour of **Old-Stratford** with the rest of his lands, eschaeting to the Crown, was immediatly granted [x] by the Queen to *Joan* his Dutchesse; but afterwards, *scil.* in 3. & 4. *Ph.* & *M.* to [y] the Hospitall of **Savoy** in the suburbs of **London**.

o, p, q, r } Godw. *de Præs.*

s *Pat.* 13 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 20.

t *Pat.* 3 E. 6. *p.* 3.

u *Ib. p.* 9

w *Pat.* 7 E. 6. *p.* 8.

x *Pat.* 1. *p.* 5.

y *Pat.* 3. & 4. Ph. & M. *p.* 1

The next thing I am to take notice of concerning this town, that is by the Kings Letters [z] Patent bearing date 28. *Junii* 7 E. 6. it was made a Corporation, consisting of a Bailiff and Burgesses, who were to bear the name of Aldermen, and to have a Common Seal, &c.

z *Pat.* 7 E. 6. *p.* 13.

The Church, here, (dedicated to the holy *Trinity*) is of a very antient structure, little lesse than the Conq. time, as I guesse by the fabrick of the Tower-steeple; but part thereof, besides, hath been rebuilt at severall times; *viz.* the South Ile by [a] *John de Stratford*

a *Ex Reg. vocat.* White Book *penès D. & C. Wigorn.* 138. *a.*

Stratford Archbishop of **Canterbury** about the beginning of *Edward* 3. time; the Quire [b] by *Thomas Balshall* Doctor in Divinity and Warden of the same Church, being then Collegiate, in E 4. time: and the North and South Crosse by [c] the Executors of *Hugh Clopton* (sometime Lord Maior of **London**) in H. 7. time. The Rectory, as it extended to the Chapelries within the Parish, was in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [d] at xxxv. marks: but the Patronage thereof, belonging to the Bishops of **Worcester**, was purchased [e] by *John de Stratford* Archbishop of **Canterbury** in 10 E. 3. from *Simon Montacute* then Bishop of **Worcester**, which Archbishop gave [f] it to the Chantry founded by himself in a certain Chapell adjoyning to the said Church on the South side, built by him to the honour of God, and of S[t] *Thomas* the Martyr: for the appropriation whereof unto that Chapell, he gave [g] unto the same Bishop of **Worcester**, and his Successors, in recompence of the damage, which they might thereby sustain, one mess. one carucate of land, and x *s.* Rent with the appurtenances in **Persely-Grove** *juxta* **Hampton** *super* **Avon**, to the yearly value of x. marks. But there is no particular valuation of this Church in 26H. 8. other than amongst the revenues of the Chantry before specified, which then had the reputation of a Colledge, whereunto it was appropriated. Neither was there any Vicaridge endowed till after the dissolution of the said Colledge, as by the Institutions thereto may be discerned.

b *el. Itin. v 4. f. 167.*

c *Pat. 4 E. 3. p. 2. m. 3.*

d *Tax. Eccl. f. 23. a.*

e *Pat. levat. Mich. 1 E. 3.*

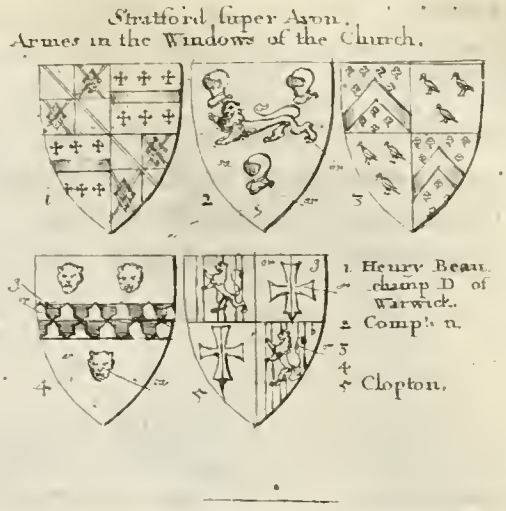
f *Pat. 10 E. 3. p. 2. m. 3*

g *Fontanus: f. 50.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.
D. Episc. Wigorn.	*Will. de Grenefeld Cler.* 10. *Cal. Oct.* 1294.
	Jac. de Anisio Cler. Cal. Julii 1310.
	Joh. Vanne Cler. 11. *Cal. Apr.* 1313.
	D. Henr. de Hastings Cler. Non. Sept. 1316.
D. Rex ratione vacat. Episcopat. Wigorn.	*Joh. Geraud* 18. *Martii* 1334.

Patroni Vicariæ.

D. Maria Regina, ratione attinct. Joh. Ducis Northumb.	*Reg. Dioos Cler.* 15. *Nov.* 1553.
D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.	*Joh. Brechgirdle art. Magr.* 27. *Febr.* 1560.
Ambrosius Comes Warwici.	*Magr. Ric. Barton Cler.* 17. *Febr.* 1584.
Ric. Alchurch, ex conces. Joh. Rushton.	*Joh. Rushton Cler.* 26. *Febr.* 1589.
Edw. Grevill de Milcote ar.	*Ric. Bifeild Cler.* 23. *Jan.* 1596.
Jac. Rex Angl.	*Thomas Wilson Cler.* 22. *Maii* 1619.



At the upper end of the Quire is a fair Monument, having a statue thereon cut in Alabaster, and in a gown, with this Epitaph.

HERE LYETH interred the body of John Combe Esquire, who departing this life the tenth day of July A[o] D. 1614. *bequeathed by his last Will and Testament to pious Charitable uses these summes ensuing, annually to be payd for ever; viz. xx s. for two Sermons to be preach't in this Church. vi li. iii s. iv d. to buy ten gownes for ten poore people within the Borough of Stratford; and one hundred pounds to be lent to xv. poore tradesmen of the same Borough from three years to three years, changing the parties every third year, at the rate of* 50 *s.* per annum; *the which increase he appointed to be distributed towards the relief of the Almes-poor there. More he gave to the poore of Stratford xx li.*

Virtus post funera vivit.

On the North side of this Quire is a very large and goodly Monument raised neer four foot high from the ground, and curiously carved: The portraiture in brasse fixt on a great Marble stone, which covereth it, hath been long since torne away, as also the Inscription on the verge thereof; but *Leland* affirmeth it to have been erected for Doctor *Balsall* sometime Deane of this Collegiat-Church, who built the said Quire as I have, in my discourse of the Church, already observed.

In one of the windows, as by M[r] *Belcher's* notes I find, was written;

Thomas Balshall doctor of divinity reedifyed this quier and dyed anno 1491.

In the Arch betwixt the said North Ile and the Church, is there a fair tablet with the Armes of *Clopton* empaling *Kyte* and this Inscription.

To the memory of THOMAS CLOPTON of Clopton in the County of Warwick Esquier, and Eglentine his wife one of the daughters of John Kyte of Ebrington in the County of Gloucester Esquier. The said Thomas departed this life the 22[th] day of August Anno Domini 1643. *The said Eglentine departed this life 22[th] day of November An. Dom.* 1642. *They left issue two sons, John, and Thomas Clopton.*

In the body of the Church lyeth in fair marble, with a portraiture a brasse thereon, and this Inscription.

Anno milleno C. quater Ix. quatrſplato
vnicus erimitur annus Pagete obit Agnes,
et nonas Junij, gplde tuit illa magiſtra
annis undenis cuia manſio ſit modo celis.

Monumentall Inscriptions in the Quire.

HERE LYETH interred the body of Anne, wife of William Shakespeare, who departed this life the 6. day of Aug. 1623. being of the age of 67 years:

Vberatu mater, tu lac vitamq; dediſti
Vemihi pro tanto munere Saxa dabo,
Quam mallem amoveat lapidem bonus Angelus orem
Exuat ut Chriſti Corpus imago tua,
Sed nil vota valent, venias cito Chriſte, reſurget
Clauſa jacet tumulo mater, & aſtra petit.

On another.

Here reſteth the body of Thomas Naſhe Eſquier. He mar. Elizabeth the daug. of John Hall gentleman: He dyed Aprill 4. Anno 1647. aged 53.

Fata manent omnes hunc non virtute carentem
Vt neq; divitijs abſtulit atra dies.
Abſtulit, at referet lux ultima, ſiſte viator,
Si peritura paras, per mala parta peris.

On another.

Here lyeth the body of John Hall gent. he marr. Suſanna daughter and coheir of William Shakeſpere gent. he deceaſed November 25. Anno 1635, aged 60. years.

Hallius hic Situs eſt medica celeberimus arte
Expectans regni gaudia, leta Dei.
Dignus erat meritis qui Neſtora vinceret annis
In terris omnes, ſed rapit aqua dies.
Ne tumulo quid deſit adeſt fidiſſima conjux
Et vitæ Comitem nunc queq; mortis habet.

On another.

Here lyeth the body of Suſanna wife of John Hall gent. the daughter of William Shakeſpere gent. She deceaſed the 2. day of July Anno 1649. aged 66.

Witty above her ſexe, but that's not all,
Wiſe to ſalvation was good Miſtris Hall,
Something of Shakeſpere was in that, but this
Wholy of him with whom ſhe's now in bliſſe,
Then Paſſenger ha'ſt ne're a teare,
To weepe with her that wept with all;
That wept, yet ſet her ſelfe to chere
Them up with comforts cordiall.
Her love ſhall live, her mercy ſpread,
When thou ha'ſt ner'e a teare to ſhed.

The Epitaph upon the Earl of Totnes his Monument repreſented on the next page.

THOMAS STAFFORDUS ſtrenuus militum ductor, in Hibernia, & merito ſuo eques auratus, ſereniſſimis magnæ Britanniæ regibus Jacobo & Carolo, eorumq; conjugibus Annæ & Henriettæ-Mariæ, ob fidelem præſtitam operam inter domeſticos charus, quia cum illuſtri Comite, ejuſq; conjuge diu familiariter vixit hîc pariter requieſcere voluit, donec Chriſti Redemptoris voce ad æternam gloriam induendam, una cum triumphatis beatorum cœlis reſuſcitabitur ſuperſtitibus: Valedixit anno ab exhibito in carne Meſſia ſupra Milleſimum ſexagineſſimum . . . . . poſtquam omnibus notis gratis annos vixiſſet . . . . . .

D. O. M.

ET

MEMORIÆ SACRUM.

Qui in ſpem immortalitatis mortales hîc depoſuit exuvias Georgius Carew antiquiſſimæ nobiliſſimæq; ortus proſapiâ, eadem ſcilicet maſcula ſtirpe quæ illuſtriſſimæ Giraldinorum in Hibernia & Windeſorienſium in Anglia familiæ à Carew-caſtro in agro Penbrochienſi cognomen ſortitus eſt. Ab ineunte ætate bellicis ſtudiis innutritus, ordines in Hibernia adhuc juvenis contra rebellem Deſmoniæ Comitem primùm duxit. Poſtea Elizabethæ fœliciſſimæ memoriæ Reginæ in eodem regno conſiliarius, & tormentorum bellicorum præfectus fuit; Quo etiam munere in variis expeditionibus, in illa præſertim longè celeberima qua Cades Hiſpaniæ expugnatæ ſunt anno MDXCI. fœliciter perfunctus eſt. Demum, cum Hibernia univerſa domeſticæ rebellionis & Hiſpanicæ invaſionis incendio flagraret, Momoniæ præfectus per integrum triennium contra hoſtes tam internos quam externos multa fortiter fideliterq; geſſit. Tandem in Angliam revocatus à Jacobo magnæ Britanniæ rege, ad Baronis de Clopton dignitatem evectus, Annæ reginæ Procamerarius & Theſaurarius, Tormentorum bellicorum per totam Angliam præfectus, Garnſeiæ Inſulæ gubernator conſtitutus, & in ſecretioris conſilii ſenatum coaptatus eſt. Jacobo deinde ad cœleſtem patriam evocato, Carolo filio uſq; adeo charus fuit, ut inter alia non vulgaria benevoli effectus indicia, ab eo Comitis de Totnes honore ſolenni inveſtitura exornatus fuerit.

Talvus vir, natalium ſplendore illuſtris, belli & pacis artibus ornatiſſimus, magnos honores propria virtute conſecutus, cum ad plenam & adultam ſenectutem perveniſſet, pie, placideq; animam Deo creatori reddidit Londini in ædibus Sabaudiæ.

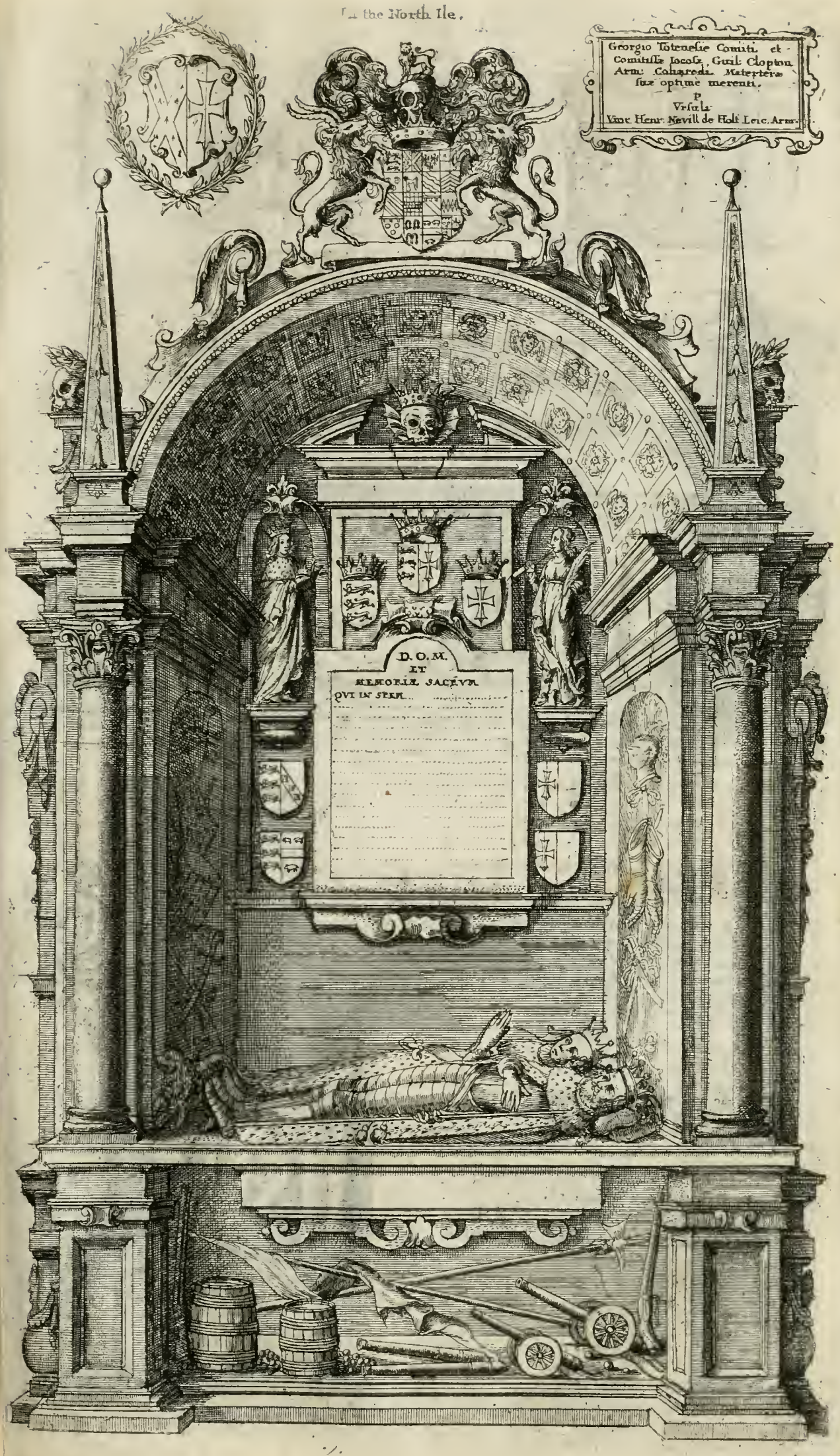
Anno Dominicæ Incarnationis, juxta Anglicam computationem MDCXXIX. die Martii XXVII.

Vixit annos lxxiii. menſes ferè decem.

Joſia Clopton, cujus effigies hîc cernitur, antiquâ Cloptonorum familiâ, filia primogenita & hæres, ex ſemiſſe, Gulielmi Clopton de Clopton armigeri, conjux mœſtiſſima viri chariſſimi & egregiæ meriti [cum quo vixit annos xlix] memoriæ pariter ac ſuæ, in ſpem fœliciſſimæ reſurrectionis Monumentum hoc, pro ſupremo munere, non ſine lachrymis, conſecravit.

Illa vixit annos 78, & 14. die Januarii obiit, Anno Domini Incarnat. MDC 36.

In the North Ile.



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*Here lyeth the bodies of William Clopton esquier and Anne his Wiffe, daughter of Sr George Griffith knight, Which William deceased the xvij^th of Aprill 1502. the said Anne deceased the xvij^th of September 1506. The right honorable dame Joyce Countesse of Dotnes their eldest daughter caused this their monument to be repaired and beautified, anno, 1670.



In the North wall of the Chancell is this Monument fixt.

Iudicio Pylium genio Socratem, arte Maronem
Terra tegit, populus maret, olympus habet.

Stay passenger why goest thou by so fast,
Read, if thou canst whom envious death hath plact
w^th in this monument Shakspeare with whome
Quick nature dyed, whose name doth deck the tombe
Far more then cost, sith all that he hath writ
Leaves living art but page to serve his witt.

Obijt A. Dñi 1616
æt. 53, die 23 Apri.

Neare the wall where this monument is erected
lyeth a pleine free stone, underneath w^ch his
body is buried, w^th this Epitaph.

Good freind for Iesus sake forbeare
To digg the dust inclosed here
Blest be the man that spares these stones
And curst be he that moves my bones



I come now to speak of the *Chantry* before specified, afterwards known by the name of the *Colledge* of **Stratford** *super* **Avon**. This was [h] founded in 5 E. 3. by *John de Stratford*, already spoke of (then B[p]. of **Wincheſter**) in the South Ile of the ſaid Church, newly by him built; and conſiſted of five Prieſts, for whoſe maintenance he firſt [i] ſetled one meſſuage in **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, with the Mannour of **Inge**, in this Pariſh: which five Prieſts were to celebrate [k] divine ſervice, to the honour of God, in the ſaid Ile or Chapell perpetually at the Altar of S[t] *Thomas* the Martyr, for the good eſtate of the ſaid *John*, and of *Rob. de Stratford* his brother (afterwards Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, Biſhop of **Chicheſter**, and Chancelour of **England**, as I have already obſerved;) and for the ſouls of *Rob. de Stratford* and *Iſabell* his wife, father and mother to the ſaid *John* and *Robert*; as alſo for the good eſtate of *Edw.* 3. then K. of **England**, for the Biſhop of **Worceſter**, for the time being, and his ſucceſſors; and for the ſouls of all the Ks. of **England** and Biſhops of **Worceſter** deceaſed; together with the ſouls of the Brethren, Siſters and Benefactors to the ſaid Biſhop of **Wincheſter**, and all the faithfull departed this life: Of which 5. Prieſts, two were to be perpetuall, and one of thoſe the *Cuſtos* or *Warden* of that Chapell, to govern the reſt, and be called *Warden* of the Biſhop of **Wincheſter's** *Chapell* at **Stratford**; & the other the Sub-warden: but the reſt to be temporary, *viz.* removable at the pleaſure of the ſaid *Warden*. As for the particular Rules touching the government thereof, with the divine ſervice ſpecially to be celebrated therein, I ſhall for brevities ſake omit their recitall, in as much as they are at large in the Regiſter [l], and confirmed [m] by *Adam de Orlton* Biſhop of **Worceſter** ix. *Cal. Martii.* 5 E. 3.

And now that the work of this *Chantry* was thus happily begun, there wanted no care in the pious Founder to enlarge its endowment: for in 7 E. 3. he gave [n] thereunto lxix *s.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of certain lands here in **Stratford**; and (being ſhortly after advanced to the Archbiſhoprick of **Canterbury**) granted [o] the Patronage thereof in 10 E. 3. to *Simon Mountacute* then B[p]. of **Worceſter** and his ſucceſſors for ever, purchaſing [p] the advouſon of the Church of **Stratford** from the ſaid Biſhop, and adding it thereto; which was forthwith appropriated [q] unto it, as I have already declared. And for the farther advantage of theſe his *Chantry*-Prieſts and their ſucceſſors, did he obtain divers immunities and priviledges, both to themſelves and their tenants; as appeareth by K. *Edw.* 3. Charter [r], bearing date at **Weſtminſter** 26. *Martii* 11. of his reign, and confirmed by other ſucceeding Kings. And yet thinking all too little, did he more augment their poſſeſſions; giving [s] unto them one meſſuage, and two carucates of land lying in **Inge**, before mentioned; three [t] meſſ. and 6. tofts ſituate in **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, with [u] 7. other meſſ. lying alſo there. The other Benefactors [x] that it had were theſe, *Adam de Styvinton* of **Stratford**, who gave [y] thereunto 4. acres of land lying in **Ingen**; *Nicholas de Dudley*, Parſon of *Kings*-**Swinford** in **Worceſterſhire**, 4. [z] meſſ. 70. acres of land, 3. acres of meadow, and xv *d.* yearly Rent with the appurtenances in **Dudley** (*Com. Wigorn.*) with Common of Paſture for all manner of Cattell, except Goats, in the wood called **Penſpned** neer **Dudley** aforeſaid; And *John Noie* and *Rog. le Diſhere* Prieſts eight [a] meſſ. three ſhops, and three tofts in **Stratford** aboveſaid.

The Houſe of ſquare ſtone, for the habitation of theſe Prieſts, adjoyning [z] to the Church-yard, was built [a] by *Raph de Stratford*, firſt [b] a Canon of *Pauls*, and afterwards [c] Biſhop of **London**; whoſe good affections to this town, (being his [d] birth place) ſtir'd him up to that pious work, of which he began the ſtructure in 26 E. 3. with ten Carpenters, ten Maſons and their ſervants, as by the Kings Letters Patent [e] of ſpeciall protection to them, till the ſame ſhould be finiſhed, appeareth. And after this did King H. 5. in 1. of his raign, grant thereunto an ample Charter [f] of priviledges, wherein that of King E. 3. is recited and confirmed: So that now, being thus fitted with a Manſion, as alſo their revenues and immunities much increaſed, it was not long ere it had the reputation of a Church Collegiate; for by that title [g] was the *Cuſtos*, or *Warden* thereof, preſented in *anno* 1423. 1 H. 6. unto which, *Thomas Balſhall* D[r] of Divinity, and *Warden* in E. 4. time, added a fair and beautifull Quire, rebuilt [h] from the ground at his own coſts; on the North ſide whereof he lyeth entombed, under a goodly raiſed Monument, whereupon his portraiture in braſſe, with an Inſcription was ſet, which are now utterly torn away.

To whom ſucceeded *Raph Collingwode*, D[r] likewiſe in Divinity and Dean of **Lichfield**; who purſuing the pious intent of the ſaid D[r] *Balſhall*, which was not in his life time accompliſht, inſtituted [i] to the honour of Almighty God, the *Holy Trinity*, the bleſſed Virgin, and *S. Thomas* the Martyr, by the conſent of *Sylveſter Gygles* then B[p] of **Worceſter**, four Children Choriſters to be daily aſſiſtant in the celebration of divine ſervice in that Church, as alſo nominated and admitted by the Warden for the time being: which Choriſters, by his ſaid Ordination, ſhould always come by two and two together into the Quire to *Mattens* and *Veſpers*, on ſuch days as the ſame were to be ſung there, according to the *Ordinale Sarum*; and at their entrance into the Church, bowing their knees before the Crucifix, each of them ſay a *Pater noſter* and an *Ave*. And for their better regulation did he order and appoint, that they ſhould ſit quietly in the Quire, ſaying the *Mattens* and *Veſpers* of our Lady diſtinctly, and afterwards be obſervant to the Offices of the Quire: That they ſhould not be ſent upon any occaſion whatſoever into the town; That at Dinner and Supper-times they ſhould conſtantly be in the Colledge to wait at the Table: and to read upon the Bible, or ſome other authentique book; That they ſhould not come into the Buttry to draw beer for themſelves or any body elſe: That after Dinner they ſhould go to the ſinging School; and that their School-maſter ſhould be one of the Prieſts or Clerks appointed by the diſcretion of the *Warden*, being a man able to inſtruct them in ſinging to the Organ: as alſo that they ſhould have one Bed-chamber in the Church, whereunto they were to repair in Winter time at 8. of the Clock, and in Summer at nine; in which lodging to be two Beds wherein they were to ſleep by couples; And that before they did put off their clothes they ſhould all ſay the prayer of *De profundis* with a loud voyce, with the prayers and oriſons of the faithfull; and afterwards ſay thus, *God have mercy of the ſoule of* Rauf Colyngwode *our Founder, and Maſter* Thomas Balſhall *a ſpeciall benefactor to the ſame.*

And for the maintenance of theſe Choriſters, he enfeoft S[r] *Edw. Grevil* [k] K[t]. *Jo. Grevil* Eſq. & others,

[h] *Ex præfat. Regiſt. voc.* the white book *f.* 138. *a*

[i] *Ib. f.* 141. *a. b. Pat.* 5 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 29.

[l] *Ex præfat. Reg. f.* 141. *b.* & 142. *a, b.*

[m] *Pat.* 7 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 25.

[n] *Pat.* 10 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 33.

[o] *Pat.* 10 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 33.

[p] *Monaſt.* 1. *f.* 50. *a, &c.*

[q] *Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.

[r] *Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 29.

[s] *Pat.* 19 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.

[t] *Pat.* 21 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.

[u] *Pat.* 21 E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 9.

[x] *Pat.* 22 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 1.

[y] *Pat.* 23 E. 3. *m.* 15

[z] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 167.

[a] *Pat.* 26 E. 3. *p.* 1 *m.* 6.

[b] *Godw. de Præſul.*

[c] *Godw. de Præſul.*

[d] *Godw. de Præſul.*

[e] *Pat.* 26 E. 3. *ut ſupra.*

[f] *Pat.* 1 H. 5. *p.* 5. *m.* 26

[g] *Morg. vol.* 1. *f.* 22. *b.*

[h] *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4 *f.* 167

[i] *Ex Cod. MS. penes D. & Cap. Lich.*

[k] *Ibid.*

in certain lands, ſituate in Stratford, Drayton, and Binton within this County; which Feofment bears date 7 *Octob.* 7 *H.* 8. But it was not long after that this Colledge, thus compleated, came to ruine with the reſt, as a preparative whereunto was that Survey [l] in 26 *H.* 8. by which the revenue of the lands and tithes belonging to it, is certifyed to amount to Cxxviii *l.* ix *s.* i *d.* At [m] which time, beſides the *Warden* (*ſc.* M^r *John Bell*) and the Sub-warden, there was one Prieſt who ſerved the cure for the Pariſhioners, and had vi *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* ſalary, 3 Chaplains, 3 Clerks, and 4 Choriſters, whoſe ſeverall ſalaries, for brevity, I omit to mention; *Robert Porter* being then Steward of their Court, whoſe fee was xx *s. per an.* and *Hugh Reynolds* their Bayliff, who had alſo xl *s.* annuity. Howbeit, at the ſuppreſſion thereof in 37 *H.* 8. (by the Statute made that year) I find another Survey [n] taken, where the yearly value is certifyed to be no more than *Cxxvii l. xviii s. ix d. Anthony Barker* being then *Warden*, and having a ſtipend of *Lxviii l. v s. v d. per an.* Out of which was paid to D^r *Bell*, then Biſhop of Worceſter (the preceding *Warden* as hath been obſerved) the yearly ſumme of *xxii l.* for a *Penſion*. The ſite of which Colledge in 4 *E.* 6. was granted [o] to *John* Earl of Warwick and his heirs; who being attainted in 1 *Mariæ* (as I have elſwhere ſhewed) it came again to the Crown, and therein continued long (it ſeems) for in 18 *Elizabethæ Ric. Coningsby* had a Leaſe thereof, granted [p] to him by the Queen for 21 years.

[l] *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur. f.* 14. *a.*
[m] *Ib. f.* 15. *a*
[n] *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S.A. f.* 19. *a.*
[o] *Pat.* 4 E. 6. *p.* 7.
[p] *Pat.* 18 Eliz. *p.* 12.

Patroni Cantariæ.	Cuſtodes, ſive Gardiani.	
Horl. vol. 2. *f.* 45 *b.* *Mont. f.* 23. *a.* *Wolſt. vol.* 1. *f.* 13. *a.* *Br. vol.* 1. *f.* 12. *b.* *Wit. f.* 23. *b.* *Nak. f.* 38. *a* *Ib. f.* 40. *a*	*Joh. Winton. Epiſc.*	*Joh. de Offchirch Pbr.* 22 *Oct.* 1331.
		Mr. Joh. de Suthwaltham Pbr. 12 *Julii* 1336.
	D. Epiſc. Wigorn.	*Magr. Joh. Gerard* 14 *Jan.* 1339.
		D. Hugo de Ferrariis . . . . . 1354.
		D. Will. Boys Pbr. 27 *Martii* 1368.
		Thomas at Neude 20 *Jan.* 1384.
		Thomas Mile 4 *Dec.* 1384.

Patroni Eccl. Collegiatæ.		
Morg. vol. 1 *f.* 22. *b* *Bourch. f.* 27. *a* *Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 191. *b*	*D. Epiſc. Wigorn.*	*Magr. Ric. Praty in Art. Magr.* 20 *Apr.* 1423.
		Magr. Henr. Sever S. Theol. Bac. 16 *Dec.* 1436.
		Thomas Balſall S. Theol. profeſſor 19 *Feb.* 1465.

The Gild of the Holy Croſſe.

THe next thing, whereof I have taken notice in this town, is the *Gild of the holy Croſſe*; but the originall of this Fraternity I do not find recorded; neither have I ſeen any formal Foundation thereof till 4 *H.* 4. Whence it is evident, that ſuch meetings were at firſt uſed by a mutuall Agreement of friends and neighbours, and particular Licenſes granted to them for conferring lands or Rents to defray their publique charges (in reſpect that by the Statute of *Mortmain* ſuch gifts would otherwiſe have been forfeited) as in this place may be diſcerned: For in 5 *E.* 3. ſeveral perſons of this town had [q] leave to amortize divers particular petty Rents thereunto, which they charged upon certain Houſes and lands ſituate within the compaſſe thereof: And in 7 *Richard* 2. one *Richard Fille*, (an Inhabitant of this place) gave [r] thereunto eight meſs. one toft, and half a yard land lying in Stratford, Clifford, and Shottriche without Licenſe; for which reſpect they were ſeized into the Kings hands: but in ſuch great requeſt did it grow, within a ſhort time after, that K. *H.* 4. by his Letters Pat. [s] dated at Weſtm. 8 *Junii* in the 4^th year of his reign, reciting that whereas *Thomas Aldebury* Clerke, *Nich Sauſer jun.* and *Thomas Compton ſen.* ſtood enſeoft of xx meſs. 3 ſhops, 4 *s.* 4 *d.* Rent, half a yard land, and the moytie of 2 Burgages with th'appurtenances, lying within the towns of Stratford *juper Avene*, Bruggeton, and Ruyneſ-Clifford, to the uſe of this *Fraternity*, which being antiently begun had continued till that time without the Royall Licenſe; and that divers lands and Rents had been given thereto, which K. *E.* 3. by his Letters Pat. dated 12 *Nov.* 5 *E.* 3. confirmed; the ſaid King therefore taking into conſideration the devout intention of the Founders and Continuers thereof, then gave Licenſe to the ſaid *Thom. Nich.* and *Thom.* and to the reſt of the Brethren and Siſters of the ſame *Gild*, that they and their ſucceſſors might not only continue the ſame; but if they ſhould think fit, make and begin a new *Fraternity*, of themſelves and others to the honour of the *Holy Croſſe* and S. *John Baptiſt*. And that the Brethren and Siſters thereof, for the time being, might from year to year chooſe 8 Aldermen out of their ſaid *Fraternity*, which ſaid Aldermen, and their ſucceſſors ſhould have power to elect a certain Maſter and two Proctors of their *Gild* for to govern the lands and revenues thereto belonging.

[q] *Pat.* 5. E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 12.
[r] *Eſc.* 7 R. 2 *n.* 113.
[s] *Pat.* 7 H. 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 5 *per Inſpex.*

And that the ſaid Feoffees might aſſigne the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, and Rents to the ſaid Maſter and Proctors and their ſucceſſors for ever, to provide two or more Prieſts to celebrate divine ſervice for the good eſtate of the ſaid K. *H.* 4. Queen *Joan* his Conſort, of *Nich. de Bubbewith* the ſaid King's Chaplain; as alſo of the Maſter, Proctors, Aldermen, Brethren, and Siſters thereof, which then were, or ſhould after that time be; and for the good eſtate of all the Benefactors and maintainers thereof: And moreover for the ſouls of the ſaid K. *Henry*, *Joan* his Conſort, *Nich. de Bubbewith*, and of the Maſter, Proctors, Brethren, and Siſters thereof after their departure out of this life: as alſo for the ſouls of the father and mother to the ſaid King, of *Conſtance* his late Queen, and of all the faithfull deceaſed: Which Pat. was confirmed [t] by King *H.* 6. at Weſtminſter xv *Junii* 7 *H.* 6.

[t] *Ib.*

To which *Gild* alſo, were *Henry L'iſle* of Worhull in this County Eſq; with *Eliz.* his wife Benefactors; who in *E.* 4. time gave [u] thereunto the Rectory or Chapell of Little-Wilmecote, with all the Tithes thereto belonging; appointing that the Prieſt at his firſt Maſſe every day in the ſame *Gild* ſhould ſay *De profundis* before the ſacred Lavatory, for the good eſtate of the ſaid *Henry* and *Elizabeth*, and for their ſouls after their departure out of this World; as alſo for the ſouls of their Anceſtors

[u] *Ex aug. penès* D. L'iſle *a*

stors] the good estate of their posterity, and the health of their souls likewise after this life.

v MS penès S.A. eq. aur. f. 19. b

At the time of the general Survey [v] taken in 26 *H.* 8. there were 4 Priests belonging to this *Gild*, each of which had 5 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* yearly salary; And a certain Clerke, who was [o] Schoolmaster there, having x *li. per an.* wages. But by the Survey [x] made in 37 *H.* 8. the Lands and Tenements, with the Tithes of **Wylmyncote** certified to belong thereto were valued in the whole at 50 *l.* 23 *d. ob. per an.* at which time it appeareth, that there was a mansion House for the Priests, having 5 Chambers, 1. Garden, and a Dovehouse appertaining to the same; and that one .... *Dalum* was Master of the Grammar School there, having x *li. per an.* annuity: as also that the four Priests of the said *Gild* had yearly salaries of Cvi *s.* viii *d.* apeice: And that the other Officers were these; *viz.* [y] *John Combes* Steward of all the Lands and Possessions belonging thereto, having xx *s. per an.* Fee; a Cooke Serviter to the Priests x *s. per an.* a Clerk serving in the Chapell there iiii *s. per an.* The Bayliff or Collector of the Rents xxvi *s.* viii *d. per an.* And there is this farther observable from the said Survey; *viz.* that once a year, at receiving the Officers accounts, there was a Feast made of antient custome, to which the whole *Fraternity* with their Tenants and Fermors did resort, there being Liii *s.* iiii *d.* assigned for defraying the charge of it: That the annuall allowance for wine and wax spent in the Chapell was xl *s.* To the said 4 Priests for severall *Diriges* there sung vi *s.* viii *d.* And to 4 poor people, who were of the same *Fraternity*, and fallen to decay in their estates Liii *s.* iiii *d. per an.* amongst them.

Ex alio 1S. penès ind. S.A. 20. b

Ib. f. 21. a

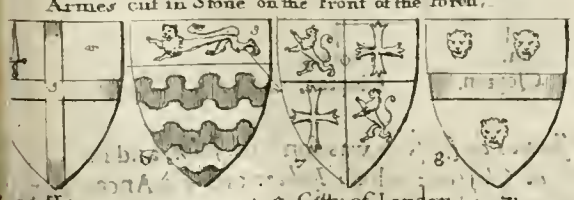
Besides which, it further appeareth, that K. *H.* 4. before specified was accounted the Founder thereof; and that at the time of the said Survey one of the Priests belonging thereto, then Teacher of the Grammar School, did use to celebrate divine Service within a Chapell standing in the midst of the said town, in regard that the Parish Church, situate out of the town, was so far distant from a great part thereof, that many impotent and poor people could not well resort thereto. Which Chapell was reedified [z] in a very beautifull manner (as is yet to be seen) by *Hugh Clopton* sometime Lord Major of **London**, and dedicated to the *holy Trinity*, towards the later end of *H.* 7. time, as appeareth by his Testament: but of him I shall speak more particularly in **Clopton**.

Horne l. 2. Lel. Itin. vol. 1. f. 167.

Stratford super Avon.
Armes in the windows of this Chapell.



Armes cut in Stone on the Front of the Porch.



1. ag H. 2. City of London 3. Merchants of y Staple 4. Grevill 5.

On the North side of this Chapell was a fair House built [a] of brick and timber by the said *Hugh*, wherein he lived in his later dayes, and dyed [b]. On the South side of which Chapell stands the Grammar School founded [c] by one *Jolepe* a Master of Arts, born in this town, near which he had some patrimony that he gave [d] thereto. And near to the said School stands an Almeshouse, which before the dissolution of the *Gild* had x poor people maintained [e] therein by that *Fraternity* of the *Holy Crosse* before spoke of. Which School and Almeshouse by the Letters Pat. [f] of incorporating this Town in 7 *E.* 6. were appointed to be continued and maintained, the Inhabitants having then granted to them for that purpose all the lands and possessions which belong'd to the said *Gilde*, excepting the House formerly mentioned, which was by the same K. past [g] away the precedent year unto *Thomas Reeve* and *George Cotton* Londoners, and their heirs, to hold of the Mannour of **East-Greenwich** in Socage.

a b c d e } *Ibid.*

f Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 13.

g Pat. 6 E. 6. p. 3.

Besides all this, here is at **Stratford** a fair Bridg of stone, over **Avon**, containing xiiii arches, with a long Causey at the west end of it, walled on both sides: which Bridg and Causey were so built [h] in *H.* 7. time by the before specified *Hugh Clopton*, whereas before there was [i] only a timber Bridg and no Causey, so that the passage became very perillous upon the overflowing of that River. One thing more, in reference to this antient Town is observable, that it gave birth and sepulture to our late famous Poet *Will. Shakespere*, whose Monument I have inserted in my discourse of the Church.

h } *Lel. Itin f.* i } 167.

I now come to the particular Hamlets that are within the compasse of this large parish, being x. in number; *viz.* **Welcombe**, **Inge**, **Clopton**, **Bishopston**, **Drayton**, **Dodwell**, **Shoterye**, **Ludington** and **Rugn-Clifford**; of all which in their order.

Welcombe.

THis place had its appellation, originally, from the Spring rising in that deep valley, which now beareth the name of **Welcombe**; but there is no other mention of it in Record, that ever I could see, than the bare nomination amongst the Hamlets within the Hundred of **Pathlow** in the Rolls for collection of the xv and tenth in [k] 8 *E.* 3. 20 [l] *H.* 6. and the like; and in [m] the Survey of 26 *H.* 8. it being a member of the Mannour of **Old-Stratford**.

k Rot. penès S.A. eq. aur.

l Rot. penès Edw. Lapworth Gen.

Inge.

THis was also originally a member of **Old-Stratford**, and signifyeth in our old English a meadow, or low ground, the name well agreeing with its situation. The first mention that I find of it is in 20 *H.* 3. occasioned by an Assize [n] of *Novell disseisin* brought against *John Comyn*, by one *Maud Giffard*, for a water-course here: but that it was first a member [o] of **Hampton** *super* **Avon** there is no question to be made, and granted in Fee by some of the Bishops of **Worcester** to the Ancestor of *Adam de Crombe*: for by an authentique Register

m MS. penès cund. S.A. f. 14. a.

n Pat. 20 H. 3. In d.

o Ex MS. Cod. vocat. the Red. } p booke, penès Episc. Wigorn.

giſter [p] in the Biſhop of **Worceſter**'s cuſtody, it appeareth that the ſaid *Adam* held in this place 5 hides of that Mannour: and amongſt the witneſſes to a Deed made by *James* the ſon and heir of *John de Clopton, temp. E.* 1. there is one *Simon* ſtiled [q] *Dominus de* **Hyng**, which *Simon* was ſon [r] to the ſame *Adam de Crumbe*, and in 2 *E.* 3. ſold [s] this Mannour to *Rob. de Stratford* then Parſon of the Church at **Stratford**, *Will. Harewell* having then an eſtate therein for the life of *Joane* his wife; which eſtate the ſaid *Robert* purchaſed [t] of them in 4 *E.* 3.

It ſeems that this purchaſe ſo made by him, was for the uſe of his brother, *viz. John de Stratford* then Biſhop of **Wincheſter** *&c.* as I have in **Stratford** obſerved; for the next year following did he paſſe [u] over his title therein unto him; who having obtained Licenſe [w] from *Adam de Orlton* then Biſhop of **Worceſter** (of whoſe Fee it was) thereupon granted [x] it unto the *Chantry* then newly by him founded at the Altar of S. *Thomas* the Martyr in the South Ile of **Stratford** Church, whereof I have already ſpoke. To which *Chantry* it continued till the diſſolution thereof; and then coming to the Crown was by K. *E.* 6. in 2. of his reign granted [y] unto *Ric. Pallady* Gent. and *Francis Foxall* Citizen and Mercer of **London**, to be held in *Capite* by the x^th part of a Kts. Fee. Which *Ric.* and *Francis* paſt it away ſhortly after to *Thomas Hawkins, alias Fiſher*, of **Warwick**; who in 1 *Mariæ* ſold it to *Will. Clopton* Eſquier.

q *Ex vet. exemplari penès* S.A. *eq. aur.*

r *Ex præfato Cod. MS.*

s *F. levat. xv. Paſc.* 2 E. 3.

t *F. levat. xv Mart.* 4 E. 3.

u *F. levat. O. S. Purif.* 5 E. 3.

w *Ex Reg. vocat.* the White book *penès D. & Cap. Wigorn. f.* 138 *a*

x *Pat.* 5 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 29

y *Pat.* 2 E. 6. *p.* 5.

Clopton.

'TIs ſomewhat probable that this was originally a member of **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, and ſo, conſequently, belonging to the B^ps of **Worceſter**; for I find [z] that S. *Oſwald* B^p. of that See in K. *Etheldred's* time, by the conſent of the Covent of **Worceſter**, granted to one *Eadric* his ſervant 3 Meſſuages and a half, lying here, for three lives; and afterwards to return to the Church of **Worceſter**. But theſe ere long, became alienated from thoſe Biſhops as it ſeems; for by the Conquerors Survey [a], where it is certifyed to contain 5 hides, it appeareth that it was then part of the poſſeſſions of *Rob. de Stadfora*, (but written **Clotone** by miſtake of the tranſcriber) which 5 hides were then valued at lx^s and held of him by one *William*; and that in *Edw.* the Confeſſors days *Ode* and *Aileva* had the inheritance thereof.

In 13 *Joh.* being accounted [b] for 1 Kts. Fee, I find it rankt [c] amongſt thoſe that belong'd to the Barony of **Stafford** in this ſhire: but how or when it paſt from any of thoſe Barons to the family of *Mountfort* I have not ſeen; howbeit, that ſome of them poſſeſt it 'tis cleer; for *Peter de Montfort* in *H.* 3. time granted [d] it to *James de Clopton* and his heirs, by the name of his Mannour of **Clopton**, with a certain place adjoyning called the **Grove**, excepting onely out of this conveyance 1 meſs. 8 yard land and a half, 105 acres of land, and 7. acres of meadow; and excepting a certain place in **Grove** with paſturage for ten Oxen and Kine, and 2 Horſes; all which he had formerly granted to *Iſabell de Norton* and *Edm. de Norton* her ſon: By which grant to the ſaid *James* and his heirs, he reſerved to himſelf and his heirs x *s.* of ſilver to be yearly payd at the Feaſts of S. *Mich.* th'Arch-Angell and the *Annuntiation* of our Lady by even portions, in lieu of all ſervices ſaving forreign, and 3 appearances in the year at his Court of **Beldeſert**.

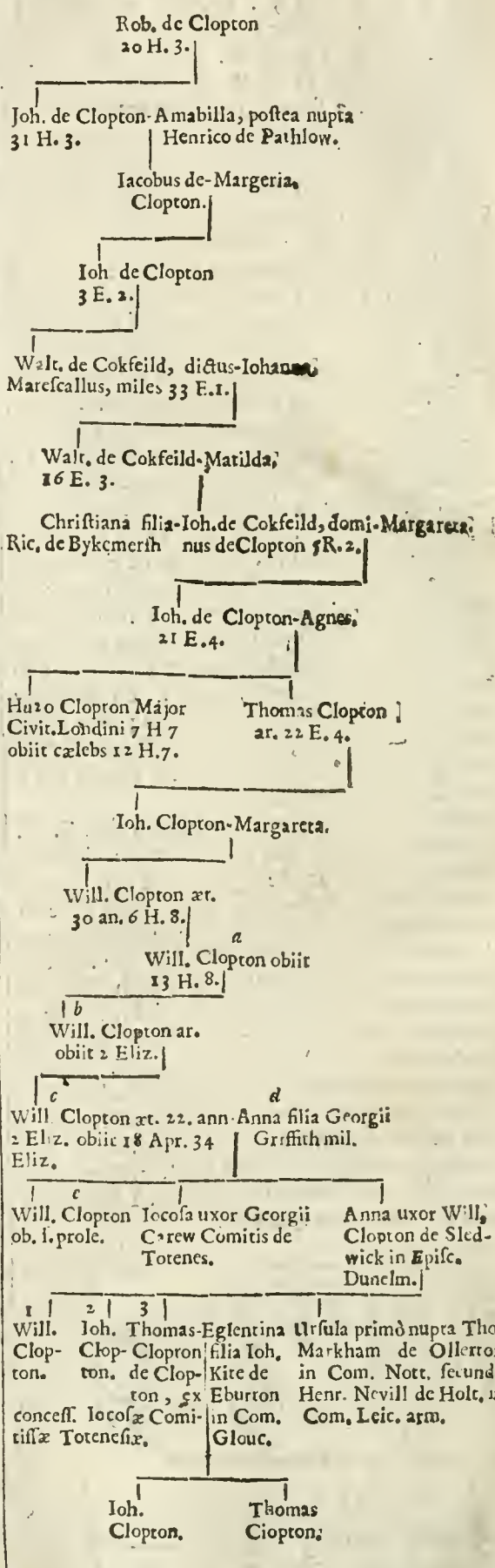
z *Ex Reg. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton f.* 93. *b.*

An. 988.

a Domeſd. *lib.*

b { *Lib. rub. f.* c { 157. *a*

d *Ex Cart. de Clopton*



a { *Eſc.*
b { Eliz.
c { *Inſcr.*
d { *tumu-*
e { *apud*
f { Stra-
g { ford.

This *James de Clopton* was ſon [e] of *John*, and he of [f] *Rob de Clopton*; which *Robert* and his Anceſtors, aſſuming their firname from this place, were antiently Inhabitants here, as it ſeems before they became owners thereof. But *Walter*, grandchild to the ſaid *James*, aſſumed [g] the firname of *Cockfield*, being owner of **Cockfield in Eſſex**, where he then

e *Ex tul.* f { *Cl-* g { *tor.*
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then had his residence. He was also called [h] *Marshall*, (perhaps in respect of that office in the Kings household) and by these two names, *scil. Cockfield aliàs Marshall*, did *James* his grandfather settle [i] upon him and his heirs this Mannour house at **Clopton**, with the greatest part of his lands in this Village, and in that place called the **Grove**; *Isabell de Norton* before specified in 8 *E.* 1. releasing [k] unto him all her right in the lands, which she had so obtained from Sir *Peter de Montfort* as is before expresst.

To which *Walter* succeeded *Walter* his son [l] and heir, and to him *Iohn*, who residing here reassumed the firname of *Clopton*; and having License [m] from *John Carpenter* Bishop of **Worcester**, about the beginning of *Edw.* 4. time, erected an Oratory within this his Mannour house, for himself and his own family: but within few years after *Thomas Clopton* his son and heir built a fair Chapell here, and made special suit to Pope *Sixtus* the 4th for leave to have divine service celebrated therein, which was accordingly granted [n] to him and his heirs 14 *Cal. Aug. an.* 1474.

Of this family (and a younger brother to the same *Thomas*) was *Hugh Clopton*; who being a wealthy Mercer in the City of **London**, bore [o] the Office of Lord Mayor in *an.* 1492. 8 *H.* 7, and was a speciall Benefactor to the town of **Stratford** *super* **Avon**; for at his own costs he built [p] that fair Bridge of Free-stone, consisting of xiiii arches, with the Causey at the west end thereof, substantially walled on each side; and made a Way 3 miles from **Aylesbury** towards **London**, and one mile on this side that town: And by his Testament [r] appointed that his Executors should finish that beautifull Chapell of the *holy Trinity* in the said town of **Stratford**, the Fabrick whereof was begun in his life time. He bequeathed also C. marks to be given to xx poor Maidens of good name and fame dwelling in **Stratford**, *sc.* to each of them five marks a peice at their marriage; and likewise C[l] to the poor householders in **Stratford**; as also L[li] to the new building the crosse Ile in the parish Church there. To the Colledge of **Stratford** *super* **Avon** CC[li], To the poore housholders in **London** C[li]. To poor Maidens marriages in **London** C[li]. To poor Schollars; *viz.* three at **Oxford** and three at **Cambridge**, every one xx[s] the quarter for 5 years. To the Hospitall of S[t] *Thomas* of **Acres** xx[li]. To the Hospitall of **Bethlem** xl[s]. To the other Hospitalls xl[s] a peice. To the Prisoners of **Newgate** vi[l]. To those of **Ludgate** vi[li]. To those of the *Kings-bench* 4[l]. To those of the *Marshalsy* 4[l]. To the Chamber of **London** in recompence for disobeying his oath, which he observed not, or misused x[li]. To the common Box of the *Mercers* x[li]. To the Fellowship of the Venturers, resident in **Zeland**, **Brabant**, or **Flanders** vi[li]. Flemish. To the Fellowship of the staple at **Calais** x marks. To divers of his kindred C[l]. a year; some 5[l] *per an.* a peice; and the portions of any deceasing to be spent in repairing of Bridges, High-wayes poor Churches, poor Housholders, and the like charitable uses.

This Testament bears date 8 *Sept.* 12 *H.* 7. By which also he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell of S. *Katherine* in the parish Church of Saint *Margaret* **Lothbury** within the City of **London**, in case he should depart this life in **London**, or within twenty miles thereof; but if at **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, or in **Warwickshire**, then in the Church of **Stratford**, within the Chapell of our Lady, between the Altar there, and the Chapell of the *Trinity* next adjoyning thereto: and for his Funerall appointed four Torches, with 4 Tapers and no more; two of which after the solemnizing thereof, and of his *Months-mind*, to remain for the high Altar. And further directed that his Executors should provide an honest Priest to serve within that Church where his body should happen to be buried, for the space of xx years next ensuing his decease, there to pray for his soul, and for the souls of *John* his father, *Agnes* his mother, and all Christian souls: And that the said Priest should be bound to say thrice every week, during the said xx years, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with Commendations, taking every year for his salary, if he served in **London**, xi marks; and if at **Stratford** upon **Avon** ten marks *per an.* And dying [s] a Batcheler 15 *Sept.* [t] 12 *H.* 7. was buried [u] in the Church of S. *Margaret* in **Lothbury**, according to his said appointment.

It seems that being a very wealthy man, he got this Mannour of **Clopton** from his elder Brother's posterity; but deceasing without issue it came to them again, *Will Clopton* being found his cosyn and heir, who had livery [w] thereof in 19 *H.* 7. Which *Will.* was owner also of **Cokfield** in **Eſſex**; for by a pardon [x] that he had in 5 *Henr.* 8. he is stiled *Will. Clopton* de **Clopton** *in Com. Warw. armiger*; *alias Will. Cockfeild de* **Cockfeild** *in Com. Essex ar.* From which *Will.* descended *Will. Clopton* Esq; who had two daughters and heirs; *viz. Joyce* the wife of Sir *George Carew* K[t] created Lord *Carew* of this **Clopton** 5 *Maii* 3 *Jac.* and Earl of **Totnes** 7 *Febr.* 1. *Car.* who dyed without issue; And *Anne* married to *Will. Clopton* of **Sledwick** in the Bishoprick of **Durham** descended by a younger branch, from the Family before specified.

[s] *Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f.* 197.
[t] *Esc.* 13 H. 7.
[u] Stow's *Survey f.* 192.
[w] *Pat.* 19 H. 7. *p. 2. m. 6.*
[x] *Cartul. de* Clopton.

Bishopston.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conquerors Survey, because it was a Hamlet pertaining to **Stratford**; and therefore, belonging to the Bishop, gave occasion that it had the name of **Bishopesdone** at first attributed thereto, the situation being at the foot of an indifferent Hill, as the syllable **done** or **dune** imports. In King *H.* 1. time *Frethricus de Bissopesdone* was enfeoft thereof by *Sampson* then Bishop of **Worcester**, as may seem by that Certificate [y] which his successor made in 12 *H.* 2. in these words *Isti sunt feoffati de dominico à tempore Sansonis Episcopi; Frederec de Bissopsdon* 1. *mil.* (*&c.*) This *Frethric* (or *Fraric*; for so he is sometimes written) lived to a great age, there being mention [z] of him in 9 *R.* 1. and had issue *Will.* his son [b] and heir; who being a Knight [c] and in that Rebellion with the Barons against King *John*, was of the retinue [d] to *Walter de Beauchamp*, one of the principall of them, for which his lands were seized into the King's hands, but returning to obedience he had restitution [e] of them in the last year of that King's reign. To whom succeeded *Will.* who had severall imployments of much trust and note, in his time, within this County. From 11. till 20 *H.* 3. he was frequently in [f] Commission as a Justice of Assize. In 16 *H.* 3. he, with *John de Lodbeoc* were constituted [g] the King's Eschaetors here. In 21 *H.* 3. he was in Commission [h] for the collecting of a xxx[th] and in [i] 56 *H.* 3. one of the Justices for the

[y] *Ex Reg. vocat.* the Red book penès *Episc. Wigorn.*
[z] *Rot. P.* 9 *R.* 1.
[b] *Ex autog.* penès S.A. *eq. aur.*
[c] *Ex autog.* penès S.A. *eq. aur.*
[d] *Clauſ.* 18. Joh. *m.* 5.
[e] *Clauſ.* 18. Joh. *m.* 5.
[f] *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*
[g] *Clauſ.* 16 H. 3. *in d.*
[h] *Clauſ.* 21 H. 3. *in d.*
[i] *Pat.* 56 H. 3. *in d.*

Gaol delivery at **Warwick**.

To him succeeded Sir *Thomas de Bisshopsdon* Knight his son [k] and heir; and to Sir *Thomas* Sir *William*: [l] howbeit of these I find little else notable than that they were Knights. But the next was Sir *John de Bisshopsdon*, who served in the Parl. held at **Yorke** in [m] 12 *E.* 2. as one of the Knights for this shire, being then seized of these Lordships, *viz.* **Bisshopston, Bisshopswode** (*vulgò* **Bushwode**) **Lapworth** & **Thoxndon** in this County; **Larkstoke** in **Gloucestershire**, Little **Tokesey**, **Yerdewyk**, **Pepewell**, and **Waresley** *in com.* **Wigorn.** in all which he had **Free-warren** granted to him by a special Charter [n] bearing date at **Newcastle** upon **Tine** 26 *Sept.* 13 *E.* 2. In 14 *E.* 2. he was [o] a Knight, and in the Rebellion with *Thomas* Earl of **Lane.** for which in 16 *E.* 2. he had pardon [p] for xl^li^ Fine. In 18 *E.* 2. he was in [q] Commission for conservation of the peace in this shire, and to take care that the Articles contained in the Statute of **Winchester** were observed. In 1 *E.* 3. he served [r] in the Parl. at **Westminster** as one of the Knights for this shire; and was in Commission [s] for the levying a xv^th^. and tenth in this County; So also in 2 *E.* 3. for [t] collecting of a xx^th^. In [u] 4 *E.* 3. again one of the Knights for this shire in the Parl. held at **Westm.** and the next year following constituted [w] one of the Justices for conservation of the Peace.

k *Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de Catesby.*
l *Ex autog. penès* S. Mountfort *ar.*
m *Claus* 12 E. 2. *m* d. *m.* 7.
n *Cart.* 13 E. 2. *n* 27.
o *Ex autog. in Scac. ut supra.*
p *Rot. Fin.* 16 E. 2. *m.* 21.
q *Pat.* 18 E. 2. *in d. m.* 35.
r *Claus.* 1 E. 3 *in d. m.* 15
s *Pat.* 1 E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 8. *in ced.*
t *Claus.* 2 E. 3. *m.* 17.
u *Claus.* 4 E. 3. *in d. m.* 17.
w *Pat.* 5 E. 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 24.

Frethricus de Bissopesdone
temp. Regis Sreph.

Will. de Bissopesdone — Juliana filia Henrici de Monteforti. [a]
9 R. 1.

Will. de Bishopsdon
11 H. 3.

Thomas de Bishopsdon — Cecilia una filiarum & cohær. Henrici Pipard. [b]
miles 31 H. 3.

Will. de Bishopsdon — Christiana [c]
miles temp. E. 1. — relicta 14 E. 1.

Joh. de Bishopsdon — Beatrix filia & hæres
miles 14 E. 2. — Joh. de Sheldon.

a *Ex autog. penès* S. Mountfort *ar.*
b *Plac. de T. Trin.* 14 E. 1. *rot.* 57.
c *Ib.*

Rog. de Bishopscon 14 E. 3.	Thomas de Bishopsdon 7 E. 2.	Johanna filia Edm. de Grafton militis.	Joh. de Bishopsdon 11 E. 3.	Isabella filia Joh. Stretch militis. [f]

d, e *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Watson *Gen.*

Alicia filia & hæres ux Walt. de Clodshale.

Thomas de Bishopsdon
8 R. 2.

Will. de Bishopsdon — Philippa
m l 5 H. 5. — 17 H. 6.

Eliz. filia & cohæres ux. Thomæ Palmer de Holt in Com. Leic. ar.

Philippa ux. Will. Catesby mil.

f *Ex autog. penès* Car. D. Carington.

Bearing a special affection to the Hospitall of S^t^ *John Baptist* in **Warwick**, he gave [x] thereunto the moytie of the advouson of the Church of **Moxton Merhull** in this County; and having wedded [z] *Beatrice* the daughter and heir of *John de Sheldon*, dyed [a] in 14 *E.* 3. being at that time * Bayliff to the K. in his Forrest of **Leekhay** in **Worcestershire**, which he held by *grand Sergeantie*, leaving *Roger* his son [b] and heir; which *Roger* bore [c] for his Armes *bende of six pieces Or and Azure, with a canton ermine*, and dyed leaving issue *Alice* his daughter and heir wedded [d] to *Walt. de Clodshale* (of which *Walter* and his family I shall speak in **Saltley**) whereupon this Lordship of **Bisshopston** came to *John*, b other to the said *Roger*, by virtue of an Entail [e] made in 11 *E.* 3. whereby Sir *John de Bisshopsdon* Knight setled it, with other lands, upon his issue male by dame *Beatrice* his wife. Which last mentioned *John*, being a man of eminent parts, was in 32 *E.* 3. constituted [f] Chancelour of the Kings Exchequer, and took to wife [g] *Isabell* the daughter of Sir *John Stretch* Knight. To whom succeeded [h] *Thomas*, and to him Sir *Will. Bisshopsdon* Knight, Sheriff [i] of this County and **Leicestersh.** in 5 *H.* 5. and in 6 *H.* 5. constituted [k] one of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Shire. Of this Sir *Will.* I farther find, that being retained [l] by the Earl of **Warwick** for the fortifying of **Calais**, he served in that imployment with one Launce and two Archers amongst the Knights that then were under him, taking for his Launce and one Archer xx^li^ *per an.* and for the other Archer x. marks *per an.* without their diet: but he resided, [m] for the most part at his Mannour of **Alscote** in **Gloucestershire**; and having in 17 *H.* 6. entailed [n] this, with divers other Lordships; on the issue which he should beget on the body of *Philippa* his wife, left only two daughters his heirs; *scil. Eliz.* and *Philippa*, the former married [o] to *Thomas Palmer* of **Holt** in **Leicestershire**, from whom likewise, by a daughter and heir, the *Nevills* of **Holt** are descended: the other [p] to Sir *Will. Catesby* Knight. Who in her right had this Mannour of **Bisshopston**, which by the attainder of *Will. Catesby* in 1 *H.* 7. (whereof in **Lapworth** I have spoke) came to the Crown; and in 3 *H.* 7. was, *inter alia*, granted [q] by the King to Sir *John Risley* Knight, and the heirs male of his body: but by a speciall Act [r] of Parl. in 11 *H.* 7. was restored unto *George Catesby* Esq; son and heir to the said *Will.* together with the rest of his said Fathers forfeited lands: whose grandchild, *viz.* Sir *Will. Catesby* K^t^ in 24 *Eliz.* sold [s] to sundry persons the particular Tenements within this Lordship; amongst which one was past to *Will Askew* of **Lapworth**, by the name of the Mannour; which *Will.* afterwards sold it to *Andrew Archer* of **Tamworth** Esq; from whom it descended to his son and heir, Sir *Sim. Archer* Knight, and by him was lately granted to *John Greene* and *Thomas Greene* yeomen, and their heirs, who being Inhabitants here, are yet possest thereof.

The Chapell here (dedicated to S^t^ *Peter*) is very antient, as may appear by the Ordination [t] thereof, made in K. *John*'s time, in the presence of *Maugerius* then Bishop of **Worcester**, by S^r^ *Will. de Bisshopsdon* Knight who gave thereunto in pure Almes of his own demesn xiiii acres of land in one field, and as much in another; as also 4 acres of his land held by servile tenure: and pasturage for 8. Oxen in what places soever his own Oxen should graze, excepting in his meadows: and moreover covenanted with *Mauritius* then Parson of **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, that he and his Tenants there, would sustain all the charges concerning the said Chapell; *viz.* in building it up, keeping it in

x, z *Esc.* 47 E. 3 *n.* 28.
y *Pat.* 6 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 12.
a *Claus.* 14 E. 3 *p.* 2. *m* 30.
b *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*
c *F. levat.* xv. *Pasch.* 11 E. 3.
f *Pat.* 32 3. *p.* 2. *m.*
g *Ex autog. penès* Car. D. Carington.
h *Ex autog. in Scac. ut supra.*
i *Rot. Fin.* H. 5. *m.*
k *Pat.* 6 5. *in d. m.*
l *Rot. in b.* Hatron.
m *Rot. in Scac.*
n *F. de com. levat.* xv. *Pasch.* 17 H. 6.
o, p *Ex autog.* H. Ferrers.
q *Pat.* 3 7. *p.* 1. *m.*
r *Pasch.* 11 H. 7 *rot.* 13.
s *Ex ipsius autog. penès eosdem.*
t *Ex autog. penès* [illegible] *eq. aur.*

in repair, and providing the Chalice, Books, Lights, Vestments, and all other necessaries therein: and that the mother Church of Stratford should receive the whole tithes of Corn and Flax throughout the parish of Bishopston, with the bodies of the dead, and all *Oblations* to be made in the said mother Church, with *Mortuaries*, after Masse celebrated in the said Chapell: but all other *Obventions* and small Tithes given by the said Knight and his Tenants, the Priest serving in that Chapell to receive: which Priest and his successors, to be thenceforth appointed by the Parson of Stratford for the time being, had [n] in 37 *Henr.* 8. the small Tithes of this Village for his salarie.

Drayton.

THis, long before the Norman Conquest belonging to the Bishoprick of Worcester (as a member of Stratford) was in the days of K. *Canutus*, through the power of the Danes, taken from them, as by the Register [w] of Worcester appeareth, where it is written Draeltun: but the next mention I find of it (for it is not specified in the Conquerors Survey) is in *H.* 2. time, *Geffrey de Clinton* (the second) then restoring [x] it to one *Giffard de Lucerna*, as heir to *Rob. de Lucerna*, his brother, unto whom he had given the inheritance thereof in leiu of speciall service that he had performed to the said *Geffery* in his Castle of *Simili* and elswhere, to hold by the service of one Kts. fee; granting also, that *Herbert* son to the said *Giffard*, and his heirs should hold it of his said father and his heirs by the same service. From which time till the days of K. *H.* 3. I have not seen any more thereof; but then, *viz.* in 20 of that Kings reign, did *Sim. de Draytun* hold [y] half a Knights Fee here of the Earl of Warwick; so also in [z] 36 *H.* 3. And in 1 *E.* 1. was *Raph de Lodington* seized [a] of 4 yard land and a half here, which he held of the King by the Rent of xx^{s} *per an.* payable at *Michaelmas* only; but soon after it appears [b] that these 4 yard land and a half were held by the said *Raph.* of *Will. de Beauchamp* E. of Warwick by the service of the eighth part of a Knights Fee, and the Rent of xx^{s} yearly to the King; and that it was part of the land belonging to the Normans, which was so seized on, as in Wilmecote I have spoken.

Shortly after this I find that *Ric. de Peito* (of whom in Chesterton I have spoke) had two yard land here, granted [c] to him and his heirs by *Royse Trussell*, which she purchased of *Walt. de Lodington*; for which land *Amabill*, the daughter of *Walter* son of *Will. de Lodington*, commenced suit [d] against him the said *Ric.* and the above specified *Walter* in 6 *E.* 1. How or when this *Ric. de Peito* increast his estate here I have not seen; but that his descendants enjoyed a considerable part of this Village, these subsequent instances will shew; *scil. John de Peito sen.* in [e] 20 *E.* 3. the xth part of a Knights Fee; and *John de Peito*, his son, with *Beatrix* his wife, 1 mes. 2 carucates of land, 4 acres of meadow, and xxx^{s} Rent, here and in Dodwell, of Sir *Will Trussell* Kt. which continued [f] to his posterity for many ages.

Dodwell.

THis petty Hamlet I take to be a member of Dralton; for I find no mention at all of it in Record, other than in those Inquis. which specify the lands in Dralton belonging to the family of *Peito*, in all which it appears that they extended likewise into this.

Shotery.

THis village was given to the Church of Worcester by K. *Offa* about DCCCC. years since, it then containing 33 Houses, as by his Charter, [g] whereof I have here inserted part, may appear, + *Regnante imperpetuum domino, universitatis creatore, ego* Offa *Rex* Merciorum *aliquam partem terræ, id est* xxxiii. *casatorum injus ecclesiasticæ libertatis* Wigornensis *concedens libentissimè largior: ejusdem agelli nomen est* Scottarit, *quem tamen agrum fluvio quem dicunt* Aken *constat interlui, &c.* But in the Conquerors Survey there is no mention of it, in regard that, being then belonging to the Bishopr. of Worcester, it was involved with Stratford: Of which Bishoprick in *H.* 2. time, I find [h] that *Adam de Scetriva* held here one hide and a half of land; but little else have I seen memorable of it till *E.* 3. time, that *Ric.* son and heir of *Ric. de Baginden* granted [i] to *Rob. de Stratford* (Parson of Stratford) his whole right and title to all his lands therein that descended to him by inheritance from his father; which grant bears date at Stratford *super* Aven the Tuesday next after the Feast of S^{t} *Mathew* the Apostle, 6 *E.* 3. Whether this was it, which afterwards past by the name of the Mannour of Shoteriche I know not; but certain it is that the said *Robert de Stratford* by his deed [k] bearing date on Saturday the feast of *All Saints* 28 *E.* 3. (being at that time Bishop of Chichester) entailed this his Mannour of Shoteriche upon *John de Bishopston*, and *Isabell* the daughter of *John Stretch* and the heirs of their two bodies, and for lack of such issue to return to him the said Bishop and his heirs.

The next mention of it, that I meet with, is, [l] that in 17 *R.* 2. the Monks of Evesham, having without the royall license seized it into their hands as part of the possessions of *Thomas Newnham* Clerke, their bondman, by reason whereof it became forfeited to the Crown, the K. thereupon granted it to Sir *Will. Arundell* Knight, to hold and enjoy so long as it should continue in the Crown for the cause aboveſaid. Divers conveyances do I also find, [n] about that time, of this Mannour; *viz.* in 17 *R.* 2. by the same S^{r} *Will. Arundell* to *John Prat*, *Thomas VVells* Clerke, *John Pycard* and and *VVill. VVenlock* Esq; and in 8 *H.* 4. by the said *T. VVells* and the rest to *John Olney* Esq; and his heirs: as also the same year by the said *John Olney* to *Ric.* Earl of *Arundell*, Sir *Thomas Burdet* and S^{r} *Allured Trussell* Kts, with others: but all these were only in trust, as I conceive; for *John Harewell* Esq; (of whose family I shall speak in Wotton-*VVawen*) being possest thereof in 4 *H.* 4. had the same year a License [o] granted to him from *John Clifford* then Bishop of Worcester to have divine service celebrated by a fitting Priest in the Oratory within his Mannour house here at Shotrech; which License bears date 29 *Martii an.* 1402 (4 *H.* 4.)

[g] *Reg. Wigorn. in bibl* Cotton. *f.* 107. *a.*

[h] *Ex Reg. St. quodam penès Episc. Wigorn.*

[i] [k] *Ex autog. penès* Cat. *D.* Carington.

[l] [m] *Pat.* 17 *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 30.

[n] *Ex autog. penès eund. D.* Carington.

[o] Clif. *f.* 8. *a*

Here we see (and so it alwaies was upon the like permission) that the License for this Oratory was for a fit Priest to celebrate divine service therein; which care of the Bishop was not without great reason, and the authority of an Imperiall Constitution of no less antiquity than the famous Emperour *Justinian*; which forbiddeth men to have the sacred mysteries administred in their private Chapells, least under that pretence Hereticks should do secretly those things which are unlawfull: in which consideration he therefore commandeth, that if they would use their private Oratories otherwise than onely for their private Prayers, the Bishop should appoint them a Clerk whom they might entertain for that purpose: All which is plain by later Constitucions made in the time of *Leo*; *It was thought good* (saith [p] the Emperour) *in their judgement which have gone before, that in private Chapells none should celebrate the holy Communion, but Priests belonging unto greater Churches; which order they took, as it seemeth, for the custody of Religion, lest men should secretly receive from Hereticks, insted offood, the bane of their souls, pollution insted of expiation.*

p *Leo Constit. 4. Vide etiam ibid Constit. 15.*

To the descendants of which *John Harewell* did this Mannour continue so long as the male line lasted; and then by partition [q] made betwixt the Sisters and coheirs of *Thomas Harewell*, bearing date 4 *Feb.* 25 H. 8. was it allotted to *Agnes* the wife of *John Smith* one of the Barons of the Kings Exchequer, in whose line, together with **Wotton-***mawen* before specified, it still continueth.

q *Ex autog. penès præfat. D. Carington.*

Ludington.

THis place being in the Saxons time belonging to the Bishoprick of **Worcester**, and by the power of the Danes, in the reign of *Canutus*, with other lands taken [r] from that Church, was in *Edw.* the Confessors time possest [s] by 4 Theins, and reputed for two Mannourss, but after the Norman conquest by the Earl of **Mellent**, being esteemed at xii hides by the Survey [t] then taken, which were held of him by 4. Knights and valued at vi *l.* In which Survey it is written **Ludistone**, having had its originall appellation from the name of some antient possessor thereof, as I guess. From this Earl it came to *Henry de Newburgh* (Earl of **Warwick**) his Brother; and was granted by him, or Earl *Roger* his son, to the ancestour of *Rob. de Valle* in H. 1. time, as that certificate [u] made by *Will.* Earl of **Warwick** in 12 H. 2. doth manifest; at which time *Rob. de Valle* held it of the same Earl by the service of half a Kts. fee; in whose line it continued till the issue male failing, it came by a daughter and coheir to *Burdet*, as the descent here inserted doth shew.

r *Regist. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton f. 136. b.*

s *Domes.*

t *Ibid.*

u *Lib. rub. f. 104. a.*

Of these, the third *Robert* was a Justice [w] of Assize in this County in 17 and [x] 20 H. 3. and his son *Robert* a Kt. [y] in 21 *E.* 1. as also in 3 *E.* 2. in Commission [z] for assessing and collecting a xv^th. and tenth; and afterwards a Coroner in this County; but being not able to attend that office in respect of his great employment for severall eminent persons, the Shiriff in 14 *E.* 2. had command [a] to cause another to be chosen. To which *Robert* succeeded his son, called *Rob. de Vaal jun.* who went [b] in that Welch expedition of 15 *E.* 2. which I take to be it that was occasioned by the difference betwixt *John de Moubray*, *Rog. Mortimer*, and *Hugh le Despenser* the younger, touching the land of **Gowher** in **Wales**. This *Robert* was in 18 *E.* 2. constituted [c] one of the Commissioners for conservation of the peace in this County, and for taking care that the Articles contained in the Statute of **Winchester** should be observed; and in [d] 20 E. 2. and [e] 1 *E.* 3. one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; as also a Commissioner [f] for assessing and collecting a xx^th. in this County: and in 7 E. 3, being a Kt. bore [g] for his Armes *a Fesse chequy betwixt* 3. *Lions rampant.*

w *Pat. 17. H. 3. in d.*

x *Pat. 20. H. 3. in d.*

y *Gift. f. 375. b.*

z *Pat. 3. E. 2. m. 37.*

a *Clauf. 14 E. 2. m. 11.*

b *Pat. 15. E. 2. p. 2. m. 30.*

c *Pat. 18. E. 2. p. 1. in d. m. 35.*

d *Pat. 20. E. 2. in d. m. 5.*

e *Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 23.*

f *Pat. 1 E. 3. p. 3. m. 18 in ced.*

g *Ex autog. penès Ioh. Ferrers.*

Rob. de Valle
12 H. 2.

Robertus de Valle — Nichola filia
6 Ioh. — Ade de Crumbe.

Robertus de Valle
17 H. 3.

Rob. de Valle miles — Petronilla — Eliz. relicta Steph. de Aldermarston.
2 E. 1. — 9 E. 2.

Rob. de Valle jun. 15 E. 2. miles 7 E. 3.

Ioh. de Valle ob s. prole 34 E. 3. — Elianora ux. Gerardi Burder de Sckindon. — Cath. ux. Henrici filii Ric. le Noreys 7 E. 3.

Ioh. Burdet alter consangu. & hæred. Ioh. de Vale 36 E. 3. — Ioh. Norrys 36 E. 3.

To whom succeeded *John* his son [h] and heir, a Commissioner likewise for levying a xv^th. and x^th. in this County in [i] 27 and 28 [k] *E.* 3. which *John* died [l] without issue in 34 *E.* 3. (leaving *John Burdet* and *John Norrys* his Cosens and heirs) murthered as it seems; for I find that *Will. Abbot* of **Evesham** had in 39 *E.* 3. a pardon [m] for the same: by means whereof the inheritance of this Lordship came at length to *Burdet*, though an estate therein some other persons had for a while: for in 2 *H.* 4. *John Wyard* (of whom I shall speak in **Alspath**) was certified [n] to hold the 4^th part of a Kts. fee here, in right of his wife, of the Earl of **Warwick**; and in 11. H. 4. *Rob. Castell* had **Freewarren** granted [o] to him in all his demesn lands here, and in **Alspath** aforesaid: And in 10. *H.* 6. it was found [p], that Sir *Thomas Burdet* of **Arrow** in this County Kt. together with *John Welsh* of **Sheldesley** *in com. Wigorn* Gent. held two messuages and 2 yard land here by the service of the 4th. part of a Kts. fee: To which Sir *T. Burdet* the whole right in this Mannour came at length to be fixed, as by his Feoffment [q] thereof in 21 H. 6. appeareth; and so descended to his great grandchild *Ric. Burdet* (as the Pedegree in **Arrow** sheweth.) To whom succeeded *Anne* his daughter and heir married [r] to *Edw. Conway* Esq. by which means the inheritance hereof divolved to their posterity, *Edw.* Vicount *Conway* (of whom and his family I shall speak in **Ragley** and **Arrow**,) now possessing it.

h *F. levat xv. Hill. 8 E. 3.*

i *Rot. F. 27 E. 3. n. 10.*

k *Rot. F. 28 E. 3. m. 5.*

l *Esc. 36. E. 3. p. 2. n. 63.*

m *Pat. 3 E. 3. p. 1.*

n *Esc. 2. H. 4.*

o *Cart. d. an. 11. & 12. H. 4. n. 13.*

p *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

q *Ex autog. penès Will. Burton ar.*

r *Esc. 1. 6.*

The Priest serving in this Chapell had [s] in 26. H. 8. v *li.* vi *s.* viii *d. per an.* for his stipend, payd unto him by the Warden of the Collegiate Church at **Stratford** *super* **Avon**; and the like salary [t] had his successor in 37 *H.* 8. but I find no more than one presentation thereto, and that was, by the

s *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 22. a.*

t *Ex alio Cod. MS. penès eundem S. A. f. 20. a.*

Warden

Warden of the *Chantry* at the Altar of S. *Thomas* the Martyr in the said Collegiate Church, of [u] one *John Pebworth* Priest 20 *Apr. an.* 1420.

Morg. l.2.f.11.

Ruin-Clifford.

IN the Conqueros time *Rob. de Stadford* possest one [w] hide and 1. virgate of land here, then held of him by one *Hugh*: but before the Norman invasion it was the freehold of *Saward*; the rest of this Hamlet being a member of **Stratford**, as I shall shew by and by. I am of opinion that the posterity of the said *Hugh* residing here, assumed from hence the sirname of *Clifford*; the last male branch of which family, that continued owners hereof, was *John de Clifford*, who in H. 3. time past [x] away all his lands here to *Raph le Power* Son of *Margerie* his Sister, which makes me conclude that he had no Children of his own. It is very like that *Hugh le Poer* an assistant [y] to the Barons against K. *H.* 3. became Husband to her the said *Margerie*; for I find that the same *Hugh* was seized [z] of two Carucates of land lying here in **Clifford**: Neither is it to be doubted, but that *Steph. le Poher*, who held [a] two hides and a half of land in this place, *temp. H.* 1. (then called **Clifford**-*minor*) of *Margerie de Bohun*, was lineall ancestour to the said *Hugh*; which *Margerie* had a grant [b] of them from *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester**, they being parcell of his Mannour of **Stratford**.

Domes.

Ex Carl. de lopton nèe T. lopton

Esc. 50 H. 3.

Ex Regist. vocat. the Red Book penès Episc. Wigorn.

That it continued for many descents in the family of *Power*, is apparent, *Christopher Power*, son and heir of *John Power* being the last; who by his deed [c] bearing date 12. *Feb.* 5 H. 8. granted it to *Will. Clopton* of **Clopton** in this County Esq. and his heirs: the last of which **Cloptons** that dyed [d] seized thereof being *Will. Clopton* of **Clopton** aforesaid in 7 *Eliz.* But the next that possest it was [e] *John Combes*; which *John* left issue [f] *Edward*, who dyed 16 *Junii* 39. *Eliz.* leaving 3. daughters and heirs; *scil. Joyce* the wife of *Francis Cornwell*, but formerly of *John Garnet*, *Anne*, and *Elizabeth*.

Cart ul. de Clopton

Esc. 7. [illegible]

Lib. 5. Vet. dul.

Milcote.

BEing now on the South of **Avon**, I come to **Milcote**, situate on the very border of this County, being within the Parish of **Weston** in **Gloucestershire**. This in the Saxons time belonging [g] to the Bishoprick of **Worcester** (as a member of **Stratford** doubtless) was by violence wrested [h] from it in the time of *Canutus* the Dane; yet afterwards did *Elstanus* and *Wulstan*, both Bishops of that See, reenjoy it again till the Norman invasion: but then *Ægelwine* Abbot of **Evesham**, a powerfull man with the Conqueror, being no less than a Judge in those parts, having by purchase obtained the one half thereof from him that had possest himself of it, promised the Bishop, that if he would give him leave to have his part for a term of years, he would not onely pay him a certain Rent for it; but at the end freely restore unto him the other half therewith; whereunto the Bishop assented: Howbeit, after that the Abbot had thus got it into his hands, he held it whilst he lived without payment of any thing at all; And after the Norman invasion *Odo* Bishop of **Baieux** (the Kings Brother) with the rest of the lands belonging to that Abby: But at the time of the generall Survey one *Stephen* had [i] it, the extent thereof being certified at 3. hides, which were valued at *L s.*

Reg. de Wigorn in bibl. Cotton f.136.

i Domesd. lib.

It should seem that it came shortly after to *Raph Boteler* (of whom in **Oversley** I have spoke) for I find that upon the foundation of his Priory at **Alcester** in 5. *Steph.* he gave [k] all the Tithes of this his Lordship thereto. But it continued not to his posterity; for in 12 H. 2. *Geffrey Martell* possest [l] it, and shortly after that one *Madiho*; and in 30. H. 2. the King by Escheat [m], at which time the Shiriff accounted [n] *x l.* for the ferm thereof, and *Liiii* s. payd * for *xvi.* Oxen towards the storing of it for the King's use. Howbeit, about the beginning of K. *John*'s time it was given by the K. to *Geffrey de Hauvill*, as appeareth by that Precept [o] to the Shiriff for delivering possession thereof, in which it is written **Pellescot** (yet formerly **Pulecote**). But *Hauvill* had not the inheritance of it, as is evident by the Letters Pat. [p] of K. H. 3. dated 4 *Martii* 15. of his reign, whereby he granted to the said *Geffrey*, that if *Joan* his wife should chance to overlive him, she should hold it during her life, paying two marks yearly into his Exchequer. Which *Joane* survived him a great while, for by the King's Charter [q] bearing date 10 *Junii* 29 H. 3. whereby he granted it to *Geffrey de Langley* (of whom in **Pinley** I have spoke) the said two marks *per an.* due to the Exchequer during her life, were transmitted to him the said *Geffrey* and his heirs; who, having the inheritance of this Mannour then bestowed on him to hold by the service of a sore Sparhawk to be payd yearly into the Exchequer for all secular services and demands whatsoever, the next year following obtained a Charter [r] of **Freewarren** (*inter alia*) in all his demesn lands here, though he was not then in possession thereof, *Hauvill*'s widow being at that time living: which sore Sparhawk, so reserved, was accordingly payd [s], as I could by many more authorities make manifest.

k Ca t. 14. E.3.n.12. per Insp.

l Rot.P.12. H.2.

m Lib.Rub. f.144.b.

n Rot.P. 30 H.2.

* An Oxe at iii s. iiii d. price.

o Clauf.6. Joh.m.11.

p Pat.15. H.3.m.2.

q Cart.29. H 3.m.4.

r Cart.30. H.3.m.10.

s Clauf. 30 H. 3. m.6. Rot. F.e 44 H.3. m.3.

To this *Geffrey* succeeded *John de Langley* his grandchild, who in 13 *E.* 1. claimed [t] here a **Court Leet**, with Assize of Bread and Beer; alledging that K. H. 3. was seized of those Liberties at that time when he gave the inheritance thereof to the same *Geffrey*, and that they past in generall words by that grant: But to this the King's Atturny answered, that during the time that *Geffrey de Hauvill* and *Joan* his wife held it by the grant of K. *John*, the K. and his Bayliffs were possest of those Liberties; and after the death of her the said *Joane* he seizing the Mannour into his hands, granted it onely to the said *Geffrey* and his heirs, as appareth by his Charter; so that by reason of this Answer the said *John de Langley* had a further day given him to make good his chalenge. From which *John de Langley* it descended [u] to *Joan* the daughter and heir of *Geffrey* his grandchild, first marryed to *John* the Son of Sir *Alan Cherleton* of **Apley** Kt. and afterwards to Sir *John Trillow* Kt. (as by the Descent in **Pinley** appeareth) which Sir *John Trillow* and *Joan* in 42 E. 3. were certified [w] to hold it of the K. in *Capite* by that payment of the sore Sparhawk or *ii s. per an.* for all services.

t Rot. de Quo w.

u Rot.F.33 E.3.m.14.

w Hill. Rec.42 E.3

Howbeit, after the deceaſe of this *Joan* without iſſue, Sir *Iohn de Peto* Kt. being Coſen and next heir unto her, entred [x] upon it without due proceſs of Law, and demiſed [y] it to *Raph* Earl *Stafford*, *Hugh de Stafford* his ſon, *Ric. de Stafford* Brother to the ſaid Earl, and *Alice Perers*, to hold for terme of their lives, and the longer liver of them; for which treſpaſs they had a pardon [z] from the K. in 47 *E.* 3. but the inheritance thereof did Sir *Iohn Worth* Kt. recover [a] againſt the ſaid Sir *John de Peto*, and the reſt, in 50 E. 3. as his right by deſcent from the before ſpecified Sir *Iohn Trillow* and *Joane*; and the next year following, by ſpeciall Licenſe [b] for that purpoſe, entailed [c] it by Feoffment upon the iſſue of his own body, and for want thereof upon Sir *Walter Beauchamp* Kt. and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to the right heirs of the ſaid Sir *Iohn VVorth*: which Sir *Iohn* dying [d] without iſſue in 14 *R.* 2. Sir *VVill. Beauchamp* became poſſeſt thereof, by [e] vertue of the ſaid Entail. But it was not long ere that the ſaid Sir *W. Beauchamp*, and all the reſt that had right therein paſt it to *Will. Grevill* of **Campden** in **Glouceſterſhire**; who to ſtrengthen his title, obtained a Releaſe [f] from the ſaid *VVill. de Peto* Coſen and heir to *Geffrey de Langley*, bearing date at **Milcote** 5 *Nov.* 22. *R.* 2. which *VVill Grevill* being ſo poſſeſt thereof entailed [g] it, in 3 *H.* 4. on the iſſue male of his body by *Joan* his wife, and for want of ſuch iſſue upon his other Sons, and the iſſue male of their bodies ſucceſſively; *ſcil. Iohn*, *Lodowick*, and *Wil.* with remainder to his right heirs.

x { *Pat.* 47 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.
y
z
a *Plac. coram R.* T. Hill 2 *R.* 2 *rot.* 50.
b { *Pat.* 51. *E.* 3. *m.* 15.
c
d { *Eſc.* 14. *R.* 2. *n.* 52.
e
f *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Peto *eq. aur.*
g *Rot. F.* 2. *H.* 4. *m.* 5.

- Will. Grevill de Campden obiit 2 H. 4.
- Johanna ſoror Philippi Thornbury militis, obiit 37 H. 6.
- Walterus Cokeſey.

- Ludovicus Grevill 3. H. 4.
- Margareta filia & hæres Egidii Arden de Drayton mil.
- Joh. Grevill de Campden 3 H. 4.
- Iocoſa relicta ... Beauchamp.
- Hugo Cokeſey.

- Will. Grevill fil. & hæres obiit 39 H. 6.
- Joh. Grevill de Charlton r. g's in com. Glouc. miles obiit 20 E. 4.
- Iohanna relicta 20 E. 4.

- ... Grevill
- Cath. ſoror & cohæres Rob Pointz.
- Tho. Grevill, alias Cokeſey, miles, defunctus s. prole 14 H. 7.
- Anna:
- Margareta.

- Ioh. Grevill de Milcote 14 H. 7.
- Iohanna.

- Edw. Grevill miles, obiit 20 H. 8.
- ... filia Thomæ Denton.
- ... uxor Edm. Tame militis.

- Ioh. Grevill miles obiit 2 E. 6.
- Fulco Grevill miles, a quo Dominus Brooke.

- Edw. Grevill miles obiit 2 Eliz.
- Margareta filia & una hæred. Wil. Willington ar.

- Ludovicus Grevill ar. morte multatus apud Warwick.
- Thomaſina filia Will. Petre mil.

- Edw. Grevill miles
- Iohanna filia Thomæ Bromley mil. ſummi Angliæ Cancellarii.

- Ioh. Grevill obiit ſ. prole.
- Iocoſa ux. Edw. Whitacre.
- Marga. ux. Ed. Pennel
- Maria ux. Arth. Ingram eq. aur.
- Kath. ux. ... Ingram,
- Iana. Eliz. Conſtancia, } ob. ſ. p.

Of this name, *viz. Greyvill* or *Greynvill* (for both ways it is written) there was of an elder date in this County, as in **Burmington** I have ſhewed; but whether that they of **Campden** were of the ſame line I cannot ſay: and therefore of what family this *Will. Grevill* was, I am yet to learn; as alſo what is memorable of him other than his death, which hapned [h] in 2 H. 4. at **Campden** above ſpecified; in the Pariſh Church whereof he lyeth [i] buried, leaving *Joane* his wife, Siſter [k] of Sir *Philip Thornbury* Kt. ſurviving, who lived [l] a long time after, and *Iohn* his ſon and heir, but by a former wife, as may ſeem by the Entail before mentioned; which *Iohn* reſided [m] alſo at **Campden**, and being Shiriff [n] of **Glouceſterſhire** and the Marches of **Wales** in 6 *H.* 4, bore [o] for his Arms *Or, upon a Croſs engrailed, within the like border ſable, x annulets of the firſt, with a mullet of* 5. *points in the dexter quarter.* This *John* wedded [p] *Joyce*, Siſter to *Hugh*, but daughter of *VV. lt. Cokeſey*; by reaſon whereof, *Thomas* her grandchild became heir to *Cokeſey*'s lands, as I ſhall ſhew by and by. But *John* the ſon and heir to the ſame *Iohn* and *Joyce* dwelt [q] at **Cherleton-***Regis in com.* **Glouc.** and by the death of *Joane* his grandfathers ſecond wife, hapning in 28 *H.* 6. came to poſſeſs [r] this Mannour of **Milcote** (which ſhe held during life) where making then his reſidence, he became firſt a Juſtice of Peace in this Shire, from [s] the laſt year of K. *H.* 6. reign; then, *ſcil.* in 1. E. 4. Shiriff [t] of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**. In [u] 5 E. 4. he was Knighted. In 13 E. 4. he again bore the Office of Shiriff [w] for theſe Shires; in which year he had livery [x] of the lands deſcended to him by the death of his mother: and in 17 *E.* 4. being then Shiriff [y] the third time, bore the ſame cote that his father did, excepting the *Annulets upon the Croſs*, as by his Picture, together with his wife, both kneeling in their ſurcotes of Armes in the Eaſt Window of the Pariſh Church at **Binton** in this County, appeareth: but departed [z] this life 6 *Aug.* 20 E. 4. and was buried in the Church of **Weſton** *ſuper* **Avon**, as may ſeem by the direction of his Teſtament [a]; leaving *Thomas* his ſon [b] and heir, and two daughters; *viz.* [c] *Anne* and *Margaret*: which *Thomas*, in reſpect of the inheritance he enjoyed by deſcent from his grandmother, aſſumed the ſirname [d] of *Cokeſey*; and having forthwith livery [e] of his ſaid fathers lands, being then 26 years of age, (reſiding here at **Milcote**), was the ſame 20 E. 4. conſtituted [f] Shiriff of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**; and at the Coronation of K. *H.* 7. one [g] of the Knights of the Bath, then created; concerning which Order, I ſhall here take leave to make a ſhort digreſſion.

That the making of Knights, by this ſolemn manner of *Bathing*, and other ſacred Ceremonies (notwithſtanding the originall thereof, cannot now be diſcerned) is of no leſs antiquity than the times of our anceſtors the Saxons, is not (I think) to be doubted: for though in that mention made by [h] *Will. Malmesb.* of K. *Alfred* making his grandſon *Athelſtan* a Knight, he inſtances no more than the purple Robe, with the Sword and rich Belt; yet 'tis apparent, that when *Geffrey* of **Anjou**, in order to his marriage with *Maud* the Empreſs, onely daughter to our King *H.* 1. was made Knight at **Roan**, by the ſame K. *Henry*, on *Whitſunday an.* 1127. (27 *H.* 1.) it is ſaid by [i] *Iohn* the Monk of **Parmonſtier**, that he, with xxv. Eſquires,

h – Arund. i { *vol.* 1. *f.* 183. *a*
k { *Eſc.* 28 *H.* 6.
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m { *Rot. F.* 6 *H.* 4. *m.* 29.
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o *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton *ar.*
p *Pat.* 14. *H.* 7. *p.* 2.
q { *Rot. F.* 28 *H.* 6. *m.* 16.
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s *Pat. ab an.* 39 *H.* 6. *uſq;* 7 *E.* 4. *in d.*
t *Rot. F.* 1. *E.* 4. *m.* 32.
u *Pat.* 5. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 30.
w *Rot. F.* 13. *E.* 4. *m.* 13.
x *Ib. m.* 3.
y *Rot. F.* 17. *E.* 4. *m.* 11.
z *Eſc.* 20. *E.* 4. *n.* 72.
a { *Lib.* 3. *Teſtam. in Regiſt. Epiſc. Wigorn. f.* 24. *b.*
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d *Rot. F.* 2. *E.* 4. *m.* 5.
e *Eſc.* 20. *E.* 4. *n.* 72.
f *Rot. F.* 28 *E.* 4. *m.* 3.
g *MS in bibl.* Cotton [*ſub effig. Claudii C.* 3.] 11.
h *De geſtis Regum. li.* 2. *Cap.* 6.
i Favinth. *Theat. Honor. lib.* 3. 577.

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quires, then attending him, *were Bathed, according to antient Custom: Illucescente die altera Balneorum usus, uti Tyrocinii suscipiendi consuetudo expostulat, paratus est* (saith he.)

And concerning Robes, and other ornaments, goeth thus on: *Comperto Rex à Cubiculariis, quod Andegavensis, & qui cum eo venerant ascendissent de Lavacro, jussit eos ad se vocari. Post corporis ablutionem ascendens Comitis Andegavorum generosa proles Gaufredus, byssо retorta ad carnem induitur, Cyclade auro texta supervestitur, Chlamide conchylii, & muricis sanguine tincta tegitur, caligis holosericis calceatur, pedes ejus sotularibus in superficie Leunculos aureos habentibus muniuntur. Ejus verò consodales, qui cum eo militiæ suscipiendæ munus expectabant, universo byssо & purpura innovantur.* And moreover: *Talibus itaque, ut prætaxatum est, ornamentis decoratus, &c. adducti sunt Equi, allata sunt Arma; distribuuntur singulis prout opus erat*; There being put upon him harneſs of double Mail, and gilt Spurs, a Shield of the Lions of **Anjou** hung on his neck; a rich Helm on his head, and an armed Spear put into his hand; and laſtly a Sword out of the King's ſtore, *ab antiquo* (ſaith he) *ibidem signatus, in quo fabricando Fabrorum superlativus Galannus multa operâ & studio desudavit*: And that thus armed, he mounted a Spaniſh Horſe, which was alſo firſt given him by the King, the Feaſt that belong'd to his reception of this dignitie (called *Festum Tyrocinii*) being honoured with Tourneaments and Maſques, which laſted no leſs than ſeaven days.

Of which Courtly Ceremonies, moſt plain it is, that the uſe hath continued ever ſince, even through all ages, till towards theſe later times, though (perhaps) in ſome particulars varied: For it appears that King *John*, in 6 of his reign, being to confer this dignitie on *Thomas Sturmy*, directed his Writ to the Shiriff of **Hantſhire**, for to make preparations to that purpoſe; which runs thus [k]: *Præcipimus tibi, quod facias habere Thomæ Sturmy, valetto noſtro, unam robam de Scarletto, cum quadam penula de byſſis, & aliam robam de viridi, vel burnetta, & unam Sellam, & unum par Loianorum, & capam ad plumam, & unam culcitram, & unum par lintheorum, quoniam ipſe fiet miles.* And of K. *H.* 3. his Knighting *Alexander* the third K. of **Scotland** (on *Chriſtmaſs* day *an.* 1252.) at **Yorꝁ** and xxii. more with him, being the day preceding the ſaid *Alexander*'s marriage of *Margaret*, daughter to K. *Henry*, *Math. Paris* ſaith thus: *Balthæo donavit militari, qui omnibus veſtibus pretioſis & excogitatis, ſicut in tam celebri Tyrocinio decuit, ornabantur.*

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But as theſe Courtly Ceremonies, have been thus antiently uſed, ſo were there alſo ſacred, as is evident by the teſtimony of [l] *Ingulphus*; *viz.* a ſolemn Confeſſion, Vigils in the Church, Receiving the Sacrament, offering the Sword on the Altar, with redemption of it, and the Biſhops Abbots, Monks, or other Prieſts, putting it on him that was to be thus created; as by what he expreſſeth touching *Hereward* an Engliſh Gentleman (Lord of **Brune** in **Lincolnſhire**) upon his return out of **Flanders**, when he was made a Kt. by *Brand*, his Uncle, then Abbot of **Peterbrough**: *Quoniam Anglorum erat consuetudo* (ſaith he) *quod, qui militiæ legitimæ consecrandus esset, vesperâ præcedente diem suæ consecrationis ad Episcopum, vel Abbatem, vel Monachum, vel Sacerdotem aliquem contritus, & compunctus, de omnibus suis peccatis, confessionem faceret; & absolutus, orationibus & devotionibus, & afflictionibus deditus, in Ecclesia pernoctaret; in crastino quoque Missam auditurus, Gladium super Altare offerret, & post Evangelium, Sacerdos benedictum Gladium collo militis cum benedictione imponeret: & communicatus ad eandem Missam sacris Christi mysteriis, denuò Miles legitimus permaneret.*

l Ingulph. Hiſt.

And that this uſage of offering the Sword at the Altar, continued in after times, together with the reaſon thereof, we find very evident from *Joan. Sarisburienſis* [m] ——*undè jam inolevit consuetudo, solennis* (ſaith he) *ut eâ ipsâ die quâ quisque militari cingulo decoratur, Ecclesiam solenniter adeat, Gladioque super Altare posito & oblato, quasi celebri professione factâ, seipsum obsequio Altaris devoveat, & Gladii, id est officii sui ingem Deo spondeat famulatum; neque necesse est ut hoc profiteatur verbo, cum legitima professio militiæ facto ejus videatur inserta.* And *Petrus Blesensis* [n] who lived in the ſame age (*ſcil. temp. H.* 2.) further explaineth the ſame: *Hodie Tyrones* (ſaith he) *enses suos recipiunt de Altari, ut profitcantur se filios Ecclesiæ, atque ad honorem Sacerdotii, ad tuitionem pauperum, ad vindictam malefactorum, & patriæ liberationem Gladium accepisse.*

m *De Nugis Curial. lib. 6. Cap.* 10.

n *Epiſt.* 94.

All which, the learned *Selden* [o] (from whoſe diſcourſe upon this ſubject, the ſubſtance of what I have ſaid, is gathered) ſuppoſeth to be continued, under the name of *Vigils*, upon that ſolemn Knighting of *Geffrey* of **Anjou** before ſpecified: So that, from what hath been ſaid, we may clearly conclude, that aſwell the Sacred as Courtly Ceremonies, uſed at the conferring this dignity, have been very antient; and, very probably, obſerved in ſuch ſort, as by this following Narrative (being a tranſlation from an antient tract [p] thereof, in French) may be ſeen: whereunto, for its better illuſtration, the following Figures, (delineated from a fair Book [q], in which they were drawn in much larger proportions, and in Colours, about K. *Edw.* the iv[ths] time, by the great care and curioſitie of that learned and worthy perſon, my ſingular friend *Edw. Byſshe* Eſq. and in his Notes [r] upon *Upton*, already made publick) are here added.

o *Tit.* of Honour *part.* 2. *Cap.* 5. *p.* 781.

p *Ex cod. M S. in offic. Arm.* [*L.* 5.] *f.* 28. *a.*

q *Penès* Gul. le Neve *eq. aur. Claren. R. Arm.*

r *Edit. Lond.* 1634

Here followeth the order, and manner of creating Knights of the Bath, in the time of Peace, according to the Cuſtom of **England.**

1. *When an Eſquire comes to Court, to receive the Order of Knighthood, in the time of Peace, according to the Cuſtom of* **England**, *he ſhall be honourably received by the Officers of the Court*; ſc. *the Steward or the Chamberlain, if they be preſent, but otherwiſe by the Marſhalls and Uſhers. Then there ſhall be provided two Eſquires of Honour, grave and well ſeen in Courtſhip, and nurture; as alſo in the feats of Chivalrie, and they ſhall be Eſquires, and Governours in all things relating to him, which ſhall take the Order aboveſaid.*

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2. *And if the Esquire do come before Dinner, he shall carry up one Dish of the first course to the King's Table.*

3. *And after this the Esquires Governours shall conduct the Esquire, that is to receive the Order, into his Chamber, without any more being seen that day.*

4. *And in the Evening the Esquires Governours shall send for the Barbour, and they shall make ready a Bath, handsomely hung with linnen, both within and without the Vessell, taking care that it be covered with Tapistrie, and blankets in respect of the coldness of the night. And then shall the Esquire be shaven, and his hair cut round. After which the Esquires Governours shall go to the King and say*; Sir it is now in the Evening, and the Esquire is fitted for the Bath, when you please: *whereupon the King shall command his Chamberlain, that he shall take along with him, unto the Esquires Chamber, the most gentile and grave Knights that are present, to inform, counsell and instruct him touching the Order, and feats of Chivalrie: And in like manner, that the other Esquires of the Household, with the Minstrells, shall proceed before the Knights, singing, dancing, and sporting, even to the Chamber dore of the said Esquire.*

5. *And when the Esquires Governours shall hear the noise of the Minstrells, they shall undress the said Esquire, and put him naked into the Bath: But at the entrance into the Chamber, the Esquires Governours shall cause the Musick to cease, and the Esquires also for a while. And this being done, the grave Knights shall enter into the Chamber without making any noise, and doing reverence to each other, shall consider which of themselves it shall be that is to instruct the Esquire in the Order and course of the Bath. And when they are agreed, then shall the chief of them go to the Bath, and kneeling down before it, say with a soft voice:* Sir! Be this Bath of great honour to you; *and then he shall declare unto him the feats of the Order, as far as he can, putting part of the water of the Bath upon the shoulder of the Esquire; and having so done, take his leave. And the Esquires Governours shall attend at the sides of the Bath, and so likewise the other Knights; the one after the other, till all be done.*

6. *Then shall these Knights go out of the Chamber for a while; and the Esquires Governours shall take the Esquire out of the Bath, and help him to his Bed, there to continue till his body be dry; which Bed shall be plain, and without Curtains. And as soon as he is dry, they shall help him out of Bed; they shall cloath him very warm, in respect of the cold of the night; and over his inner Garments shall put on a Robe of Russet with long sleives, having a Hood thereto like unto that of an Hermite. And the Esquire being out of the Bath, the Barbour shall take away the Bath, with whatsoever appertaineth thereto, both within and without, for his Fee; and likewise for the Coller (about his neck) be he Earl, Baron, Baneret, or Batcheler, according to the Custom of the Court.*

7. *And then shall the Esquires Governours open the dore of the Chamber, and shall cause the antient and grave Knights to enter to conduct the Esquire to the Chapell: And when they are come in, the Esquires sporting and dancing shall go before the Esquire, with the Minstrells, making melodie to the Chapell.*

9. *And being entred the Chapell, there shalbe wine, and Spices ready to give to the Knights and Esquires. And then the Esquires Governours shall bring the said Knights before the Esquire to take their leave of him; and he shall give them thanks, all together, for the pains, favour and courtesie, which they have done him: and this being performed they shall depart out of the Chapell.*

8. *Then shall the Esquires Governours shut the dore of the Chapell, none staying therein except themselves, the Priest, the Chandler and the Watch. And in this manner shall the Esquire stay in the Chapell all night, till it be day, bestowing himself in Orisons and Prayers, beseeching Almighty God, and his blessed Mother, that of their good grace they will give him abilitie to receive this high temporall dignitie, to the honour, praise, and service of them; as also of holy Church, and the order of Knighthood. And at the Day-break, one shall call the Priest to confess him of all his sins, and having heard Mattines and Mass, shall afterwards be commended, if he please.*

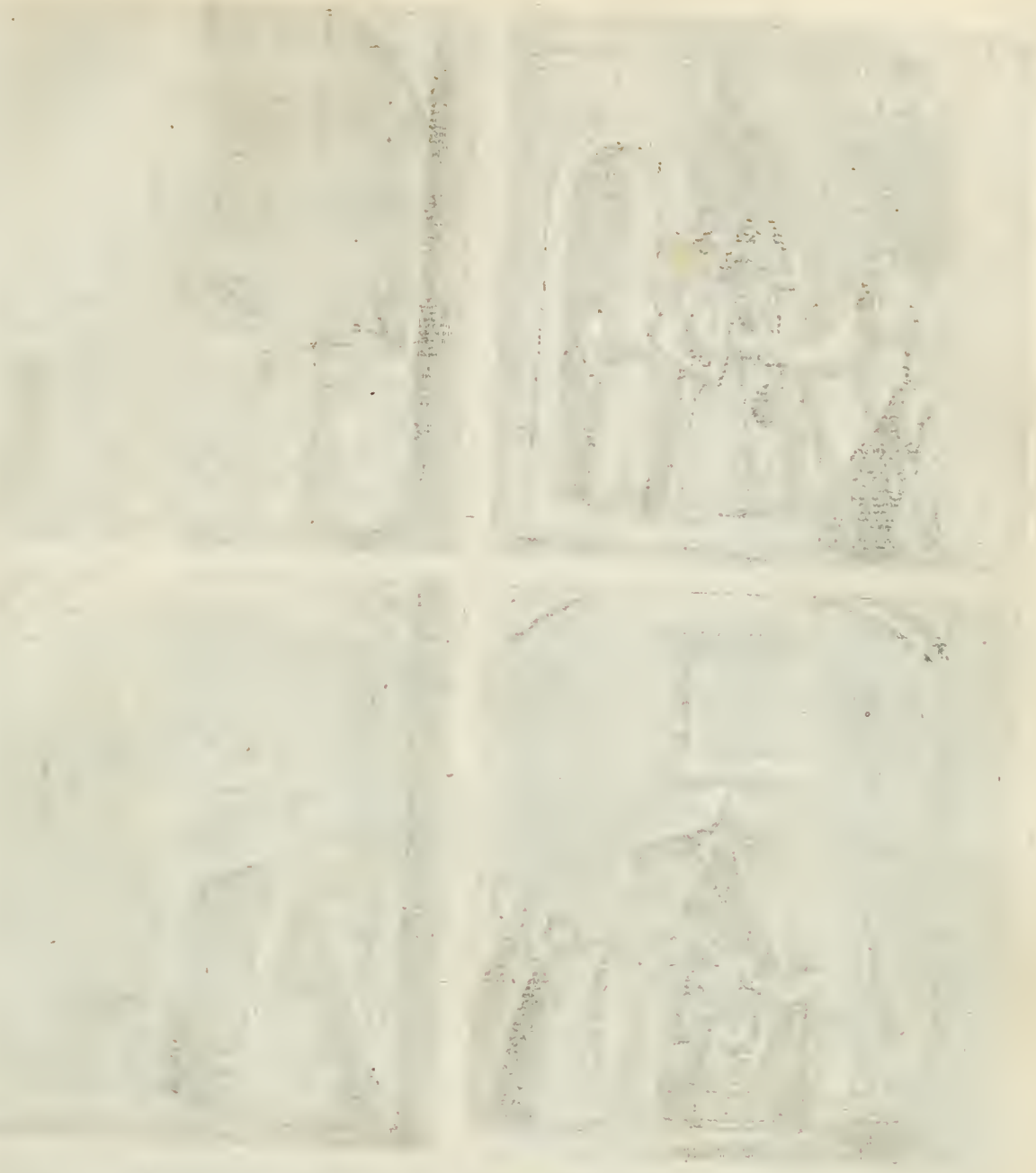
10. *And after his entrance into the Chapell, there shall be a Taper burning before him; and so soon as Mass is begun, one of the Governours shall hold the Taper untill the reading of the Gospell; and then shall the Governour deliver it into his hands, who shall hold it, himself, till the Gospell be ended; but then shall receive it again from him, and set it before him, there to stand during the whole time of Mass.*

11. *And at the elevation of the Host, one of the Governours shall take the Hood from the Esquire, and afterwards deliver it to him again, untill the Gospell* in principio: *And at the beginning thereof, the Governour shall take the same Hood again, and cause it to be carried away, and shall give him the Taper, again, into his own hands.*

12. *And then, having a Penny, or more, in readiness, near to the Candlestick, at the words* verbum caro factum est, *the Esquire, kneeling, shall offer the Taper, and the Penie; that is to say the Taper to the honour of God, and the Peny to the honour of the person that makes him a Knight. All which being performed, the Esquires Governours shall conduct the Esquire to his Chamber, and shall lay him again in Bed, till it be full Day-light. And when he shall be thus in Bed, till the time of his rising, he shall be cloathed with a covering of Gold, called Singleton, and this shall be lined with blew Cardene. And when the Governours shall see it fit time, they shall go to the King and say to him:* Sir! when doth it please you that our Master shall rise? *Whereupon the King shall command the grave Knights, Esquires, and Minstrills, to go to the Chamber of the said Esquire, for to raise him, and to attire and dress him, and to bring him before him into the Hall. But before their entrance, and the noise of the Minstrells heard, the Esquires Governours shall provide all necessaries ready for the Order, to deliver to the Knights, for to attire and dress the Esquire.*

And when the Knights are come to the Esquier's Chamber, they shall enter with leave, and say to him: Sir! Good morrow to you, it is time to get up, and make your self ready; *and thereupon they shall take him by the Arme, to be dressed, the most antient of the said Knights reaching him his Shirt; another giving him his Breeches, the third his Doublet; and another putting upon him a Kirtle of red Tartarin: Two other shall raise him from*

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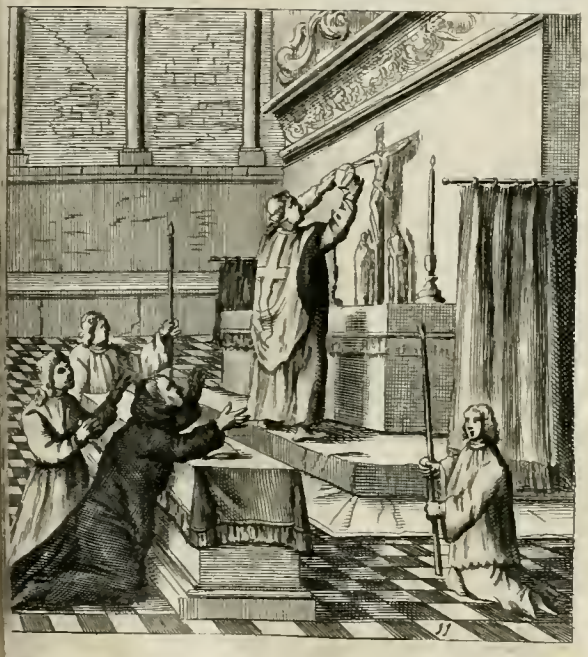



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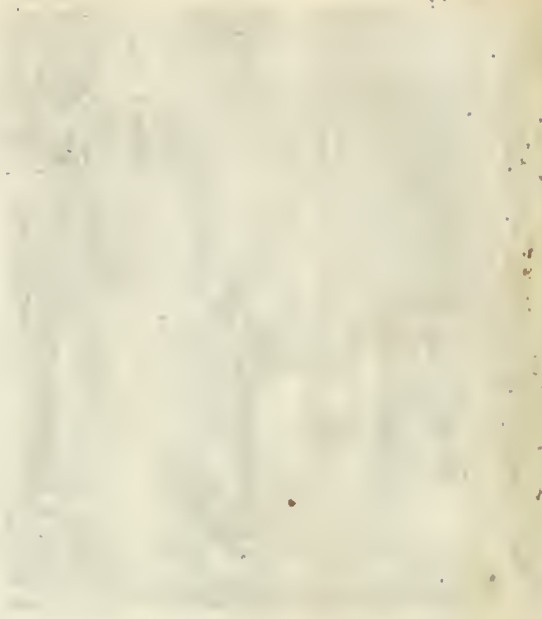



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the Bed, and two others put on his nether ſtockings with ſoles of leather ſowed to them: Two other ſhall lace his ſleives, and another ſhall gird him with a Girdle of white leather without any Buckles thereon: Another ſhall combe his Head; another ſhall put on his Coife; Another ſhall give him his Mantle of ſilk (over the Baſes or Kirtle of red Tartarin) tyed with a lace of white ſilk, with a pair of white Gloves hanging at the end of the Lace. And the Chandler ſhall take for his Fees, all the Garments, with the whole array and neceſſaries wherewith the Eſquire ſhall be apparalled and clothed on the day that he comes into the Court to receive the Order: As alſo the Bed wherein he firſt lay, after his Bathing, together with the Singleton and other neceſſaries: In conſideration of which Fees, the ſame Chandler ſhall find at his proper coſts, the ſaid Coife, the Gloves, the Girdle, and the Lace.

13. *And when all this is done, the grave Knights ſhall get on Horſback, and conduct the Eſquire to the Hall, the Minſtrells going before, making Muſick: But the Horſe muſt be accoutred, as followeth: The Saddle having a cover of black-leather, the bow of the Saddle being of white wood quartered. The Stirrop-leathers black; the Stirrops gilt; The Paitrell of black lether gilt, with a Croſs patè gilt, hanging before the breaſt of the Horſe, but without any Crooper: The Bridle black, with long notched Raines, after the Spaniſh faſhion, and a Croſs patè on the front. And there muſt be, provided a young Eſquire, courteous, who ſhall ride before the Eſquire, bare-headed, and carry the Eſquire's Sword, with the Spurs hanging at the handle of the Sword: and the Scabberd of the Sword ſhall be of white leather, and the Girdle of white leather, without Buckles. And the Youth ſhall hold the Sword by the point, and after this manner muſt they ride to the King's Hall, the Governours being ready at hand.*

14. *And the grave Knights ſhall conduct the ſaid Eſquire; and ſo ſoon as they come before the Hall dore, the Marſhalls and Huiſhers are to be ready to meet him, and deſire him to alight: And being alighted, the Marſhall ſhall take the Horſe for his Fee, or elſe C. s. Then ſhall the Knights conduct him into the Hall up to the high Table; and afterwards up to the end of the ſecond Table, untill the King's coming, the Knights ſtanding on each ſide of him, and the Youth holding the ſword upright before him, between the two Governours.*

15. *And when the King is come into the Hall, and beholdeth the Eſquire ready to receive this high Order, and temporall dignitie, he ſhall aske for the Sword and Spurs, which the Chamberlain ſhall take from the Youth, and ſhew to the King: And thereupon the King, taking the right Spur, ſhall deliver it to the moſt noble and gentile perſon there; and ſhall ſay to him: Put this upon the Eſquire's heel; and he kneeling on one knee, muſt take the Eſquire by the right Leg, and putting his foot on his own knee, is to faſten the Spur upon the right heel of the Eſquire; and then making a Croſs upon the Eſquire's knee, ſhall kiſs him: which being done, another Knight muſt come, and put on his left Spur, in like manner. And then ſhall the King, of his great favour, take the Sword and gird the Eſquire therewith: whereupon the Eſquire is to lift up his Armes, holding his hands together, and the Gloves betwixt his Thumbs and Fingers.*

16. *And the King putting his own armes about the Eſquire's neck, ſay,* Be thou a good Knight, *and afterwards kiſs him. Then are the antient Knights to conduct this new Knight to the Chapell, with much Muſick, even to the high Altar; and there he ſhall kneel, and putting his right hand upon the Altar, is to promiſe to maintain the rights of holy Church, during his whole life.*

17. *And then he ſhall ungirt himſelf of his Sword, and with great devotion to God and holy Church, offer it there; praying unto God and all his Saints, that he may keep that Order, which he hath ſo taken, even to the end: all which being accompliſhed, he is to take a draught of Wine.*

18. *And at his going out of the Chapell, the King's Maſter-Cook, being ready to take off his Spurs, for his own Fee, ſhall ſay:* I the King's Maſter-Cook am come to receive your Spurs for my Fee; and if you do any thing contrary to the Order of Knighthood (which God forbid) I ſhall hack your Spurs from your heels.

19. *After this the Knights muſt conduct him again into the Hall, where he ſhall ſit the firſt at the Knights Table, and the Knights about him, himſelf to be ſerved as the others are: but he muſt neither eat nor drink at the Table, nor ſpit, nor look about him upwards or downwards, more than a Bride. And this being done, one of his Governours having a Handkerchief in his hand, ſhall hold it before his face, when he is to ſpit. And when the King is riſen from his Table, and gone into his Chamber, then ſhall the new Knight be conducted with great ſtore of Knights, and Minſtrells, proceeding before him unto his own Chamber; and at his entrance the Knights and Minſtrells ſhall take leave of him, and go to Dinner.*

20. *And the Knights being thus gone, the Chamber dore ſhall be faſtned, and the new Knight diſrobed of his attire, which is to be given to the Kings of Armes, in caſe they be there preſent; and if not, then to the other Heraulds, if they be there; otherwiſe to the Minſtrells, together with a mark of ſilver, if he be a Knight Batcheler; if a Baron, double to that; if an Earl, or of a ſuperior rank, double thereto. And the ruſſet Night-cap muſt be given to the Watch, or elſe a Noble.*

23. *Then is he to be cloathed again with a blew robe, the ſleives whereof to be ſtreight, ſhaped after the faſhion of a Prieſt's: and upon his left ſhoulder to have a Lace of white ſilk, hanging: And he ſhall wear that Lace upon all his Garments, from that day forwards, untill he have gained ſome honour and renown by Arms, and is regiſtred of as high record, as the Nobles, Knights, Eſquires, and Heraulds of Arms; and be renowned for ſome feats of Arms, as aforeſaid; or that ſome great Prince, or moſt noble Ladie, can cut that Lace from his ſhoulder, ſaying:* Sir! we have heard ſo much of the true renown concerning your honour, which you have done in divers parts, to the great fame of Chivalrie, as to your ſelf, and of him that made you a Knight, that it is meet this Lace be taken from you.

21. *After Dinner the Knights of honour, and Gentlemen, muſt come to the Knight and conduct him into the preſence of the King, the Eſquires Governours going before him; where he is to ſay:* Right noble and renowned Sir! I do in all that I can give you thanks for theſe honours, curteſies, and bountie, which you have vouchſafed to me: *and having ſo ſaid, ſhall take his leave of the King.*

22. *Then are the Esquires Governors to take leave of this their Master, saying*: Sr! We have according to the King's command, and as we were obliged, done what we can; but if through negligence we have in ought displeased you; or by any thing we have done amiss at this time, we desire pardon of you for it. And on the other side! Sir, as right is, according to the Customs of the Court, and antient Kingdoms, we do require our Robes and Fees, as the King's Esquires, companions to Batchelers, and other Lords.

Having said thus much, of this antient and honourable Order, I return to the before specified Sir Thomas Cokesey.

The next year following (*sc.* 2 H. 7.) he was made a Banneret [h] for his good service done in the Battail of **Stoke**: and in 4 H. 7. one [i] of the Commissioners for making choice of Archers in this County to be sent into **Bzittanny** for releif of that Dutchy. The next year was he constituted [k] one of the Justices for Gaol delivery in this County; and in 6 H. 7. a Commissioner [l] for arraying of men in defence of this Realm, then in danger of an invasion by *Charles* the ix^th. King of **France**; being also from the 6^th. to the 12^th. of H. 7. in Commission [m] of the Peace in this Shire upon the severall renewings thereof. But *Leland* saith, [n] that he was a Ruffler and slew a Bastard-son of *Stafford* of **Worcestershire**, notwithstanding the great brag that the *Staffords* bore in that County. This *Thomas* dyed [o] in 14 H. 7. leaving *Rob. Russell* and *Rob. Winter* his Cosins and heirs, [p] as the Descent in **Wylse** sheweth; by which it seems that his two sisters above specified had no issue: whereupon this Mannour, by force of the entail made in 3 H. 4. resorted [q] to *Joh. Grevill* great grandchild to *Lodowik*, second son to the first *William*; which *Lodowik* took [r] to wife *Margaret* the daughter and heir of Sir *Giles Ardern* Kt. by whom he had the Mannour of **Dzaston**, near **Banbury** in **Oxfordshire**, where he dyed 28 *Aug. an.* 1438. (17 H. 6.) and is interred [s], leaving *Will. Grevill* his son and heir, who departed [t] this life within two years after. To which *Will.* succeeded . . . . *Grevill*, who wedded [u] *Catherine* the sister and coheir to *Rob. Pointz*, by whom he had issue the same *John Grevill*, heir to this Lordship by Sir *T. Cokesey*'s death without issue male, as aboveSaid: which *John* in 15 H. 7. was [w] one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; and in [x] 17. and [y] 18. in Commission of the Peace in this County.

To whom succeeded *Edw.* his son and heir, first constituted [z] a Justice of Peace in this Shire in 1 H. 8. and shortly after Knighted, [a] but dyed in 20. *H.* 8. without any thing else memorable of him, and was buried [b] in St. *Annes* Chapell: in the Church of **Weston** *super* **Avon**, according to the appointment of his Will, leaving issue *John* [c] his son and heir, and *Fouke* [d] a younger son, of whom and his posterity I shall speak in *Beauchamps-Court*: which *John* was [e] one of the Kts. for this Shire in that Parliament of 30 *H.* 8. so fatall to the Religious Houses; and being Knighted [f] at the Coronation of K. *Edw.* 6. dyed [g] 25 *Nov.* the year following, leaving *Edw.* his son and heir 30. years of age, who marryed [h] *Margaret* one of the daughters and heirs to *Will. Willington* of **Berchestion** in this County, and dyed [i] a Kt. 24 *Dec.* 2. *Eliz.* To whom succeeded *Lodowik* his son and heir then 22 years of age; who being an ambitious spirited man, procured License [k] from Q. *Eliz.* in 9 of her reign, to make a Castle here at **Wilcote**, and to call it **Mount-Grevill**, which accordingly he began to do on the top of the Hill above a quarter of a mile Southwards from the old Mannour house, as is to be seen by part of the fabrick yet standing: and therefore the better to support his greatness, though he had very fair possessions in this and other Counties, he eagerly coveted the estate of one . . . . . *Web* a wealthy Batcheler, who had been his servant, and then was Tenant to him at his Mannour of **Dzaston** in **Oxfordshire**; for obtaining whereof he plotted the murther of him, and forged a Will to entitle himself thereto (as from credible tradition I have heard.)

To accomplish which execrable design, he invited him to his House at a *Christmas* or *Easter* season, there to make merry (then residing at **Beaconcote** in **Gloucestershire**) and having so train'd him thither, hired two of his servants to strangle him in his bed; which being accordingly effected, he caused it to be given out in the House that the old man was fallen very sick, and not like to live; whereupon the Parson was sent for to write his Will, and one of the Murtherers convey'd into the bed with the dead man, about whom the curtains were close drawn, and he dolefully groaning as not like to continue long; so that being in this seeming weak condition, as not able to give directions how the Will should be made, all spoken by him (with a counterfeit voice too) was by way of answer to questions; *viz.* how and to whom his estate should be disposed, which (in short) was to his Master, meaning *Lodowik Grevill*, excepting a Legacy to an Atturny in **Banbury**; whose mouth thereby being stopt, no one else, as he thought, would expect any thing, or at least not go about to question the Will: which being accordingly effected, and the company desired to depart the room, that the sick man might repose himself a little, the News of his death was soon after spread in the House, whereupon people were called up, who finding him dead in the bed, took order for his buriall.

And now that all this Pageant was over, Master *Grevill* thought himself secure enough of his large Legacy. But to the end we may see how divine vengeance ceases not to prosecute such bloody actions, though carryed on with never so much closeness and subtilty, the discovery of this wicked murther was, ere long, thus brought to light. One of the Assasinates being in his Cups at **Stratford**, dropt out some words amongst his pot-companions, that it lay in his power to hang his Master; which expression being, by one that heard thereof, related to the other Murtherer, he presently acquainted Master *Grevill* therewith; who thereupon resolving to prevent the danger of any such further babling, advised that he should be closely made away; and for effecting thereof, within a short space following, sent them both out in the night season upon some pretended business, by which means the other took his advantage to dispatch him, and cast his body into a pit of water, which afterwards floating was discovered by passengers; and upon enquiry when and with whom he had been last seen, the villain was brought in question, who forthwith confest the whole business, thereby detecting his Mr. throughout; for which they both had their tryals at **Warwick**, where Mr. *Grevill*, to prevent the loss of his

h *M S. in bibl. Cotton. [sub effigie Claudii C. 3.] f. 14. a.*

i *Pat 4. H. 7. in d. m. 20.*

k *Pat. 5. H. 7. p. 1. in d. m. 18.*

l *Pat. 6. H. 7. in d. m. 5*

m *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*

n *Leland. It'n. vol. 6. f. 19.*

o, p *Pat. 15 H. 7 p. 1. m. 4.*

q *Pat. 14. H. 7. p. 3. m. 13.*

r, s *Inscrip. Tum. apud Drait.*

t *Inscrip. Tumuli ibid.*

u *Pat. 15. H. 7. p. 1. m. 6.*

w *Ib. in d. m. 14.*

x, y, z *Pat. de iisd. an. in d*

a *Fl. evat. Antich. 8. H. 8.*

b, c *Tankyn q. 11.*

d *Visit. com. Warw. 1619.*

e *Ex vet. membr. penès S. A. eq. aur.*

f *M S. in offic. Arm. [M. 9.] f. 45. a.*

g *Esc. 2. E. 6.*

h *Ex autog. penès Will. Sheldon ar.*

i *Esc. 2. Eliz.*

k *Pat. 9. Eliz. p. 3.*

his lands, ſtood mute, and ſo having Judgement to be preſt, ſuffered death accordingly.

To whom ſucceeded *Edward* his ſon and heir in the inheritance of this Lordſhip, and other lands of great worth. Of which *Edward* I have heard, that in his younger years, inadvertently ſhooting an Arrow upright out of a long Bow, it fell upon his elder Brother's head, and kill'd him; and that their Father was ſo little ſenſible of this ſad miſhap, that he made a jeſt of it, telling him that it was the beſt ſhoot he ever ſhot in his life: but whether it was the judgement of God to put a period to the line of *Lodowik* before mentioned, for that horrid murther of *Web* and one of his ſervants, or for what elſe I may not take upon me to judge: certain it is that the whole eſtate came in ſhort time after to be ſtrangely waſted; for ſo great were Sir *Edw. Grevil*'s debts, and leaving iſſue onely Daughters, that his lands were expoſed to ſale by Sir *Arthur Ingram* a Yorkeſhire Kt. (Husband to *Mary* the fifth of them) and this Mannour then purchaſed by *Lionell* Earl of Midleſex, whoſe ſon and heir now enjoys it.

Dorſington-parva.

THis, though it be in the Pariſh of Welford *in com. Glouc.* is in Warwickſhire, and in the Conquerors time was poſſeſt [l] by the ſame *Steſanus*, who then had Milcote, being certified [m] to contain 1 hide, which one *Ordric* held before the Norman invaſion. With Milcote alſo it came to *Geffrey Martell*, and ſo likewiſe to *Hauvill* and *Langley*, as the Records I have there vouch't will manifeſt: but after the 4th. of *E.* 3. I have not found any farther mention at all of it in Record, till 9 *H.* 8. that *Maud Rous* Widow was certified [n] to have converted CC. acres of land lying in this place, from tillage to paſture in 17 *H.* 7. and decaying three Ploughs, being then poſſeſt of the Capitali meſſuage. From which *Maud* did deſcend [o] Sir *John Brome* of Ragley Kt. (as in Ragley appeareth) who in 3 *E.* 6. poſſeſt [p] it.

l *Domeſ. lib.*

n *Inq. ſuper decap.* 8.

o *Inq. ſuper decap.* 3. *E.* 6.

Binton.

THis, being ſituate on the brow of an Hill, about half a mile diſtant from the River Avon, was one of the towns which S. *Egwyn* gave [q] to the Abby of Evesham upon the foundation [r] thereof in the year 709. but in the time of K. *Ed.* the martyr wreſted [s] from it (with other great poſſeſſions) by *Alfgrus* a potent Ruler in theſe parts, who expelled [t] the Monks and placed Canons there, diſpoſing [u] of this place to certain of his Knights: ſo that upon the Conqueſt by *D. William*, it was given to ſome of his Normans; for it appears by the generall Survey, [w] ſoon after made (where it is written Bentintone) that *Will. fil. Corbution* (of whom in Stodley I ſhall ſpeak) held two hides here, and had 4 quarters of Corn and 8 ſticks of Eeles out of his part in the Mill; and 3 quarters of Salt from Wiche as appurtenant to his part of the Mannour: all which being valued at xxx s. were the freehold of one *Edricus* before the Norman invaſion. The reſidue of this town was then poſſeſt [x] by *Gerinus*, *Urſo de Abitot*, and *Osbernus filius Ricardi*; that which *Urſo* held extending to two hides, with a Mill rated at ii s. was valued at xl s. having been the freehold of *Ernvi* in *Edw.* the Confeſſors days: but the certain proportion which belong'd to *Osbernus* cannot be diſcovered, foraſmuch as it is certified and valued in groſs, together with what he had in Hilborough; all which one *Lodric* was owner of in the Saxons time.

q *Rot. de E.* vet. am *penes* W. Will. P point *fol.* 163.

r *Ib. p.* 29.

s *Ib. p.* 78.

t *Ib.*

u *Ib.*

w *Domeſ. lib.*

x *Ib.*

But the next mention I find thereof is in 1 *Joh.* a Fine being then levied betwixt *Alex. de Hereford* and *Henry de Beniton* of lands here; which *Henry*, as a witneſs [y] to a deed of lands in Grafton is written *Henricus de Buvintona*; ſo that doubtleſs the firſt u in the name of this place is miſtaken, and that it ſhould be an n: for in [z] 20. *H.* 3. it is likewiſe written Bubintone, at which time *Henry de Buvintone* held 2 parts of a Kts. fee here of the Earl of Warwick, and *Nich. de Buvinton* a fourth part: So alſo in [a] 36 *H.* 3. where *Raph de Buvintone*, then held the 5th. part of a Kts. fee here, of *Will. de Cantilupe*, unto whom *Corbicon*'s fees were granted, as in Stodley ſhall be ſhewed. Of this family was one *Henry de Buvintone* the laſt heir male, to whom ſucceeded *Alice* [b] his Daughter and heir, wife [c] of *Elias de Wonecote*, which *Elias* wrote [d] himſelf Lord of this place in 21 *E.* 1. ſo alſo in [e] 9 E. 2. and had iſſue [f] *Will. de Wonecote*, owner [g] thereof in 19 E. 2. which *Will.* about the later end of E. 2. time, being one of the Coroners in this County, was in 1 E. 3. found inſufficient to bear that Office, and removed [h]: and in 20 E. 3. certified [i] to hold a Kts. fee in this place of the Lord *Stafford*.

y *Ex autog. penes* W. Sheldon ar.

z } *Teſta de N.*
a }

b } *Ex autor. penes Ed.* Peto *eq. aur.*
c }
d }

e *Nom. Vill.*

f } *Ex autor. penes e. und* E. Peto.
g }

But from this *Will.* having not ſeen any private evidence, I cannot exhibite a perfect ſucceſſion, nor ſhew directly when *Elias de Wonecote* before mentioned brancht from the houſe of *Wilmecote*, near Stratford *ſuper* Avon: howbeit, that he ſo did I am confident enough, in regard that upon the death without iſſue of *Eliz.* Daughter and heir to *John de Wynecote*, which hapned in 24 *E.* 3. *Will. de Buvynton* is found [k] to be her Coſin and next heir, and at that time lx. years of age. Of this line was *Tho. de Wyncote*, a Commiſſioner [l] with others for collecting a Subſidy in this County in 2 *R.* 2. as alſo *Walt. Winkote*, who by the name of *Walt. Wixkote*, of Benington Gent. was in 10 H. 6. certified [m] to hold 8. meſs. & 12. yard land, here, by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee. To whom ſucceeded *Ric. Wencote* L. [n] of this Mannour in 11 *E.* 4. But the laſt of them that had to do here was *Tho. Wyncote*, who in 23. *H.* 8. ſold [o] this Mannour with the advouſon of the Church to Sir *George Throkmorton* Kt. by whom it became diſpoſed of to *Nich. Throkmorton* his ſecond ſon: which *Nich.* by the name of Sir *Nich. Throkmorton* Kt. paſt [p] it to *Will. Walter* Eſq. in 1 & 2 *Ph. & M.*

h *Clauſ.* 1. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 4.

i *Rot. penes S.* Clarke *B.*

k *Eſc.* 24. *E.* 3. *n.* 65.

l *Rot. F.* 2 *R.* 2. *m.* 9.

m *Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*

n *Eſc.* 11. *E.* 4. *n.* 61.

o *F. levat. T. Mich.* 23 *H.* 8.

p *F. l vat. T. Paſch.* 1 & 2 *Ph. & M.*

This *Will. Walter*, being of [q] Wimbleton *in com. Sur.* dyed [r] ſeized thereof 10 *Sept.* 29 *Eliz.* leaving *Will.* his ſon and heir 40 years of age; from whom deſcended Sir *Will. Walter* Kt. who had iſſue *James* that dyed young, and two daughters; *viz. Eliz.* marryed to Sir *John Sackville* of ..... *in com. Cantii* kt. & *Catherine* to *Knighton Ferrers* Eſq. ſon and heir to Sir *John Ferrers* of Dunsborne *in com. Hertf.* Kt. whoſe marriage being without her Fathers conſent, occaſioned him to ſettle this Mannour, with the reſt of his lands in Warwickſhire, upon his Siſter *Catherine* and her heirs; who had iſſue by the ſaid Mr. *Ferrers* one onely daugh-

q } *Eſc.* 30. *Eliz.*
r }

ter marryed to .... *Fanſhaw* ſon and heir to Sir *Thomas Fanſhaw* of **Ware-Park** *in com.* **Hertf.** Kt. of the Bathe, ſhe her ſelf taking to her ſecond husband Sir *Sim. Fanſhaw* Kt. Brother to the ſaid Sir *Thomas*.

Beſides the Mannour, already ſpoke of, there were certain lands lying in **Binton**, which antiently belong'd to the Abby of **Bordſley**, and w^ch in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) were certified[f] to be one Caſucate with two Dovehouſes, but by whom given to that Monaſtery I know not: howbeit theſe, by the name of the Mannour or Grange, called **Binton-grange** in 35 *H.* 8. were granted[t] out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Francis Sheldon* Gent. and his heirs, who the ſame year paſt[u] them away to Sir *George Throkmorton* above ſpecified, by which means they were ſold with the Mannour and advouſon aboveſaid to *Will. Walter*, and are now come to Mr. *Fanſhaw*, therewith. But that which here belong'd to *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* in the Conquerors time, was afterwards poſſeſt by the family of *Hubaud*, who had lands in **Hilborow**, cloſe by; for in 6 E. 2. after the death of *John de Haſtings*, it appears[w] that *John Hubaud* held half a Kts. fee of him, here and in **Hilborow**: the like being evident[x] in 49 E. 3. after the death of *John de Haſtings* Earl of **Pembroke**.

The Church in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) was valued[y] at xiii. marks, and in[z] 26 *H.* 8. at viii *l.* over and above x *s.* v *d. ob.* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

f *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
t *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8. *p.* 10.
u *Ib. p.* 18.
w *Eſc.* 6. *E.* 2.
x *Eſc.* 49. *E.* 3. *n.* 10.
y *MS. in Scac.*
z *MS. penès S. A. ep. Sar. f.* 21. *a.*



Orate pro bono statu ... parentu Ricardi et Matelde ov dni Johis Grivell ... et dne Johanne uxoris eius. et pro anima dni Johis Salmon quondam rectoris istius ecclesie.

Billesley.

ABout a mile further Northward, lyes **Billesley**, which being part of the lands that *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill* had in this County by the Conquerors gift, was at that time held of him by one *Osbernus*; and in the generall Survey[a] then taken, where it is certified to contain 5. hides, which were valued at C s. written **Billeſlei**. There was then a Church, and divers Inhabitants, as by that Record alſo appeareth; and likewiſe a Houſe in **Warwick** belonging to this Mannour; all which before the Norman invaſion were poſſeſt by one *Baldwinus*: but at this day there is no more left than the Mannour houſe, and ſcarce half the Church that antiently ſtood there, all the town with the reſt of the Church having been long ago devoured by depopulation, whereof our Countryman *Rous*,[b] who lived about 200 years ſince, makes no ſmall complaint.

a Domeſd. *Lib.*
b *Hiſt. in bibl.* Cotton 145.

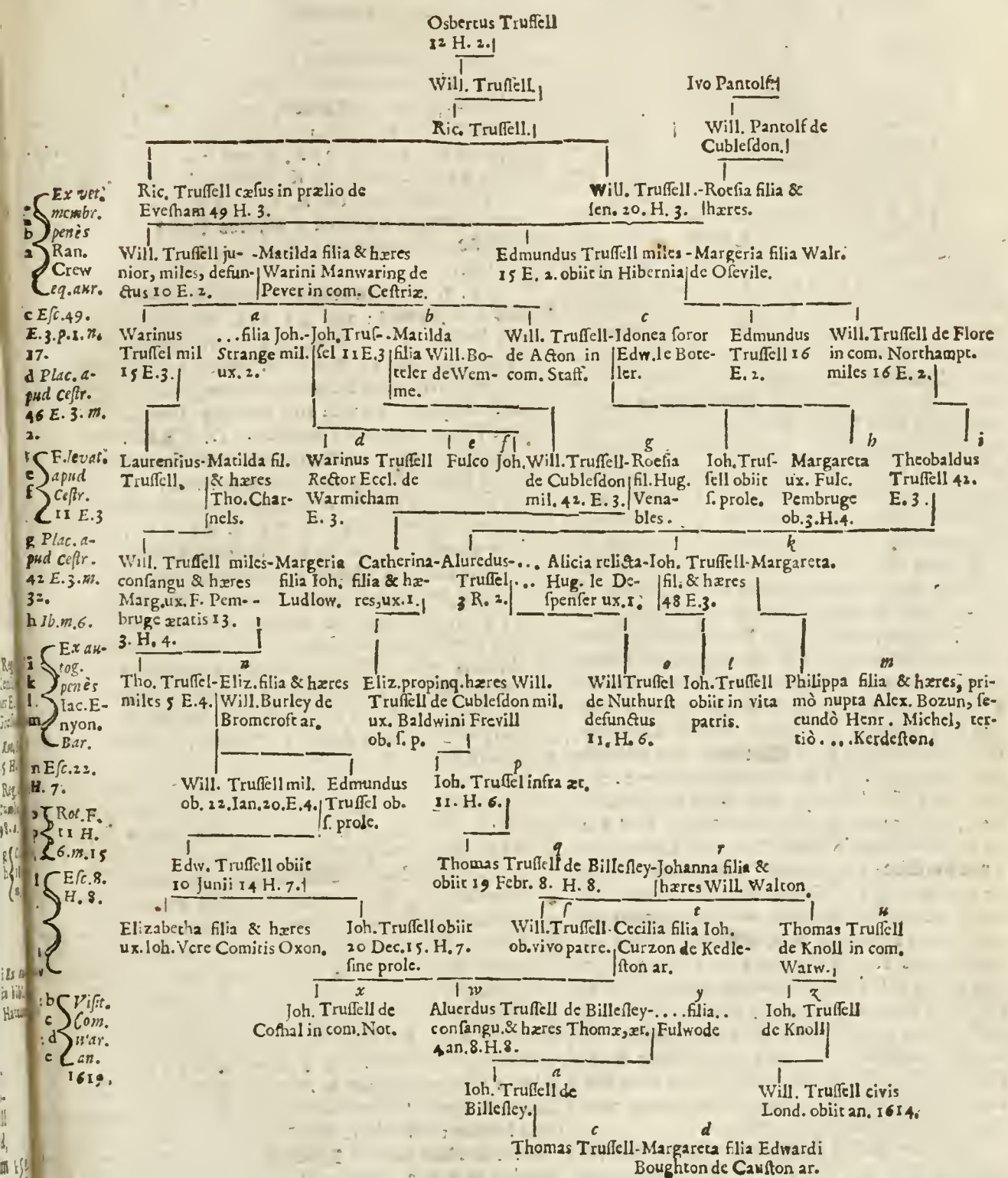
To the poſterity of *Grentemaiſnill* it continued not; for ſuch was the alteration made upon the advancement of *Henry de Newburgh* to the Earldom of **Warwick** (towards the later end of the Conquerors reign) that as the greateſt part of thoſe poſſeſſions, which the E. of **Mellent** his Brother had in this County, were conferred upon him; ſo alſo had he a ſhare of theſe that *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill* then enjoyed, of which this place was part, as is evident by that Certificate[c] made in 11. *H.* 2 where *Will.* Earl of **Warwick** expreſſeth, that *Osbert Truſſell* then held it of him by the ſervice of one Kts fee, and that it was *de Veteri Feoffamento, id eſt* whereof the anceſtor of the ſaid *Osbert* had been enfeoft *temp. H.* 1. and ſo conſequently by the ſaid Earl *Henry*: By which alſo I gather, that the ſame *Osbernus* was he to whom it had been granted, and (in all probablity) grandfather to the ſaid *Osbert* firnamed *Truſſell*, who held it in 11 *H.* 2. as is above expreſt. From this *Osbert* is it, that the ſeverall families of *Truſſell*; *viz.* of **Tublesdon** and **Acton-***Truſſell* in **Staffordſhire**; of **Floze** and **Gayton** in **Northamptonſhire**; of **Aylmeſthorpe** in **Leiceſterſhire**, and of this and other places in **Warwickſhire** are deſcended, as the Pedegre (which I have the rather here inſerted, becauſe I ſhall ſpeak hiſtorically in relation to ſome of them) doth ſhew.

c *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *a*.

Of *Will.* ſon an heir to *Osbert* I find, that he wedded *Agnes*[d] one of the Daughters and coheirs to *Rob. fil. Odonis* of **Lorley** in this County; whoſe inheritance was diſtributed[e] to them in 25 H. 2. and that he confirmed[f] to the Monks of **Combe** certain lands lying in **Cotes** (*id eſt* **Coton** *juxta* **Church-Over**) which he had in right of his ſaid wife. To him ſucceeded *Ric. Truſſell*, who was of the retinue[g] to *Walt. de Beauchamp* in that Rebellion of the Barons againſt K. *John*, towards the later end of his reign; for which reſpect his lands were ſeized on: but it ſhould ſeem that at length he returned to his obedience; for I find that the Shiriff had command to reſtore[h] them unto him again. This *Richard* gave[i] to the Monks of **Stoneley** a meſſuage lying in **Lorley** before mentioned, unto which grant his Seal of Arms is affixed, whereby it appeareth that he bore *Frettè with a labell of 6 points in chief*; of which I have the rather taken notice, in regard that ſome of his poſterity bore wholy *frettè* for their Arms, as I ſhall ſhew by and by: And had iſſue *Will.* and *Richard*, which *Ric.* was ſlain[k] in the battail of **Evesham** in 49 H. 3. fighting there on the Barons part; and for that cauſe were his lands in **Hilverton** and **Allenhall** in this County, together with this Mannour of **Billeſley**, then ſeized[l] on: but it ſeems he had no iſſue; for *William* his Brother went away with the eſtate: which *William* was a man of great account in his time, and added much to his own inheritance, by the marriage[m] of *Roeſia* Daughter and heir to *William Pantulf* of **Tublesdon** in **Staffordſhire**.

d Regiſt. Kenil. *penes* E. Greſwod.
e *Rot. Pip.* 25 *H.* 2.
f *Reg. de Cumba f.* 98. *a.*
g } *Claus.* 18 *J.* *m.* 5
h }
i *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
k } *Eſc.*
l } *H.* 3
m *Comm. de T. M.* 30. *E.* 1.

Osbertus



The firſt mention I find of him is in [n] 20 *H.* 3. where, upon the Aid for the marriage of *Iſabell* the Kings ſiſter to the Roman Emperour, he anſwers for one Kts. fee, held in this place of the Earl of **Warwick**: but afterwards, *viz.* [o] in 25. 26. and 27. H. 3. he was in Commiſſion; with other perſons of note in this County, for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; and in 30 H. 3. was he conſtituted [p] Shiriff of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**, as alſo Governour [q] of **Sauvey** Caſtle; in which office of Shiriffalty he then continued for the ſpace of two [r] years. In [s] 37 H. 3. I find him a Juſtice of Aſſize in this County; ſo alſo in [t] 39. and 40 H. 3. In the later of which years, as alſo in 41. *H.* 3. he was again in [u] Commiſſion for delivery of the Gaol at **Warwick**, and to enquire of Robbers, with other malefactors in this County, and to proceed againſt them according to the Laws and cuſtoms of the Realm. Of his iſſue, *ſcil. William* and *Edmund* it appears, that they

n Teſta de
o Pat. de d. an. in d.
p Rot. F. 3. H. 3. m.
q Pat. 50. 3. m. 5.
r Rot. P. de iiſd. an.
s t Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.

were both Knights[w]; and that betwixt the said S[r] *Will.* and S[r] *Andrew de Aſtley* (of **Aſtley**) there was a Fine levied[x] in 13 *E.* 1. touching the ſervice of one Knights Fee, as alſo of homage that the ſaid Sir *Andrew* chalenged of him for his lands here in **Bylleſlegh**; for which homage and ſervice the ſaid *Will.* had been diſtrained by the Earl of **Warwick**, whereas he held them immediately of the ſaid *Andrew*, and he of the Earl: But by this Fine it was concluded, that from thenceforth the ſaid *VVill.* and his heirs ſhould be wholy diſcharged thereof, paying Scutage to the ſaid S[r] *Andrew* and his heirs according to the rate of xl[s] *pro quolibet Scuto* whenſoever it ſhould happen.

In 25 *E.* 1. he had Summons[y] amongſt divers other great men to appear at **London** well accoutred with Horſe and Armes on Sunday next after the *Octaves* of S. *John Bapt.* to attend the King in his voyage beyond Sea. In 4 *E.* 2. upon complaint made to the K. that *VVill. de Bereford* and ſome others had highly ſcandalized *John de Somery* (Baron of **Dudley**) by reporting that he had taken upon him ſo great authority in **Staffordſhire** that no man could have Law or Reaſon by means thereof; and that he domineer'd there more than a King; as alſo that it was no abiding for any man in thoſe parts, except he well brib'd the ſaid *John de Somery* for protection, or yeilded him much aſſiſtance towards the building of his Caſtle[x]; and that the ſaid *John* did uſe to beſet mens Houſes, in that Country, for to murther them; as alſo thereby extorted large ſummes of money from them; this *VVill. Truſſell*, with *Alan la Zouch* were appoin-[z] Commiſſioners by the K. to enquire and certifie the truth therein. Whether it were he or his ſon *VVill.* I am not ſure, but I rather ſuppoſe it to be him that adhered to *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaſter*, *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** and others in the murther of *Piers de Gaveſton*; for in 7 *E.* 2. I find that *VVill. Truſſell*, with thoſe Earls and others, had his pardon[a] for that offence. In 8 *E.* 2. he was conſtituted Shiriffe[b] of this County and **Leiceſterſhire**; and wedded[c] *Maud* the daughter and heir[d] to S[r] *VVarin Manwaring* Knight, by which means the Mannour of **Wermicham** and divers other Lordſhips in **Cheſhire** and elſewhere came to this Family; but was dead[e] in 10 *E.* 2. leaving his wife alive, afterwards marryed[f] to Sir *Oliver de Burdeaux* a neer ſervant[g] to K. *Edw.* 2. and 3. ſons; *viz.* *John*, *VVill.* and *VVarine*, all Knights: which *Oliver* had his reſidence here; for in 17 *E.* 2. I find him in the liſt[h] of thoſe Kts. and Eſquiers of this County, whoſe names were then certifyed into the Chancery.

But *John* was of **Cubleſdon** in **Staffordſhire**; and in 9 *E.* 3. gave[i] xl[i] yearly Rent iſſuing out of his Mannour of **Rode** in **Cheſhire** to 3. Prieſts daily celebrating divine ſervice in the Pariſh Church of **Wermicham**, beforementioned, for the health of his own ſoul, as alſo of his mothers; and the ſouls of all the faithfull departed. In 12 *E.* 3. he had Licenſe[k] to make a Caſtle of his habitation there. In 16 *E.* 3. he wrote[l] himſelf of **Acton**, and his brother *VVill.* of **Cubleſdon**; and bore[m] for his Armes *Or frettè gules, with a beſant on each joynt of the frettè*, and for his *Creſt an Aſſes head couped, iſſuing out of a Coronet.* By his firſt wife he had iſſue[n] Sir *VVill. Truſſell* of **Cubleſdon** Kt. [o] who in 20 *E.* 3. being in **Gaſcoign** upon the Kings immediate ſervice had a ſpecial Patent[p] of protection for all his ſervants and goods; and in 27 *E.* 3. a pardon[q] for beating of *VVill. Muſard*, then Lord of **Wolvardington** in this County, and killing one of his ſervants. In 30 *E.* 3. he attended *Edward* the black Prince in his French expedition; and behaved himſelf ſo valiantly in that memorable battel of **Poictiers**, wherein he was one of thoſe that fought neer unto his perſon, that the ſaid Prince, in conſideration thereof, gave him an annuity of xl[li] *per an.* during his life, to be received out of his Exchequer at **Cheſter**; and after that another annuitie of xl[li] more, as by his Charters[r], the one bearing date 15 *Dec.* 37 *E.* 3, and the other 26 *Aug.* 40 *E.* 3. which the K. confirmed, [t] doth appear: At which time the K. granted to him a Licenſe[t] to impark his wood at **Shrive-Hales** in **Shropſhire**, and to make a Caſtle of his Mannour houſe there.

In 33 *E.* 3. he again attended[u] *Edw.* Prince of **Wales** into **France**; and in 1 *R.* 2. was retained by Indenture[w] to ſerve the K. in his French warrs with 40 men at Armes, of which number himſelf with two other Knights to be part, and the reſt to be Eſquiers, all well and fittingly arrayed for that Voyage, wherein *John of Gant* D. of **Lanc.** commanded in chief, his Army conſiſting of three thouſand men at Armes and 3000 Archers: for which ſervice the ſaid Sir *Will.* was to receive the accuſtomed wages of War. In 3 *R.* 2. I find him again retained[x] to ſerve the ſaid King as Governour of the Caſtle of **Calais** for the ſpace of one whole year, beginning at the Feaſt of *All Saints*, with 19 men at Armes, 20 Archers, and 10 Hobelers; of which number ten men at Armes, and ten Archers were to ſerve on Horſback and to be well and ſufficiently accoutred for the war: And for this ſervice to receive for himſelf *ii*[s] *per diem*, for every of his men at Armes 1[s] *per diem*, for his Archers on Horſback ix[d] *per diem*, for his Archers on foot vi[d] and for his Hobelers viii[d]. But before the expiration of this year he died; *viz.* on [y] Sunday in the firſt week of Lent, leaving *Eliz.* daughter of Sir *Alured Truſſell* (one of the retinue[z] unto *T. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**) by *Catherine* his own daughter, his next heir, not fully 8 years of age; which *Eliz.* was afterwards marryed[a] to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, and dyed[b] without any iſſue: unto whom *Margaret* daughter of Sr. *Will. Truſſell* (ſecond brother to Sir *John* before ſpecified) was found next heir, ſhe being then the wife of S[r] *Fouk. Pembruge* Knight. Which *Margaret* dying[c] alſo iſſuleſſe, on S[t] *Barnabas* day 3 *H.* 4. left a fair inheritance to *Will. Truſſell* ſon of *Laurence*, ſon of Sir *Warine Truſſell* Knight, the third brother to the above mentioned Sir *John*.

As for this Mannour of **Willeſley** it was by Fine levied[d] in 6 *R.* 2. betwixt Sir *Alured Truſſell* Knight Plant.ff, and the ſame Sir *Fouk. Pembruge* Knight; and *Margaret* his wife Defore. entailed upon the ſaid Sir *Alured* and the heirs male of his body, unto whom it accordingly continued till of late time that it was ſold away, as I ſhall ſhew by and by. But of this Sir *Alured* and his deſcendants I ſhall reſpite what I have to ſay for a while, and take a view of the other branches of this antient family, ſome of which had fair eſtates in this County, though their principall ſeats were elſewhere: And of theſe I will firſt begin with S[r] *VVill. Truſſell*, brother to the aboveſaid S[r] *John*. In 7 *E.* 3. he was conſtituted [e] Governour of the Caſtle of **Beaumaris** in **Northwales**. In 8 *E.* 3. Shiriff[f] of **Angleſey**, and Governour[g] of

w *Nom. Vil.*
x 15 *Hill.* 13. *E.* 1.
y *Clauſ.* 25 *E.* 1. *m.* 14.
z *Pat.* 4 *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 12.
a *Pat.* 7 *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15. *in ced.*
b *Rot. F.* 8 *E.* 2. *m.* 17.
c *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 1 *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 20.
d *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 42 *E.* 3. *m.* 6.
e *F. levat. apud Ceſtr.* 10 *E.* 2.
f *Plac. apud Ceſtr* 17 *E.* 2. *m.* 6.
g *Pat.* 4 *E.* 2. *p.* 2.
h *Ex Coll. H. Ferrers.*
i *Pat.* 9 *E.* 3 *p.* 2. *m.* 3.
k *Pat.* 12. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 26.
l *F. levat.* 16. *E.* 3.
m *Ex autog. penès S. A. eq. aur.*
n *F. levat. apud ceſtr.* 11. *E.* 3.
o } *Plac. apud ceſt.* 20. *E.* 3.
p } *m. d. m.* 6.
q *Pat.* 27. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 22.
r } *Pat.* 41.
s } *E.* 3. *p.*
t } 2.
u *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 33 *E.* 3. *m.* 35.
w *Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.*
x *Ibid.*
y *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 3 & 4. *R.* 2 *m.* 26.
z *Ex com pot. Ball. Warw. Com penes* Wil Peirpoint *arm.*
a *Ex vet. membr. penès*, Rand Crew *eq. aur.*
b *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 13. & 14. *R.* 2. *d. m.* 13.
c *Plac. apud Ceſtr.* 3. *H.* 4 *in d. m.* 3.
d *Menſ. Paſch.*
e *Pat.* 7. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 1
f *Rot. F.* *E.* 3 *m.* 5.
g *Pat.* 8. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 3

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of the same Castle, both for life; and in 9 *E.* 3. Eschaetor [h] for all the Counties from **Trent** Southwards. But I am not sure that any more of the historicall passages, wherewith I have met, do concern this Sir *Will. Trussell*, being rather of opinion that they belong to Sir *Will.* the son of Sir *Edmund*; and therefore have I referred them to him, of whose line I purpose to speak in the last place; and shall now come to Sir *Warine* and his descendants.

This Sir *Warine* held [i] **Billesley** during his life by Lease from Sir *John* his elder brother; and resided here, as it seemes; for in 15 *E.* 3. being then a Knight, he had License [k] granted by *Wolstan* then Bishop of **Worcester**, that himself and *Maud* his wife might have divine service celebrated by a fitting Priest in a private Chapell here, so that it should be without prejudice of the mother Church; which License was to continue only for two years. To him succeeded *Laurence* his son [l] and heir, who by marriage [m] with *Maud* daughter and heir to Sir *Thomas Charnells* of **Aylmesthorpe** *in Com. Leic.* much increast his estate, and amongst other lands of her inheritance had the Mannour of **Bilton** in this County, as in my discourse of that place is shewed. Which *Laurence* had issue by her Sir *Will. Trussell* Knight, who by the death of *Margaret* the wife of Sir *Fouk. Pembruge* Knight, daughter of Sir *Will. Trussell* of **Acton-***Trussell* before specifyed, and heir [n] not only to her fathers estate, but also, at length to the lands of Sir *John Trussell* her Uncle (as hath been already shewed) became possest of **Cubbesdon** and **Acton-***Trussell*, with divers other Lordships lying in the Counties of **Staff. Salop. Northampt. Berks. Norff.** and **Essex**; and left issue [o] Sr *Thomas*, and he another Sir *Will.* Shiriff [p] of **Staffordshire** in 6 *H.* 5. but had his residence in **Leicestershire** (at [q] **Aylmesthorpe**) in *H.* 6. time.

Which Sir *Will. Trussell* in 11 *E.* 4. being then [r] the Kings servant in the Office of *Valet de Chambre*, had a grant of the custody of the Kings private Pallace at **Westminster** for life; But afterwards *scil.* in 14 *E.* 4. he was one [s] of the Kts. for the body to the same K. & retained [t] by Indenture to serve him in his French wars, for one whole year, with six spears, himself accounted for one, and Lx. Archers well and sufficiently armed and arrayed; taking for himself ii[s] *per diem* wages, xii[d] *per diem* for the other Spears, and for the Archers vi[d]. In 15 *E.* 4. he bore the Office of Shiriff [u] for this County and **Leicestershire**, and dyed [w] 22 *Jan.* 20 *E.* 4. seized of the Mannours of **Acton-***Trussell*, **Bedenhale**, **Shiriff-Hales**, and **Thriff-***Haly* lying in the Counties of **Staff.** and **Salop. Waburne** in **Norfolk**; **Shotesbroke** in **Berks. Aylmesthorpe** *in Com.* **Leic. Langport**, **Eston-***Mauduit*, **Merston**, and **Thorp-***Malesours in Com.* **Northampt. Kenington** and **Wenington** in **Essex**; as also of this our **Billesley** in **Warwickshire** (but how that comes to passe I doe not apprehend) leaving *Edw.* his son [x] and heir, who departed [y] this life 10 *Junii* 14 *H.* 7. *Eliz.* his daughter [z] and heir being then not much above two years of age, whose wardship and marriage in 22 *H.* 7. was granted [b] by the King to *John Vere* then Earl of **Oxford**, and to *John Vere* cosyn of the said Earl; which *Iohn* married her, and became afterwards Earl of **Oxford**; in whose family most of the lands of her inheritance continued till of late time.

I now come to Sir *Edmund Trussell* Kt. (second son to *Will.* by *Reese* the daughter and heir to *Will. Fantulf* of **Cubbesdon**) He married [c] *Margaret* the daughter to *Walt. de Oseville*, and left issue *Will.* [d] and *Edmund* [e], which *Edmund* having to do at **Manchestre** and other places in this County (as shall there be shewed) was a man of some note and action as well as his elder brother: for I find [f] that he assisted *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** and his complices in the murther of *Piers de Gaveston*. It seems that he and his brother had committed some high misdemenour about the 16 of *E.* 2. for that year did the K. by a speciall Pat. [g] dated at **Yorke** 20 *Sept.* appoint *Robert de Digby* to pursue, arrest and seize upon them. In 12 *E.* 3. being then a Knight, [h] he founded a *Chantry* at **Hill-Norton** (as I have there shewed) and gave for his Armes [i] *argent a Crosse fleurè gules debruised with a bend . . . .* but whether he left any issue or not, I cannot determine. So likewise was *Will.* his elder brother a Kt [k] in 12 *E.* 2. and then gave for his Armes [l] *Argent a Crosse fleurè gules*: but his principall seat was at [m] **Flore** in **Northamptonshire**, though he also possest **Norton-***Bagot*, and **Puthurst** in this County. This is the man that was imployed by the Commons in that wofull convention of theirs in 20 *E.* 2. called by themselves a Parliament; who pronounct the words of Deposition to that unhappy King in this manner, as *Knighton* [n] relates, *Ego* Will. Trussell *vice omnium de terra Angliæ, & totius Parliamenti Procurator, tibi* Edwardo *reddo homagium prius tibi factum; & extunc diffido te, & privo omnipotestate Regia & dignitate, nequaquam tibi de cætero tanquam Regi pariturus.*

There are some circumstances that induce me to think, that he did repent of this strange fact, or at least that he did abhominate that cruell murther of K. *E.* 2. which so soon followed his said deposal; for thouh his lands were seized [o] on as a Rebell by King *E.* 3. after the beginning of his reign; yet upon his submission in the Parl. held at **Winchester**, he was received into favour again, having had restitution of them, and pardon [p] for his offence; which, as I conceive, was for adhering to *Edmund* Earl of **Kent**, brother unto the murthered King, at that time, when being made to believe K. *Edw.* the second was alive, he designed the delivery of him from imprisonment: for [q] during that Parliament held at **Winchester** 1 *E.* 3. was the said Earl of **Kent** arrested, and lost his life for that buisnesse. It seems he was a man of great abilities; for immediately upon receipt of his pardon the King made him his Secretary, [r] & sent him Embassadour [s] to the King of **Arragon** to treat for a marriage betwixt *Peter* his son and heir, and *Alianore* sister to our K. *Edward*, which took not effect: After which I find him imployed as a Commissioner in this County and **Leicestershire** upon sundry occasions; *viz.* in [t] 6 *E.* 3. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In [u] 10 *E.* 3. for hearing and determining cases of Felony and other misdemeanours. In [w] 11 *E.* 3. for declaring the Kings purposes to the Clergy and Laitie upon their lending money to prevent war betwixt **England** and **France**. In [x] 12 *E.* 3. for conservation of the peace in this County; as also in the Counties of **Worcester** and **Oxford**. In [y] 19 *E.* 3. again for conservation of the peace in this County: In which year being of the Kings Councell, as the Pat. expresseth, he had a grant [z] of xl[li] *per an.* fee to be received

h *Rot. F.* 9 E. 3. *m.* 3.

i *Ex autog. in bibl.* Dewes.

k *Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 50.

l *Plac. apud Cestr.* 3 H. 4. *in d. m.* 3.

m *Claus.* 1 R. 2. *m.* 19.

n *Plac. apud Cestr. ut supra*

o *Mich. F.* E. 4. *f* 277

p *Rot. F.* 6 I. 5. *m.* 7.

q *Rot. in exc. penès em. R.*

r *Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 12

s *Ex autog. penès* Cler. Peil.

t *Rot. F.* 15 E. 4. *m.* 16.

u *Esc.* 20 E. 4. 83.

w *Esc.* 16 H. 7.

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a *ut.* 22 E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 9

b

c *Plac. coram R. apud Westm.* T. E. 3 H. 6

d *Ex autog. penès* Jac. Enyon *Bar.*

e *Pat.* 16 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 21

f *Pat.* 7 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15. *m ced.*

g *Pat.* 16 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.

h *Fe. levat* 3 *Sept. Mich.* 12 E. 3.

i *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

k } *Ex autog. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur.*

l }

m *Ex autog. penès* Jac. Enyon *Bar.*

n *MS. in bibl.* Cotton *f.* 125. *a.*

o } *Pat.* 4 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 25.

p }

q T. Walf. *p.* 110. 30.

r } *Pat.* 4 E. 3. *p.* 2

s }

t } *Pat. de diisd. an. ind.*

u }

w *Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 3.

x } *Pat. de diisd. an. ind.*

y }

z *Pat.* 19 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 26.

received at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* yearly out of the Exchequer, so long as he should attend that imployment.

To which *Will.* succeeded *Theobald*, and to him *John*; of whom and his descendants, I shall here say no more than that he was Lord of **Solihull** in this County, about the latter end of *E.* 3. and beginning of *R.* 2. time, in right of his wife (as when I come to that place shall be manifested,) whose issue male became shortly after extinct: so that Sir *Alured Trussell* Knight (his brother) became Lord of this Mannour, it being setled upon him and the heirs of his body in *6 R.* 2. as I have already shewed; and was one of the most eminent men in **Warwickshire** of his time: for it appears that he served as one of the Knights for this shire in the several Parliaments of [a] 1. 2. and 4th of *H.* 4. held at **Westminster**: as also [b] in *9 H.* 4. at **Gloucester**; and was Shiriff [c] of this County and **Leicestershire** in *4 H.* 4. In *9 H.* 4. he was constituted [d] Escheator for these Counties: in *6 H.* 5. one [e] of the Commissioners of Array in this Shire: In 7 appointed [f] with others to treat with the people for lending money to the King, and both in K. *H.* 4. and *H.* 5. time, a Justice of Peace in this County for divers [g] years: but of his posterity (farther than the Genealogie before inserted expresseth) I can say little, other than that *Thomas Trussell* Esq; bore the Office of Shiriffe [h] for this County and **Leicestershire** in *23 H.* 7. and bequeathing [i] his body to be buried in the Church here at **Billesley**, departed [k] this life in *7 H.* 8. and that *Thomas*, the fifth in descent from him, sold this his so antient patrimony in our time to S[r] *Robert Lee* K[t] son and heir to S[r] *Rob. Lee* Alderman of **London**: which S[r] *Robert* having so purchased it, new built a great part of the Mannour House, and made it his chief seat, being a Justice of Peace in this County a great par of K. *James* his time, and afterwards as long as he lived, and High Shiriff in 17 of his reign.

a *Clauſ. de iiſd. an. in d.*

b *Clauſ. de iiſd. an. in d.*

c *Rot.* F. 4. H. 4. *m.* 28.

d *Rot.* F. 9 H. 4. *m.* 20.

e *Pat.* 6 H. 5. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 8.

f *Rot.* F. 7 H. 5. *m.* 8.

g *Pat. ab. an.* 8. H. 4. *uſque* 1 H. 5. *in d.*

h *Rot.* P. 23 H. 7.

i Holder

k *q.* 16.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in *an.* 1291 19 *E.* 1. valued * at xi. marks; and in 26 *H.* 8. at [l] vli vis viiid at which time the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* amounted to iis iiid.

* *M S. in Scac.*

l *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f.* 21. *a.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Will. Trussell.	*Will. de S. Mauro Cap.* . . . . 1280.	*Giff. f.* 112. *a*
	Ric. Trussell Cler. 3 *Cal. Jan.* 1288.	*Ib. f.* 297. *a*
Joh. Trussell de Cubleſdon.	*Rog. de Coningesby Cler.* 9 *Junii* 1339.	*Wolst. f.* 12. *b*
	Joh. de Hobonere Cler. 1 *Oct.* 1349.	*S. Germ. f.* 129. *b*
D. Will. Trussell de Cubleſdon miles.	*Henr. Coppenhald Pbr. ult. Julii* 1357.	*Br. vol.* 1. *f.* 23. *a*
	Alanus de Vyſe Pbr. 15 *Jan.* 1361.	*S. Germ. f.* 112. *a*
D. Aluredus Truſsell miles.	*Thomas Ungueon Pbr.* 5 *Iunii* 1392.	*Wak. f.* 93.
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*Ric. Burton Abbas de Alenceſtre* 20 *Oct.* 1454.	*Carp. vol.* 1 *f.* 118. *b*
	D. Will. Shirwood 23 *Apr.* 1460.	*Ib. f.* 154. *b*
Thomas Truſsell generoſus.	*D. Rob. Mercer Pbr.* 12 *Julii* 1498.	*Gyg. vol.* 1 *f.* 8. *a*
Alveredus Truſsell ar.	*D. Thomas Taylor Pbr.* 26 *Nov.* 1538.	*Bell. f.* 4. *a*
	D. Thomas Daygle Cap. 8 *Julii* 1546.	*Heath f.* 1. *b.*
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*Thomas Clerke Cler.* 27 *Febr.* 1560.	*Ib. f.* 33. *b.*
Joh. Truſsell ar.	*Rob. Spenſer Cler.* 29 *Oct.* 1574.	*Bul. f.* 10.
Rob. Lee miles.	*Ric. Wright Cler.* 6 *Oct.* 1619.	*Ib. f.* 100.
	Magr. Ric. Wright Cler. 20 *Oct.* 1624.	*Ib. f.* 108.

Billesley
In the East Window



1 Trussell
2 Trussell empaling
3 Trussell empaling Harwell
4 Trussell empaling Bourn
5 Payton

Temple-Grafton.

THis, containing the Villages of *Ardens*-**Grafton**, and **Hilborough**, was one of those towns given [m] to the Abby of **Evesham** shortly after the foundation thereof; but through the oppression of certain potent men, with divers other lands belonging to that Monastery, was taken [n] away from the Monks long before the Norman Invasion; so that upon the Conquest by Duke *Will.* it became disposed of to some of his followers: for by the generall Survey [o] shortly after made, whereby 'tis certified to contain 5 hides valued at 4li I find that *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom I shall speak in **Alston**-*Cantlow*) possest it at that time, there being then a Church; and that one *Gilebert* was his Tenant thereto: as also that *Mervin*, *Scotin*, *Toti* and *Tosti* held it in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes: but in that Record it is written **Graftone** the f being mistaken for an s: for out of doubt it was originally both written and called **Graeftone**, or **Graevetone**, having its appellation from bushes, which in our old English were called *Greves*. Whether the Monks of **Evesham** did ever actually enjoy it again, is hard to say, though it be plain that much of their antient possessions was afterwards, through the prudence of some succeeding Abbots regained [p]: but

m *Ex Regiſt. de Eveſh. penes* W. Peirpoint *ar. p.* 163.

n *Ex Regiſt. de Eveſh. penes* W. Peirpoint *ar. p.* 163.

o Domesd. *lib.*

but certain it is that Abbot *Mauricius* (who lived [q] in the reigns of K. *Will. Rufus* and *H.* 1.) made a grant [r] thereof to *Raph Boteler* of **Overley** (a great man in these parts) Howbeit, long was it not after, ere that one *Bernard de Grafton* became owner of it; for by the grant [s] of a messuage, here, from *Henry* the son of *Rob. Parker*, unto *Geffrey Pancefoth* and his heirs (*scil.* about K. *R.*1. time) which messuage is said to be *de feodo Henrici Bernardi*, no lesse may be inferred.

I have not yet seen by any Record till [t] 26 *H.*8. that it had the name of **Temple-Grafton**; for antiently it was called **Grafton** *superior*, and by that name I find [u] it in 20 *E.* 3. and that which is now called *Arden's* **Grafton**, **Grafton** *inferior*: By which name, *viz.* **Temple-Grafton** it might be supposed that the Knights *Templars* were sometime seized of all, or a great part of this town: howbeit I do not discern that they had any thing to do here, either by that Survey [w] taken of their lands in *an.* 1185 31 *H.* 2. or in that [x] of 1 *E.* 2. which was after the dissolution of their Order: but in truth it was the Knights *Hospitalars*, upon whome the *Templars* lands were bestowed, who were possest of it: some whereof they had by grant from *Henry* the son to *Bernard de Grafton* before specified, as appeareth by their publique Instrument [z] bearing date *an.* 1189. 1 *R.* 1. whereby they gave to *Simon de Arden* and his heirs half a hide of land lying in this place, being all or part of that which they had acquired of the said *Henry*, paying to them and their successors xii[d] *per an.* for all services; so that at the decease of him and his heirs, the third part of the Chattells, which should happen to be upon that land, might for the health of his soul remain to their house.

But though *Henry* was son to the before specified *Bernard*, he was not his heir, as I conceive, but rather *Raph de Grafton*, of whom I find mention [a] in 33 *H.* 2. and [b] 7 *R.* 1. betwixt which *Raph* and *Will. Picot* a fine was levied in 1 *Joh.* of one hide of land lying in this place. Which *Raph* was dead without issue before the 6 year of K. *John*; for then did *Raph Boteler* of **Overley** give a Fine [c] to the K. of an C[s] that he might seize those lands, which the said *Raph de Grafton* held, untill it should be determined by a legall triall, whether he had more right to them than *Henry de Bereford*. What title it was that the said *Raph Boteler* challenged I find not; but plain it is that he prevailed not; for *Henry de Bereford* enjoyed it, having [d] obtained the interest that *Margaret* daughter to *Will. de Grafton*, brother to the before mentioned *Raph*, had therein, excepting one hide given to *Margaret* her mother in marriage, which was of the Abbot of **Evesham**'s fee; in consideration of which grant and quit claim, the same *H. de Bereford* covenanted [e] to maintain her with all necessaries during her life, and to take care of *Will.* her son, and *Felicia* her daughter, that they should be disposed of in a convenient fashion. Upon the death of which *Henry* without issue, all that he had here descended to *Henry de Nasford*, son of his sister *Dionysia*; which in 36 *H.* 3. was certified [f] to be held of the Earls of **Warwick** by the service of half a Kts. Fee.

Howbeit, the posterity of *Nasford* enjoy'd it not long; for it is evident that the *Hospitalars* became possest thereof shortly after; and in 31 *H.* 3. obtained [g] 2 messuages, 10 acres of land, and one acre of meadow from one *Thomas de Salopesbiri* and *Idonea* his wife; so that in 9 *E.* 2. they were certified [h] to be sole Lords of this **Grafton**, and to hold [i] it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of one Knights Fee. But as all the rest of their possessions came to the Crown by that grand dissolution in 30 *H.* 8. so did this; and was shortly after purchased [k] from the K. by *Will. Sheldon* Esq; and *John Draper*, by the name of the Mannour of **Temple-Grafton**, with the Rectory, and advouson of the Vicaridge. It should seeme that upon partition of the lands past in that Pat. to the said *W. Sheldon* and *J. Draper* (for much more in this and other Counties is thereby granted) this Mannour was allotted to *Draper*: for I find [l] that the said *J. Draper* disposed thereof to *Rob. Draper* a younger son; and of the Rectory, with the advouson of the Vicaridge to his son *Richard*, which *Richard* departing this life 2 *Apr.* 8 *Eliz.* left *Anne* the wife of *Will. Kempson*, and *Isabell* the wife of *Ric. Gennens* his sisters and heirs: but of the Mannour did *Rob. Draper* dye [m] seized 13 *Junii* 5 *Eliz.* leaving *Will.* his son and heir two years of age and upwards: which *Will.* married *Margaret* the daughter of *Anthony Sheldon* of **Broadway** *in Com Wigorn.* and, having no issue by her, setled it upon *Brace Sheldon*, second son of *Will.* eldest brother to her the said *Margaret*; whose son and heir now enjoys it.

Of the Church (dedicated to S. *Andrew*) I do not find any valuation in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) but upon collection of the Nones of Sheaf, Wooll and Lamb in 14 *E.* 3. it was rated [n] at vli xiii[s] iiii[d] and in 26 *H.* 8. certified [o] to be appropriate to the *Hospitalars*, who (it seems) found some Stipendiary to serve the Cure, unto whom there was no certain allowance assigned.

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes &c.	
Prior Hosp. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Anglia.	*Thomas de Dunington Cap.* 4. *Non. Maii* 1321.	*Cob. f.*24.*a.*
	Walt. de Alleste Pbr. 14 *Maii* 1339.	*Wolst. vol.* 1. *f.* 11.*a.*
	D. Henr. de Lighthurne 21 *Julii* 1340.	*Wolst. vol.* 2 *f.*41.*b.*
	Joh. Miles Pbr. 26 *Aug.* 1361.	*Br. vol.* 1. *f.* 35.*a.*
	Rob. Hunte Pbr. 8 *Aug.* 1361.	*Ib. f.*38.*a.*
	Thomas Saunders Pbr. 3 *Oct.* 1363.	*Bar. f.*25.*b.*
	Will. Foules Pbr. 15 *Dec.* 1363.	*Ib. f.*39.*b.*
	D. Ric. Swift Cap. 15 *Oct.* 1414.	*Pev f.*70.*a*
	Joh. Fysher Cap. 2 *Julii* 1420.	*Morg. vol.* 2 *f.*114.*a*
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Will. Clopton Art. Magr.* 7 *Junii an.* 1458.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.*145.*b.*
Jac. Rex Angl. per lapsum.	*Edw. Lewes Cler.* 15 *Oct.* 1608.	*Bul. f.*85.*a.*
	Will. Pace Cler. 1 *Febr.* 1611.	*Ib. f.*90.*b.*

Arden's Grafton.

THis hath been antiently called **Little-Grafton**, as I shall shew by and by; yet, in the Conquerors time not distinguisht by any additionall name, but then certified [p] to contain 3 hides

and one virgate of land, which were valued at xxx^{s} and poſſeſt by *Will. fil. Corbucionis*, of whom *Leuric* and *Eileva* then held it, whoſe freehold it had been in *Edw.* the Confeſſor's dayes. After which; *viz.* in *H.* 2. time, *Raph de Grafton* enjoy'd it, as it ſeems; for it appears that *Margar. de Grafton*, neice and heir to the ſaid *Raph*, ſold[q] 3 hides lying in this place (for they are ſaid to be *de feodo Petri de Stodelei*) to *Will. de Arden* in th xth year of K. *John's* reign; whoſe poſterity continuing Lords thereof, gave occaſion that it was called *Arden's* **Grafton**: which *W. de Arden* in 52 *H.* 3. was certified[r] to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the ſervice of half a Kts. fee; to whoſe widow, *ſc. Agatha* it was aſſigned[s] in dower in 4 *E.* 1. the extent thereof being thus recorded[t]; *viz.* a Mannour Houſe with a garden, Clx acres of land and paſture; four yard land held in Villenage, each yard land yeilding x^{s} *per an.* and the Rent of xii^{d} and a pound of pepper from the Freeholders. By the ſame extent[u] it alſo appeareth, that one *Alanus de Grafton* then held 1. yard land in this Village, reckoned for the 5th part of a Kts. fee, and lyable to forrein ſervice upon occaſion. But it ſeems that this Hamlet came to the hands of K. *Edw.* 1. and probably at that time when **Knoll** and other lands in this County were by a kind of exchange paſt unto him from one of *Arden's* heirs: for in 20 *E.* 1. the ſame King gave[w] it therewith to the Monks of **Weſtminſter** for the celebration of Q. *Alianor's* Anniverſary (as in **Knoll** is manifeſted) to whom it continued till the general diſſolution by K. *H.* 8. and was then purchaſed[x] from the Crown by *Will. Sheldon* Eſq; and *John Draper*, together with **Temple Grafton**, the poſſeſſion whereof (for ought I know to the contrary) it hath ever ſince accompanied.

q F. *levat.* 10 Ioh.
r *Eſc.* 52 *H.* 3.
s *Rot. F.* 4 *E.* 1. *m.* 13.
t } *Eſc.* 4.
u } *E.* 1.
w *Cart.* 20 *E.* 1. *n.* 4. & *n.* 3.
x *Pat.* 37 *H.* 8. *p.* 12.

In this Village had the Monks of **Evesham** a portion of land granted[y] to them by *Wegeat* one of our reputed Earls of **Warwick** before the Norman Conqueſt; which was confirm'd[z] to them by *Ulfa* his ſucceſſor, about the year of Chriſt 964 And in 6 *E.* 6. did one *Roger Swift* die[a] ſeized of a certain capitall meſs. lying in this Hamlet, called *Allen's land*, whereunto belonged 500 acres of land, 300 acres of Meadow, 40 acres of Paſture 20 acres of wood, and 200 acres of Heath and Furs, leaving *Frances Swift*, daughter of his ſon *Edw.* his coſyn and heir; which *Frances* (when the Inquiſ. after his death was taken) was[b] 8 years of age; and afterwards became the wife[c] of *Edw. Kempſon* Gent. ſecond ſon to *Will. Kempſon* of **Temple Grafton**, and had iſſue[d] *George Kempſon*.

y } *Rot.* 1.
z } *Rous.*
a } *Eſc.* 1.
b } & 2 *Ph.* & *M.*
c } *Viſit. Com. Warw.* 1619.
d }

Hillborough.

THis having been antiently given to the Monks of **Evesham**, together with **Grafton**, as I have there obſerved; but wreſted from them in the Saxons time, was ſoon after the Norman Conqueſt enjoyed[e] by *Urſo de Abetot*, and *Osbernus fil. Ricardi*, as by the generall Survey then made appeareth, wherein it is written **Hildeboroe** and **Hildebereue**, that which the ſaid *Urſo* held being then certified[f] to contain 1. hide and a half, rated at xx^{s}, having been the Freehold of one *Ernvi* in *E.* the Confeſſor's dayes: But the certain proportion, which *Osbernus* had, cannot be well known, in regard it is confounded with what he held in **Benintone** (now called **Binton**) all which is there rated at 3. hides and a half, and were held of him by one *Hugh* (as in **Binton** is already ſhewed) the Miſi here being of the ſame antiquity, if not greater. Whether thoſe Monks ever actually repoſſeſt it again, I cannot affirm; but certain it is, that Abbot *Robert*, who lived[g] in the beginning of K. *Will. Rufus* his reign, made a grant[h] thereof to one *Wil. de Sevecurte*, who held it not long as it ſeems: for it is evident, that about the time of K. *Steph.* or *H.* 2. *Peter de Stodleg* (progenitor to the family of *Corbizon*) and *Henry de Montfort* were owners of a great part thereof; and that immediately upon the Foundation of **Bordeſley** Abby, the ſame *Peter* gave[i] to that Monaſtery x acres of land lying here, it being in his grant written **Hilburgeworth**: And about the ſame time did the ſaid *Henry* grant[k] alſo to the Monks of that Houſe, fiſhing in the river of **Avon**, and free paſſage with their boat through his floudgates here at **Hildeburwicth**, but not the fiſhing of the ſaid floudgates.

e } *Domeſd. lib.*
f }
g *Ex R. de Evel penes* Peirpo: *ar. p.* 18.
h *Ex Reg. de Eveſ in bibl. Cot. f.* 8.
i *Cart.* 5 *H.* 3. *per In.*
k *Ex autog. in Officio.*

I am of opinion, that the greateſt part that *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* had here, came as ſoon to the anceſtors of *Hubaut*, as **Ipſley** did, where I ſhall more fully ſpeak of that antient Family: howbeit till 3 *Joh.* I have not ſeen any thing of them in relation to this place; but then doth it appear that *Henry Hubaut* and *Peter Corbizon* levied a Fine of lands to the uſe of the Monks of **Bordeſley**; which portion of *Corbizons* was in 13 *Joh.* certified[l] to be held alſo of the Honour of **Ricards Caſtle** (belonging to the deſcendants of the ſame *Osbernus*) by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee: But the whole, lying here in **Hilberworth**, held of that Honour, was half a Kts. Fee; for ſo it appeareth[m] in 20 *H.* 3. and in[n] 39 *H.* 3 yeilded vi *s.* vi *d. ob.* yearly Rent to the heir of *Will. de Cantilupe*, as a member of **Alton**-*Cantilupe* in this County, whereof the extent was then certified; which at length came wholy to the ſaid *Henry Hubaut*: For that which *Montfort* had, he granted[o] it to *Peter Corbizon* before ſpecified, from whom all that he could lay claim to, was recovered[p] by the ſame *H. Hubaut* upon a tryall in the King's Court at **Weſtminſter**; ſo that in 20 *E.* 3. this, with **Ipſley** were joyn'd[q] together and accounted for one Kts. Fee, being then held of *Haſtings* E. of **Pembroke** (as heir to *Cantilupe*) by *John Hubaud* lineall heir to the before ſpecified *Henry*: but afterwards I find[r] that they were ſevered again, and **Ipſley** certified to be held by the whole, and this by the one half of a Kts Fee. To give inſtances from the authority of Record, that the deſcendants of the ſaid *John Hubaud* have ſucceſſively continued Lords of this Mannour, I ſhall not need, for as much as they are poſſeſt of it at this day; and therefore referring my Reader to **Ipſley**, where I have inſerted their Pedegree, I haſten to **Bidford**.

l *Lib. r.* 155.
m *Teſt.* N,
n *Eſc.* 3 3.
o } *Ex aut.*
p } *pen. S.* Mon: *fort.*
q *Rot. pat.* S. Cler B.
r *claus.* E. 3. *p.* 2.

Bidford.

THis was antient demeſn of the Crown, being poſſeſt by K. *Edw.* the Confeſſor, and reteined by K. *Will.* the Conqueror, as appears by his general Survey, wherein it is certified, that he had v. hides of land here, with 4 Mills yeilding xliii *s.* iiii *d.* and 150 acres of medow: as alſo that the woods belonging thereto were then accounted to be 4 miles

s } *Domeſd. lib.*
t }

miles in length and one mile in breadth. In that Record it is written **Bedeford**: But besides what the King had here, it appears [t] that the Bishop of **Baieux** (*sc. Odo* half brother to the Conq.) then held two yard land and a half, with certain woods also, containing two furlongs in length and one in breadth; all which were valued at x *s.* having been the freehold of *Ernulf* and *Ernegrin* before the Norman Invasion. Of that which belong'd to the Crown, I find that *Maud* the Empresse (in K. *Steph.* tim.) made the first diminution, by granting [u] to the Monks of **Bordesley**, upon her foundation of that Abby, all that was of her demesn in this Mannour (*totum dominicatum Budefordiæ* are the words) whereof, it seems, two of the Mills were part; for so doth the confirmation Charter [w] of her said gift, made by K. *Ric.* the first in 1. of his reign, import; whereby he reserved a power to repossesse that demesn, whensoever he should bestow on them other lands of as good value: but I do not discern that he or his successors ever did it; for the Monks enjoy'd the same, even till the dissolution of that Monastery, as I shall further shew by and by.

t Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 10. per Insp.
u
w

As for the residue of this Mannour; *id est* the Tenancies of all sorts, it continued in the Crown till King *John*'s time, the Inhabitants being at several seasons, during K. *H.* 2. reign, exposed to give Aid to the King upon sundry occasions (whereunto his Tenants in antient demesn were then lyable) *viz.* in [x] 15 *H.* 2. towards the marriage of his daughter, four marks; in [y] 19 *H.* 2. upon a taxation made by the Justices Itinerant, 7 marks: in [z] 20 *H.* 2. xlvi *s.* viii *d.* upon the like; and in [a] 23 *H.* 2. C *s.* upon another Aid assest by the then Justices Itinerant. But, upon the marriage of *Joane* daughter to K. *John*, unto *Lewelin* Prince of **Northwales** towards the later end of his reign, was it given by that King unto the said *Lewelin*; for in 17 *Joh.* the Shiriff of this County had command [b], that *Thomas de Erdington*, and *Walt. le Poher* should survey it, and deliver the extent thereof to the Attornies of the said *Lewelin*, and to his use: And in 2 *H.* 3. the K. directed his precept [c] to the then Shiriff that he should make livery thereof to the same *Lewelin*; expressing that King *John* his father had so given it to him in marriage with the before specified *Joane*; the account [d] of its value for one half year being then lxxvi *s.* Which Prince of **Wales**, being thus possest hereof, in 4 *H.* 3. obtained a grant [e] from the King for a **Mercate** to be kept here every Tuesday, weekly; But the Tuesday being soon found to be an inconvenient day; within xx. days following, the Shiriff received command [f] for proclaiming it to be held upon the Friday. After which it was not long ere the said Prince gave [g] it away (*inter alia*) with *Helene* his daughter in Frank marriage, unto *John* sirnamed *Scot*, nephew to *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester** by the said Earl's eldest sister: but upon the said *Lewelin* his breaking out in Rebellion, the King taking no notice of such his dispos'al thereof, caused [h] it to be seiz'd on; howbeit, when manifestation was made of the same grant, the Barons of the Exchequer received command [i] that the said *John Scot* (who was then Earl of **Huntingdon**) should quietly enjoy it.

x Rot. P. 15. 2.
y Rot. P. 19. H. 2.
z Rot. P. 20. H. 2.
a Rot. P. 23. H. 2.
b Claus. 17. m. 20.
c Claus. 2. m. 1.
d Rot. P. 2. H.
e Claus. 4. H. 3. m. 11.
f m. 9.
g Autog. Pe: Somerford Oakfield de Somerford in com. Cestr.
h Claus. 6. H. 3. m. 13.
i
k Claus. 1. Quo W. 13. 1.

But the next possessor thereof, of whom I find any mention, was *Baldwin Wake*, in right [k] of *Hawisia* his wife, it being of her [l] inheritance [daughter, as I take it, to *Humfrey de Bohun jun.* who married *Joane* one of the daughters and heirs to *Rob. de Quincy*, third son of *Saier de Quincy* Earl of **Winchester** by *Helene* the widow of *John Scot* Earl of **Chester** and **Huntingdon**; for *Humfrey de Bohun*, who was taken in the battaill of **Evesham** in 49 *H.* 3. had [m] lands here, and in **Brome**] for upon the purchase of it made by *Rob. Burnell* Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells** in 8 *E.* 1. from the said *Baldwine* and *Hawise*, there is speciall warranty against the heirs of her the said *Hawise*. Which Bishop having so obtain'd it, within two years after procured a new Charter [n] from the King for the weekly Mercate upon the Fryday bearing date at **Westm.** 24 *Nov.* 10 *E.* 1. And another also of the same date for **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here: and dying seized thereof left [p] Sir *Philip Burnell* Knight (son of his brother Sir *Hugh Burnell*) his cosyn and heir. Which Sir *Philip* had issue [q] Sir *Edw.* who deceased [r] in 9 *E.* 2. without issue, leaving *Maud* [s] his sister and heir, first married to *John Lovell*, and afterwards to Sir *John Handlow* Knight (as by the Descent in **Brome** appeareth) Which Sir *John Handlow* and *Maud* entailed [t] this Mannour upon the heirs male of their two bodies (wherein at that time *Aliva* the widow of Sir *Edw. Burnell* had [u] an estate in dower) and for default of such issue to [w] the right heirs of her the said *Maud*.

m Esc. 50. H. 3.
n Cart. 10. E. 1. n. 21.
o
p Claus. 6. R. 2. p. 1. m. 21.
q
r Esc. 9. E. 2. n. 67.
s
t F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Hill. 18 E. 2. Record. xv. Pasch. 4. E. 3.
u
w

By vertue whereof, upon the death of the same *Aliva*, which hapned in 37 *E.* 3. *Nich.* son of the said Sir *John Handlow* and *Maud* (which *Nich.* assumed the sirname of *Burnell*) had livery [x] thereof; and dyed [y] in 6 *R.* 2. leaving Sir *Hugh Burnell* Knight his son and heir 26 years of age, whose son Sir *Edw. Burnell* Knight, dying [z] in his life time without any issue male, it returned to the right heirs of *Maud* the sister and heir of Sir *Edw. Burnell* Knight before specified; *viz.* *Henry Lovell* Lord *Morley*, lineal heir to her the said *Maud* by Sir *John Lovell* Knight, her first husband above mentioned. Which *Henry*, being also tenant [a] in tail (*sc.* to the heirs male of his body) and dying without issue, the estate therein came [b] to *Francis* Visc. *Lovell*, his brothers son, and his heirs. How it came to passe I cannot tell; but certain it is, that in *H.* 6. time *Joane Beauchamp* Lady *Bergavenny* and others, had [c] an interest in this Mannour; during which they demised [d] it to *Thomas Harewell*, and granted [e] the inheritance thereof in reversion, unto *Thomas* Earl of **Salisbury**, and others: all which was (I suppose) but in trust, in regard it descended to the same *Henry* Lord *Morley*, as I have shewed, and so came to the said *Francis* Viscount *Lovell*; upon whose attainder [f] in Parliament, about the beginning of *H.* 7. reign, it eschaeted to the Crown, & therein continued till 6 *H.* 8. that the King by his Letters Pat. [g] dated 24 *Martii* granted it to *Gerard Danet*, one of the Esquiers for his body, and *Mary* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies: which *Gerard* and *Mary* had issue [h] Sir *John Danet* Knight that dyed in his mothers life time; leaving *Leonard* his son and heir, 29 years of age at the death of the said *Mary* his grandmother. Which *Leonard* in 6 *Eliz.* had a confirmation [k] of his estate herein granted to him by the Queen; as also of the Friday **Mercate** [l] every week; with the grant of two **Faires** [m] yearly.

z Rot. F. 9. H. 5.
a Esc. 5.
b H. 7.
c Rot. F. 22. H. 6. m. 2.
d
e
f Rot. Parl. 1. H. 7. Rot. Parl. 11. H. 7.
g Pat. 6. H. 8. p. 2.
h Esc. 1. Eliz.
i
k Pat. 6. Eliz. p. 7.
l
m

I come now to that Mannour, which belong'd to the Monastery of **Bordsley**. In 13 *E.* 1. the Monks of that House were questioned [n] for holding

n Rot. de Quo W.

a Court Leet here, and clayming Assize of bread and beer therein, who pleaded Prescription for the same; whereupon the Jury certified, that one of the preceding Abbots of Bordsley, about an hundred years before that time, built divers houses upon this their Lordship, and placed certain Freeholders there; and that he and his successors had kept a Court Leet, and had Assize of bread and beer in this place; whereupon the Monks were permitted to enjoy those priviledges. The extent of what they had here was in *an* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) certified[o] to be *v.* Carucates of land, then valued at x[s] a carucate, and two Mills rated at xx[s]. All which, by the name of a Mannour, (together with the site of Bordsley Abby &c. after the surrender of that House to the K. use) was, by a special Fine levied in *Trinitie Terme* 30 *H.* 8. by *John Byley* Abbot of Bordsley, and the Covent of that Monastery passed unto the said K. his heirs and successors for ever: who, being accordingly seized thereof, by his Letters Pat.[p] dated 1 *Junii* 37 *H.* 8. granted it (*inter alia*) to *Tho. Badger*, *Tho. Fowler* and *Rob. Dyson* and their heirs, there being at that time a certain mansion named Bidford Grange, with three Mills called the Grange Mills reputed parcell thereof, together with the Tithes of the said Grange and fishing in Avon, to be held by the xx[th] part of a Knights Fee.

o *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

p *Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 4.*

It should seem that these Patentees made some partition of the lands so passed to them by K. *H.* 8. and that thereupon this Mannour with th'appurtenances was allotted to the said *Thomas Badger*; for by the Inquis.[q] taken after his death it appears, that by his last Will and Testament, bearing date 15 *Oct.* 13 *Eliz.* he gave the inheritance of the Grange before specified to *Thomas* his son and heir. To *Will.* his younger son and his heirs a House and Land in Bidford; and to *Ric.* and *Edward* his other sons and their heirs, the three water Mills, and other lands: which *Thomas*, the son of *Thomas*, dying[r] seized of the said Mannour 8 *Feb.* 38 *Eliz.* left *Will.* his son and heir then 23 years of age.

q *Esc.* 14 Eliz.

r *Esc.* 38 Eliz.

In 23 *H.* 1. two parts of the Tithe issuing out of the Inclosures here, were given[t] by *Roger* Earl of Warwick to the Collegiate Church of Warwick, then newly by him founded; in which Tithes the said Earl claimed interest, as it seems, by reason of the Church of Salford, within the Parish whereof Bidford was by him supposed to be. Whether it were really so or not, I will not stand to argue; but sure I am, that though *Bernard*, the first Prior of Kenilworth after the foundation of that Monastery, chalenged this as a member of Salford (whereof I shall speak in its proper place) the strongest title thereto that the Canons of that House had, was the grant[t] of the said King *Henry* in these words; *Ecclesiam quoque de* Budiford, *de meo dominio*, *quam* Bernardus *Prior dirationavit fuisse de parochia sua de* Salford; unto which *Simon* then Bishop of Worcester soon added his confirmation[u], as also *Baldwin*[w] his successor in *H.* 2. time.

t *Regist. coll. de Warw. f.* 12 *a*

t *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 144.

u *Ib. p.* 85.

w *Ib. p.* 87.

About the beginning of King *John*'s time there was controversie betwixt the Canons of Kenilworth and the Monks of Bordsley about the third part of the Tithes of all that the said Monks had in tillage within this their Lordship of Budiford, and for all the Tithe corne of certain particular grounds there: whereupon appeal being made to the Pope (*sc. Innocent* the 3.) who appointed the Abbots of Kingswode, Bristoll, and Eatnsham to hear and determine the same, it was concluded[x] that the said Monks of Bordsley should thenceforth pay to the Canons of Kenilworth, in lieu of all Tithes due from them to the said Church of Budiford xxxvii *s.* yearly within the *Octaves* of *S. Michaell*; the said Monks further promising[y], that if at any time afterwards the Monastery of Bordsley should receive Tithes within the parish of Budiford, that they would without contradiction pay the tenth sheaf of Corne to the Church of Budiford; which Agreement was so made and ratified *An. D.* 1206 (8 *Joh.*) But it seems that the Canons of Warwick before mentioned, were not utterly justled out here, notwithstanding the said grant made by K. *H.* 1. to those of Kenilworth: for by the Certificate[z] made in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) upon that general taxation of the Churches, that they then received xx *s.* as a portion issuing out of the fruits thereof; at which time this Church was valued[a] at vii marks and a halfe: but the absolute appropriation of it to the use of the said Canons of Kenilworth, was not till 9 *E.* 2. by *Walt. Maydenston* Bishop of Worcester, whose Instrument[b] to that purpose bears date at Hampton *super* Avon xvi *Cal. Feb. an.* 1315, at which time the Vicaridge was endowed[c], the fruits thereunto assigned being then valued at xxv. marks; and the said Church expressed to be *ab antiquo, tanquam Capella ad Ecclesiam de* Salford *dependens*: In consideration of which Appropriation so made, *id est* to recompence the damage which might redound to the said Bishop and his successors thereby, the Canons of Kenilworth then granted[d] to him in the name of *Procuration* the summe of four marks of silver, payable every third year upon the Feast day of *S. Mich.* th'arch Angell: and xx *s.* yearly to the Monks of Worcester (as the Bishop's Chapter) in the name of a *Pension*[e], to be paid at the Feast of the *Annuntiation* of the blessed Virgin.

x *Ib. p.* 156.

y *Ib. p.* 156.

z *MS. in Scac.*

a *Scac.*

b *Maid*

c *f.* 42. *b* & 46.

d *Ex Reg. vocat.* the White book *penes D. & Capit. Wigorn. f.* 70. *b. in ced.*

e *Regist. Pens. penes D. & Capit. Wigorn.*

In 14 *E.* 3. this Church (dedicated to *S. Laurence*) was valued[f] at xi *li.* but in[g] 7 *H.* 6. at xi *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* And in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge[h] at viii *li.* the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* issuing out thereof then amounting to ix *s.* v *d. ob.*

f *Rot. de Non. garb. &c.*

g *Lib. de ord. mil. in Scac.*

h *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f.* 21.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Henr. de Kemesy* 7. *Id. Julii* 1278.	*Giff. f.* 7
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	*Adam de Bodynton Pbr.* 3 *Non. Apr.* 1296.	*Ib. f.* 40
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Henr. de Everdon Pbr.* 2 *Id. Sept.* 1316.	*Mayd. f.*
	Rob. Owayn Cap. 28 *Junii* 1339.	*Wolst. f.* 1
	Thomas atte Milne Pbr. 8 *Sept.* 1361.	*Br. vol. f.* 36. *b.*
	Joh. Smyth 8 *Aug.* 1382.	*Wak. f.* 3.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Rob. Last* 13 *Junii* 1386.	*Ib. f.* 43
	D. Thomas Stuch Pbr. 25 *Apr.* 1392.	*Ib. f.* 9
	Frater Will. Pharensis Episc. 19 *Junii* 1398.	*Tid. f.*
	D. Joh. Calne 13 *Maii* 1413.	*Pev. f.* 5
	D. Joh. Wolaston 15 *Jan.* 1414.	*Ib. f.* 6

D. Henr.

Morg. vol. 2. f. 4. a		D. Henr. More Cap. 14 Nov. 1419.
Ib. f. 28. a		Nich. Weldon Cap. 22 Julii 1421.
Pult. f. 19. a		D. Thomas Carpenter Pbr. 28 Maii 1427.
Ib. f. 27. a	Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	D. Joh. Ball. Cap. 4 Sept. 1427.
Ib. f. 92. a		Nich. Elyot Diac. Ult. Julii 1431.
Ib. f. 123. a		Thomas Morton Cap. Ult. Feb. 1431.
Mort. f. 19. a		D. Will. Hanow Cap. 10 Julii. 1487.
Tyg. vol. 2. f. 63. a		D. Ric. Seward Cap. 11 Marti 1509.
Bul. f. 4. a	Elizabetha Angliæ Regina.	Joh. Moores Cler. 7 Aug. 1571.
b. f. 10. a		Joh. Wall Cler. 29 Julii 1574.
b. f. 109. b	Sim. Clarke Bar.	Thomas Wright Cler. in art. Bac. 7 Sept. 1625.

King's Brome.

THis, though now a distinct thing from *Burnell's* **Brome**, was not [i] formerly so. In the year from our Saviours incarnation 711. being given [k] by *Ceolred* K. of **Mercia** (son of K. *Ethelred*) to the Monks of **Evesham**, it was after the Norman Conquest wrested [l] from them by *Odo* Bishop of **Bateur** (half brother to K. *Will.*) and by the generall Survey [m] certified to contain four hides, which being held of him by one *Stefan* were valued at Lx *s.* By that Record [n] it appears that five free men were owners of it before the said Conquest; so that considering what is already expresst, it must then be concluded that they held it of those Monks of **Evesham**. Which *Odo* gave [o] it to *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom in **Alton**-*Castelupe* I have spoke) who mortgaged it [p] to *Egelwyne* Abbot of **Evesham** for four marks of gold; and because he would not repay that sum, gave it for ever to that Abbot: but when the said *Odo* and *Egelwine* were both dead, the said *Osb* seized [q] upon it again, and withheld both the land and money.

Ex Col. H. Ferrers.

Do. mesd. lib.

Ex Coll. præfati H. Ferrers.

It seems that *Raph Boteler* (who first had **Overley** in *H.* 1. time) got some title, soon after, therein; for upon his Foundation of the Monastery at **Alcester**, in 5 *Steph.* he gave [r] the Tithes hereof thereto. What right it was that he had, 'tis certain that the same continued to him but a while; for evident it is, that in [s] 12 *H.* 2. *Geffrey Martell* enjoy'd it, being then amerc'd [t] for some certain purprestures made here; yet was he but the Kings Tenant to it, as the Shiriff's accompt [u] of 16 *H.* 2. manifests, where he answereth C *s.* to the Exchequer for the ferm thereof payd by the said *Geffrey*.

Cart. 14 3. n. 12. Insp.

Rot. P. 12 H. 2.

Rot. P. 16 2.

After this, *viz.* in 33 *H.* 2. I find [w] that the then Shiriff accounted lxviii *s.* viii *d.* for the issues of this place, which but a little before one *Will. de Crikkelade* had held: And in [x] 1 *R.* 1. Cv *s.* for the profits thereof, still mentioning the same *W. de Crikkelade*'s possessing it: yet in [y] 9 *R.* 1. where the Shiriff accounts for the ferm of the moitye of **Alencester**, under the title *de Escaetis*, this of **Brome** is joyned therewith, and certified to have been belonging to *Henry de le Penne*: (of which *Henry*, *&c.* what he was, I have expresst my opinion in **Alcester**.) But hitherto I cannot distinguish these two **Bromes**; and therefore whether that spoken of by these Records, which I have cited, do mean both of them involved together, I am not able to determine: yet after this, *viz.* in [z] 23 *H.* 3. I find that *Robert* the son of *Hamon de Brome*, payd his Relief for 7 yard land in **Brome**, which doth shortly appear to be this **King's Brome**: for in 7 *E.* 1. it was certified [a] that the same *Robert*, about the Feast of S. *Gregory* 3 *E.* 1. enfeoft M^r *Will. Pickerell* of one mes, four yard land and a fourth part in **King's Brome** for the x^th part of a Knights Fee, and that he had formerly, *viz. temp. Regis Joh.* & *H.* 3. aliened three yard land to several persons named in the same Inquisition: which *Rob.* notwithstanding what he thus past away, dyed [b] seized of three yard land in this place with a House thereupon, leaving *Robert* his son and heir three years of age.

z Rot. P. 23 H. 3.

a Esc. 7 E. 1 n. 7.

b Esc. 3 E. 1. n. 29.

But after this I find little more memorable in relation to this Village, forasmuch as sundry persons became interessed in several parts thereof; *Will. le Boteler* of **Overley** having [c] one yard land and a half, held by 3 Freeholders; *Walt. Pikerell* [d] 1 mes. 1 carucate of land, 3 acres of meadow, and xv *s.* iiii *d.* yearly rent, held of the K. in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Kts. Fee, whereof he had been enfeoft by *Will. Pikerell* (his uncle) before specified. Which *Walter* past [e] the greatest part thereof to *Peter de Leicester*; who was certified [f] to dye seized of a certain Mannour here, held of the K. in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Kts. Fee. Besides these it appears that *Ric. de Stanford* purchased other lands here; for upon his death in 14 *E.* 2. I find [g] that he held one toft, with 4 yard land and a half, here, of the K. in *Capite*, by the service of a pair of Tongs to be paid yearly into the Exchequer by the hands of the Shiriff of this County; which lands came [h] afterwards, by marriage of *Stanford*'s heirs to the Families of *Harewell* and *Morehall*.

c Esc. 12 E. 1. n. 21.

d Esc. 26 E. 1. n. 11.

e Esc. 31 E. 1. n. 110.

f Esc. 32 E. 1. n. 42.

g Esc. 14 E. 2. n. 39.

h Esc. 37 E. 3. n. 66.

Burnell's Brome.

THis Mannour, together with **Bidford** was purchased [i] in 8 *E.* 1. by *Rob. Burnell* Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells**, of *Baldwine Wake* and *Hawise* his wife, being of her inheritance, as may seem by the warranty [k] against her heirs: which Bishop obtained a Charter [l] of **Free-warren**, within two years after, for himself and his heirs in all his demesn lands here and left it to Sir *Philip Burnell* his nephew to whose descendants it continued together with **Bidford**.

i F. de div. Com. k levat Craft. Anim. 8 E. 1.

l Cart. 10 E. 1. n. 21.

'Tis very like that the *Burnells* having here a Mannour house, situate with such great advantages for pleasure and profit, sometimes made their abode here, though their principall seat was at the Castle of **Holgate** in **Shropsh.** but I do not find that any of them had imployment in this County, except S^r *Hugh Burnell*, who was in Commission for the Peace here, from 1 *H.* 4. till [m] he dyed. That they were men of great note appears by these instances, *viz.* that from 5 *E.* 2. till his death, Sir *Edw. Burnell*, was summoned [n] to Parl. with the other Barons: so also [o] S^r *Nicholas* from 24 *E.* 3. and [p] Sir *Hugh* from 7 *R.* 2. Which S^r *Hugh* departing [q] this world in 8 *H.* 5. had his sepulture [r] in the Quire of the Abby at **Hales Owen** under a goodly Tombe of Alabaster built in his life time, near to *Joyce* his wife, daughter and heir [s] to the Lord *Botetort* of **Weoleigh**-Castle in **Worcestershire**, whose Armes he quartered [t], though the

m Pat. ab. an. 1 H. 4. usque 6 H. 5. in d.

n Claus. de plur. o innis in p d.

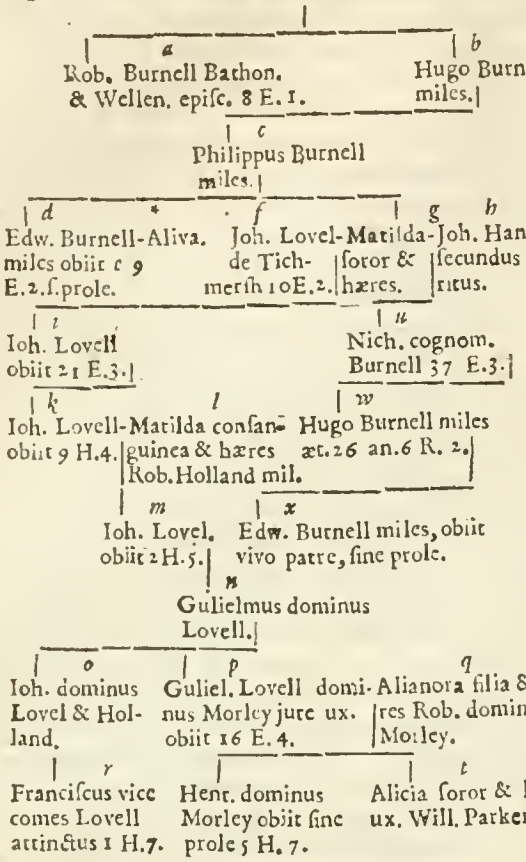
q Esc. 8 H. 5.

r Chichley f. 344.

s Rot. F. 9 H. 5. m. 7.

t Ex autog. penes Edw. Milton ar.

usage of later times hath not been so to do.



But after the issue male of these *Burnells* became extinct, this Mannour by virtue of an Entail [t] made by *Maud* the sister and heir to Sir *Edw. Burnell* in 18 *E.* 2. divolved to her right heirs; *viz.* her Descendants by the first Husband *Lovell*; so that in conclusion, upon the attainder [u] of *Francis* Viscont *Lovell* 1 *H.* 7. it eschaeted to the Crown (together with **Bidford**) and by K. *H.* 8. 24 *Martii* 6 *H.* 8. was granted [w] to *Gerard Danet*, one of the Esq; for his body, and *Mary* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies. To which *Gerard* and *Mary* succeeded [x] S^r *John Danet*, & to him *Leonard* [y] whose estate herein Q. *Eliz.* in 6 of her reign confirmed [z]: Since which time, being purchased by the Lady S. *John*, widow to S^r *Edw. Griffin* of **Dingley** *in com. Northampt.* (Atturny generall to Q. *Eliz.*) for S^r *Ries Griffin* her son by the same S^r *Edw.* the said S^r *Ries*, having first depopulated all, except the Mannout house, past the whole to S^r *John Sidley* K^t who dying without issue, it descended to Sir *Will. Sidley* his brother and heir: which S^r *Will.* sold it to *Tho. Nurse* a Lawyer of *Linc. Innne*; from whom it was past soon after to *Ferd. Dowdswel*, and by him to *Fran. Poulton*; who sold it to S^r *Sim. Clarke* Bar. now, *Jc. an.* 1640. owner thereof.

a F. *de div. com. levat.* 8. E. 4.
b Clauſ. 6. R. 2. p. 1. m. 21.
c Esc. 9. E. 2. n. 67.
* Pat. 10. E. 2. p. 2. m. 31.
f Esc. 20. E. 3 n. 51.
g
h
i Esc. 21. E. 3.
k Esc. 9. H. 4 n. 29.
l Plac. coram R. T. Trin. 4. H. 5. rot. 13.
m
n Esc. 5. H. 7. Wiltes. Essex. Northampt.
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u Esc. 6. R. 2. n. 20.
w
x Rot. F. 9. H. 5.
t F. *de div. com. levat.* Oct. Hill. 18 E. 2. Recordat. xv. Pasch. 4. E. 3.
u Rot. Parl. 1. H. 7.
w Pat. 6. H. 8. p. 2.
x Esc. 1. Eliz.
y
z Pat. 6. Eliz. p. 7.

Barton.

THough I have not met with any direct mention of this place before *E.* 1. time, yet do I conclude it to have bave been a Village long before; for in the general Survey then taken, it was (doubtless) involved with **Bidford**, and so past with that Mannour to *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**; all which may be concluded from what appears by that Fine [a] in 8 *E.* 1. wherein it was passed by the name of the Mannour of **Berton** to *Rob. Burnell* then Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells**, by *Baldwyn Wake* and *Hawisia* his wife, it being of her inheritance; and in 9 *E.* 2. was reputed [b] a Hamlet of **Bidford**, being, with it, then held [c] by *Aliva* (or *Eva*) *Burnell* in dower. Howbeit, after this till 21 *Eliz.* I find very little thereof; but then it appeareth [d] that *Richard Copley* upon condition of certain things to be performed by *John Copley* his nephew, gave it to him the said *John* and the heirs male of his body.

a de div. com. levat. craft. Anim. 8. E. 1.
b Nom.
c Vill.
d Esc. 21 Eliz.

Marclive.

THis place, taking its name from the Marly-Cliff, or descent, which we see on the Southern side of **Avon**, was at first a member of **Bidford**, and therewith past [e] from *Baldwin Wake* and the before specified *Hawisia*, to *Rob. Burnell* Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells** in 8 *E.* 1, (but then was it written only **Clive**) and in 9 E. 2. as a Hamlet [f] of **Bidford**, was held by *Aliva Burnell* in dower. It seems that much of it was sold long since, by the *Burnells* to ordinary persons, which may well be the cause that there is so little notice taken thereof in Record: for I find [g] that in 29 *E.* 3. *Walt. Lenche* father of *Joh. Lenche* then living, had purchased two messuages, 1 yard land, 1 acre of meadow, and xxvs. yearly Rent, lying in this place, of *Alice* the widow of *Edward Burnell*, and *Nich. Burnell* her husband's nephew: of some part whereof *John Rous* of **Ragley** dyed [h] seized in 20 *R.* 2. But in 16 *H.* 7. *Will. Harewell* (of **Wotton-Wawen**) dyed [i] seized of the whole Mannour.

e F. de d. com. lev. 8. E. 1.
f Nom. V.
g Esc. 2 E. 3. n. 3
h Esc. 2 R. 2. n. 4
i Esc. 16 H. 7.

Bickmersh.

THis Village is in the Parish of **Welford** in **Glocestershire**, but by antient depopulation much shrunk from what it heretofore was. Part hereof did K. *Edgar* in the year of Christ 967, grant [k] to *Brithnothus* his servant for life: which *Brithnothus* transmitted [l] his right therein, to the Monastery of **Worcester**, with his son, whom he thither sent to live a religious life. In that grant of King *Edgar* it is written **Wicanmerse**: but, it seems that afterwards the Church of **Worcester** became possest of the whole Village; for it appears that *Edwin* brother to Earl *Leofrick* (in *Edw.* the Confessor's time) unjustly seized upon it, yet did not long enjoy the fruits of his rapine, being ignominiously slain by *Griffin* King of the Britans; whereupon *Wulstan* the then Prior, hoping to regain it, went to **Alritune**, and required the lands belonging to his Monastery; but all that he could get was only the meadow lying at **Marclive**, the rest being never restored.

In the Conquerors Survey [m] it is recorded under the title of *Elemosina Regis*, and written **Wichemerse**, being there certified to contain 5 hides, which were then valued at C *s.* and held of the K. by one *Eddid* a woman, who was also owner thereof in *Edward* the Confessors dayes. After which till the beginning of King *John's* time I have not seen any further mention of this place; but then doth it appear, [n] that *Robert Foliot* was Lord of it, and in minority; who in 14 *H.* 3. had a suit [o] with the Parson of **Welnesford** for the Advouson of the Chapell here at **Bikemers-Foliot** (for so it is written) claimed by the said Parson as a Chapell belonging to **Welnesford**: in which pleading [p], the Composition under the seal of the said *Robert*

k Ex Reg. wigor. in bi. Cot. f. 17.
l
m Domes. lib.
n Annal. Tewksbr. ry in bibl. Cotton. [lub effi. Cleop. 7.]
o Plac. apud Westm. Oct. Mich. 14. H. rot. 1.
p

Robert was produced, manifesting that the Tithes, with the parochiall rights of the Court (*id est* the Mannour house) did belong to the said mother-Church of **Welneford**. In [q] 20 *H.* 3. upon collection of the Aid for marriage of the King's sister to the Rom. Emperour, it answered for one Knights Fee, being there certified under the Fees of *Hugh de Albini*, and expressed to be held of him by *Corbeth*; But in [r] 36 *H.* 3. it is recorded to be of the Earl of **Gloucester** his Fee, and then held by *Rob. Foliot*. What right it was that *Corbet* had here I know not; but it seems that he did not quietly enjoy it: for first I find [f] that in 32 *H.* 3. *Roesia Foliot* brought an Assize of *Novell disseisin* against *Will. Corbet*, for lands here; and in [t] 45 *H.* 3. *Joan Foliot* an Assize of *Mort d'ancester* against him for this Mannour: which *Will. Corbet* was of **Chadsley-Corbet** in **Worcestersh.**

q } *Testa*
r } *de N.*

f *Pat.* 32 *H.* 3. *in d.*

t *Pat.* 45 *H.* 3. *in d.*

I am of opinion that this *Joane Foliot* was daughter and heire to the before specified *Robert*, and married to *Ric. de Williamescote*; for by a pleading [u] in 52 *H.* 3. I find that the said *Richard* and *Joan* his wife had to do here; and in [w] 4 *E.* 1. the said *Ric.* was presented for withdrawing his suit due to the Hundred Court for this Village. To which *Richard* succeeded *Henry de Willemscote*; that sold [x] this Mannour to *John de Bloxam* in 35 *E.* 1. Who in 18 *E.* 2. past [y] it away to *Will. de Bereford*; which *Will.* died [z] seized of it in 20 *E.* 2. Whereupon it was (*inter alia*) assigned [a] to *Margaret* his widow in dower. In the family of *Bereford* (whereof I shall speak in **Langley**) it continued for some descents, S[r] *Baldw. de Bereford* Knight, grandchild to the beforespecified *Will.* having **Free-warren** [b] granted to him in all his demesn lands here. But it seems that this S[r] *Baldw.* having no issue male of his body, the reversion thereof after the decease of *Eliz.* his wife, was setled upon *Thomas* the son of *Philip* St. *Clere*; for upon her death in 1 *H.* 6. the said *Thomas* was found [c] to be next heir thereto, though what relation he had to him in blood, I am not very certain: which *Thomas* in 13 *H.* 6. dyed [d] seized of it, leaving *Eliz. Alianore*, and *Edith* his daughters and heirs; *Eliz.* being afterwards married [e] to *Will. Lovell*, *Alianore* [f] to *John Gage*, and *Edith* [g] to *Ric. Harecourt* Esquiers. But farther as to its succession can I say no more, than that it was, about the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* time, purchased by the Lady S. *John*, widow to S[r] *Edw. Griffin* of **Dingley** (Atturney Generall to Q. *Eliz.*) for S[r] *Ries Griffin* her son by the said Sir *Edward*: which Sir *Ries* left issue *Edward* his son and heir now owner thereof.

u *Plac. de Jur. & Ass. apud Winton.* 52 *H.* 3. *rot.* 4.

w *Inq. per Hundr.*

x *F. levat. Oct. J. Bapt* 35 *E.* 1.

y *F. levat. Craft. Purif.* 18 *E.* 2.

z *Esc.* 20 *E.* 2. *n.* 8.

a *Clauf.* 20 *E.* 2. *m.* 7.

b *Cart.* 4 *R.* 2. *n.* 3.

c *Esc.* 2 *H.* 6. *Esc.* 17 *H.* 6.

d } *Orig.* 15 *E.* 4. *rot.* 16.

e } *Rot. penes* Clerke *ib.*

It should seem that a good proportion of this Hamlet was antiently belonging to the family of *Morehall* (of **Norehall** *iuxta* **Wickstord**) for in 20 *E.* 3. *Amicia de Morehall*, with *VVill. de Audley* were certified [h] to answer for one Knights Fee here, held of *VVill. Corbet*, and by him of the Honour of **Gloucester**; and so divolving to *Clopton* as the Mannour of **Norehall** did, was past [i] therewith by S[r] *VVill. Clopton* Kt. to *Thomas Crewe* Esq; for life: After which, Sir *John Burgh* Kt. held [k] it for life, as Tenant by the Curtesie of **England**, being of the inheritance of *Joane* his wife daughter [l] and coheir to the said *VVill. Clopton*: which *Joane* had likewise severall daughters and heirs (as in **Norehall** is shewed) amongst whom this with the rest of her lands were divided.

Clauf. 6 *E.* 3. *m.* 14.

Esc. 11 *E.* 3. *n.* 61.

k *ex autog. penes* Sibl. Dugdale.

l Dugdale.

The Chapell here is very antient, having been founded [m] by *Will. Foliot* in *H.* 2. dayes; to whom succeeded *Robert* before mentioned. About the beginning of K. *John*'s time there was one *R. Foliot* Parson here, betwixt whom and the Monks of **Tewksbury** there growing some dispute, as to the right of the Tithes [n] arising out of the Court, or Mannour House, an Agreement [o] was made, and confirmed by *Malgerius* then Bishop of **Worcester**, to this effect; *viz.* that the Monks should thenceforth receive two parts of the Tithe Corn, as they had formerly wont to do, with the moitie of the small Tithes: and that the said *R.* and his successors should have the third part, with the other moitie of the small Tithes: as also all the Tithe Hay of the Lord's demesn, together with the Tithe of such land and other goods as *Will. Foliot*, the pious Founder of the same Chapell, did charitably give thereto.

m } *Annal. de Tewks bury ut jupra.*
n }

HAving now past through all those places of note in this Hundred, which border upon **Avon**; descending by the banks of that fair stream farther westwards, I find it, about two miles below **Bidford**, increased by another pleasant River called **Arrow**, which rising near the **Lickey** Hills in **Worcestersh.** enters this Hundred at **Ipsley**, and so passing Southwards by **Alcester**, at length is united with it near **Salford**, as the Map will shew. But touching the original occasion of its name, the antiquity of it being so great, I shall only make a guesse; which is, that it might take its first appellation by similitude, as that most famous Armenian River **Tigris** did from the swiftness of its course; for an Arrow was by the *Medes* called *Tigris*, as we find in *Strabo lib.* xi *Geograph.* And that the current of this is very speedy, need not to be doubted, if we consider from what a lofty ascent the water falls, wherewith by every great showre it is always augmented: Howbeit, before I speak of **Ipsley** in particular, I must not omit to take notice of **Hewell-Grange**, standing in the utmost nook of this Hundred, westwards; as also of those small Hamlets, **Tutnell** and **Cobley**, situate within the Parish of **Tarbick**, whereof the Chancell is in this Hundred, though the body of the Church be in **Worcestersh.**

Hewell Grange.

THis being given [p] to the Monks of **Bordsley** in **Worcestersh.** (near unto which it is situate) by *Maud* the Empresse, upon her Foundation of that Monastery; and in [q] 19 *E.* 1. rated together with **Lee** (called in the Record **Lega**) at 7 carucates of Land, and every carucate at 1 Mark, having then a Dovehouse valued at iiis *per an.* was with the site of the before-specified Monastery, and all that belong'd thereto, passed to the K. in 30 *H.* 8. by a Fine, which *John Biley* the then Abbot, with the Covent of that House levied [q] to the use of the said K. his heirs and successors: and by him, together with the whole Abby, granted [r] in exchange, within 4 years following, unto S[r] *Andrew VVindsor* K[t] Lord *VVindsor*, for the Mannour of **Stanwell** *in Com. Midd.* with its appurtenances, lying in the Counties of **Midd. Surr. Buck. Berks**, and **Southampt.** Since which time the successive Lords *VVindsor* have made it one of their principal seats, and some of them had sepulture in the Chancell of **Tarbick**, as their Monuments do testifie, a lively representation whereof, through the tender respect of the present Lord *VVindsor* to the memory of his noble ancestors, I have here exhibited, foras much as the Chancell, wherein they stand, is in this County, though the Church be in **Worcestershire.**

o *Cart.* 51 *H.* 3. *m.* 10. *per Insp.*

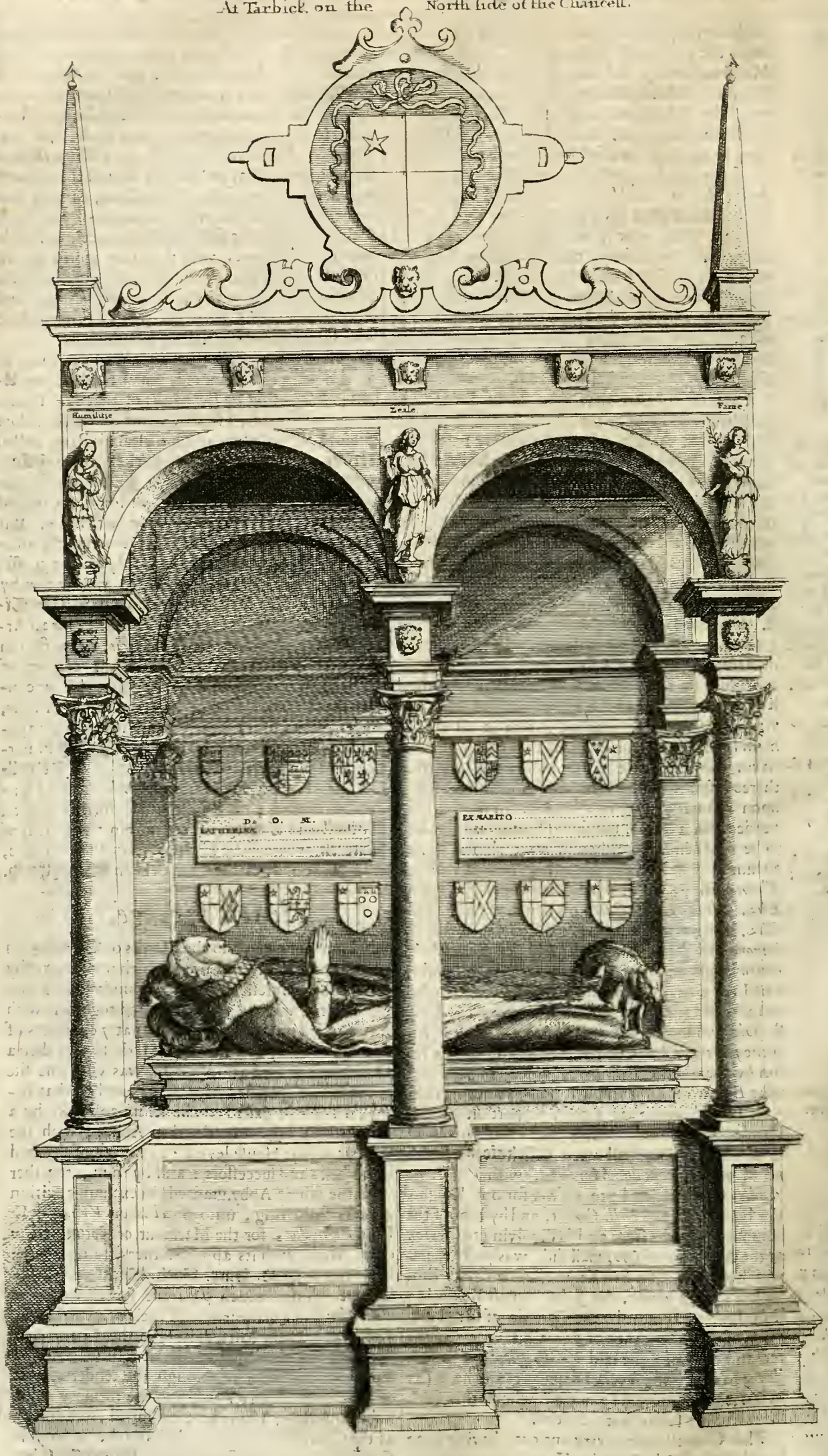
p *MS. in Scac.*

q *T. Trin.*

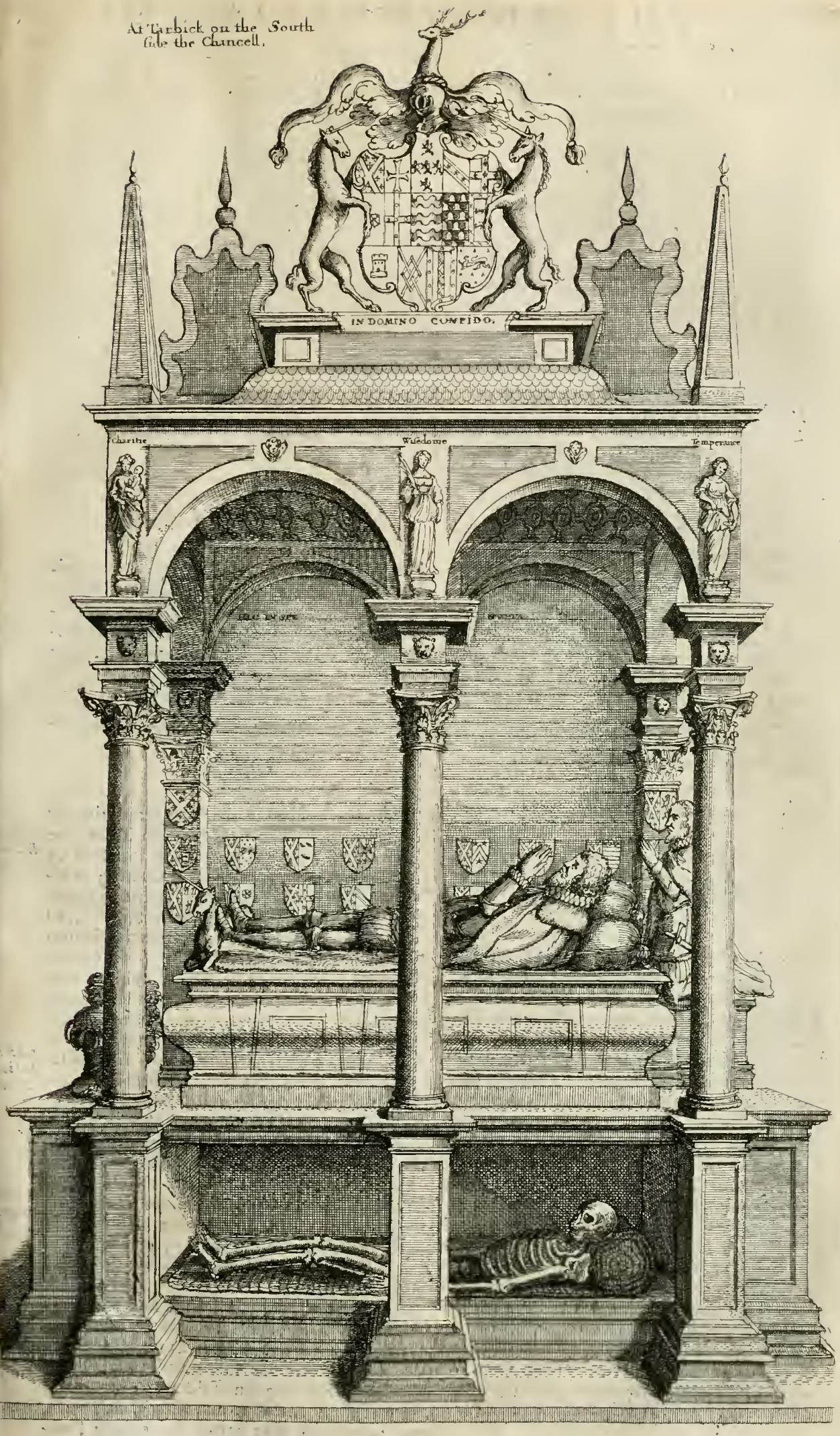
r *Pat.* 34 *H.* 8. *p.* 10.

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At Tarbick, on the North side of the Chancell.



At Tarbick on the South
side the Chancell.



The Epitaphs upon the preceding Monuments.

D. O. M.

Katherinæ Oxoniæ filiæ, Westmerlandiæ neptis, Staffordiæ Buckinghamiensis abneptis, Windesoræ conjugis, hîc jacent cineres; Quæ ortu Vero, partu clara, clarior virtute, Edwardo *chariss. marito Venetiis defuncto, ætate forma florens 33. vitæ anno, Viduam castitatem, more prisco, incæpit, usq; ad sexagessimum vitæ ultimum sanctè tenuit; novo tunc flagrans amore, novum quæsivit & sponsum in cœlis Christum: Terrestrem hæc terra tenet partem; ætheream æther. Obiit* 17 *Jan.* 1599.

Sed ne exemplar castitatis & pudicitiæ, honorè merito, Posteri exemplo hîc carerent, aviæ suæ digniss. Thomas, ex Henrico filio nepos, hoc Monumentum poni curavit.

Ex marito quatuor suscepit filios, Fredericum Dominum Windesore, qui cœlebs obiit, Henricum dom. Windesore è regione sepultum, qui Annam cohæredem Thomæ Rivet equitis aurati uxorem duxit; Edwardum qui Elizabetham Ardington; Andream qui Annam Peccham. Quatuor item filias, quarum Mariæ, & Elizabetha infantili ætate obiere; Margareta eximio Johanni Talbot de Grafton Com. Wigornienſi armig. Catherina Roberto Audley de Berechurch Com. Esexienſi armig. nupsit.

Secundùm miserecordiam tuam memento mei tu propter bonitatem tuam. Psal. 24. vers. 8.

HIC IN SPE RESURRECTIONIS OBDORMIT.

Prænobilis Henricus Baro Windsor de Bradenham, filius Edwardi dom. Windesor, & Catherinæ filiæ Johannis de Vere Comitis Oxon. & Dorotheæ Radulphi Nevill Com. Westmerlandiæ filiæ; qui Frederico fratre seniore moriente sine liberis, & paternam hæreditatem & honorem adiit; titulis verò animi fortitudinem, in prosperis, in adversis patientiam adjunxit: tàm acquisitione quam procreatione verè nobilis, duxit in uxorem Annam cohæredem Thomæ Rivet de Chipenham in Com. Cantab. militis filiam, ex Grisilda filia domini Gulielmi Paget Baronis de Beudesert Custodis privati Sigilli Reg. regnantibus Mariâ & Elizabethâ, ex qua & redditu satis amplo, & liberos (connubii benedictionem) suscepit bis binos masculos: cæteras quinque filias pars major eorum ante ipsos parentes, & in ipsorum cunabulis inter cœlestes cohortes ascripti sunt: funebria parentum, & miseriam hujus mundi gustaturi, tres solummodo supervixere, Thomas scilicet filius & hæres; Elizabetha senior nupta Dixeo Hickman de Kew in Com. Surr. armigero; & Elizabetha junior consanguineo suo Andreæ Windesor armig. Nobilitatem suam omnibus animi & corporis dotibus adornavit: Deo devotissimum, Principi obsequentissimum, uxori amantissimum, domesticis liberalissimum & suavissimum omnibus charum semper se præbuit. In hoc agro suo Tardebigiensi, & mansione de Hewell, in ipsa camera ubi primò spiravit expiravit, magna cum Christiana alacritate & fiducia animam in manus Redemptoris placidè & quietè commendavit, corpus in hac Ecclesia sepeliri curavit sexto die Aprilis inter Resurrectionis solemnia, post partum virginis MDCv. invictissimi nostri Britanniæ monarchæ Jacobi, 3. Ætatis suæ circiter xliii.

Hoc qualecunque Monumentum, & Epitaphium, meritis suis non satis amplum, obsequii & amoris ergo, patri verè pio, verè Catholico, Thomas mœstissimus filius & hæres, multis cum lachrimis scripsit & posuit.

Beati qui in Domino moriuntur.

Tutnell and Cobley.

OF these two Hamlets there is very little mention in Record, other than the grant of them to the King by that Fine from the Abbot and Covent of Bordsley; and their disposall, with Hewell, to the before specified Lord *Windsor*, as the Patent before cited imports.

Ipsley.

THis was possest [f] in the Conquerors time by *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom in Alton-*Cantilupe* I shall say more) and of him then held by one *Hugh*, having at that time a Church; as also a Mill rated at xvi[d], and woods extending to one mile in length and half a mile in breadth, all which were valued at xl[s]; but before the Norman Invasion it belonged to Earl *Algar* (of whom in Coventre I have spoke.) I am of opinio that this *Hugh* was progenitor to that antient family of *Hubaud*, which hath continued Lords of this Mannour in a lineall succession till now: for in *H.* 2. time I do find [t] one *Hugh Hubald* tenant unto *Osbernus fil. Hugonis*, grandchild to the before specifyed *Osbernus*, though we now do, and for a long time through corruptnesse in expression have pronounced it *Hubaud*, changing the l into u, as is frequent in the Northern parts, and thereupon so written it to this day. But the first that I meet with in this Countie sirnamed *Hubold* is [u] *Will. Hubold* in 5 *Steph.* whom I suppose to have been son to the first *Hugh*, and father to the said *Hugh Hubald*, for the time and other circumstances will well enough bear it. To which *Hugh* succeeded *Henry*, whom I find sometimes written [w] *Hubald*, and sometimes *Hubaut*; and to him another *Henry*, though I cannot perfectly distinguish where the first ceased; wherefore I have, upon consideration of the time, seated him for part of *H.* 2. *Ric.* 1. and King *John's* reign, and accordingly have framed the ensuing Pedegree.

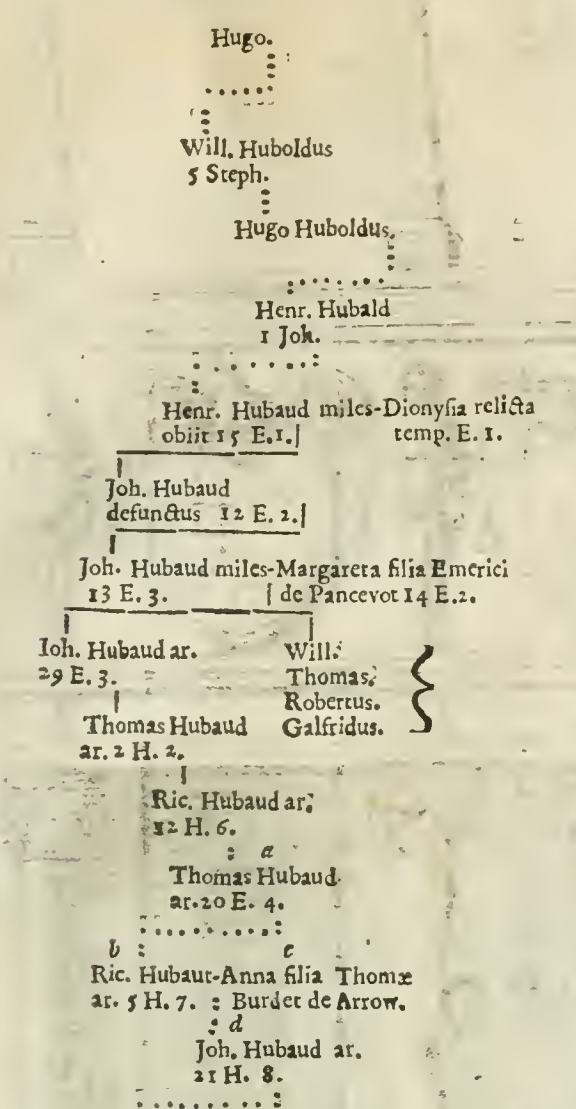
f Domes. lib.

t Ex aut. in bibl. Deuves.

u Rot. P. Steph.

w Ex aut. penès W. Sheldon. & Beeley a.

Hugo



2 *Alc. f.* 64 *b*
b *Pat.* 5 H. 7. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 29.
c *Ex vet. membr. penes* Edw. vic. Conway.
d *Feron. f.* 42. *a.*
e *Inscrip. Tum. apud* Ipsley.
f } *Inscrip.* g } *Tumuli*

This elder *Henry* was a partie to severall Fines levied of lands lying in this place, and elswhere, about the beginning of K. *John*'s time, in which it is written [x] **Ippeſlei** and **Hſpelei**: but I suppose he was dead before the 13 of that Kings reign; for then doth it appear [y] that *Dionysia de Bereford* answered for half a Knights Fee here in **Hſpeley** (for so it is recorded) which was then certified amongst the fees belonging to the Honour of **Ricards-Caſtle** in **Hereford-ſhire**. And in [z] 20 *H.* 3. *Henry Hubouth* (son to the said *Henry*) was taxed for one Knights fee in **Ippeſleg**, under the title of those Fees belonging to the before specified Castle; so also in [a] 36 *H.* 3. Which *Henry* became a person of much action in this County during the time he lived: for in 45 *H.* 3. I find [b] him in Commission for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and in [c] 49 *H.* 3. one of those that helpt to hold out **Kenilw.** Castle against the K. for w^ch this Mannour with the rest of his lands were seized [d] on: but that offence of his and others being wiped off by the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** (as I have elsewhere shewed) he was again a Commissioner [e] for the Goal delivery at **Warwick**; *sc.* in 53, 54, 56 *H.* 3. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 *E.* 1.

x *F. levat. Joh.* & 3. *oh.*
y *Lib. rub.* 155.
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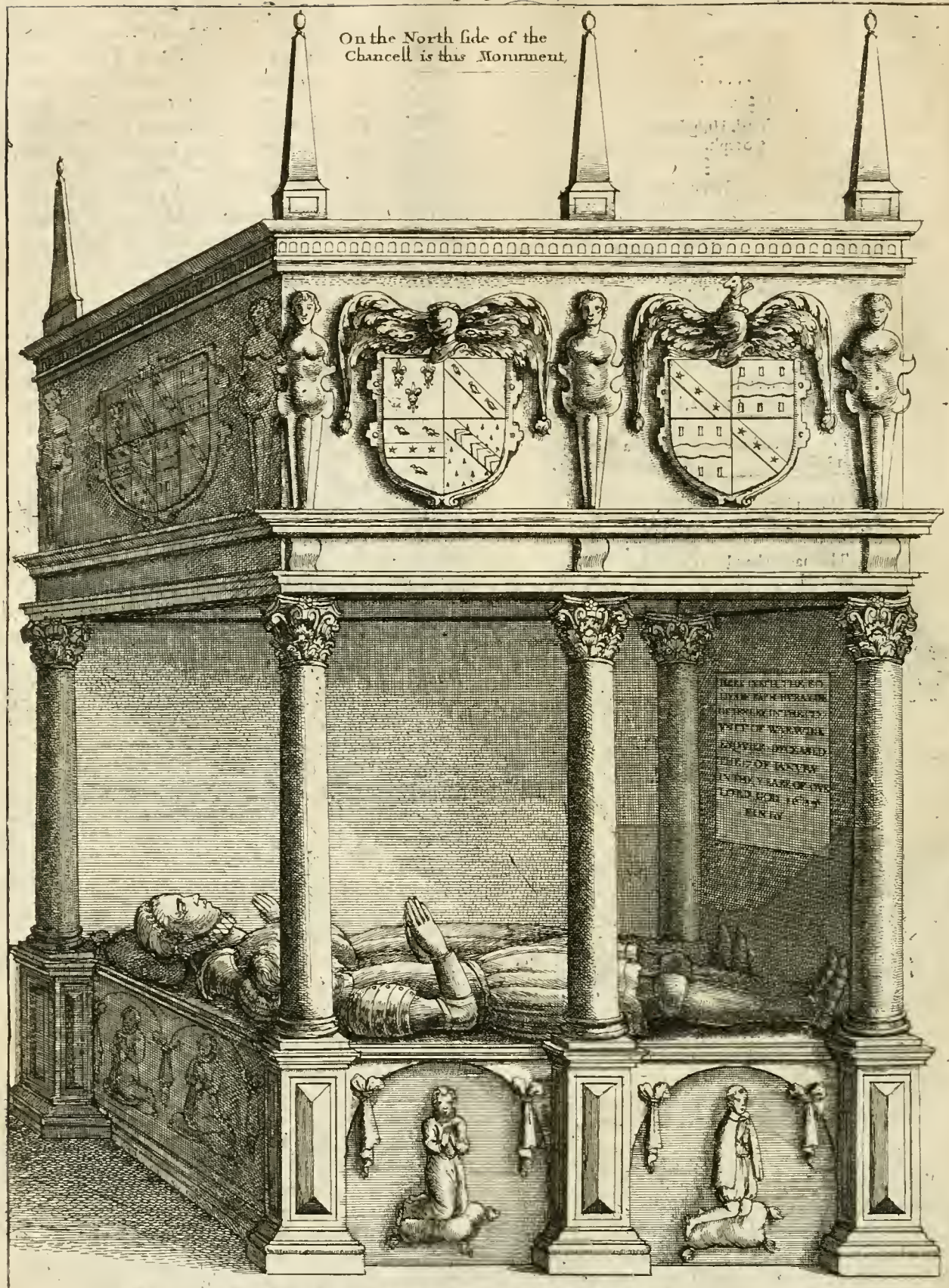
In 13 *E.* 1. being questioned [f] for withdrawing his suit from the County Court, and claiming a **Court Leet** within this his Mannour of **Hſpeley**; by one [g] Inquis. it appears that he disclaimed any such challenge; yet by another [h], whereby *John de Hastings* was required to shew by what authority he excercised that libertie in his Mannour of **Aſton-Cantilupe**, and extended it into this of **Ipſley**, it is evident, that *Will. de Cantilupe* the elder, together with this *Henry* had [i] done it in K. *Henr.* 3. time, whereupon that Prescription was allowed; which *Cantilupes* were great men, and having an eminent seat there, coveted to get the observance of those neighbouring Inhabitants, as it seems, pretending that this Lordship was immediately held of that their Mannour of **Aſton**, and it of **Ricard's Caſtle**, in regard that all of them were posseſt by *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* in the Conquerors time: For though by some Inquisitions it is said to be held of **Ricard's-Caſtle**, yet in others was it found to be held of that Mannour; and at last, *viz.* in 1 *E.* 1. whether by the potency of *Cantilupe*, or whether by agreement with *Mortimer* of **Ricard's-Caſtle**, (heir to *Osbernus fil. Ricardi*, as in **Farnborough** is shewed) I know not, was certified [i] to be held of *George de Cantilupe*; and so also in [k] 15 *E.* 1. of *John de Hastings* (heir unto *Cantilupe*) upon the death of the same *Henry Hubaud* himself, and at severall [l] times after.

f *Rot. de Quo w.*
g } *Ib.*
h }
i *Esc.* 1 E. 1. *n.* 16.
k *Claus.* 16 E. 1. *m.* 3. & *m.* 11.
l *Claus.* 7 E. 2. *m.* 17.

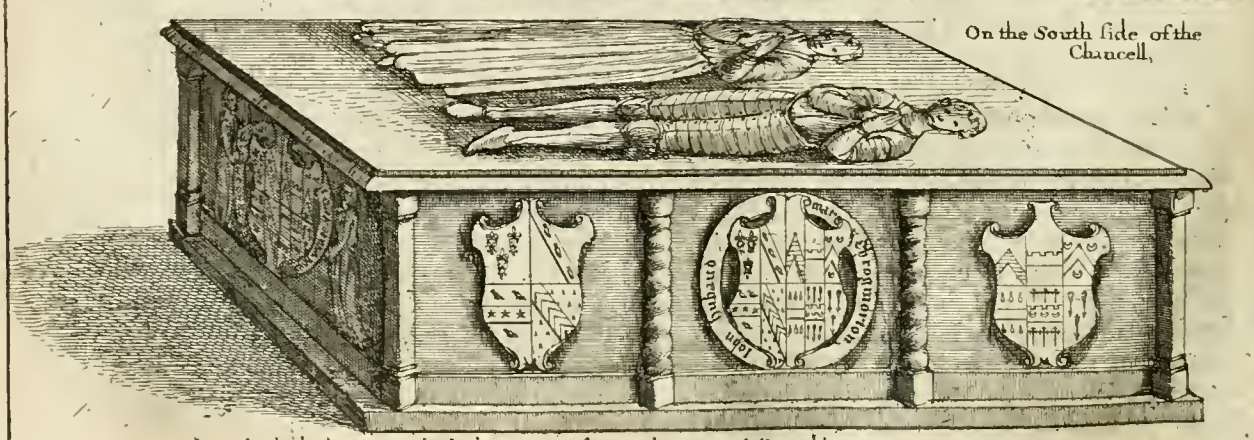
To which *Henry*, who was a Knight [m] before he died, succeeded *John Hubaud*, within age at his Father's death; for in 12 *E.* 2. did Sir *Eymerie Pauncefote* K^t grant [n] and sell to S^r *Will. Lucie* of **Cherlecote** K^t the marriage of the said *John*, to the intent that he should take to wife *Magaret* the daughter of the said S^r *Will. Lucie*; which it seems he did accordingly, as may appear by a Fine levied [o] in 14 *E.* 2. whereby two parts of this Mannour were setled upon the said S^r *Emeric* and *Joan* his wife, for the life of the said *Joan* (whom I suppose to have been mother to the same *John*) and afterwards to return unto the same *John Hubaud* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of the said *John*. This *John Hubaud*, with many other persons of quality, was in 15 *E.* 2. imployed [p] into **Wales** upon the Kings service, for which he had special Letters of Protection. In [q] 13 *E.* 3. he was a K^t, and in [r] 18. one of the Commissioners, in this County, assigned to enquire what persons were seized of Lands to the yearly value of C *s.* and so upwards to a thousand pounds *per an.* over and above reprises and to certifie the same. In 19 *E.* 3. he had [s] Summons to furnish himself with Horse and Armes against the Feast of S. *Laurence* to attend the King in his French Expedition: and was also assigned [t] one of the Commissioners of Array in this County, as to the providing of Archers for that service: but he then went not, as it seems; for I find [u] that within 3 months after such his Summons, the K. receiving advertisement that he was somewhat weak in body, so that he could not well undergoe that imployment, as also that two of his sons were then in his service beyond Sea; *viz.* the one in **Britanny** and the other in **Gaſcoign**, he had a special exemption [w] from that voyage.

m *Ex autog.* penès Joh. Hubaud ar.
n *Ex autog.* penès T. Lucy eq. &c.
o *Craft. Anim.*
p *Pat.* 15 E. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 30.
q *F. levat. Off. Mart.* 13 E. 3.
r *Pat.* 18 E. 3. *in d. p.* 2. *m.* 17.
s *Rot. Franc.* 19 E. 3. *m.* 3
t *Ib. m.* 29.
u } *Pat.* 19
w } *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 12

On the North side of the Chancell is this Monument.



On the South side of the Chancell.



Here lyeth the bodies of John Husbande of Ipsley knight, and of Mary his wyffe, the youngest daughter of George Throgmorton knight Which John deceased the xviith of December in the yeare of our lord god MDlxxxvi and the Lad Mary deceased the xviith day of March in the yeare of our lord MDlxxxvii upon Whose soules Jhu haue mercy Amen.

In 20 E. 3. he was again appointed [x] one of the Commissioners in this County for arraying of Clx. Archers for the Wars of **France**; as also assigned [y] one of the Collectors of a xv^th^ and x^th^ then granted in Parliament for the Kings service, and bore [z] for his Armes *Sable a Cheveron betwixt* 3. *Leopards heads jesant flower de luces Argent*: which coat was assumed by him or his Ancestors for their relation to *Cantilupe* in the tenure of this Mannour, without doubt. To this Sir *John Hubaud* succeeded *John* his son and heir; of whom all that I find memorable is, that in 29 E. 3. he [a] was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**: And to him *Thomas*, a Commissioner [b] in 2 R. 2. for assessing and collecting of a Subsidy in this County, then granted to the King in Parliament; which *Thomas* had issue *Richard Hubaud* Esquier, who is ranked [c] amongst those persons of chief note in this Shire, that in 12 H. 6. Made Oath for observance of certain Articles concluded on in the Parliament then holden, and bore [d] for his Armes *the three Leopards heads without a Cheveron, with a labell of* 3. *points in cheif*: But after him I have not seen any thing very memorable of this family, relating to their publique imployments, untill Queen *Eliz.* time, that *John Hubaud* Esquier, a person highly favoured by *Robert* Earl of **Leicester**, who bore so mighty a sway in those days, was by him in 14. of the said Queens reign, *pro bono consilio, favore, & fideli amicitia multipliciter impenso & impendendo* (as are the words of his Charter [e]) constituted Constable of **Kenilworth** Castle, and cheif Steward of all his Mannours and lands lying in this Countie; as also in the Counties of **Salop**, **Worcester**, and **Montgomerie**; and cheif Ranger of all his Forests, Parks, and Chases within those Lordships, having the Fee of x *li. per annum* granted unto him during life for that service.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1. valued [f] at xii. marks: so also in 14 [g] E. 3. but in [h] 26 H. 8. at xii *li.* at which time the *Procurations* and *Synodalls* were ix *s.* v *d. ob.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Dominus Joh. Hubaud miles.	*Joh. Geraud Cler.* 14. *Apr.* 1344.	
. . . . .	*Leonardus* . . . . . 1348.	
Thomas Hebald Dominus de Ippesley.	*Gralanus le Wolf Cler.* . . . . *Jan.* 1386.	
Ric. Hubaude ar.	*Thomas Chaturley Cap.* 16. *Jan.* 1410.	
	D. Ric. Swyfte Cap. 5. *Junii* 1420.	
Thomas Hubaude ar.	*D. Will. Halford Cap.* 28, *Martii* 1480.	
Ric. Hubaud ar.	*Magr. Hugo Livesay in jure Canon. Bac.* 2. *Nov.* 1482.	
	D. Nich. Hubaud Cap. 21. *Maii* 1493.	
Joh. Hubaud ar.	*Will. Hubaud Accol.* 19. *Maii* 1529.	
Joh. Hubaud ar.	*Ric. Sherwyne Pbr.* 20. *Dec.* 1558.	
Joh. Hubaud miles.	*Will. Bourne Cler.* 2. *Dec.* 1572.	
Rad. Hubaud ar.	*Clem. Lewes Cler.* 22. *Feb.* 1583.	
Eliz. Angl. Regina, per lapsum.	*Henr. Daniell Cler.* 13. *Aug.* 1588.	*Ib. f.* 58. *a.*
Rad. Hubaud art.	*Gabrael. Cliff. Cler.* 11. *Martii* 1588.	*Ib. f.* 58. *b.*
Anna Hubaud Vidua.	*Joh. Warmstry Cler. in art. Magr.* 26. *Aug.* 1615.	*Ib. f.* 96. *b.*

In the body of the Church, towards the North side, is there a raised Monument, but of a much meaner structure than either of those in the Chancell (which are represented on the last page) for it is onely of plaine stone-work with an Alabaster cover, whereon is the portraiture of a man and woman graved, and this Epitaph on the Verge;

Here lyeth the bodies of Nicholas Hubaud esquier, and Dorothye his Wife; the which Nicholas deceassed the second day of May in the yere of our Lord M Dlvii; and the said Dorothy deceassed the xvi^th^ day of May in the yeare of our Lord M Dlviii. Upon whose soules God have mercy Amen.

In the East window of the North Ile.

Sable 3. *Leopards heads jesant flowers de lis Argent.* } **Hubaud.**

Gules a Lyon rampant Argent, crowned Or. } **Pulard.**

In the North window of the Chancell this coat.

Sable, a Cheveron betwixt three Leopards heads jesant flowers de lis Argent. } **Hubaud.**

Studley.

DEscending lower on the same side of **Arrow** I come to **Studley**, within which Parish these places of note are situate; *scil.* **Papleborow**, **Skilts**, **Holt** and **Padhongre**. In the Conquerors time the greatest part thereof, *viz.* four hides (in wh ch also stood the Church and a M.ll) was possest [i] by *Will. fil. Corbucionis*, whereunto belonged a Furnace yeilding annually xix. Horseloads of Salt, and woods extending to one mile in length, and half as much in breadth: All which were then estimated at C *s.* having been the freehold of *Swain* before the Norman Invasion. But the other part, which in *Edward* the Confessors days belong'd to *Godric*, and at that time to *Will. Buenvasleth*, containing onely one hide besides the woods, that were three furlongs in length and two in breadth, and valued therewith at x *s.* was held of him by one *William*.

Of the before specified *Will. fil. Corbucion*, I find that he was a man of eminent note in this County, having [k] lands in **Elmindon**, **Kineton**, **Sekindon**, **Wilshaw**, **Hodenhull**, **Honingham**, **Weston**, **Coundon**, **Barcheston**, **Papleborough**, **Ecclechall**, **Grafton**,

i Domesd. lib.

k Ibid.

Grafton, Binton, Bereford, Wolverton, Bearley, and here at Studley, where he or some of his descendants had a Castle, as by the ruines thereof is evident, and thereat their principall seat, though they had likewise fair possessions in Berks. and Staffordshire: I am of opinion that this *William* was Shiriff of this County for some part of *William* the Conquerors reign; for upon that confirmation to the Monks of Worcester, of Alveston in this County, and the Mill at Salewarp in Worcestershire, originally given to them by S. *Wolstan*, the said King directed his speciall Precept [l] unto *Henry* Earl of Warwick, *Urso de Abetot*, and this *Will. fil. Corbucion*, for their quiet enjoyment of those places, which *Urso* was then Shiriff of Worcestershire, as elswhere I have manifested. To the said *William* succeeded [m] *Robert Corbuseon*, who in H. 1. time, upon the Dedication of the Church of Eccleshale, gave [n] certain *Glebe* thereto. And next unto him *Peter* (his brother as I guesse) who in some authorities is written [o] *Petrus filius Willielmi*, and in others *Petrus Corbezon*, as also *Petrus de Stodley*: which *Peter* was a witness [p] to severall Charters of *Margaret* Countesse of Warwick, and [q] of Earl *Roger* her son; and in 12 H. 2. held [r] ten Knights fees and a fourth part of *William* Earl of Warwick *de veteri feoffamento*: whence I conclude, that whatsoever *William* his grandfather did possesse in the Conquerors time, upon erection of *Henry de Novo-Burgo* to the Earldom of Warwick, the same was given to that Earl; and that he newly enfeoft the said *Peter* thereof: but it seems he kept them not long; for I find that he passed [s] them back to Earl *Waleran*, brother to the said *Williams*.

This *Peter* was a most devout man; for to the Monks of Bordsley he gave [t] lands in Hilborough; To [u] the Knights *Templars* the Mill here at Stodley, and certain lands besides: And moreover was the pious Founder of that Monastery for *Canons Regular* here in Studley, whereof together with its particular endowments, benefactors, and dissolution I shall speak by and by. But to him succeeded *Peter* his son [w] & heir, who left very little here to his descendants: for it 2 *Joh.* [x] he sold to his Tenants of this Mannour, all his wood called the Haye, to the intent that they and their heirs should have Common of Pasture therein for their Cattell, saving onely to himself and his heirs the paunage and agistment for Hoggs. Besides this it appears [y] that he gave to *Henry de Montfort* (Lord of Beldesert) a large proportion of lands, here, with *Emme* his daughter in Frank marriage; and likewise divers tenements and particular parcells of ground in exchange for that which the said *Henry* recovered at Hildeburgewerthe (now Hilborough) in the Kings Court at Westminster by a triall at Law: And moreover to *Thurstan Montfort*, son to the said *Henry*, the intire Park of Stodley, with severall other tenements. So that, accounting also the homage and services of certain particular Tenants in this place, which together with the advouson and patronage of the Priory, he granted [z] to *William de Cantilupe*, I do not find that he left his posterity much more than the bare name of the Mannour: for those of the Inhabitants here, that held of *Cantilupe*, by reason of the grant to him so made as aforesaid, appeared [a] at his Court-Leet for Alton-*Cantilupe*, and did partake with the Tenants of that Mannour in sundry other priviledges.

Of the particulars which *Montfort* had here, I find [b] this mention in 24 E. 1. Upon the Extent of *John de Montfort*'s lands; *viz.* that he had ix *s.* yearly Rent, payable from five Freeholders at the Feasts of S. *Michael* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady; as also a Park and a certain Meadow held of the Earl of Warwick by the fourth part of a Knights Fee; which Park was then in the hands of the said Earl, as it seems; for that very year did there a Commission [c] issue out to certain persons to enquire who those were that had entred therein and killed his Deer. But these came at length to *William Beauchamp* Lord Bergavenny, in such sort [d] as the Castle of Beldesert and town of Henley did. As to what the *Templars* had here, the extent thereof, upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick, was signified [e] to be one mess. one carucate of land, ten acres of meadow, two Mills and xxx *s.* Rent; all which he had seized into his hands, and held during his life as superior Lord of the Fee, upon the suppression of that Order in 4 E. 2. But it was not long after, that the Knights *Hospitalars* possest the same, with the rest of the *Templars* lands, as in Balshall shall be manifested. That which the heirs of *Cantilupe* had here, was held of them by the third part of a Knights Fee, *John* the son of *William de la Hay* so holding [g] it of *John de Hastings* Lord *Bergavenny* in 18 E. 2. from whom it came [h] to *William Beauchamp* before specified, with much more of *Hastings* lands.

And touching the Mannour, the substance of what else I have seen [i], is, that *Peter Corbison* in 29 E. 3. enfeoft the then Vicar of Studley therein, together with pasturage for a Horse called a Hackney, in a meadow there known by the name of Castle-meadow, to be tyed and flitted with an iron chain, from the Feast of the *Purification* of our Lady untill the said meadow should be mowed; reserving an yearly Rent of three broad Arrow heads to the chief Lord of the Fee for all services. Which *Peter Corbison* had issue [k] one only daughter and heir called *Felicia*, married [l] to *John Barret* of Shelfhull, unto whom the said Vicar of Studley past [m] the premisses in 9 R. 2. which *John* and *Felicia* left also a daughter and heir wedded [n] to . . . . . *Atwood*, who had onely issue Female, one whereof became the wife [o] of . . . *Hunt* in H. 8. time; from whom . . . . *Hunt*, who now possesseth the site of the before specified Castle, derives his descent.

The Church, being given to the Canons of Studley upon the Foundation of that Monastery, as shall anon be shewed; and in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [p] at xv. marks and a half, was very antiently appropriated to the Priory here; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge rated [q] at viii *li.* not in Tithes, but a meer stipend [r] payable by the Canons to the Incumbent for the time being,

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Stodleg.	*Adam de Hemburi Pbr* 4. *Id. Julii* 1290.	Giff. f. 31. a.
	Adam de Stodley Pbr. 12. *Cal. Julii* 1293.	Ib. f. 37.
	Nich. de la Sale Pbr. 3. *Id. Dec.* 1338.	Hem. f. a.
	Joh. de Walton Pbr. 3. *Dec* 1345.	Wolst. vol. f. 93. b.
	Rob. de Ordeleſcote 4. *Julii* 1354.	Br. vol. II. a.

Henr.

l Pat. 10 E. 1. m. 10. per Insp.

m Regist. de Kenilw. p. 85.

n Regist. de Kenilw. p. 85.

o Ib. p. 18.

p Ib. p. 19.

q Ib. p. 18.

r Lib. rub. f. 104. a.

s Ex autog. in Offic. Armorum.

t Cart. 51 H. 3. per Inspex.

u MS. in Offic. Arm. [L. 17.] f. 148. a.

w Witlesey f. 12. a.

x Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.

y Ex autog. penès S. Mountfort ar.

z Witlesey ut supra.

a Rot. de Quo W.

b Esc. 24 E. 1. n. 59.

c Pat. 24 E. 1. in d. m 11.

d Esc. 13 E. 4. n. 2.

e Esc. 12 E. 2. n. 26.

g Claus. E. 2. m. 1

h Esc. 14 E. 6. n. 35.

i Ex aut. penès W. Fetherston gen.

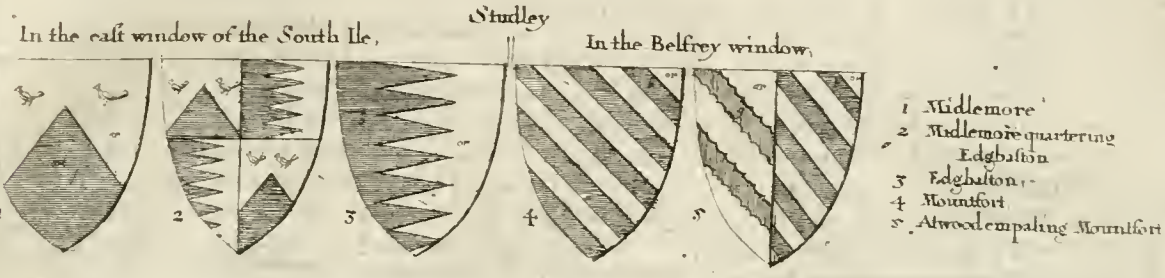
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q MS. penès S. A. eq. au f. 21. a.

r Ib. f. 1[illegible].

Bar.f.23.b.	D. Episcopus.	Henr. de Geydon Pbr. 14. Dec. 1362.	Prior & Conv. de Stodleg.	D. Milo Sheghe Cap. 2. Junii 1461.	Ib.159.b.
Wit.f.6.a.	Prior & Conventus de Stodleg.	Thomas Newman Pbr. 6. Martii 1364.	D. Episcopus.	D. Thomas Dawes Cap. 13. Aug. 1479.	Alc.f.57.a
Wak.f.10.a.		Petrus Dycones Pbr. 13. Jan. 1375.		Magr. Rob. Knowles S. Theol. Dr. 6. Aug. 1536.	Lat.f.2.a.
Pev.f.67.a.		D. Joh. Litster alias Tyhill Pbr. 16. Aug. 1414.	Edm. Knightley miles.	D. Ric. Kylmar 14. Sept. 1541.	Bell.f.24.a.
Bourch.f. 37.a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Joh. Campion Pbr. 23. Dec. 1437.	Joh. Knotsford de majori Malvern unus servien. D. Regis ad Arma, & Jana ejus conjux una hæred. Edm. Knightley mil.	D. Joh. Coxetur Pbr. 23. Sept. 1546.	
Ib.f.51.b.	Prior & Conv. de Stodleg.	Rob. Ekynton Pbr. 14. Nov. 1438.		Rob. Dowse Cler. 21. Martii 1550.	Heath. f. 11.b.
Carp.vol.1. f.145.b.		D. Joh. Morton Canon. 26. Apr. 1458.			Ib.f.15.b.



Pat.7 H. 4.p.2.m. 2.

In this Church there hath been a *Chantry* founded [c] in 7 H. 4. by *Thomas Middlemore* of **Edgbaston**, for a certain Priest to sing Masse daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, on the South part of the same Church, for the good estate of him the said *Thomas* during this life, and the health of his soul after his departure hence: as also for the souls of his Father and mother, and all the faithfull deceased. Which *Chantry* was endowed [t] with Lxxx. acres of land, x. acres of meadow, and xiii *s.* iv *d.* yearly Rent lying in **Studley** above mentioned: the revenues whereof in 26 H. 8. were rated [u] at iv *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* which sum in 37 H. 8. was yearly received [w] by the Priest belonging thereto, at the hands of M^r *Robert Midlemore*, notwithstanding he did not duly attend here, but sung in other places at his pleasure.

Esc.7 H. 4.n.18.

Ex MS. penes S. A. Laur.f. 1.a.

Ex alio S. penes nd. S.A. 3.b.

The Priory of Studley.

Cart. 21 E.3. n.3. per Inspx.

THis was first founded [x] in King *Stephen's* time, by *Peter Corbicon* (otherwise called *Peter de Stodleg*, in regard of his residence here) for *Canons Regular* of *S. Augustin's* Order, at a place called **Wicton** neer **Wiche** in **Worcestershire**; and by him endowed with the Churches of the same **Wicton**, as also of **Studley**, **Cocton** (now **Coughton** in this County) **Salperton** in **Gloucestershire**, and all other Churches of his Patronage, after the death of the Incumbents that had been presented thereto by him the said *Peter* or his father; and likewise with half the town of **Wicton** before specified, three Houses in **Worcester**, and two Furnaces of Salt at **Wiche**, and the Tithes of all the rest of his Salt there: And moreover with half the Tithes of all his demesn lands in **Tikenapletre** *in Com Wigorn.* the whole proportion of his essarts there, with a Meadow, and the oblations called *Chirset* of that village; and likewise of C. acres of his demesn lands in **Salperton** before specified; of the Chapelry of his own House; and all thereto belonging, with the freedom from *Toll*, *Tak* and many other exactions. Which Canons rested not long at **Wicton**, but were translated [y] hither; with an assignation [z] unto them of the Chuches abovespecified, and an addition of the Church of **Aneveburne** with the Chapell of **Dormeston** in **Gloucestershire**, and the Chapelry of his own House there: as also the grant of divers particular lands; *viz.* one yard land in **Studley** situate on the bank of the river **Arrow**, with two curtilages thereunto belonging (which I take to be it whereupon the Monastery was built:) all his lands lying below the high way leading from **Bordsley** to the bounds of **Ipsley**; a Meadow called **Brunham**; a grove of Alders lying betwixt **Stretford** and **Wasford**; a Mill that *Edwin Brochard* held; lands which had been belonging to one *Aschetill*, with the wood adjoyning; the land of *Eluric* the Clothier, and the wood situate betwixt *Alan's land* and that of *Roger de la Haye*, with certain other lands which appertained to *Robert Meriam*. And over and above all this, he gave them CC. acres of his demesn lands lying in **Salperton** before specified; *scil.* C. acres in the East field, and C. acres in the West: Confirming likewise his former grant of the said three Houses in **Worcester**; half the Tithes of **Tikenapletre**, with the essarts, Meadow, and *Chircheset* before mentioned; as also the Tithes of his Salt at **Wiche**, with the two Furnaces there.

But as the greatnesse of this family much diminished in the time of *Peter Corbicon* son and heir to *Peter* the Founder, so did also the glory of this Monastery: for it appears [a], that at such time as the Patronage thereof was granted by the said *Peter* unto *William de Cantilupe* and his heirs, the revevenues of it were so wasted by ill guidance and goverment, that there were no more than three Canons then left therein: Nevertheless, by the pious care and munificence of him and his posterity, it soon came to flourish again: For besides the grant of [b] those his possessions in **Shottwell** (in this County) which he had acquired [c] from *Eustace*

a Witlesey f.12.a.

b } Cart. 1 E.3. ut supra.
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de Mortein and *John Wandard*, with a Houſe and Curtilage, he vouchſafed unto them the priviledge, that [d] whenſoever their Houſe ſhould happen to be vacant by the death of their Prior, they ſhould as freely proceed to a new election of another, as any Collegiate Church in ſuch caſes uſed to do; firſt only craving the Licenſe of him the ſaid *William* and his heirs; and after the election ſo made, then humbly deſiring his or their aſſent thereunto. And moreover, that whereas by Cuſtome in ſome Monaſteries of **England**, the cuſtody during the vacancy appertained to the Patron; he notwithſtanding granted unto them, for him and his heirs, that whenſoever any ſuch vacancy ſhould happen, the Sub-Prior and Celerer for the time being, ſhould in the name of him the ſaid *William* and his heirs, have the cuſtody thereof, ſo that both or one of them did firſt repair unto him or his heirs to receive the adminiſtration thereof at his or their hands; but that the Biſhop nor any other ſhould have ought to do therewith. All which conceſſions and immunities were ratified by *William Wittleſey* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, as his publique Inſtrument dated here a **Stodleigh** upon the day of S. *Sylveſter* the Pope *Anno* 1364. (38 E. 3.) doth teſtify.

d Witleſey *ut ſupra.*

To which *William de Cantilupe* ſucceeded *Will.* his ſon and heir, who followed the ſteps of his devout father in bounty to theſe Canons, as appears by [e] his grant of lands to them, lying in **Aſton-***Cantilupe*, to the value of x *li. per annum*, for the ſupport and maintenance of a certain Hoſpitall erected by his father neer the Gate of this Monaſtery, where impotent people might have relief and entertainment. Which *William* likewiſe beſtowed upon [f] them xx *s.* yearly Rent, iſſuing out of certain lands in **Snarkeſton** (*in Com. Leic.*) held of him by *Raph de Charnells*, with paſturage for eight Oxen, two Kine, and one Horſe in his own demeſn Paſture of **Buchme** and the **Rene**: granting them alſo power to hold a Court for their own Tenants as freely as ever he himſelf uſed to do. And further added [g] the Church of **Hemeſton** in **Devonſhire** of his patronage; as alſo all thoſe eſſarts, with their appurtenances, lying within his Park at **Shelfhull**, as they are bounded with the High-way leading from **Spernore** towards **Aſton**; together with the perpetuall patronage of the Church at **Aſton**, as alſo certain lands ſituate in the Village of **Trente**. And laſtly obtained a Charter [h] from King H. 3. dated at **Weſtminſter** 22. *Dec.* 26 H. 3. whereby he granted to them, that their woods lying within the Foreſt of **Fekenham** might be free to themſelves, and no Officer of the Kings belonging to the Foreſt, to intermedle therein, nor preſſe upon them for hoſpitality or entertainment without their own good liking.

e *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *n.* 3. *per Inſp.*

f *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *n.* 3. *per Inſp.*

g *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *n.* 3. *per Inſp.*

h *Cart.* 26 *H.* 3. *m.* 8.

From other Benefactors they had as followeth; *viz.* in [i] **Perdeley** (*Com. Wigorn.*) 33. acres of land given by *William Cumin*, antiently Lord of that Mannour: as alſo a certain proportion there and in **Grete**, conferred on them by *William de Edricheſton*. In [k] **Ipſley** ſome quantity by *Thomas le Barbour*; In **Aldeſwelle** by *Peter de Aſſerugge*; In **Wilcton** by *John le Roter*. A place called the Vineyard, here in **Stodley**, by *Peter de Montfort*. All thoſe lands in **Wike**, within the precincts of **Coughton**, by *Conſtance* the daughter to *William a Parke* (ſometime wife of Sir *Simon de Cocton* Knight) in her widowhood; which lands ſhe had in frank marriage of her father's gift: and certain lands in **Hatton**, given by *John de Stodley* and *Robert de Freynuſe*. All which are confirmed, with divers priviledges, as the Charters [l] of King H. 2. H. 3. and *Edw.* 3. do manifeſt: as alſo by a Bull of [m] Pope *Gregory* the ix. bearing date 7. *Kal. Martii Anno* 1228. (12 H. 3.) whereby likewiſe they had a ſpeciall immunity from payment of Tithes for any of their lands which they did or ſhould hold in their own occupation. Nor may I omit to take notice that the Lady *Eva de Cantilupe*, widow to the laſt *William*, gave [n] unto them lands lying within her Mannour of **Lodeſwell** in **Devonſhire** of C *s. per annum* value, with the homage and ſervices of ſundry Freeholders there; as alſo an yearly Rent of xx *s. per annum*, iſſuing out of the ſaid Mannour, payable at the Feaſts of S. *Michael*, and th' *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions.

i *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *ut ſupra.*

k *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *ut ſupra.*

l *Ibid. Clauſ.* 26 *H.* 3 *m.* 12.

m *Ex ipſo autog. penès* Iuſtir Iſham *Bar*

n *Cart.* 46 *H.* 3. *m.* 3. *per Inſp.*

But notwithſtanding that grant of the Church of **Aſton-***Cantilupe*, ſo made by the ſaid *William de Cantilupe* as aforeſaid, ſome advantage was afterwards taken to the legality thereof; inſomuch as Queen *Elianore*, who had the wardſhip of *John de Haſtings* (one of the heirs to *George de Cantilupe*) in 4 E. 1. recovered [o] the Advouſon thereof in his right: Howbeit in the end, the ſaid Canons obtained it by an exchange, [p] for certain lands lying within the precincts of **Aſton-***Cantilupe*, which they paſt to the ſaid *John de Haſtings*, about the 24. of E. 1. in lieu thereof. And yet I do not perceive that they enjoy'd it long; for plain it is by what I have elſewhere ſhewed, that the Canons of **Parſtoke**, in this County, had it even till the diſſolution of that Monaſtery.

o *Plac. de T. Hill.* 4 1. *Rot.* 23

p *Pat.* 24 1. *m.* 1.

And being thus inricht with ſuch fair and ample poſſeſſions, as by what hath been ſaid appeareth, they began to rebuild their Church, as may ſeem from the Dedication [q] thereof by *John de Monemuth* Biſhop of **Landaff**, then Suffragan to *Renaud Bryan* Biſhop of **Worceſter** 3. *Non. Junii anno* 1308. (1 E. 2.) But after the male line of *Cantilupe* was ſo extinguiſht as aboveſaid, the Patronage of this Monaſtery, upon partition [r] betwixt the Coheirs, reſorted to *William la Zouche* of **Haringworth**, unto whom one of them was wedded. Which *William* in 20 E. 3. became alſo a Benefactor thereto, giving [s] one meſſ. 4. acres of land, with 51 *s.* rent lying in **Stodley** and **Pertone** within this County. From which time till the diſſolution thereof I find nothing elſe given thereto, other than the free Chapell [t] of S. *Mary Magdalen* at **Sponne** neer **Coventre**, with the lands thereto belonging, by King *Edw.* 4. in 14. of his reign, to pray for the good eſtate of him and his Queen, as alſo of *Edward* Prince of **Wales** his eldeſt ſon, and for their ſouls after their departure out of this world, together with the ſoul of *Richard* Duke of **Yorke** his late father, and all his Anceſtors.

q *Renaud* 12. *a.*

r *Clauſ.* 1 *E.* 2. *m.* 5.

s *Pat.* 20 3. *p.* 1. *m.*

t *Pat.* 14 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 1

Upon the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. the yearly revenue belonging to this Religious Houſe, over and above all Reprizes, was certified [u] to be Cxxv *l.* iv *s.* viii *d. ob.* Amongſt which deductions I find [w] xlvi *s.* viii *d.* yearly Rent payable to the Parſon of **Strentham** *in Com. Wigorn.* to be diſtributed in Almes, and to defray the charges of the *Obit* annually kept there, for the Lady *Elizabeth Ruſſell* one of the Benefactors to this Monaſtery. For the *Obit* of *John Baſſet*, another of the ſaid Benefactors, yearly vi *s.* viii *d.* For the *Obit* of *William de Cantilupe* xiv *s.* viii *d.* To be diſtributed in Almes to poor people yearly within the Pariſh of

u *MS. penès* S A. *eq. aur.* 11. *a.*

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of **Studley**, by the appointment of *Peter Corbicon* the Founder vii *s.* viii *d.* To poor people every *Maunday Thursday* by direction of the said Founder v *s.* vii *d.* And to poor people upon every *Good Friday* by the same appointment v *s.* So that the totall value thereof being certified under CC *li. per annum* it was rank't amongst the lesser Houses, and suppressed by Act of Parliament in 27. H. 8. *John Yardley* the then Prior having an annuity [x] of xv *li. per annum* assigned unto him by Patent in 28 H. 8. for his life.

x *Ex Regist. de Pens. in Curia Augm.*

After which it continued not long in the Crown: for in 30 H. 8. Sir *Edmund Knightley* Sergeant [y] at Law had a grant [z] of the site thereof, together with the Mannour of **Studley** thereto belonging, and some other lands, to hold in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Knights fee, paying viii *li.* xi *s.* ii *d.* yearly into the Exchequer in the name of a Tenth. Which Sir *Edmund* departing [a] this life ff2. *Sept.* 34 H. 8. left the five daughters of his brother *Richard Knightley* of **Upton** *in Com.* **Northampton** Esquier, his cousins and heirs [b]; *viz. Joane* the wife of *John Knotsford* Sergeant at Armes, *Anne* marryed to *George Throkmortan* Esquire, *Mary* to *Barth Hussey*; with *Susan* and *Frances* then unmarried. Betwixt whom it came to be divided, as by the distinct parts which these sisters had therein doth appear [c]. Whereof the site of the Monastery fell to *Knotsford*, being possest by his descendants at this day.

y *Esc.* 36 H. 8.

z *Pat.* 30 H. 8. p. 1.

a } *Esc.* 36
b } H. 8.

c *F. levat. T. Trin.* 2 E. 6. *F. levat. T. Hill.* 4 & 5. Ph. & M. *Pat.* 4 & 5. Ph. & M. p. 11.

Priores de Studley.

Electi per Conventum.

- *Fromundus, temp. Regis Steph.*
- *Rogerus, temp. H.* 3.
- *Frater Joh. le Souche* 10 *Julii* 1338.
- *Joh. de Gorcote.*
- *Joh. de Evesham Canon.* 9. *Jan.* 1371.
- *Rob. Wynby Canon.* 27. *Sept.* 1431.
- *Thomas Bedull temp. H.* 6.
- *D. Ric. Wode Canon.* 8. *Martii* 1454.
- *Joh. Yardly* 26 *H.* 8.

Mapleborough.

THis (with the greatest part of **Studley**) being possest [d] by *Will. fil. Corbucionis* in the Conquerors time, and of him held by one *Goisfridus*, did then contain onely one hide besides the woods, of one furlong in length and as much in breadth, all valued at xv *s.* having been the inheritance of one *Leviet* before the Norman Invasion. But after this I do not find that it retained the name of a Village; for the next notice that I have taken thereof, is in 19 R. 2. where mention is made of it as a part of **Studley**, *Thomas Midlemore* of **Edgbaston** being them certified [e] to hold two mess. 400. acres of land, 60. acres of Meadow, and *xxviii s.* Rent of Assize therein. Which lands in 10 H. 6. were found [f] to be in the possession of *John Midlemore* of **Edgbeston** (before specified) Esquier, and held by the fourth part of a Knights fee, being in the Record called the Mannour of **Stodley**, and to this day enjoyed by his posterity, lying contiguous to that large piece of wast called **Mapleborough-green**, which is the only place that now retaineth any thing of that antient name, but was heretofore called the **Hay-wood** as may seem by the endorsement [g] upon that deed of *Peter* the son of *Will. Corbucion* of **Studley** to the Freeholders there, in 13 E. 2. confirming the grant of *Peter* his Ancestor, made in 2 *Joh.* for Common of Pasture in that place, as in **Studley** I have observed.

d *Ex autog. penès .... Cookes de Pinle.*

e *Ex autog. penès S. Montfort r. Wolst. vol.* 1. 16. *b.*

f *Lyn. f.* 21. *a.*

Alt. f. 93.

Ex vet. MS. penès .... mint de Studley.

Orp. vol. 1. 126. *a.*

Ex. penès A. cq. f. 11. *a.*

Domesd.

El. 19 R. 2. 3. & 66

fR in Sc. penès Re. R.

g *Ex vet. exempl. penès ... Hunt de Studley.*

Skilts.

THis was antiently a Grange belonging to the Priory of **Studley** and written **Skyllus-grange**; but the first mention I have found thereof is in a Petition [h] to the Bishop of **Worcester** *temp.* H. 6. by *Thomas Atwode*, right heir of blood (as he there stiles himself) to *Peter Corbicon* the Founder of that Religious House; wherein he complains against *Thomas Bedull* the then Prior, for keeping a Paramour here; *viz. Joane*, wife to one *John Greene*, by the connivence of her husband; to which *Joane* he sundry times resorted in secular apparell, allowing her Wheate, Malt, Wooll, and other things whereby the Monastery was much impoverisht.

h *Ibid.*

It seems that upon Partition betwixt the heirs female of *Knightley*, to whom th said Priory of **Stodley** came after its dissolution, as I have there observed, it fell to *James Duffyld* in right of *Frances* his wife, one of those coheirs; for in 3 E. 6. did *William East* and others, purchase [i] it of the said *James*, together with a fift part of the Mannour of **Stodley**; and in 2 *Eliz.* sold [k] it to *Will. Sheldon* Esquier, by the name of two messuages 600. acres of land, 60. acres of Meadow, 600. acres of Pasture, 120. acres of Wood, and 100. acres of Heath and Furrs; all which he imparkt for Deer, and the on South side thereof built a very beautifull House of brick, whereof his posterity (of whom I have spoke in **Weston** juxta **Chriton**) are possest at this day.

i *F. levat. T. Trin* 3 E. 6.

k *Pat.* 2. *Eliz. p.* 9.

Holt.

THis being that which belong'd to the Knights *Templars*, and after to the *Hospitalars* (here in **Studley**) was in 34 H. 8. past [l] out of the Crown to Sir *Edmund Knightley* Knight, but I find it not called by the name of **Holt**, till 4 E. 6. and then was it certified [m] that *Henry Rishton* Esquire dyed seized thereof 14. *Junii* 3 E. 6. by the name of the Mannour or Capitall mess. called **Holt**, with the appurtenances in **Stodeleigh**; and 2. mess. 300. acres of land, 50 acres of Meadow, 200. acres of Pasture, and 60. acres of Wood, and underwood to the same belonging, leaving *John Rishton* his son and heir then 18. years of age. From which *John* in 2. & 3. *Ph.* & *M.* it was [n] conveyed to *Raph Rishton* gent. who the next ensuing yeat past [o] it to Sir *John Southworth* Knight.

l *Pat.* 34 H. 8. p. 1.

m *Esc.* 4 E. 6.

n *F. levat. T. Hill.* 2 & 3. Ph. & M.

o *F. levat. T. Mich.* 3 & 4. Ph. & M.

Padongre.

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THis was originally a member of that part of **Stodley**, which belong'd to *Corbicon*, and came afterwards to *Cantilupe*: for in 6 E. 2. I find it certified, [p] that *Ric. fil. Ricardi* held the sixteenth part of a Knights Fee here, of *John de Hastings* then deceased, which was valued at xiii *s.* iv *d.* but little else have I further seen thereof than what tends to the same effect.

p *Esc.* 6 E. 2.

Coughton.

FOllowing the stream of **Arrow** I come next to **Coughton**, which, containing within its Parish the Hamlets of **Samburne** and **Wike**, was in the Conq[ts]. time possest by *Turchill de Warwick*, of whom one *William* then held it; and by the generall Survey, wherein it is written **Coctune**, certified [q] to contain three hides of land, having a Mill valued at xxxii *d.* as also one House in **Warwick** yeilding viii *d. per annum*, at which time the Meadows here were estimated at ten acres, and the Woods at six furlongs in length, and four in breadth, wherein there was feeding for 50. Hogs: all which being valued at L *s.* had been the freehold of *Untonius* in *Edward* the Confessors days.

q Domesd. *lib.*

That this was part of those lands belonging to the said *Turchill*, and which were disposed of to *Henry de Neuburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** after the Conquest, I am induced to believe from consideration of the tenure; forasmuch as it appeareth by sundry authorities to have been held of the succeeding Earls, as I shall have occasion to give instance by and by. From which Earl I suppose *Peter de Stodley* (sometimes written *Peter Corbicon*) had it: for it appears [r] that upon his Foundation of the Priory at **Stodley** (in H. 1. or King *Stephen*'s time) he gave the Church to that House: but it was not long after, ere that a certain family, who assumed their surname from hence, were possessors of it: Of which, *Ranulph de Cotton* is the first that I meet with: who held [s] also a Knights Fee elsewhere of the Monks of **Evesham** in 12 H. 2. This *Ranulph* had issue [t] *Simon de Cotton*, who towards the latter end of King *John*'s raign was in that Rebellion with the Barons, and of the retinue to [u] *Walter de Beauchamp*, for which his lands were seized; but upon his return to obedience he had restitution [w] of them again. Which *Simon* gave to [x] the Canons of **Alcester**, in this County, a certain place in his Woods here at **Cocton**, whereupon to erect a House for Hogs; as also one load of Wood for every week in the year.

r *Cart.* 1 E. 3. *n.* 3. *per Insp.*

s *Lib. rub. f.* 100. *a.*

t *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 139. & 140.

u { *Clauſ.* w { 18 Joh. *m.* 5.

x *Cart.* 25 H. 3. *m.* 5. *per Insp.*

To him succeeded another *Simon*, who in 5 H. 3. confirmed [y] to the Canons of **Studley** their right in the advouson of this Church at **Cocton**: which *Simon* was a Knight [z]; but having no issue male left his two daughters his heirs, *Cecilie* [a] married to *John de la Mare*, and *Joan* [b] to *William de Spineto*: whereby, it seems, that this Lordship came by partition to *Spine*; for I find that *Roger de Spine* son [c] to the said *William* and *Joan*, past [d] away the inheritance of it to *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester** in 17 E. 1. by the name of one mess. and three Carucates of land, but the Bishop kept it not long; for by his Deed [e] bearing date at **Wydinton** on the Feast day of S. *Luke* the Evangelist 21 E. 1. he granted and quit claymed all his right therein, by the name of the Mannour of **Cocton**, unto *William* son of *William Spine* and his heirs, which *William*, I suppose to have been a younger brother to the same *Roger*. By what right it was, that *Simon* son to *Rob. de Bruylli* came to have an interest here, I cannot directly tell; yet out of doubt it is that some title he had; and if I may guesse thereat (for authority I have none) I should imagine, that he was descended from *Cecilie* the other coheir of *Simon de Cotton* before spoken of: but leaving this to further scrutinie, I proceed to what is apparent; *viz.* that the same *Simon* in 36 H. 3. held [f] half a Knights Fee in this place of the Earl of **Warwick**; and that about the 20 E. 1. he made a grant [g] of this Mannour unto *William de Luda* Bishop of **Ely**: Howbeit I find that within a short time after (for the Deed bears date at **Thorpe-Watervill** in **Northamptonshire** the Wednsday next after the Feast of the *Nativity* of the blessed Virgin 26 E. 1.) Sir *William Tuchet* Knight [h] released to the before specified *William Spine* and his heirs all his right in this Mannour, which formerly belonged to the above mentioned *Simon de Bruly*.

a { *Ex autog. penès* R. Throkmorton *Bar.*

b { *Ex autog. penès præfat.* Rob. Throkmort.

c *Plac. de B.* 17 E. 1.

d *Cart.* 17 E. 1. *m.* 5.

e Gift. *f.* 375. *b.*

f *Testa de* Nevill.

g { *Ex autog. penès præfat.* Rob. Throkmort.

h { *Ex autog. penès præfat.* Rob. Throkmort.

To this *William Spine* (the second) succeeded another *William*, who in 9 E. 2. was certified [i] to hold the half Knights Fee in this place, before mentioned, of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and departed [k] this life in 10 E. 2. leaving *William* his son [l] and heir: which *William* had divers notable imployments in this County for a great part of *Edward* 3. raign. In 19. he was one of [m] the Commissioners appointed about the arraying of Archers for the French Wars. In 20, 22, 23, and 26 E. 3. for levying and collecting the Fifteenths and Tenths then [n] granted to the King in the Parliaments of those years. In [o] 29, 31, and 33. E. 3. for conservation of the Peace, and taking care that the Statute of Labourers should be duly put in execution; and bore [p] for his Armes *Sable a Cheveron Argent betwixt* 3. *Cressants Or*. Which *William* left issue *Guy de la Spine*, who being a Knight [q] in 11 R. 2. served as one of the Kts for this Shire in these severall Parliaments of that King's time; *viz.* in that of 11. R. 2. held at **Westminster** [r]; in 12. at [s] **Cambridge**; in [t] 14. and 15. [u] at **Westminster**. In which 15. year he was constituted [w] one of the Commissioners in this County for arraying of men; in 21. Eschaetor [x] for this County and **Leicestershire**, being at that time of the Earl of **Warwick**'s retinue [y]; and in 22 R. 2. Receiver [z] generall unto *Thomas Holland* D. of **Surrey** (who then had the Earldom of **Warwick** in his hands, as I have elsewhere shewed.)

i *Clauſ.* 9 E. 2. *m.* 13.

k *Clauſ.* 10 E. 2. *m.* 9.

l *Ex autog. penès eund.* R. T.

m *Rot. Franc.* 19 E. 3. *m.* 27.

n *Rot. Parl. de iiſd. an.*

o *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

p *Ex autog. penès eund.* R. T.

q { *Clauſ.* 11 R. 2. *in d. m.* 4.

r { *Clauſ.* 11 R. 2. *in d. m.* 4.

s *Clauſ.* 12 R. 2. *in d. m.* 14.

t *Clauſ.* 14 R. 2. *in d. m.* 30.

u *Clauſ.* 15 R. 2. *in d. m.* 26.

w *Pat.* 15 R. 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 6.

x *Rot. Fin.* 21 R. 2. *m.* 33.

y *Ex comp. Ball. Warw. Com. penès* W. Peirpoint *ar.*

In 1 H. 4. upon that great change, notwithstanding the relation that he had to the Duke of **Surry**, he was made Eschaetor [a] for **Warwick** and **Leicestershires**: So also the [b] same year, and in [c] 4 H. 4. a Commissioner for arraying of men in this County; and left issue two daughters, his heirs; *viz.* [d] *Alice* wedded unto *William Tracy* of **Todington** in **Gloucestershire** Esquire, and *Alianore* to *John* the son of *Thomas Throkmorton* Esquire, by which marriage this Lordship of **Coughton** coming to the line of *Throkmorton*, hath continued therein to this day.

z *Ex comp. &c. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

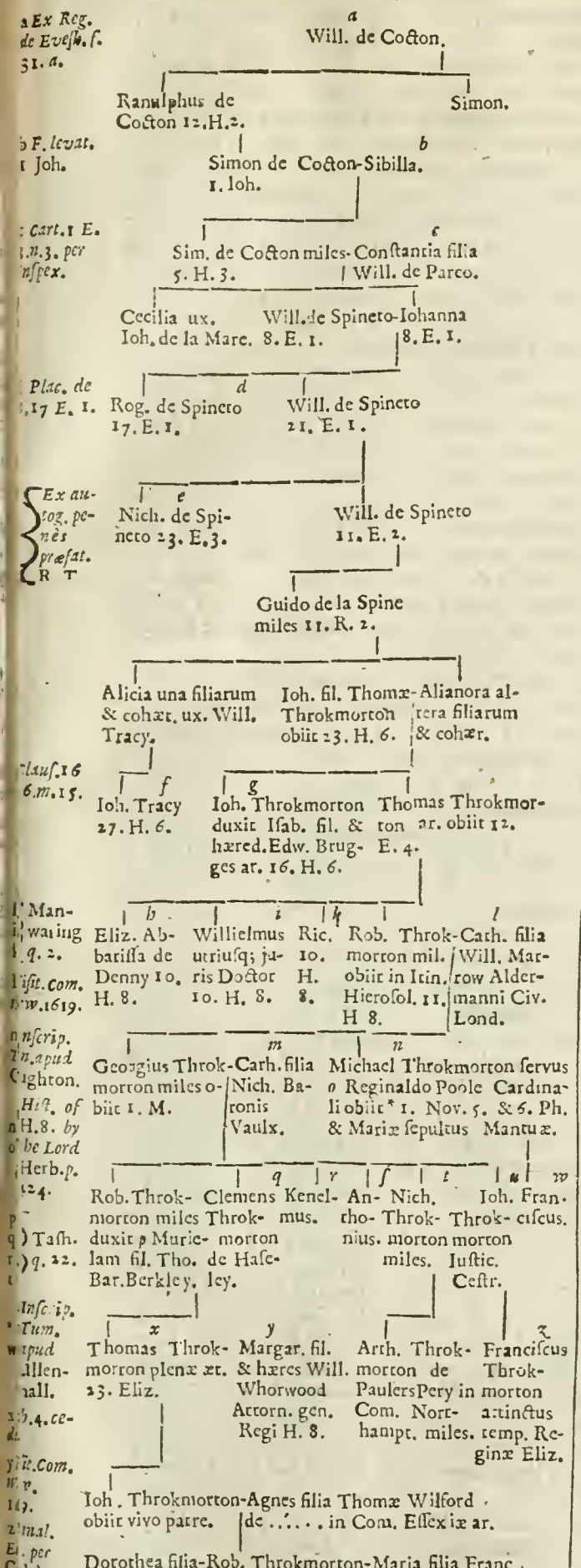
a *Rot. Fin.* 1 H. 4. *m. ult.*

b *Pat.* 1 H. 4. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 36.

c *Pat.* 4 H. 4. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 9.

b *Ex autog. penès præfat.* R. T. Bar.

Will.



Touching the antiquity of this family, whoſe originall Seat was at **Throkmorton** in the Pariſh of **Fladbury** *Com. Wigorn.* of which place they firſt aſſumed their ſirname, much might be ſaid, were it proper for this diſcourſe; but foras much as I am by my propoſed method to ſpeak hiſtorically only of ſuch as having been Lords of any particular Mannour in this County, had for the moſt part or ſometimes at leaſt there ſeats here; I muſt, in order thereto, begin with the before mentioned *John*, ſon of *Thomas*; from whom I have deduced this deſcent, whereunto are alſo added the lines of *Cofton* and *Spine*, of whoſe families I have already ſpoke.

That the relation which *Thomas Throkmorton* had unto the Earles of **Warwick**, was not only the introduction of *John* his ſon to their ſervice (whereof I ſhall ſpeak by and by) but a principall help to his obtaining the daughter and coheir of *Spine* in marriage, is not improbable: For of him I find, that having been of the retinue [c] to *Thomas Reauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, in 20 R. 2. as alſo Eſchaetor [f] for the County of **Worceſter** in 3 H. 4. (in thoſe dayes an Office of great account and truſt) he was Conſtable [g] of **Elmeley** Caſtle in 6 H. 4. And of *John*, concerning whom I am now about to ſpeak, that he was imployed [h] in the ſervice of Earl *Richard* (his ſon) at **Caen** in **Normandy** in 5 H. 5. and, being brought up to the ſtudy of the Lawes, was afterwards of [i] his Counſell. In 4 H. 6. this *John* was a [k] Commiſſioner, with ſundry other perſons of eminency, for propoſing a Loan of money from the Ks. ſubjects in this Shire; and in 9 H. 6. one of the generall Atturnies conſtituted by the ſaid Earl for managing all his affaires during his abode beyond Sea; being the ſame year retained [m] of his Counſail for life, and an annuity [n] of xx. marks *per an.* granted to him for that ſervice. In 12 H. 6. he was conſtituted a Commiſſioner [o] for conſervation of the peace in this County; and in 17 H. 6. one of the Executors [p] to the before ſpecified Earl; upon whoſe death, which hapned the ſame year, he was joined in [q] authority with *Richard* Duke of **York**, *Richard* Earl of **Salisbury**, and ſundry other perſons of quality for the cuſtody of all the Caſtles, Lordſhips, &c. belonging to the ſaid Earl during the minority of *Henry* his ſon and heir.

In 17 H. 7. I find him again in Commiſſion [r] for the peace in this County: And having been one of the Chamberlains [s] of the Exchequer to the ſaid K. H. 6. for which reſpect he had the title [t] of *Under Treaſurer* of **England**; by his Teſtament [u] bearing date at **London** 12. *Apr.* 23 H. 6. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Pariſh Church of S. *John Baptiſt* at **Fladbury** before mentioned; appointing that his Executors ſhould provide a marble ſtone, of ſuch largeneſſe, that it might as well cover the graves of his father and mother as his own, with his wifes in caſe ſhe ſhould determine to be there buried; and of that his Teſtament conſtituting *Rauf Boteler* Lord *Sudley*, then Treaſurer of **England**, his Overſeer, departed this life the ſame year, as appears by the Probate thereof, leaving *Alianore* [w] his wife ſurviving, *Thomas* [x] his ſon & heir, and [y] *John* a younger ſon, from whom the *Throkmortons* of **Glouceſterſhire** are deſcended. Which *Thomas* & his ſaid mother in 26 H. 6. gave [z] lands of ſix marks *per annum* value to the Monks of **Evesham** for the maintenance of a Prieſt to ſing divine ſervice perpetually at the Altar of our Lady in their Conventuall Church at **Evesham** for the good eſtate of King *Henry* the 6. Q. *Margaret* his royall conſort, and of them the ſaid *Alianore* and *Thomas* during this life, and for the health of their ſouls after their departure hence: as alſo for the ſouls of the ſaid King's father and grandfather late

c *Ex Comp. Bal. Warw. Com. penès* W. Peirpoint *ar.*

f *Rot. F. 3 H. 4. m. 18.*

g *Ex Comp. Bal. Warw. Com. penès* ... Savage *de Elmeley.*

h i *Ex Comp. &c. penès eund.* W. Peirpoint.

k *Pat. 4 H. 6. p. 2. m. 8.*

l Heyw. *f. 25. b.*

m n *Ex Comp. &c. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

o *Pat. 12 H. 6 p. 1. in d. m. 34.*

p Rous *f. 141.*

q *Rot. F. 17 H. 6. m. 10.*

r *Pat. 17 H. 6. p. 1. in d. m. 36.*

s *Pat. 26 H. 6. p. 2. m. 20*

t *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Ferrers *ar.*

u Luffnam *q. 32.*

w x y *Ibid.*

z a *Pat. 26 H. 6. p. 2. m. 10.*

Kings of **England**, of *Katherine* late Queen of **England**, and for the soul of *John Throkmorton* before specified, *Thomas* his father and *Anne* his mother, with their Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

Which King also, in consideration of the good service performed by the said *John Throkmorton* deceased, to himself, and to *Henry* the fourth and fift, his father and grandfather, late Kings of **England**, in the Office of *Chamberlain of the Exchequer*, gave [a] further license to them the said *Thomas* and *Alianore*, that they or either of them, or the heirs of the longer liver of them might found a *Chantry* of one Priest to sing divine service every day during the world at the Altar of the B. Virgin in the Parish-Church of **Fladbury** before specified, for the good estate of him the said King, and of all those above mentioned, and to endow the same with lands to the value of x *li. per annum*. Till the time of the said *Thomas Throkmorten* it seemes that this family was not wholy possest of **Coughton**; but then did *John Tracy*, son and heir of *Alice* the other daughter and coheir of Sir *Guy Spine*, by his Deed [b], bearing date 29. *Maii* 27 H. 6. grant unto him the said *Thomas* and his heirs that moitye thereof by inheritance belonging to him. Of which *Thomas*, all that I have seen further memorable is, that in [c] 5 E. 4. he underwent the Office of Shiriff for this County and **Leicestershire**; and that he departed [d] this life in 12 E. 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir xxi. years of age, whom I find a Justice of Peace in this County from 2 R. 3. till towards his death, as by the renewing [e] of those Comissions at severall times appeareth.

In 2 H. 7. this *Robert* made [f] the Park here at **Coughton**, inclosing [g] therewith a certain Common ground called **Wike-wood**; whereunto he afterwards added [h] **Samburn-heath**, and **Spiney's-Leys**, lying within the said Lordship of **Samburne**: and the same year was a Commander in [i] the Kings Army at the battail of **Stoke**. In [k] 5, 6, 15, 17, 21, and 23 H. 7. he was in Commission for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In [l] 6 H. 7. for arraying of men, against the preparation made by *Charles* the eight King of **France** then threatning **England** with an Invasion. In 10 H. 7. he received summons [m], with divers other persons of quality to appear before the King in person upon the Feast day of *All Saints* the same year, to receive the Order of Knighthood, upon advancement of *Henry* the Kings second son to the Dukedome of **Yorke**, and creating him Knight of the Bath; in honour whereof these were to be made Knights of that Order: yet do not I find by any Comission, that he had the title of Knight attributed to him till [n] 17 H. 7. That he was a man of singular piety, the sundry bequests contained in his Testament [o] do sufficiently manifest; and of no lesse devotion, as may seem by his Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*, which in 10 H. 8. (having setled his estate) he undertook; but dyed [p] beyond Sea in that journey. By which Testament, bearing date on the Feast day of S. *Philip* and *Jacob*, *anno* 1518. (10 H. 8.) he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Parish Church here at **Coughton**, under the Tombe in the midst of the Church, in case he should dye within this Realm; appointing that not above vi *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* should be spent at his said buriall and Months mind, and that to be given to Priests celebrating thereat; nor any entertainment in meat and drink for other, than such Priests and Clerks, with poor people that lived by Almes.

And further directed, that forthwith after his buriall there should be said for his soul in the Monasteries of **Studley** and **Evesham** xxx. Masses of *Jesu*, every Priest saying such Masse to have iv *d.* for his labour. And moreover willed, that the East window of the Chancell at **Coughton** should be glased at the charge of his Executors, with the story of the *Dome*; as also that xx *s.* should be given to the glasing of the East window of the North Ile there, with the representation of the *seven Sacraments*; and as much for the East window of the South Ile, that to be of the *seven works of Mercy*. He also willed that the Image of our Lady should be set on the North side, at the end of the Altar in the said South Ile: and the Image of the Angell *Gabrael* on the same side of the Ile, at the pillar between the Ile and the Chancell, with a Roll in his hand of greeting, looking towards our Lady: And at the South end of the said Altar, the Image of S. *Raphael* painted and gilded: And that in the North Ile, at the North end of the Altar, the Image of the *Trinity* to be placed, and at the South end the Image of S. *Michael*; all which Images to be richly painted and gilded.

And besides this, he further willed, that certain lands, to the then value of xvi *li. per annum*, purchased by him of sundry persons there named, should be put into the hands of Feoffees, to the use of a Priest to sing perpetually in the North Ile of **Coughton** Church, for his soul and the souls of his Ancestors; and that thenceforth the said Ile should be called the *Trinity Chapell*, and the Priest the *Trinity Priest*; which Priest also to teach a Grammar School freely for all his Tenants Children, and to have yearly thereof viii *li.* and his Chamber; but the residue of the said xvi *li.* to be payd monthly to five poor men dwelling in the Almeshouse here in **Coughton**; *viz.* every one vii *d.* a week and his Hous-room for ever; the residue *viz.* viii *s.* viii *d.* to go to the reparation of the Almeshouse. And that the said Priest should every Sunday say a *Masse* of the *Trinity*, Wednsday *Masse* of *Requiem*, and Friday *Masse* of *Jesu*, in case he were disposed; and once in the week *Dirige* for his soul and all Christen souls, except the dayes before rehearsed fell upon double Festivalls. Which poor men, so to be placed in the said Almeshouse, to be chosen out of those that had been his Tenants, or serving men at the discretion of his son and heir, and heirs successively. Advertising his son and heir, that if he should so amortize this land for those uses, it would be a meritorious deed, and for which he should have Gods blessing and his; and adjuring that none should break this his Will under pain of the Churches Curse. Whereunto, when he was upon his Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land* (as I have said) he added, that *Anthony* his son should have his best ambling Horse to offer at S. *Thomas* Hospitall in **Rome** for a *Mortuary*, his son *Michael* his next best Horse: and that his goods, which he had sent before to **Florence**, should be divided betwixt the said *Anthony* and *Michael*. Which Will was dated 10. *Aug. anno* 1518. and proved 9. *Nov. anno* 1520.

To this Sir *Robert* succeeded *George* his son and heir, who being a Knight [q] in 17 H. 8. was one of those that attended [r] in Court at that solemn Coronation of Queen *Anne* in 25 H. 8. and in 18. and 35 H.

b *Ex autog. penès præfat.* R. Throkmorton *B.*

c *Rot. F. 5. H. 5. m. 7.*

d *Esc. 12 E. 4. n. 33.*

e *Pat. de iisd. an. in dorso.*

f *Inq. super depop. 9 H. 8.*

g h *Inq. super depop. 3 E. 6.*

i *Polyd. Virg. hist. Angl. p. 573. n. 40.*

k *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*

l *Pat. 6 H. 7. in d. m. 5.*

m *Clauf. 10 H. 7.*

n *Pat 17 H. 7. p. 2. in d. m. 4.*

o *Manwaring. q. 2.*

p *Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 167.*

q *Ex Reg. Gildæ de Knoll penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 194. a.*

r *MS in Offic. Arm. [M. 7.] f. 75. b.*

35 H. 8. executed the office [f] of Shiriff for this County and **Leicesterchire**. This Sir *George* built that ſtately Caſtle-like Gatehouſe of free-ſtone, here at **Coughton**, intending (as it ſhould ſeem) to have made the reſt of his Houſe ſutable thereto: and having erected a fair Monument for himſelf, and the Lady *Catherine* his wife ſtanding towards the North-ſide of the Chancell, as I ſhall ſhew by and by, bequeathing [t] his body to be buried under the ſame, departed this life in 1. *Mariæ*, as may ſeem by the Probate [u] of his Teſtament, leaving iſſue a fair ofspring. Of which I find that *Robert* the eldeſt was Shiriff [w] of this County and **Leicesterchire** in 1. *M.* being then a Knight. That *Clement* the third ſon, was of **Haſeley** in this County (of whom and his deſcendants I have there ſpoke.) That *Nicholas*, the fourth, was a Knight, and in 1 *Eliz.* imployed as Embaſſador [x] to *Francis* the ſecond King of **France**, and *Mary* Queen of Scots his conſort, to expoſtulate the matter with them for aſſuming the Armes of **England** in their quarterings: and afterwards *ſcil.* in *anno* 1567. 9 *Eliz.* into [y] **Scotland**; at which time the ſaid Queen was moſt barbarouſly kept in priſon by her rebellious ſubjects, where and when they extorted a reſignation of the Regall power from her, unto which he having perſwaded her to ſubſcribe, ſignified to Queen *Eliz.* that it was of no validity, foraſmuch as ſhe had been conſtrained thereto by the terror of a baſe impriſonment.

His other negotiations I ſhall not ſtand to particularize, referring my Reader to M[r] *Cambden's* Annals [z] of Queen *Eliz.* raign, *Anno ſcil.* 1570. where he ſpeaks of his death; and unto *Stow's* Survey [a] of **London** for his Epitaph on a fair Monument of Alabaſter, wherein his ſtatue in armour is cut, ſituate on the ſouth ſide of the Chancell in S[t] *Catherine Creechurch* near **Algate**, within that City. But touching the other ſons of the ſaid Sir *George* I find not much memorable, except it be of Sir *John* his ſeventh ſon, Knighted * by Queen *Eliz.* in the firſt year of her reign, whoſe Epitaph upon his Monument in the Chancell here at **Coughton** doth ſufficiently declare his eminency and worth. Which Sir *John* had iſſue *Francis*, attainted [b] in 26 *Eliz.* for Treaſon layd to his charge, as having conſpired, God knows what, in behalf of the Queen of Scots. To the before ſpecified Sir *Robert* (eldeſt ſon of Sir *George*) ſucceeded *Thomas*, and to him *John*; and to him Sir *Robert Throkmorton* Baronet, erected to that dignity by Letters Patent bearing date at **Nottingham** 1. *Sept.* 19. *Caroli*; and to him Sir *Francis* now living: whoſe ſeverall marriages the Pedegree before inſerted ſheweth.

[f] *Rot. P. de ipſd. an.*

[t] Teſth. [u] *q.* 12.

[w] *Rot. P.* 1. *M.*

[x] *Annal. per Eliz.* Cambd. *p.* 30.

[y] *Ib. p.* 116.

* *MS. in Offic. Arm.* [*M.* 18.]

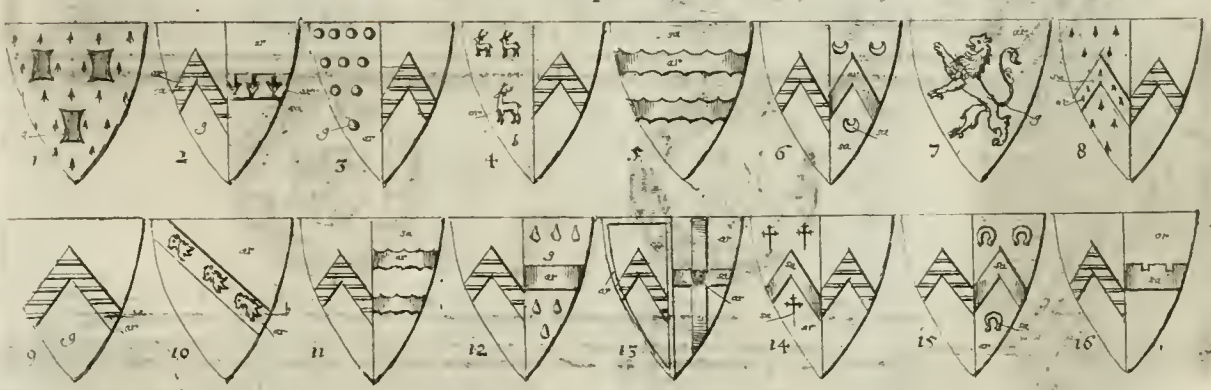
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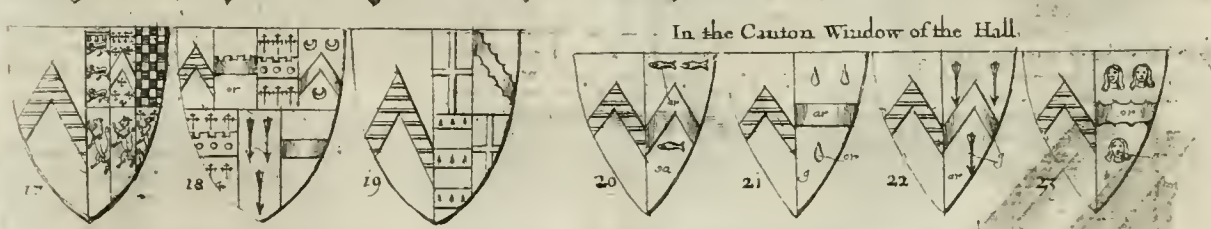
[b] *Annal. Eliz. per* Cambd. *p.* 376. & 382.

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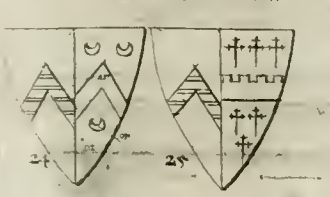
Armes in the parlour windows



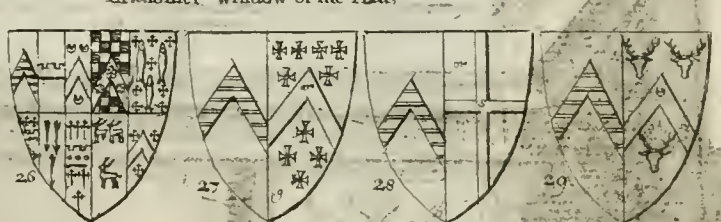
In the Canton Window of the Hall.



In the ſame Canton-window



In another window of the Hall.



1
2 Throgmorton empaling ...
3 Babington empaling Throgmorton
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5 Rous.
6 Throgmorton empaling Spiney
7 Chetwood
8 empaling Throgmorton.
9 Throgmorton.
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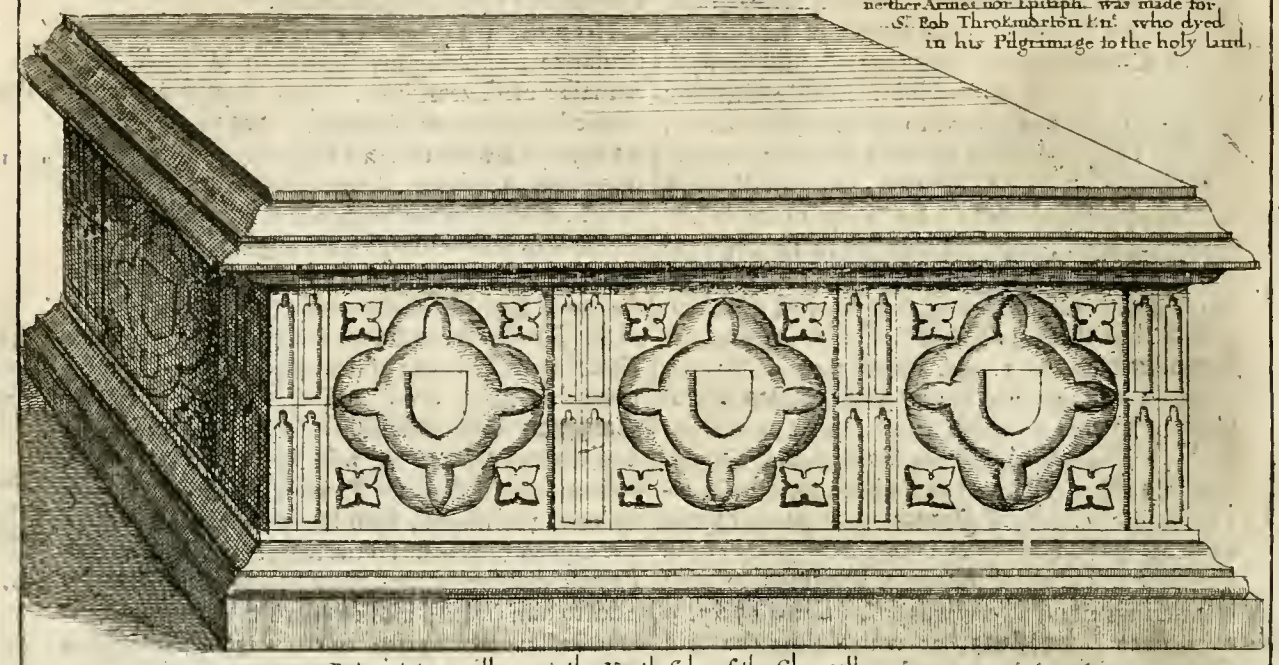
11 Throgmorton empaling Rous
12 Throgmorton empaling Wike
13 Throgmorton empaling Bruges
14 Davenport empaling Throgmorton
15 Throgmorton empaling Marſhall
16 Throgmorton empaling Aberbury
17 Throgmorton empaling Berkley with quarterings.
18 Throgmorton w[th] quarterings
19 Throgmorton empaling Hurley w[th] quarterings

20 Throgmorton empaling Olney
21 Throgmorton empaling ...
22 Throgmorton empaling ...
23 Throgmorton empaling Marrow
24 Throgmorton empaling Spiney
25 Throgmorton empaling Olney
26 Throgmorton w[th] quarterings empaling Vaux w[th]
27 Throgmorton empaling Berkley
28 Throgmorton empaling Hurley
29 Throgmorton empaling Whorwood.

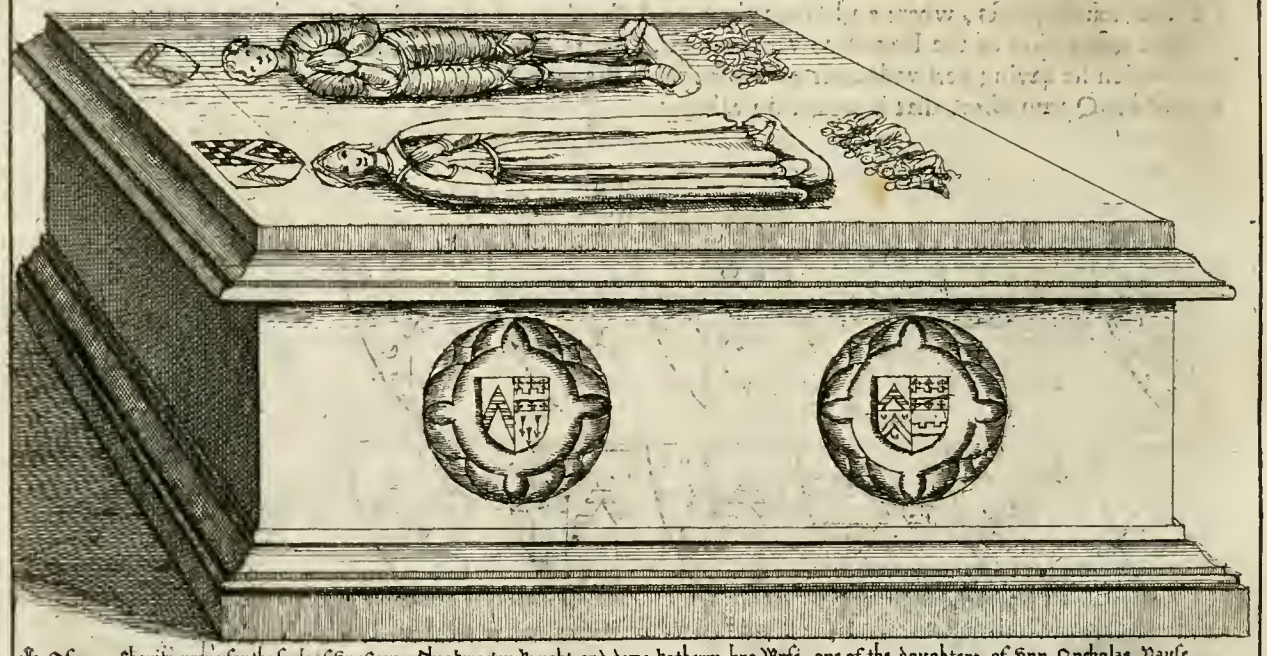
The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was given to [c] the Canons of **Studley** in H. 1. or King *Stephen's* time by *Petrus fil. Corbucionis*, Founder of that Monaſtery, (as hath been already intimated)

[c] *Cart.* 1 E. 3 3. *per* [illegible]

This fayre monument of gray marble standing in y^e^ midst of the Church, whereon there is neither Armes nor Epitaph was made for Sr Rob Throkmorton Knt who dyed in his Pilgrimage to the holy land.

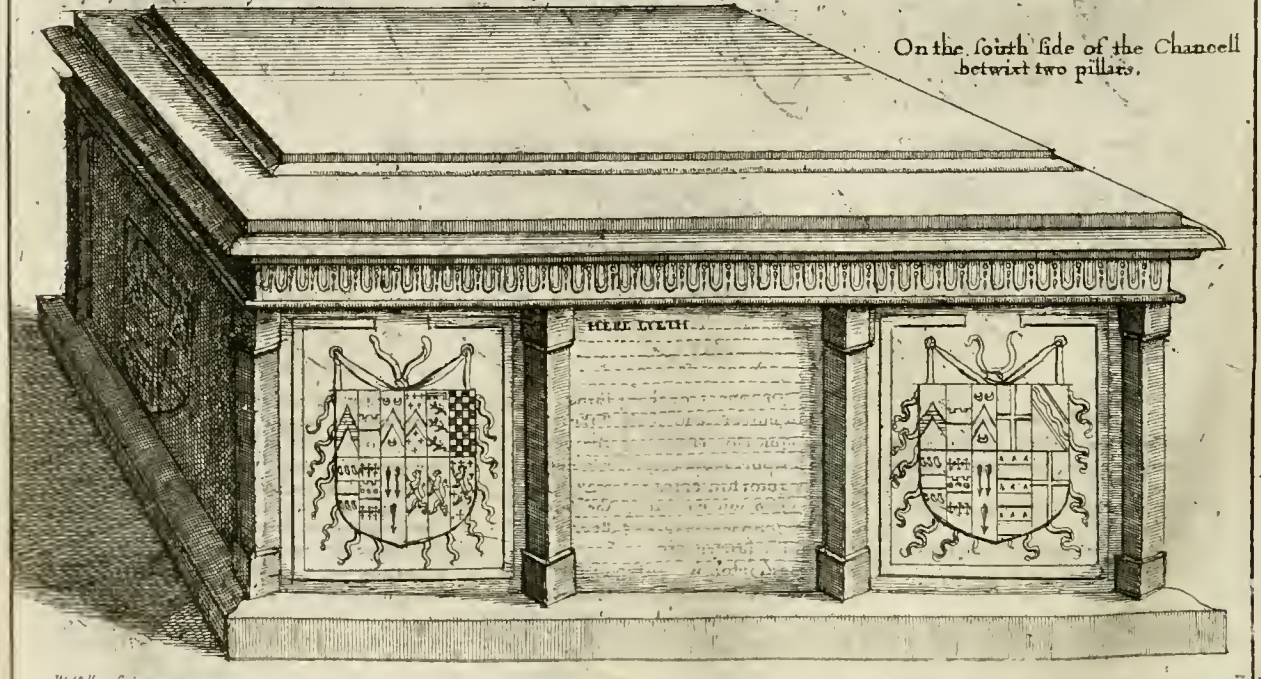


Betwixt two pillars on the North side of the Chancell.



Of your Charite praye for the soule of Syr George Throkmerton Knyght and dame katheryn hye Wyfe one of the doughters of Syr Nycholas Vause Knyght lord Harreden, Whyche Syr George deceasyd the ... day of ... in the yere of the incarnation of oure lord god a M cccc ... and dame Katheryn died the ... day of ... a' M o' ... on Whose soules Jhu haue mercy amen.

On the south side of the Chancell betwixt two pillars.



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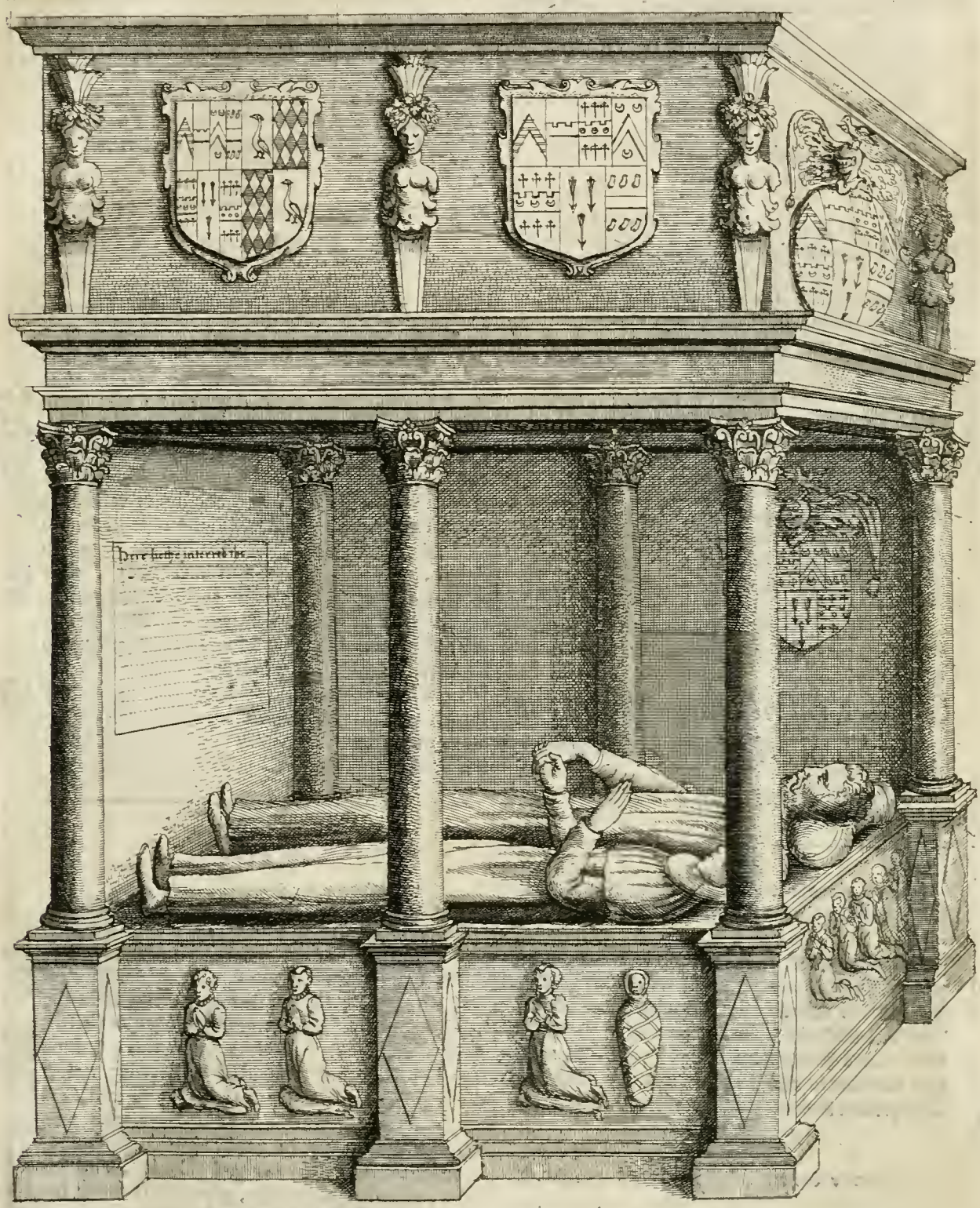
and confirmed [d] to them by *Simon de Cotton* in 5 H. 3. In *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued [e] at viii. marks and a half, the portion then belonging to the Vicar being rated at vi. marks iii *s.* iv *d.* But in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [f] at x *li.* out of which then iſſued for *Synodalls* and *Procurations* ix *s.* v *d. ob.* and a yearly *Penſion* of xxvi *s.* viii *d.* to the Canons of Studley.

d *F. levat. Craſt. Mich.* 5 H. 3.

e *MS. in Scac.*

f *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 21, *a.*

On the South ſide of the Chancell.



here liethe interred the bodie of Syr John Throkmorton Knyght of ſekenham, the ſeuenthe ſonne of Syr George Throkmorton Knyght of Coughton ſometime maſter of the requets onto queene Marie of happie memorie, who in reſpect of his faythfull ſeruice beſtowed vpon him the office of Juſtice of Cheſter and of her counſayle in the marches of Wales, in whiche roome hee continued xxti yeares and ſupplied within the ſame time the place of Vice preſident the ſpace of iii yeares. he had to Wife Margerie Puttenham doughter of Robert Puttenham eſquier, by whome he had iſſewe v ſonnes and iiii daughters. He departed this life the 22 of May a. 1580. his Wife ſuruiued who lined and dyed his Widoe a... and is here alſo interred on whoſe ſoules God haue mercy.

The Epitaph upon Sir Robert Throkmorton's Monument, represented at the bottome of pag. 562.

Here lyeth buried Sir Robert Throkmorton Knight, son ad heir of Sir George Throkmorton Knight; which Sir Robert was twice wedded in the fear of God; first to Merell Barkley one of the daughters of the Lord Barkley, and did beget on her bodie 3. sons and 4. daughters; second to the Lady Elizabeth Hungerford, sometime wife of the Lord Hungerford, and one of the daughters of the Lord Hussie, by whom he did beget two sons and five daughters: who departed this life for happier estate the day of Anno Domini 15....

On the other side of this Monument are these verses.

Conditur hoc tumulo generosæ gloria plebis,
Luget ut amissum patria chara patrem
Nam plebs patronum clari sensere parentem:
Fautor erat miseris pauperibusq; pius:
Religiosus amans observantissimus aqui,
Sincerus cultor principis atq; Dei.
Armatum sensere hostes, sensere togatum,
Pacificum cives, clarus utroq; fuit.
Auxerunt famam neptes, clariq; nepotes
Undiq; multiplici prole beatus erat.
Erudienda bonos virtutis semina liquet
In cinerem rediit qui fuit ante cinis
Vita dedit mortem letam, mors ultima vita
Vita fugax obiit, vita perennis adest,
Magne Roberte vale divæ virtutis alumnæ,
Namq; tenes superas, non redituræ, domos.

Circumscribed on the freeze of this Monument.

O miser respice finem qualis sum in brevi eris; vigila ergo quia nescis diem neq; horam.

Upon a plate of brasse fix't on the North wall of the Chancell, is this Inscription.

Of your charite pray for the soul of dame Elizabeth Throkmerton the last Abbas of Denye, and Aunt to Sir George Throkmerton Knight, who deceassed the xiii day of Januarye in the yere of our Lord God a. M.CCCCCxlvii. who lieth here tumulate in this tumbe & on whose soule and all Christen soules Jesu have mercy. Amen,

Vivit post funera virtus.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Wolst. vol. 1. f. 12. a. Wak. f. 11. a.	*Joh. Grenhull Pbr.* 29. *Maii* 1339.
	Joh. de Somburne Pbr. 23. *Apr.* 1378.
S. Germ. f. 257. b. *Bourch. f. 77. a.* *Carp. vol. 2. f. 18. b.* — *Prior & Conventus de Stodley.*	*Thomas de Balle Cap.* 1. *Oct.* 1434.
	Rob. Cowper Cap. 20. *Sept.* 1440.
	D. Hugo Lynesay Pbr. ult. Apr. 1471.
D. Henr. 8. *Rex Anglia.*	*D. Henr. Shelmerdyne Cler.* 23. *Apr.* 1541.
Thomas Throkmorton generosus.	*Thomas Ireland Cler.* 6. *Apr.* 1593.
Ric. Berkley de Lancombe in Com. Glouceſt. ar. & Will. Norwood de Lech-Hampton in dicto Com. ar.	*Leonardus Digby Cler.* 10. *Dec.* 1624.

Bell f. 18. b.

Bul. f. 63. a.

Ib. f. 108. b.

The Armes which were lately standing in the windows, being onely such as had been set up at the new glasing of them, in Sir *George Throkmorton*'s time, I have purposely omitted, in regard they were no other than such as be in the windows of the Mannour-house, whereof I have taken notice.

Samburne.

OF this place, having its originall denomination from that little Sandy brook nigh unto which it stands, I find very antient mention, *viz.* in *anno* DCCXIV. it being then *(inter alia)* given [g] to the Monastery of **Evesham** by *Egwin* Bishop of **Worcester** upon the Foundation thereof; and in the Conquerors Survey [h] certified to be parcell of the lands belonging to that Monastery; at which time it contained three hides valued at xxx *s.* the woods extending to one mile in length and half a mile in breadth. The Monks of which House, clayming [i] a **Court-Leet** here, with other priviledges in 13 E. 1. by Prescription, which were allowed, continued owners thereof till the dissolution of that Monastery: After which King H. 8. by his Letters Patent bearing date 10. *Dec.* in 32. of his reign, sold [k] it by the name of the Mannour of **Samburne** to *Robert Throkmorton* Esquier, and his heirs: by whom, with **Coughton** beforementioned, it is possest at this day.

g *Monast. Anglic. p.* 146.

h *Domes. lib.*

i *Rot. de Quo W.*

k *Pat.* 32. *H.* 8. *p.* 8.

Wike.

THis was originally a member of **Coughton**, for ought I could ever discern: But the most antient mention I find [l] of it is in H. 3. time; where it appeareth that *Constance* the daughter of *Will. de Parco* had lands therein, given with her by her father in Frank marriage unto *Simon de Cotton*. After which, *scil.* in 6 *H.* 3. there was a [m] Fine levied of half a hide of land here, betwixt *Robert de Verdun* Plantiff, and the said *Simon* and *Constance* Deforc. But all that I have else seen of this place, is, that in 32 E. 3. *Will. de Peto* released [n] to *Nich. de Lichfield* Clerke, and his heirs, all his right therein, where it is called the Mannour of **Wike**, lying in the town and fee of **Cokton**: Howbeit, there are few at this day that know where it lyes, it being totally depopulated and included within **Coughton** Parke.

l *Cart.* 1 E. 3. *n.* 3 *per Inspex.*

m *Penes Camer. Scac.*

n *Plac. coram R. Term. Hil.* 32 E. 3.

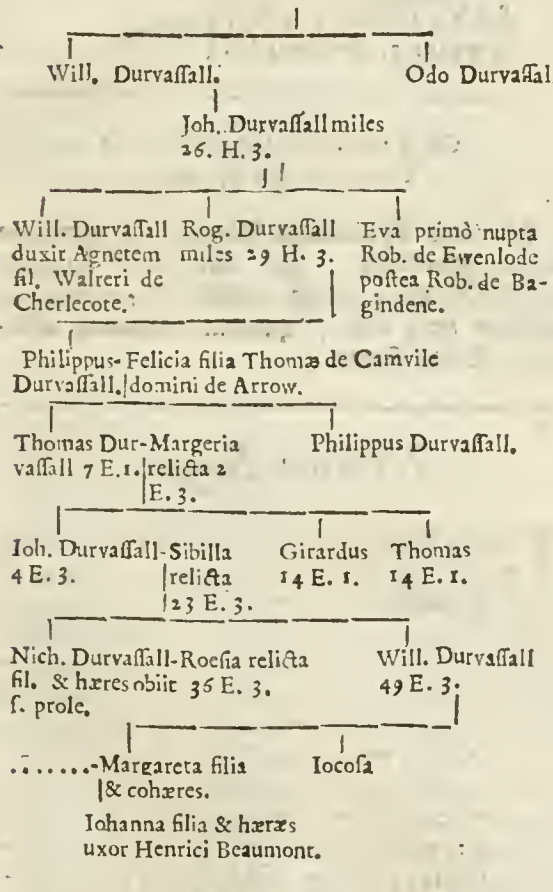
Spernall.

Spernall.

PAssing to the other side of **Arrow**, I come next to **Spernall**, antiently written **Spernoure**. This in the Conquerors time being in the possession of[o] *William Buenvasleth*, and held of him by one *Hugh*, was then rated at two hides, having a Mill of 4 *s.* besides 7. stickes of Eeles: all which, with the extent of the woods, containing three furlongs in length and one in breadth, was valued at xl *s.* I am of opinion that this, with the rest of those lands which the said *William Buenvasleth* had in **Warwickshire**, came by some agreement to *Henry de Newburgh* the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; for plain it is, that the antient Earls of that stock, were Lords of it; and that the *Durvassals* had a grant[p] thereof from one of them, to hold in *Sergeanty*; *viz.* by the service of giving attendance upon the Earl and his heirs, at the Castle of **Warwick**, or at their Mannour-houses of **Claverdon**, **Tanworth**, and **Sutton**, at which of them he or they should happen to reside, upon *Christmass-day*, *Easter-day*, and *Whitsun-day*, then and there to perform the service of *Chief Butler* at those times, and receive a certain fee for the same.

o Domesd. lib.

p Esc. 2 E. 2. n. 45.



Ex autog. penès Rob. Throkorton B.

The first of which family that I have met with from any good authority, is *William Durvassall*, whose antiquity is no lesse[q] than H. 2. time (as I guesse) for I find that *John Durvassall* his son and successor, had great imployment in this County from 11 H. 3. sometimes as a Justice[r] of Assize, and sometimes of[s] Gaol-delivery: and that in 16 H. 3. he was constituted[t] one of the Commissioners for assessing and collecting from the Inhabitants of this Shire, the fourtieth part of all their movable goods for the Kings service: In[u] 19 H. 3. a Commissioner with *John de Lodbroc*, for assessing a Tallage upon all the Kings demesn lands in this County, excepting Burroughs, Towns, and Cities. [w] In 25 H. 3. associated with the Shiriff and some eminent persons, to see what defects were in the King's Castles within this Shire: and in[x] 26 H. 3. assisted the said Shiriff and others, in the executing a Commission for assessing and imposing the quantity and quality of Armes upon the Inhabitants thereof; as also for conservation of the peace: About which time likewise I find[y] that he was a Knight, and Steward to *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick**: as also a benefactor to the Monastery of **Wotton-Wawen**, by granting[z] thereto certain lands lying in **Bulkeley** neere **Henley in Arden**.

To which *John* succeeded Sir *Roger Durvassall* Knight, and to him *Philip*, who had issue *Thomas* (as the descent sheweth) which *Thomas* was[a] one of the Coroners in this County about the beginning of E. 2. time. But there is little, else memorable, that I have seen, relating to this family, the issue male whereof extinguished about the later end of E. 3. time; and therefore to make a perfect discovery how the succession of this Mannour past through the female branches, is beyond my skill, forasmuch as I find some contradiction in the severall Records relating thereto; some of them making good the descent as it is here drawn; and others shewing[b] that one *William Spernore*, who dyed about the fift year of King *Henry* the 4. was seized thereof as Tenant for terme of life, the reversion pertaining to *Walter Holt*, as son and heir of *Alianore*, daughter of *Nicholas Durvassall*. Nor what this *William Spernore* was, do I yet know; for he is written also *Will. Durvassall dominus de* **Spernore**: but he was a man of some note in that time: for in 5 R. 2. he served[c] as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, so[d] also in 7 R. 2. in the Parliament held at **Salisbury**. In[e] 8 R. 2. he was one of the Commissioners of Array in this County. And in 18. [f] again one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster**.

But leaving his parentage thus uncertain, I shall descend to the next possessor of this Mannour; *viz.* *Walter*[g] *Holt* before specified, then in minority (and son[h] to *John Holt* of **Pardley**) who accomplishing his full age in 5 H. 4. had livery thereof; and shortly after enfeoft *John Reve* Vicar of **Coughton** thereof; who departing this life before the estate was past out of him, *Thomas Reve* his brother became intitled thereto as his heir: which *Thomas* quitted all his right therein unto *William Wybbe* Esquier, and his heirs, as by his Deed bearing date the Wednsday next after *Easter* 7 H. 6. appeareth. But it was not long after this, that *John Throkmorton* Esquier (of whom I have spoke in **Coughton**) having an affection thereto, in respect of its vicinity to him, obtained it by purchase; *viz.* the one moytie[i] from *Henry Beaumont* and *Joan* his wife (which *Joan* was grandchild and one of the coheirs to *William Durvassall* (as the descent sheweth) and the other[k] from *William Vernon* and *Margaret* his wife in 21 H. 6. it being of her inheritance[l], though whose daughter I cannot directly affirm. Since which time it hath been possest by the descendants of the said *John Throkmorton*, and continues theirs to this day.

Of the Church, antiently but a Chapell[m] unto **Coughton**, I find[n], that *Henry* Bishop of **Worcester**, *temp.* R. 1. appointed that the Canons of **Studley**, as in the right of their Church of **Coughton**, should have the buriall of all such the Inhabitants here, as were not of a free condition;

q Clauss. 25 H. 3. p. 2. in dorso.

r Ex autog. penes præfat. Rob. Throkmorton.

s Ex autog. penès Præpost. & Scholar. Coll. Reg. Cantab.

a Clauss. 4 E. 2. m. 4.

b Clauss. 5 H. 4 m. 8.

c Clauss. 5 R. 2. in d. m. 5.

d Clauss. 7 R. 2. in d. m. 1.

e Pat. 8 R. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 30.

f Clauss. 18 R. 2. in d. m. 6.

g Rot. F. 3 H. 4. m. 17.

h Ex autog. penès præf. R. Throkmorton.

i Ibid. F. levat. xv. Pasch. 19 H. 6.

k F. levat. xv. Bapt. 21 H. 6.

l F. levat. xv. Mich. 22 H. 6.

m } Brian. vol. 2. f. 16. a.
n }

and that shortly after that Ordination so made, the most part of them, being Tenants by bondservice, dyed of a violent Pestilence; in respect whereof, the Lords of those lands were necessitated to dispose of them to others, not of the like quality: whereupon in processe of time there grew controversie betwixt the Nunns of **Cokehull**, and the same Canons of **Studley** touching the said right of sepulture, by reason that those Nuns had obtained [p] the advouson of this Chapell from those Canons in 11 H. 3. But about the 30 E. 3. *Reginald Bryan* then Bishop of **Worcester** composed the difference, ordering [q] that the Canons of **Studley** in right of their Church of **Coughton**, should have the buriall onely of such whose residence then was or should be upon that land formerly so held in Villenage, and the Nuns of **Cokehull** of the rest.

p *F. levat. craft. Mart.* 11 *H.* 3.

q *Brian, vt infra.*

In *anno* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. upon the valuation of the Churches then made, it was certified [r], that the portion which the Canons of **Studley** had at that time out of this Church, amounted unto xxv *s.* and that of the Nuns of **Cokehull** xx *s.* But after this, *viz.* in 38 E. 3. I find [s] that *William Witlesey* Bishop of **Worcester** setled the matter of Tithes here, betwixt those Nuns and the Parson of this Church, as by his Instrument appeareth: and that in 26 H. 8. the Rectory was valued [t] at 4 *li.* the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* then amounting to ii *s.*

r *MS. in Scac.*

s Witlesey *f.* 7. *b.*

t *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 21. *b.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff. *f.* 35. *a.*	*Will. de Burmingham Cap. Id. Aug.* 1270.
Ib. f. 471. *a.*	*Gerardus Durvassall Accol.* 2. *Cal. Junii* 1300.
Wolst. vol. 1. *f.* 18. *a.*	*Joh. de Grenhulle Pbr.* 18. *Julii* 1339.
Wolst. vol. 2. *f.* 93. *b.*	*Nich. atte Sale Pbr.* 3. *Dec.* 1345.
Wit. f. 26. *b.*	*D. Rob. Floure* 22. *Nov.* 1368.
Tid. f. 50. *a.*	*Thomas Muttolow Cap.* 23. *Apr.* 1399.
Pec. f. 56. *a.*	*Ric. Bacalar* 20. *Aug.* 1413.
Ib. f. 57. *a.*	*Ric. Fernynghale* 6. *Oct.* 1413.
Ib. f. 67. *b.*	*D. Will. Pyriton Cap.* 27. *Aug.* 1414.
Morg. vol. 2. *f.* 12. *a.*	*D. Joh. Fitz.* 15. *Maii* 1420.
Priorissa & Conv. de Cokehull.	*D. Joh. Corbyn Pbr.* 18. *Maii* 1427.
Pult. f. 18. *b.*	*Thomas Balle Cap.* 15. *Sept.* 1430.
Ib. f. 153. *a.*	*D. Thomas Evesham. Cap.* 16. *Febr.* 1431.
Ib. f. 123. *a.*	*D. Ric. Hawkslow Cap.* 10. *Febr.* 1433.
S. Germ. f. 247. *b.*	*D. Thomas Flecham Cap.* 27. *Apr.* 1435.
Ib. f. 257. *b.*	*D. Joh. Wok Cap.* 8. *Febr.* 1446.
Carp. vol. 1. *f.* 47. *b.*	*D. Christoph. de Wyhurst* 26. *Apr.* 1457.
Ib. f. 142. *a.*	*D. Thomas Persons Cap.* 8. *Nov.* 1458.
Ib. f. 148. *b.*	*D. Oliverus Rigby Cap.* 12. *Julii* 1481.
Alt. f. 90. *a.*	*D. Henr. Wheler Cap.* 19. *Dec.* 1485.
Carp. vol. 2. *f.* 152. *b.*	*Tho. Knotsford gen. virtute conces. Joh. Trussell de Billesley ar.* — *Rob. Cleyfild Diac.* 20. *Dec.* 1561. — *Heath. f.* 35. *b.*
	D. Episc. per lapsum. — *Thomas Penford Cler.* 23. *Martii* 1562. — *Ib. f.* 36. *a.*
	Will. Tirrie de Coughton, virtute conces. Cath. relictæ Nich. Fortescu, &c. — *Thomas Philips ult. Sept.* 1575. — *Bull. f.* 42. *a*
	Georgius Parsons Yeoman, virtute conces. Will. Fortescu ar. — *Humfr. Style Cler.* 12. *Apr.* 1578. — *Ib. f.* 14. *b.*
	Nich. Fortescu de Cokehull. ar. — *Sam. Clerke Cler.* 21. *Julii* 1607. — *Ib. f.* 84. *a.*
	Edw. Lewes Cler. 7. *Julii* 1611. — *Ib. f.* 90. *b.*

In the windows of the Church these Armes.

Cheque Or, and Azure } The old Earles of
a Cheveron Ermine. } **Warwick.**

Gules, upon a Cheveron Arg. 5. } Throkmor-
barrs gemels sable. } ton.
empaling
Sable a Cheveron Arg. } Spine.
betwixt 3. *Cressants Or.* }

On a marble in the body of the Church is this Epitaph.

Hic jacet Willielmus Parsons vir quondam magnæ honestatis, qui obiit anno Domini MCCCLxxxii. xxviii. mensis Decembris; & Johanna uxor ejus, quorum animabus misereatur Deus Amen.

Morton-Bagot.

THis in King *Edw.* the Confessor's dayes, being part of the possessions belonging to *Waga*, of whom in **Wotton-***Wawen* I shall speak, came with it also to *Rob. de Stadford* by the Conqueror's gift; and by the generall Survey [u] then taken was certified to contain one hide, valued at xl *s.* and held by *Herveus* his undertenant. But in H. 2. time *Rob. fil. Odonis* was owner [w] of it, who had three daughters and heirs, whereof *Margerie* the yongest, marrying [x] to *William Bagod*, brought part thereof to him: which continuing to his posterity for some descents, and they residing here, gave occasion that it had the addition of *Bagot* usually put thereto, for distinction from the severall other **Wottons** in this County; the other copartners with *Bagod* in this place, being *Trussell* and *de Mora*, descended from the said *Rob. fil. Odonis* by his other daughters, as in **Lorley** is manifested. Of which, *William Trussell* in 36 H. 3. was jointly [y] certified to hold half a Knights Fee here, with *Robert Bagot*, of the Lord *Stafford*; for it was a member [z] of that Honour. But that which *Robert de Mora* had in this place, with the advouson of the Church (which fell to his share) he granted [a] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** about 38 H. 3. together with all this interest in **Lockle** and **Westcote**; to be held

u Domesd. *lib.*

w *Reg. de Kenil. penès* E. Greswold

x *Ibid.*

y *Testa de* N.

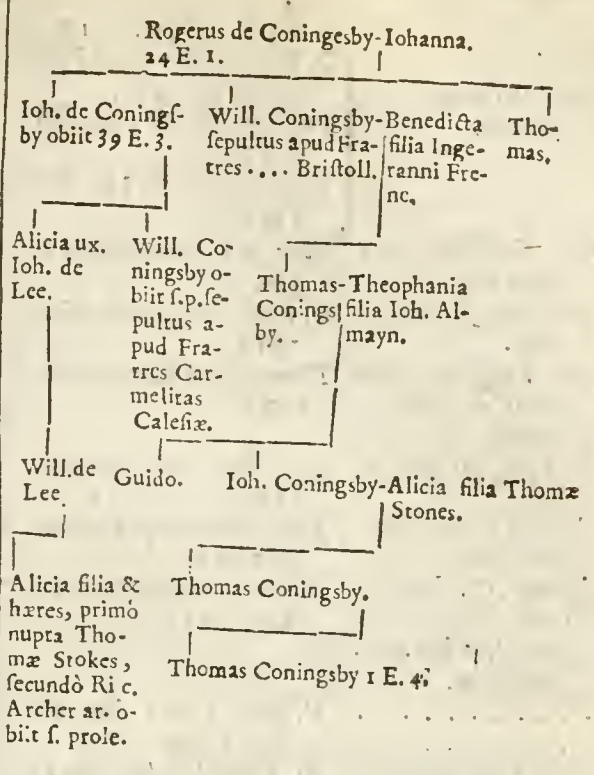
z *Lib. rub. f.* 157. *a.*

a *Ex autog. penès* Will. *Vicecom.* Staffordiæ

held of him the ſaid *Peter* and his heirs, paying vi *d.* yearly to the Church of **Lockſle** at the Feaſt of *S. Michaell*, towards the maintenance of a Lampe there.

I am of opinion that *William Bagot*, Shiriff[b] of this County and **Leiceſterſhire** in 44. and 45 H. 3. and afterwards from[c] 47. to 56 H. 3. (for the greateſt part of thoſe years) was ſon to the before ſpecified *Robert Bagod*, and had his reſidence here at **Poxton**. Which *William* was certainly a perſon of ſingular fidelity to the Crown, otherwiſe ſo great a truſt would not have been committed to him in thoſe turbulent times: wherein his diligence appeared to be ſuch, as that the King, by his ſpeciall Precept[d] bearing date at **Kenilworth** 25. *Sept.* in 50. of his reign, required the Barons of his Exchequer, that he ſhould receive no prejudice for not making his account at *Michaelmaſſe* ſhortly enſuing, foraſmuch as he was then in attendance upon his perſon there, that being the time when the Caſtle underwent a ſix months ſeige, as I have elſwhere ſhewed. To whom alſo the King about the ſame time granted[e] the cuſtody of all the Caſtles, lands, and tenements of *Robert de Ferrers* (Earl of **Derby**) then in Rebellion; ſignifying his Royall pleaſure to all the Tenants of thoſe lands, that they ſhould be anſwerable to him concerning them, accordingly. Neither was he in leſſe reputation with *Edw.* 1. as it ſeems; for in the ſecond year of that Kings reign, he had Commiſſion[f] with *William de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, *Roger de Clifford* and others, to go unto the Ford of **Montgomery** in **Wales**, the month after *Eaſter*, and there to hear and reform ſuch things as were amiſſe, contrary to the Articles of Peace betwixt the ſaid King and *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**.

This *William Bagot*, being alſo of[g] **Hyde** in **Staffordſhire**, bore[h] for his Armes *Arg. two Cheverons azure*, and had iſſue *William*, *Robert*, and *Hervey*. Of theſe, *William* was a Knight[i] and in 24 E. 1. in conſideration of an hundred and thirty marks ſterling, ſold[k] this Mannour to *Roger de Coringesby* and *Joane* his wife and their heirs; *Will.* his father then (ſtiling himſelf *quondam Dominus de la* **Hyde** *iuxta* **Staffordd**) confirming[l] the grant: and ſo alſo *Hervie Bagot* brother to the ſaid *Will.* the younger. Which *Roger Coningesby* being thus poſſeſt thereof, in 32 E. 1. obtained a[m] Charter of **Free-warren** to himſelf and his heirs throughout all his demeſn lands here: and having a ſpeciall relation to Sir *Philip Marmion* of **Tamworth** Caſtle in this County, was the Executor of his Teſtament[n]; whereby it appears that he had a grant from the Monks of **Perevale**, (to whom the ſaid Sir *Philip* had been a Benefactor) that himſelf and his heirs might preſent a fit Clerk for the increaſe of their Covent, to be ſhorn a Monk, in that Abby, there to celebrate divine ſervice for the ſoul of the ſaid Sir *Philip* perpetually: and after the deceaſe of that Monk, to preſent others ſucceſſively to the worlds end. Which *Roger*, obſerving the affection of thoſe Monks ſo freely ſhewd therein, out of his abundant gratitude and pious inclination,[o] gave them towards the ornament of their Church, all the Veſtments that belong'd to the Chapell of the before ſpecified Sir *Philip Marmion*: and left iſſue *John Coningsby* his ſon and heir. Which *John* in 17 E. 2. was certified[p] in the liſt of thoſe Eſquiers and other men at Armes of this County, whoſe names were then returned into the Chancery; and bearing[q] for his Armes *Gules* 3. *Coneys Argent*, was



Ex ipſis autogr. penès T. Coningsby de Morton-Bagot gen.

in 18 E. 3. one[r] of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Weſtminſter**, and in 31 E. 3. a Commiſſioner[s] for putting the Statute of Labourers in execution throughout this County. But in 39 E. 3. he departed[t] this life, leaving *William* his ſon[u] and heir, and *Alice* a daughter, married[w] to *John de Lee*. Which *William* being a Knight[x] before his death, dyed[y] without iſſue, and was buried[z] in the *White Friers* at **Caleis**. Whereupon *Alice* his ſiſter became his heir, and poſſeſt this Mannour, leaving it to *William de Lee* her ſon and heir; from whom it deſcended to *Alice* his daughter and heir, firſt, the wife of *Thomas Stokes*, and afterwards of *Richard Archer* Eſquier. But dying without any iſſue, the inheritance thereof reſorted to *Thomas Coningsby*, great grandchild unto *Thomas*, ſon of *William*, ſecond ſon of *Roger de Coningsby* and *Joan*, the firſt purchaſers before ſpecified, as next heirs at Law to the ſaid *Alice*. From which *Thomas Coningsby* doth *Thomas*, now of this place, derive his deſcent.

r *Pat.* 18 E. 3. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 26.
s *Pat.* 31 E. 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 20.
t x u y w z *Ex autog. penès præf. T. C.*

How it comes to paſſe I know not, but the *Truſſells* of **Billeſley** have been reputed Lords of this Mannour for a long time, and had alſo an intereſt in the advouſon of the Church, as by ſome Records[a] and other authorities appeareth.

a *F. levat. menſ. Paſch.* 6 *R.* 2.

The Church (dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*) was granted to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Peter de Mora* about 38 H. 3. and preſented to, by them onely, for many ages: and in *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued[b] at vi. marks and a half; but in 26[c] H. 8. at vi *li.* the Synodalls then iſſuing out of it, being xii *d. per annum*: yet was it never appropriated to thoſe Canons, that I could diſcern; Neither have I ſeen how the *Truſſells* came to the patronage thereof.

b *MS. in Scac.*
c *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 21. *a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Epiſcopus.	*Henr. de Lichfeld Cler. Cal. Nov.* 1292.	*Giff. f.* 368. *b.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	*Will. de Hanley Cap.* .... 1293.	*Ib. f.* 370. *b.*
	Rog. de Haukebiri Diac. 3. Non. Junii 1299.	*Ib. f.* 445. *a.*

Maid.f.37.b.		*Magr. Will. de Mees Accol. Non. Nov.* 1315.
Cob.f.20.a.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*D. Joh. de Campeden Pbr. Cal. Maii* 1320.
Wolst.vol.1.f.18.a.		*Thomas Pal. Pbr.* 20. *Julii* 1339.
Br.f.26.b.		*Rad. de Illenhale* 11. *Apr.* 1359.
S. Germ.f. 112.*b.*	*Will. Trussell de Cubleſdon miles.*	*Henr. de Copenhal Pbr.* 15. *Jan.* 1361.
Pcv.f.59.a	*Aluredus Trussell miles.*	*D. Rob. Ayleſton* 8. *Nov.* 1413.
Pult.f.33.b	*Will. Trussell ar. dominus de Morton-Bagot.*	*Thomas Gale Cap.* 21. *Dec.* 1427.
Ib.f.70.a.	*D. Epiſc. per lapſum.*	*Ric. Bate Pbr.* 4. *Sept.* 1429.
Ib.f.142.a.	*Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.*	*Joh. Spenſer Cap.* 1. *Martii* 1432.
Ib.f.146.b.	*Humfr. Co. Staff. ratione minoris ætat. Joh. fil. & hær. Will. Trussell ar.*	*D. Will. Alcock Cap.* 13. *Aug.* 1433.
Bourch.f. 50.*a.*	. . . . .	*D. Joh. Porrey Pbr. ult. Aug.* 1438.
Alc.f.81.a.	*Joh. Trussell ar. Dominus de Morton.*	*D. Henr. Whelar Cap.* 13. *Feb.* 1480.
Ib.f.152.a.		*D. Rob. Parke Cap.* 17. *Nov.* 1485.
Mort.f. 20.*b.*	*Thomas Trussell Dominus de Morton.*	*D. Thomas Bownell Cap.* 12. *Febr.* 1487.
Ib.f.52.a.		*D. Thomas Bett Cap.* 16. *Aug.* 1493.
Gyg.2.f. 34.*a.*		*D. Rob. Dolley* 13. *Apr.* 1504.
Bell.f.18.a.	*Aluredus Trussell ar.*	*D. Joh. Yardley Cap.* 14. *Apr.* 1541.
Heath.f. 16.*a.*		*Henr. Shelmerdyne Cler.* 29. *Sept.* 1551.
Bull.f.90.b.	*Mauritius Gwyn Rector de Lodington Petroburg. Dioc.*	*Ric. Emerſon Pbr.* 16. *Oct.* 1610.

Alceſter.

REturning back to the ſtream of **Arrow**, it brings me next to **Alceſter**, a place whoſe great antiquity, the old foundations of buildings, Roman bricks, and coines, both in gold, ſilver and braſſe, which even in our time have been frequently there found, do ſufficiently manifeſt. To which notable tokens may be alſo added that antient Roman way, *viz.* **Ykenild ſtreet**, which coming from **Tinemouth** (neer **Derby**, and **Lichfield**,) extends it ſelf over a nook of **Sutton**-Park, and the great waſt called **Colfield**, croſſing the river **Tame** about a mile above **Aſton** *juxta* **Bermingham**; and thence thwarting the Countrey (as the Map ſheweth) runs in a ſtreight line hither, being ſtill called **Ickle-ſtreet** for a great part of the way. Neither doth its name import leſſe, the later part thereof; *ſcil.* **Ceſtre** or **Ceſter** (an expreſſion uſed by our Anceſtors the Saxons) denoting a City or fortified place: for ſo it was as *Capgrave* obſerves——*Erat namq;* (ſaith he) *juxta* **Evesham** *ad octo miliaria, Caſtrum* **Alnaceſtre** *regale tunc manſum* * *; cujus loci habitatores, quantò rerum opulentia, & temporalium abundantia affluebant, tantò magis gulæ & luxuriæ dediti, ſtudentes avaritiæ & cupiditati, miſericordia Dei ſe indignos afficiebant. Ad hunc locum accedens beatus* Egwinus *prædicavit illis regnum Dei.*

* Id eſt habitatio.

Which *S. Egwin* that thus preacht to the Inhabitants here, whom plenty of worldly wealth had made ſo vitious (as my Author obſerves) was the third B^p. of **Worceſter**, and the pious Founder of that goodly Monaſtery at **Evesham**, about the year of Chriſt DCC. whoſe endowment thereof, together with thoſe munificent conceſſions made thereunto by *Kenred* his kinſman, as alſo by K. *Offa*, were confirmed in a generall Synod [d] held at this place, at which were preſent *Bertwald* Archbiſhop of **Canterbury**, and *Wilfrid* Archbiſhop of **Yorke**. Howbeit, this Synod is there ſaid to be *in loco qui* **Alne** *dicitur*; yet from what *Capgrave* before recited hath expreſt, and the judgment of that learned man, it need not be doubted but that this was the place; and, originally called **Alneceſter** (as 'tis very like) from its ſituation ſo neer the river **Alne**, the confluence whereof with **Arrow** is cloſe by the Southern ſide of the town, as the Map doth ſhew. And of the ſame opinion is *Leland* [e], judging that the old town ſtood moſt by the ſide of that ſtream: And ſo do the Inhabitants, by tradition ſtill ſay, though the greateſt tokens of buildings are now found in that field lying Southward of the town, towards **Arrow**, which from the dark colour of the ground is called *Blackfield*, or *Blacklands* at this day.

d Spelm 215.

e Lel. I. vol. 4. 168.

Nevertheleſſe though it was a place of ſo great antiquity and no leſſe eminency, as by what hath been ſaid appears, there is no mention of it at all in the Conqueror's Survey; neither till H. 1. time have I ſeen ſo much as the name of it in our publique Records, where then I find it by the [f] title of *Francus Burgus Domini Regis* (meaning that King) which addition of Burrough continued to it long after; for in [g] 23 H. 2. it payd 4. marks Aid to the K. amongſt other the Burroughs of this County. But in the account of *Bertram de Verdon*, Shiriff of this Shire in 22 H. 2. (as alſo divers years before and after) where he anſwers x *li.* for the ferm thereof, I find [h] it placed under the title *de Eſcaetis*: And in ſeverall [i] years after till 1 R. 1. is the ſaid ferm accounted for under the like title: in moſt of which the words of the Record run thus; *viz. de exitu de* **Alnecestre** *quæ fuit Comitis Reginaldi.* Now who this *Comes Reginaldus* was, and by what means he became ſo poſſeſt of it, I ſhall here declare.

f *Teſta a* N.

g *Rot. P* 23 *H.2*

h *Rot. P* *H. 2.*

i *Rot. P.* *iiſd. an*

It is not unknown to thoſe, who are any whit acquainted with the Story of our Kings, that King H. 1. had a large illegitimate offſpring by certain Concubines; amongſt which one is ſaid [k] to have been a daughter and coheir to Sir *Robert Corbet* Knight, upon whom he begot a ſon called *Reginald* [l], advanced [m] to the Earldom of **Cornwall** by King *Stephen* in the fift of his reign. To this Sir *Robert*, for that fair Damſells ſake, did the ſaid King give [n] **Alceſter**, the inheritance whereof, had it not been diverted, would have legally deſcended to his two daughters and heirs; whereof the one, *viz.* the Concubine, was wedded [o] to *Henry Fitz-Herbert* the King's Chamberlain, and had iſſue by him a ſon called *Peter* [p]; and the other to [q] *William Boterell* (or *Botreaux.*) But it ſeems the King's favour to his Baſtard ſon was ſuch, that *Peter Fitz-Herbert* could not obtain the moitye lawfully belonging to him: for cleer it is that the ſaid Earl *Reginald* enjoy'd [r] it; and ſo in all probability ſhould *Henry*

k Vincers diſcov. of Errors p. 130.

l Ord. Vi p. 950. A.

m Will. Malm. f. 105. a. n. 30.

n } Vinc
o } ut ſu

p *Teſta* Nevill.

q *Cart.* *inq. B.n.*

r *Rot. P.* *Ric. 1.*

Henry his son, had he not been guilty of some great offance (adhering [f] to the King's enemies in **Normandy**, as it should seem) by reason whereof it was seized [g] into the King's hands, as an Eschaet; immediatly upon the death of his Father, which hapned [h] in 21 H. 2. After which, *viz.* in 9. R. 1. under the title likewise *de Escaetis*, did the Sheriff account [w] for the Ferme of one moytie (together with the like part of **Brome**) the Record expressing thus, *quæ fuerunt Henrici de la Pennel*; which *Henry* was the same man (without doubt) for that he had a son called *Henry* is manifest [x]; and that the said Earl had [y] a Mannour in **Cornwall**, called **Penhel**, whereof 'tis to be presumed, by reason of his birth or habitation there, he might assume that firname, there is probability enough.

From whence I conclude, that notwithstanding the due title thereto was in *Fitz-Herbert* (as I have shewed) yet by reason that the said Earl actually held it, upon advantage taken against his son, it was seized into the King's hands, and the profits thereof accounted for by the Shiriffs for divers years, as I have already intimated: But at length it was disposed of by King *John* (as I guesse) to one *Hamon Falconer*; for upon the said King's grant thereof to *Peter Fitz-Herbert* in the sixt of his reign, in consideration of xx. marks Fine by him payd, care was taken [z] that the said *Hamon* should be furnisht with other lands, to as good value, out of the said Kings Eschaets. The Record [a], whereby the said *Peter* had seisin of it, expresseth the same thus; *viz. medietatis Manerii de* **Alencester**, *quam pater suus tenuit*: By which it should seeme, that before the Earl of **Cornwall** had it, *Henry Fitz-Herbert* was, in right of his wife, possest thereof. But the rest was cleerly enjoyed by *Will. Boterell*, in right of *Alice* [b] his wife, the other daughter and coheir also to the said *Robert Corbet*, and continued to the posterity of the said *William*, of whom and his descendants I shall speak anon: which moyties became not united of many ages: In the mean time therefore whilst they were thus in severall hands, let us see what is observable, either touching the persons that possest them, or the place it self; and first of *Peter Fitz-Herbert* and his successors.

This *Peter*, after he had so obtained the eschaeted moytie, as aboveſaid, grew exasperated for that large Scutage [c] exacted by the King for maintenance of his Army in **Poictou** (16 *Joh.*) for which the Barons broke [d] out into Rebellion, and therein continued [e] during the life of that King, by reason whereof, his lands here in **Alencester** were seized [f], and committed to the custody [g] of *Will. de Camvill*: but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, he had restitution [h] of them again. It seems that King H. 3. requiring the arrears of that Scutage; in the fift of his reign, this *Peter* was [i] questioned for six marks due thereupon, but had his discharge [k] for the same, in regard he produced testimony that he had maintained Souldiers at his own costs in the said Army at that time: In which year he had also the Kings Letters [l] mandatory to his Tenants, requiring their contribution to him, according to the rate of x. *s.* for every Knights Fee, towards the defraying of that charge he was at in attendance upon the King at the siege of **Witham** Castle. In 13 H. 3. he had Letters [m] of protection for a journey beyond Sea, wherein he was also to attend the King.

This *Peter* confirm'd [n] to the Monks of **Alcester**, whatsoever lands they were possest of in this place, granting unto them freedome of paunage for their Hoggs in his Woods here, with timber out of the same woods for their necessary occasions, and Common of pasture for their Cattell; and left issue *Herbert* [o], commonly called *Herbertus fil. Petri*, who in 25 H. 3. came to a composition [p] with *Emma* the widow of the before specified *H. Falconer* (there called *Hamo de Brome*) for her thirds in this moytie: which *Herbert* shortly after past [q] away all his right in the said moytie to *Robert de Chaundys*, who held [r] it in 33 H. 3. Howbeit this was not the inheritance, as it seemes; for that did *Walt.* the son of *Will. de Beauchamp* purchase [s] of *Reginald* son to the same *Peter Fitz-Herbert* in 56 H. 3. whereupon was reserved the forrein service of half a Knights Fee. After which time the posterity of the said *Walter* enjoy'd it for very many ages; having a goodly Mannour-house here, whereat frequently making their residence; they had sundry eminent imployments relating to this County; for which respect purposing to speak historically of them, I have inserted the ensuing Genealogie.

This *Walter* was brother [t] to *William de Beauchamp*, the first Earl of **Warwick** of that Family; and being signed [u] with the Crosse for a Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land* in 53 H. 3. had a Legacy of [w] CC. marks bequeathed to him by his Father, towards his better performance of that Holy Voyage. In 21 E. 1. he obtained a Charter [x] bearing date at **Canterbury** 14. *Julii*, for an yearly **Faire** to be held at this his Mannour of **Alcester** for eight days; *viz.* on the Even of S. *Giles* and seven days following. In 26. of the same Kings raign, he had Summons [y] (amongst other great men) to appear at **Karleol** upon the Even of *Penteçost*, well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to march against the Scots; and was the same year with the King in that [z] eminent battail of **Fawkirk**. In 28 E. 1. he had **Freewarren** granted [a] to him in all his demesn lands here at **Alcester**; as also at **Powyk**, and severall other places in **Worcestershire**; at which time he was Steward [b] of the King's Household. In that memorable Certificate [c] sent unto the Pope by all the Peers of **England** sitting in the Parliament at **Lincoln** 12. *Febr.* 29 E. 1. whereby they asserted King *Edward*'s superiority over the Realm of **Scotland**, the name of this *Walter* is there subscribed, with the addition of *Dominus de* **Alcester**; whence I guess that he then resided here. It seems that the time for the **Faire** here, so obtained as aforesaid, was found inconvenient: for in 30 E. 1. in exchange thereof, the King granted another Charter [d] to him, for to translate the same unto the Even of S. *Faith* the Virgin, and to continue seven days following. In 31 E. 1. he attended the King again into **Scotland**, as appears [e] by his being in person at that notable siege of **Kaerlaverok**.

But of this Sir *Walter* (for he was a [f] Knight) I find no farther mention worthy the taking notice of, other than that he [g] wedded *Alice* the daughter of . . . . . *Tony*, she being allied to him in the fourth degree of consanguinity; which marriage was long after ratified, and the Children begot betwixt them decreed [h] legitimate, by *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester**, as having authority from the Pope, in asmuch as they knew not of the impediments at the time of that contract made: And that about the 31. of E. 1. he departed [i] this

f *Rot. de terr. Norm.* 6 Joh. *m.* 5.
g *Rot. P.* 22 *H.* 2.
h R. Hoved. *f.* 313. *n.* 40.
w *Rot. P.* 9 *Ric.* 1.
x *Pat.* 1 H. 3. *m.* 13.
y *Cart. Antiq. B. n.* 2.
z *Clauſ.* 6 Joh. *m.* 20.
a *Rot. P.* 6 Joh.
b *Cart. Antiq. ut ſupra*
c *Lib. rub. ſ.* 48.
d *Lib. rub. ſ.* 48.
e *Lib. rub. ſ.* 48.
f *Clauſ.* 1 H. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 14.
g *Clauſ.* 18 Joh. *m.* 6.
h *Clauſ.* 1 H. 3. *ut ſup.*
i *Clauſ.* 5 H. 3. *m.* 11.
k *Clauſ.* 5 H. 3. *m.* 11.
l *Ib. in dorſ.*
m *Pat.* 13 H. 3. *in dorſo.*
n *Cart.* 25 H. 3. *m.* 5.
o *Teſta de* Nevill.
p *F. levat. craſt. Anim.* 25 H. 3.
q *Teſta de* Nevill.
r *Teſta de* Nevill.
s *F. levat. menſ. Paſch.* 56 H. 3.
t *Giff. f.* 11. *b.*
u *Giff. f.* 11. *b.*
w Beauchamp's Court.
x *Cart.* 21 E. 1. *n.* 4.
y *Clauſ.* 26 E. 1. *m d. m.* 6.
z *Rot. penès* W. le Neve *eq. aur.*
a *Cart.* 28 E. 1. *n.* 4.
b *Cart.* 28 E. 1. *n.* 4.
c *Ab exemp. ejuſd. penès Camer. Scac.*
d *Cart.* 30 E. 1. *n.* 16.
e *Rot. penès præſ.* W. le Neve.
f *Giff. f.* 217. *a.*
g *Giff. f.* 217. *a.*
h *Giff. f.* 217. *a.*
i *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*

Will. de Bellocampo 53 H. 3. — Isabella soror & hæres Will. Mauduit Comitis Warwici.

Will. de Bellocampo Comes Warwici, jure materno. — Walt. de Bellocampo 53 H. 3. — Alicia filia .... Tony.

Egid. de Bellocampo 3 E. 3. — Katherina — Will. de Bellocampo hæres Walt. — Walt. de Bellocampo obiit 2 E. 3. — Hawisia 13 E. 2.

Iohanna filia Joh. de Cherleton jun. 25 E. 3. — Joh. de Beauchamp 25 E. 3. — Elizabetha 7 H. 4.

Will. Beauchamp de Powyke 9 H. 5. — Cath. una filiarum & cohær. Gerardi Ufflete 9 H. 5. — Walt. Beauchamp Chivalier 3 H. 5. (à quo Beauchamp Baro S. Amand.)

† *Mills q. 13.* Eliz. ux. Thomæ Swinford 6 H. 5. — Joh. Beauchamp miles Thesaur. Angl. 28 H. 6. — Margareta † soror Richardi Ferrers ar. condidit Testam. 3 H. 7.

Ric. Beauchamp 25 H. 6. — Eliz. filia Humfr. Strafford mil. 25 H. 6.

Rob. Willoughby dominus Brook. — Eliz. una filiarum & cohær. Edw. Willoughby obiit vivo patre. — Anna uxor Ric. Ligon. — Margar. uxor. Will. Rede.

a *Rot. Judic. temp. H. 8. p. 3. n. 6.* b c

a Fulco Grevill miles filius secundus Edw. Grevill mil. — b Eliz. una consangu. & cohær. Roberti Willoughby domini Brooke. — Anna obiit ante nuptias. — c Blanchia ux. Francisci D'autrey mil. ob s. prole.

Fulco Grevill miles, obiit an. 1606. — Anna filia Rad. Nevill Comitis Westmerl. — Robertus Grevill .... — Blanchia filia .... Whitney.

Fulco Grevill miles, dominus Brook obiit cœlebs anno 1628. — Margareta ux. Ricardi Verney militis. — Fulc. Grevill obiit .... Augusti 1632. — Maria filia Christophori Copley de Sprodborough in Com. Ebor.

Robertus Grevill dominus Brook. — Cath. filia Francisci Russell Comitis Bedfordiæ.

of **Worcestershire** by inheritance) he had the custody of that County committed [t] to him during the minority of his heir.

t *Rot. F. 10 E. 2. m. 15.*

But of *Giles* I find, that in 15 E. 2. he was made Shiriff [u] of **Caernarvonshire**, and Governour of the Castle of **Beaumaris**: that in 14 E. 3. he had a Charter [w] to fortify his Mannour-house here at **Alcester**, with a wall of lime and stone, and to embattle the same for the use of himself and his heirs: and having had summons [x] to the severall Parliaments amongst the other Barons, from 20 E. 2. to 9 E. 3. he left issue [y] *John*, of whom I have seen but little, other than his founding [z] a *Chantry* in the Parish-Church here at **Alcester**, in 36 E. 3. (whereof I purpose to speak particularly in its proper place) and he [a] Sir *Will.* Lord of this place and **Powik**, and [b] Sir *Walt. de Beauchamp* a younger son, from whom the *Beauchamps* Barons S. *Amand* did descend: which *Walter* in 4 H. 4. was retained by Indenture [c] to serve the King in a voyage royall, that he intended for **France** in his proper person, with four men at Armes, himself accounted for one, and xii. Archers; whereof the third part were to serve on Foot, and the rest on Horseback, for one whole year, taking for himself ii *s. per diem*: For his men at Armes xii *d.* and for his Archers vi *d.* And in 3 H. 5. to serve [c] the King for one whole year, in a voyage that he made in person into **Guienne**; in which service he was to have four men at Armes, and xii. Archers, all on Horseback; and to receive xl. marks a piece for his men at Armes, and xx. marks a piece for each of his Archers.

u *Pat. 15 E. 2. p. 1. m. 9.*
w *Cart. 14 E. 3. n. 38.*
x *Clauſ. de iiſd. an. in d.*
y *F. de div. com. levat. xv: P. 25 E. 3.*
z *Eſc. 36 E. 3. p. 2. n. 10.*
a } March
b } *q. 19.*
c *Ex autog. penès* Cler. Pell.

But I come now to Sir *William* the elder brother; of whom it appears, that in 16 R. 2. he was made Constable [d] of the Castle of **Gloucester**; In 3 H. 4. Shiriff [e] of **Worcestershire**, and in [f] 1 H. 5. of **Gloucestershire**. This Sir *William* took to [g] wife *Catherine* one of the daughters and heirs of *Gerard Ufflete*, and left issue Sir *John Beauchamp* Knight, who in 17 H. 6. upon the death of *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, was constituted [h] one of the Commissioners unto whom the Guardianship of all his Castles and lands, during the minority of *Henry* his son and heir, were granted: and in 22 H. 6. purchased [i] of *Thomas Botereux* the other moytie of this Mannour of **Alcester**, which had continued in that Family for divers descents, as I shall shew anon. And being now intire Lord of the whole, in 25. of the same King's reign, obtained a speciall Charter [k]; which, reciting that he the said *John* and his Ancestors had time out of mind enjoyed a **Court-Leet** of all their Tenants and Inhabitants within this town, to be kept twice every year; *viz.* once after *Easter*, and once after *Michaelmasse*; as also *Weyfs*, *Streys*, and all other priviledges to a **Leet** belonging; together with a **Mercate** upon the Tuesday every week, and a **Faire**, yearly, on the Sunday next after the Feast of S. *Fayth* the Virgin, did confirme them to him and his heirs.

d *Pat. 16 R. 2. p. 2. m. 16.*
e *Rot. F. 3 H. 4. m. 18.*
f *Rot. F. 1 H. 5. m. 9.*
g *Billa indorſ. 9 H. 5.*
h *Rot. F. 17 H. 6. m. 10.*
i *Rot. F. 22 H. 6. m. 3.*
k *Cart. 25. & 26 H. 6. n. 10.*

And moreover in consideration of the good and acceptable services performed unto that King, and to King *Henry* the fift his father, had he by the same Charter, a grant of sundry other priviledges; *viz.* Return of Writts, and all other Mandates, Precepts, and Attachments belonging to the said King his heirs and successors, his Justices, Eschaetors, or other Commissioners, Steward and Marshall of his household: as also of all Summons of the Exchequer, levying of Estreats from the said Exchequer,

k *Eſc. 2 E. 3. n. 24.*
* *F. de div. com. levat. Oct. T. 3 E. 3.*
l *Rot. F. 10 E. 1. m. 1.*
m *Pat. 10 E. 2. p. 2. m. 7.*
n *Rot. F. ut ſuprà m. 14.*
o *Cart. 13 E 2 n. 4.*
p *MS. in bibl.* Deuveſ. *p. 216.*
q *Rot. F. 2 E. 3. m. 5.*
r } *Eſc. 2*
ſ } *E. 3. n. 24.*

life, leaving the said *Alice* a widow, and three sons; *viz.* [k] *Walter*, *William*, and [*] *Giles*. Which second *Walter* in 10 E. 2. upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** (his kinsman) had the custody [l] of the lands belonging to **Warwick** Castle, together [m] with the said Castle, during the minority of his heir, committed to him, and the same year was constituted [n] Shiriff of this County and **Leicestershire**. In 13 E. 2. he obtained a Charter [o] for another **Faire**, to be yearly kept here for 8. days, beginning on the Even of S. *Barnabas* the Apostle. In 1 E. 3. he was constituted [p] Constable of **England**, but dyed [q] the year following: whose brother *William* then found [r] his heir, and xl. years of age, did not enjoy this Lordship of **Alcester**, in regard the said *Walter* had about xii. years before, setled [s] it upon *Giles de Beauchamp* another brother. Of which *William* all that I have seen memorable is, that upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** (who was Shiriff

chequer, execution of Writts and Attachments, &c. all which thenceforth to be performed and executed by the said Sir *John* and his heirs, or such Officers as he or they should appoint within this town, and precincts of the Mannour: so that no Shiriff, Coroner, Bayliffe, or other Officer belonging to the King, should have ought to do there. To which was further added, that the said Sir *John* and his heirs should have cognisance of all Pleas belonging to any of the King's Courts, touching such lands and tenements as are within this town and Mannour; of Debts, Accompts, Trespasses, Covenants, Contracts, and causes of Contracts, arising within the limits of them: as also of Assizes of *Novell disseisin* and *Mort D'ancestor*, *Jurates*, and Certificates of all lands and tenements within the same, to be held before the Steward to him and his heirs, here, for the time being. And likewise full power and authority of holding, hearing, and determining before their Stewards, without any speciall Writ from the King, Pleas of *Pie pouders*, and all other Pleas of Debts, Accounts, Trespasses, Covenants, Contracts and other Controversies whatsoever, arising within this town and Mannour, or their precincts, although they exceed the summe of xl *s.* value; and to make out Processe against such persons as shall be lyable to any action or distresse by his and their own Officers and Ministers, and to attach their persons within the said town and Mannour and precincts of them, in case they have not goods whereby to be summoned and distreined.

And moreover that the said Sir *John* & his heirs should have the priviledges of *Infangthef*, and *Outfangthef*, the goods of Felons & Fugitives, and all such as are condemned & put in exigend for Treason or Felony; as also the Chattells of persons outlawed, whether it be at the King's suit or at the suit of the party, with the Chattells of those that are *Felones de se*, or any way confiscated: And likewise all Fines, and Redemptions, Issues, Amerciaments, and Forfeitures; with Fines for license of concord, *Year*, *Day*, *Strepe*, and *Wast*, of all his and their Tenants, as well resident as not resident within this town and Mannour, and their precincts, in whatsoever of the King's Courts they shall happen, &c. And that neither the King's Steward, Marshall, Coroner of his Houshold, Clerk of the Mercate, for the time being; nor any servant or Officer belonging to any of them, shall have power to meddle within the same, or the precincts thereof: nor any Purveyor to take any thing there, from him the said *John*, his heirs, or any the Inhabitants of this place. And further that all the Tenants thereof, aswell resident as non-resident, should be for ever quit of *Toll*, *Stallage*, *Pontage*, *Pavage*, *Murage*, *Kayage* and *Chiminage* in all places, as well by Land as Water, throughout the whole Realm of England, and elsewhere within the King's dominions: And lastly that he and his heirs should have another Faire yearly within this Town, beginning on the Even of S. *Dunstan*, and continuing for two dayes following. Which ample Charter bears date at Westminster xviii *Nov.* in the year before specified. [z]

After which ere long, *viz.* in 28 H. 6. was he made [a] Lord Treasurer of England, but in that Office he continued not long; as also a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace and assessing of Subsidies in this County: but in these (I presume) he acted little, in respect of his other great imployments, being a Baron of this Realm, and summoned [m] to severall Parliaments in the said King's time. By his Testament [n] bearing date ix. *Apr. An.* 1475. 15 E. 4. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of the *Dominican Friers* at Worcester, in a new Chapell to be made on the North side of the Quire: To which House of *Friers* for his buriall there he bequeathed the value of xx. marks to be had in vestments and stuff, besides a pair of Organs of his own; residing at that time at Chelthith in the County of Middlesex: Appointing that a Priest of that *Friery* should daily say Masse at the Altar within the said Chapell before his Tombe, after the Order of a *Trentall*, for his soul, and the souls of his Father and Mother, Brethren, and Sisters, his Children and Ancestors souls; and especially for the souls of Sir *John Fastolf* Knight, *Will. Botreaux*, and all Christen souls; taking by the week for the said Masse so daily to be said viii *d.* for evermore. Which Chapell and Tombe, with his statue thereon in Alabaster, he did by the said Testament ordein that his Executor should cause to be made; and [o] departed this life the same year, leaving Sir *Ric. Beauchamp* Knight his son and heir, then 40. years of age; who in the private Chapell of this Mannour-house here (called [p] by the name of Beauchamps-Court) having speciall License [q] from the Bishop of Worcester, wedded *Eliz.* the daughter of Sir *Humfrey Stafford* Knight, by whom he had issue three daughters, that were his heirs; *viz.* [r] *Eliz.* married to Sir *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook* (first summoned to Parl. by that title in 7 H. 7.) *Anne* to *Ric. Ligon*, and *Margaret* to *Will. Rede*: which Sir *Robert* had [s] in her right this Mannour of Alcester in partition, and dyed [t] seized thereof 10 *Nov.* 13 H. 8. leaving *Eliz. Anne* and *Blanch* his cosins & next heirs; *viz.* daughters of *Edw. Willoughby* his son by the before specified *Elizabeth*.

Of which daughters, so in minority, [u] *Eliz.* the eldest was committed to the tuition of Sir *Edward Grevill* of Milcote Knight; who obtained her wardship (as I have by tradition [w] been informed) with purpose to marry her unto *John* his son and heir: but she better affecting *Fouke*, the younger, became his wife; to whom she brought this Mannour of Alcester, with other lands: which *Fouke* much enlarged [w] his Mannour-house at Beauchamps-Court, taking stone and timber from the then newly dissolved Priory at Alcester, for [x] that purpose: as also his [y] Park with part of the wast belonging to this Lordship, and bore the Office of Shiriff [z] for this County and Leicestershire, in 34 H. 8. being then a Knight; so also in [a] 1 E. 6. and departed [b] this life 10. *Nov. Anno* 1559. (1 *Eliz.*) leaving issue *Fouke* his son and heir, and *Robert* a younger son: which *Fouke* was Knighted [c] in 7 *Eliz.* (being then [d] 29 years of age) In 12 *Eliz.* he came first into [e] Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Shire; and departing this life in *an.* 1606. 4 *Jac.* left issu by *Anne* his wife, daughter to *Raph Nevill* E. of Westmerland, *Fouk* his son and heir. Which last recited *Fouk*, having been a servant in Court to Q. *Eliz.* & made [f] Under-Treasurer and Chancelour of the Exchequer by K. *James*; as also one of the privy Councell, and a Gentleman of his Bedchamber; in 15. of that King's reign, obtained a speciall Charter [g] confirming all such liberties as had been granted to any of his Ancestors in the behalf of this Town, upon a new Rent of x *s. per annum* then reserved to the said K. his heires & successors;

[l] *p. vol. 1. o.b.*

[m] *Claus. de iisd. an. m. dorso.*

[n] *Logg. 9. 13.*

[o] *Esc. 15 E. 4. n. 1.*

[p] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 15. b.*

[q] *Carp. vol. 1. f. 47. a.*

[r] *Esc. 16 H. 8. n. 3.*

[s] [t] *Ibid.*

[u] *Per H. Ferrers ar.*

[w] [x] [y] *Leland Itin. vol. 4. f. 168.*

Inq. super depop. 3 E. 6.

[z] [a] *Rot. P. de iisd. an.*

[b] *Inscrip. Tum. apud Alcester.*

[c] *MS. in Officio Arm. [M. 18.]*

[d] *Esc. 8. Eliz.*

[e] *Pat. 12 Eliz. p. 1. m. dorso.*

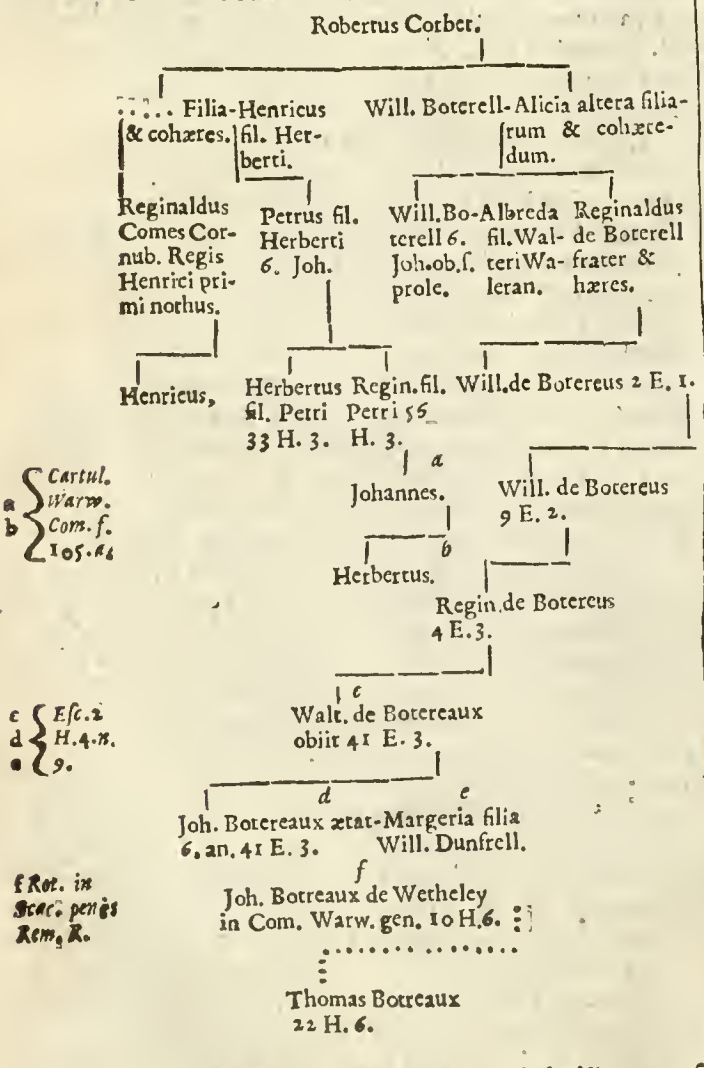
[f] *Pat. 12 Jac. p. 18. n. 3. & n. 6.*

[g] *Pat. 15 Jac.*

h *Pat.* 18 Iac. *p.* 13. cessors; and was created [h] Lord *Brook* of **Beauchamps-Court** before mentioned 9. *Jan.* 18. *Jac.* with limitation of that Honour, for lack of issue male of his own body, unto *Robert Grevill*, son of *Fouk*, son of *Robert* before specified, a younger son to the first Sir *Fouk*.

This *Fouk* Lord *Brook*, obtaining the Castle of **Warwick** from King *James*, when it was in a very ruinous condition, bestowed so much cost in the repairs thereof, beautifying it with most pleasant Gardens and Walks, and adorning it with rich furniture, that, considering its situation, no place in this part of **England** doth compare with it for statelinesse and delight: But delaying to reward one *Hayward*, an antient servant, that had spent the most of his time in attendance upon him, being expostulated with for so doing, received a mortall stab on the back, by the same man then private with him in his Bed-chamber at *Brook-house* in **London**, 30. *Sept. Anno* 1628 (5 *Car.*) who, to consummate the Tragedy, went into another roome, and having lock't the dore, pierced his own bowells with a sword. After which, *viz.* 27. *Oct.* the said Lord *Brook*'s body, being wrapt in Lead & brought to **Warwick**, was there solemnly interred in a vault on the North side the Quire of S. *Maries* Church, under that beautifull Monument erected by himself, whereof I have there taken notice. To whom succeeded in this his Lordship of **Alcester**, and divers other lands of great value, the before specified *Robert Grevill* Lord *Brooke*, by vertue of a speciall grant, whereby they were so setled.

I now come to speak of that Family of *Botreaux*, which possest the other half of this Mannour, till 22 H. 6. as I have intimated.



a b *Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 105. a, b*

c d e *Esc. 2 H. 4. n. 9.*

f *Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*

Of *Will. de Botreaux*, who married *Alice* one of the daughters and coheirs to *Rob. Corbet*, I find that he confirmed [i] to the Monks of **Alcester** all that they there held of his Fee; and that he left issue *Will.* and *Reginald*; which second *Will.* in 6. *Joh.* gave [k] two Horses for the great saddle, and one **Norway** Goshawk to the King, for license to marry *Albreda* the widow of *John de Ingeham*, daughter to *Walter Waleran*, over and above CCC. marks payd by her for the like permission. In [l] 5 H. 3. he attended the K. in person with his Army at that memorable seige of **Bitham** Castle in **Lincolnshire**; and, in consideration of that service, had the King's Letters mandatory for assessing Scutage upon his Tenants according to the rate of x *s.* for every Knight's Fee: but being a man of an active Spirit, I find [m] that he did put himself in Armes with some of the Barons in 17 H. 3. when the Nobility grew discontented [n] that the K. received so many *Poictovins* into places of power and trust, whereupon his lands here at **Alcester** were seized [o] upon for so doing.

i *Cart.* 25 H. 3. *m.* 5. *per Insp.*

k *Rot. P.* 6. Ioh.

l *Claus.* 5 H. 3. *in d.*

m *Rot. F.* 17 H. 3. *m.* 3.

n M. Paris *p.* 384.

o *Rot. F. ut suprà.*

To him succeeded *Reginald* his brother [p] & heir, who had livery of his inheritance in 27 H. 3. but adhering to the Barons in that great Rebellion of 49 H. 3. had this his Lordship of **Alcester** again seized [q] on; which by the Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) were restored again. Of this *Reginald* I have not seen any more, than that he died [r] about the beginning of E. 1. time, leaving *Will.* his son and heir, who, doing his fealty, had livery [s] of the inheritance descended to him. To whom succeeded another *Will.* who made this his place of residence, as it seemes; for in 17 E. 2. he was in the list [t] of those Knights and men at Armes of this County, whose names were then certified into the Chancery, though his chief seat was at **Botreaux**-Castle (*aliàs* **Bosse**-Castle) in **Cornwall**: But the next that had to do here was *Reginald Botreaux*, a younger son to the last *Will.* upon whom this Mannour was setled [u] in 4 E. 3. and upon the issue male of him and *Isabell* his wife, with remainder to his right heirs. From which *Reginald* descended *Thomas Botreaux*, who in 22 H. 6. sold all [w] that he had here, by so antient a succession, to Sir *John Beauchamp* of **Powyk**, as I have already observed.

p *Rot. F.* 17 H. 3. *m.* 3.

q *Esc.* 50 H. 3.

r *Rot.* 2 E. 2. *m.* 9.

t *Ex Coll.* H. Ferre.

u *Pat.* 4 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 7

w *Rot. F.* 6 H. 6. *m.* 3

A word or two now of the Tenure, which it seems was by *Sergeanty*; for so doth it appear by severall authorities (*scil.* in [x] 27 H. 3. & [y] 33 H. 3.) *Item dicunt* (saith the Record [z]) *quod villata de* **Allencestre**, *ex utraq; parte debet respondere domino Regi per Sergeantiam, sed nescitur qualiter, nec per quod servitium*: but afterwards I find it cleer; for in 32 E. 1. upon the Relief paid by *Will. de Botreaux* for the moity of this town, it is there said [a] to be held of the King *per servitium inveniendi medietatem Equitis armati, cum uno Equo discooperto in guerra Regis.* Of the homage and service reserved by *Reginald Fitz-Herbert*, upon his grant of the moytie of this Lordship unto *Walter de Beauchamp* & his heirs in 56 H. 3. I find that *Herbert fitz-John*, his grandchild, passed it over unto *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and his heirs, by his Deed [b] dated at **Westminster** on Munday 5. *Maii*, 8 E. 2.

x *Rot F.* H. 3. *m.*

y z *Testa de N.*

a *Mich. R.* 32 E. 1.

The Church, though at first given [c] by *Raph Boteler* to the Monks of **Alcester**, upon the Foundation of that Monastery in 5 *Steph.* afterwards came to the Nuns of **Tokehill** *in Com. Wigorn.* which Monastery was founded [d] by *Isabell* the wife to *William de Beauchamp* the first Earl of **Warwick**

b *Cartul. Warw. Cc. f.* 105. *a.*

c *MS. in bibl. Bod. [G. 7. Th.]*

d *Rot. Rous.*

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of that Family; for the advouſon whereof, the ſaid Nuns were at ſuit[e] with *Peter Fitz-Herbert* and *Will de Boterell* (Lords of **Alceſter**) in 11. H. 3. after which time they quietly enjoyed it, as it ſeems by their Preſentations thereto. In *anno* 1291 (19 E. 1.) it was rated [f] at xii. marks, the portion which the ſaid Nuns had out of it being two marks and a half. The like valuation do I find [g] in 14 E. 3. It ſeems, that upon the rebuilding of it, the Dedication became altered: for in [h] 11 H. 3. it bore the name of S. *Nicholas*; but in [i] 6 H. 6. of S. *Faith* the Virgin, at which time the value was certified [k] to be no more than xii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. it extended [l] to xvi *li.* there being yearly paid [m] for *Procurations* and *Synodals* x *s.* v *d. ob. per annum* out of it, and xxvi *s.* viii *d.* as a *Penſion* to the Prioreſſe of **Cokehill.**

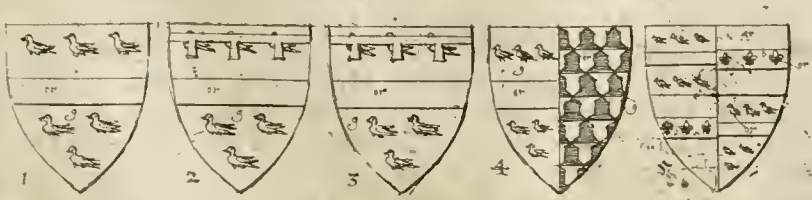
Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prioriſſa & Conv. de Cokehill.	*Joh. de Dekene Pbr.* 9. *Junii* 1339.	
	Ric. Bernet Pbr. 16. *Oct.* 1361.	
	D. Thom. Tyffeld Pbr. 7. *Aug.* 1368.	
	Rob. Aumeney Pbr. 24. *Nov.* 1379.	
Thomas Crew.	*Ric. Newbold Pbr.* 15. *Dec.* 1391.	*Ib f.* 87. *b.*
Prioriſſa & Conv. de Cokehill.	*Joh. Piry* 1. *Febr.* 1401.	*Cliff. f.* 11. *b*
	Ric. Newbold Pbr. 25. *Apr.* 1402.	*Ib. f.* 13. *b.*
	Joh. Tymmes 5. *Febr.* 1434.	*S. Germ. f.* 256. *b.*
	Rob. Beauſant 10. *Nov.* 1435.	*Bourch. f.* 11. *b.*
	D. Joh. Lyde Cap. ult. Oct. 1469.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 243. *b.*
	Magr. Ric. Harris in decret. Bac. 7. *Junii* 1470.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 11. *a.*
	D. Will. Hyot 1. *Jan.* 1480.	*Alc. f.* 80. *a.*
Joh. Somervile de Bordeſley ar. & Anna ejus ux. Executrix Teſtam. T. Evance gen. nuper mariti ſui, per conceſſ. Prior & C. de Cokehill.	*D. Will. Walker Pbr.* 19. *Maii* 1544.	*Heath. f.* 3. *a.*
Fulco Grevile miles.	*Joh. Stokton Cler.* 20. *Junii* 1578.	*Bul. f.* 15. *a.*

In the South Ile,



Here lyeth the body of foulke Greuyll knight and lady Elizabeth his wife, the daughter and heire of Edward Willoughby Eſquier, the ſone and heire of Robert Willoughby Knight lord of Broke, and lady Elizabeth one of the daughters and coheawes of the lord Beauchampe of Powyk, w^ch foulke dyed the x^th day of November, anno dni M.D. lxix. and the ſaide lady Elizabeth his Wife departed the ix^th day of in the yeare of our lord God M.D.lx. of Whoſe ſoules god haue mercy, Amen,

Armes in the windows of the Church.



1 2 Beauchamp of Powick.
3 4 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers.
5 Beauchamp quartering Millet.

Within this Parish Church were two *Chanteries*, the first in a Chapell of our Lady, founded [n] by one of the *Botelers* of **Overley** (I suppose *John*; for in 15 E. 1 he [o] presented to it) the Priest serving there being to sing [p] Mass every day at six of the Clock in the morning, and to pray for the souls of the Founders. To which *Chantrie* did *Petronill* the Widow of *Rob. Squyer* of **Alyncestre** in 7 *E.* 3. give [q] 3 Messuages, xvi acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and xx s. Rent, with the appurtenances, lying in **Alcester**, for divine service to be celebrated there, for the soul of *E.* 2. late King of **England**; as also for her own and her husbands souls, their children, ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased: the revenue whereof was in 26 *H.* 8. certified [r] to be yearly worth vi l. out of which certain Rents were deducted: but in [r] 37 *H.* 8. vi l. v s. ix d.

The Priests belonging to this *Chantry* were successively presented thereto by the *Botelers* of **Overley** before mentioned, and afterwards by the *Nevills*, untill 6 *H.* 7. that Sir *Will. Beauchamp* of **Alcester** and others, obtained the patronage thereof.

The other *Chantry* was founded [t] in 36 *E.* 3. by *John* the son of *Giles de Beauchamp*, for one [u] Priest to sing Mass daily, and do divine service in the said Church, at the Altar of *All Saints*; for whose maintenance he gave [w] xi Messuages, one shop, xi acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow lying here in **Alcester**: But in 7 *H.* 4. this Chantry had an addition [x] made thereto, by two Priests; *John Weston* and *Rob. Canill*, who gave 4 messuages and 4 acres of land thereto, lying also within the precincts of **Alcester**; so that in 26 *H.* 8. the value of all its revenues extended [y] to iiii l. xiii s. viii d. *per an.* but in [z] 37 *H.* 8. to no more than iiii l. xii s. over and above reprises.

I Now come to the Monastery, whereof there is scarce any memoriall left amongst the Inhabitants, the very ruins being all dig'd up, and Corn sowed where it sometime stood; and that the place may not be forgotten, I shall here (before I come to speak of its Foundation) describe where it lyes; which is about half a mile North from **Alcester**, encompassed with a moat on the West and South sides, and on the North and East with the river **Arrow**, making the site thereof a kind of Island, which containeth somewhat more than two acres according to our usuall measure (as I guess.)

This, at the frequent instance of *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester**, and *G.* the then Prior, being founded [a] by *Raph. Boteler* of **Overley** in the year of our Lord *MCXL.* (5 *Steph.*) upon that piece of ground so encompassed with water, as I have said, and therefore called [b] *the Church of our Lady of the Isle*, was dedicated [c] to the *Holy Trinity*, and to the honour of the *Blessed Virgin*, St. *Anne* her mother, St. *Joseph*, St. *John Bapt.* St. *John the Evang.* and *All Saints*, for the health of the souls of K. *Will.* the Conquerour, *Maud* his consort, K. *Will.* the younger, K. *Henry* the first, Q. *Maud* his consort, K. *Steph.* Q. *Maud* likewise his consort; *Roger de Bellomont* and *Atheline* his wife, *Rob.* Earl of **Mellent** and *Isabell* his wife, *Rob.* Earl of **Leicester** and *Avice* his wife; with their sons; as also of *Walleran* Earl of **Mellent**: And moreover for his (the said *Raph. Boteler*'s) own soul, and the soul of *Avice* his wife, with their Parents, ancestors and successors souls; by the advice and consent of the before specified K. *Steph.* *Rob.* Earl of **Leic.** and *Walleran* E. of **Mellent** and of *Robert* and *Geffrey* sons to the said *Raph*; *Robert* a Monk of **Worcester** being constituted the first Abbot, there, upon *Martinmass*-day in the year aboveseid: The same Founder then ordaining [d], that after the death of this Abbot, another should be chosen in the Chapter house at **Worcester**, or out of this at **Alcester**, as should be thought most meet.

And for the maintenance of the Monks* here serving God, he endowed it [e] with the before specified Isle, together with his Lordship of **Cockmerse**, and whatsoever he did possess in **Pebworth**, *viz.* 4 hides and a half; and moreover with all his lands of **Waltford**, **Cumbrige**, and **Blincheskelde**, with their appurtenances, excepting *Lx s.* yearly Rent, which the Abbot of this House was to pay to the Monks of **Bec** in (**Normandy.**) And further did he grant [f] thereunto the Chapell of his Castle at **Overlete**, with the Churches of **Alcester**, **Glen**, **Teingworth** and **Perston**, and whatsoever appertained to them; the whole Tithe of his Lordship of **Overlete** in lands, Vineyards, Woods, Parks, Meadows and Fishings: Half the Tithe of his Lordships of **Pebworth** and **Cherletune**; Two sheaves of that of **Ragley**: All the Tithes of **Dorsinton**, **Mulecote**, **Bzome**, and **Whitlacesford**: As also his Mill of **Grobert**, and the half of his three Mills at **Overlete**; Appointing, that whosoever should govern here, for the future, as Abbot, he should not mispend the revenues of the Monastery upon his secular kindred; but for the poor, and in Hospitality: nor grant away the inheritance of any the lands belonging thereto: And (which is not the least memorable) he might not make any other Knights *nisi in sacra veste Christi, in qua parvulos suscipere modestè caveat*; but that *maturos, seu discretos, tam Clericos quam Laicos providè suscipiat*, as are the very words of his Charter: whereby 'tis evident, that about this time the restriction began, which prohibited Ecclesiastick persons to make Knights; which (it seems) they had antiently used to do; and as by what I have said in **Milcote**, touching the sacred and Courtly ceremonies, formerly exercised in conferring that dignity, appeareth.

Which ample Charter being confirmed [s] by the before specified *Robert* Earl of **Leicester** (his immediate Lord) as also by [h] K. *Steph.* and *Henry* the second, begot a fair increase of its possessions, through the munificence of sundry other persons: *viz.* xx *s.* Rent yearly issuing out of **Impingeham**, given [i] by *Geffrey* one of the sons to the said founder; the Church of **Beoley** in **Worcestershire**: by [k] *Geffrey de Limesi*; the Church of **Pebewworth** *in com:* **Glouc.** by [l] *Ric: Frevill*, with one yard land in **Perston**, and the Tithe of his Salt at **Wiche**: the Church of **Edrighton**, by [m] *Rog. de Watervill*, and one hide of land in **Ryeton**, in this County, lying adjacent to **Weston**, with a meadow situate under that town, and some other lands there. Neither must I omit to take notice, that *Simon de Cotton*, and *Alexander de Kynewarton* bestowed [n] on these Monks, each of them a load of wood for Fewell, to be weekly taken out of their Woods at **Cocton** (now **Coughton**) with liberty for them to erect Hogs-cotes in the same Woods: All which gifts were ratified [o] by the said K. H. 2. After this, *viz.* in 35 *E.* 1. had they *Lx.* acres of Heath, or waste, lying at **Hinstoke** in **Shrop-**

* Benedictines.

n *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S.A. f. 17. b.*
o *Giff. f. 262. b.*
p *MS. penès præf. S.A.*
q *Pat. 7. E. 3. p. 2. m. 18.*
r *MS. penès præf. S.A. f. 21. a.*
s *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S.A. f. 17. b.*
t *Esc. 36. E. 3. p. 2. n. 10.*
u *MS. penès præfat. S.A. f. 17. b.*
w *Esc. 36. E. 3. ut supra.*
x *Pat. 12. H. 4. p. 1. m. 17.*
y *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur. f. 21. b.*
z *Ex alio cod. MS. penès eund. S.A. f. 17. b.*
a *Ad calcem MS. in bibl. Bodl. [G. 7. 2. Th.]*
b c d e f *Ib.*
g *Ex autog. in bib. Hatton.*
h *Cart. 1. E. 3. n. 12. per Inspex.*
i *MS. in bibl. Bod. ut supra.*
k l m *Cart. 14 E. 3. n. 3. ut supra.*
n o *Ib.*

Shropshire, with the advouſon of the Church of Hinkſoke, given [p] unto them by *Will. le Boteler* of Wemme, with power to incloſe the ſaid waſt: as alſo Common of paſture for *viii* Oxen, *vi* Kine with their calves of one year old, and *C C* ſheep, in his Waſts and Woods at Hinkſoke; but with condition that the ſaid *Will.* and his heirs might make improvement at their pleaſure in thoſe woods and waſt, without the lawfull contradiction of the ſaid Monks. And over and above all this, was there an annuity of C *s. per an.* given [q] thereunto by the ſaid *Will. le Boteler*, iſſuing out of certain lands and burgages lying in Shaftesbury *in com. Dorſ.* for the performance of Divine ſervice, Almes, and other pious works, for the health of his ſoul, as alſo of the ſoul of K. *Henr.* the 4th.

[p] *Pat.* 25. *E.* 1. *m.* 46.

[q] *Clauſ.* 7. *H.* 4. *m.* 28.

But after this I do find very little increaſe of its revenues from any other Benefactors; nay rather ſuch a diminution, through the ill government and negligence of ſome Abbots; by waſting the ſtock upon their lands, and borrowing of money, that in 10 *H.* 6. upon [r] a Complaint made by *William* the then Abbot, that their debts were ſo great, as, in caſe they ſhould ſpeedily be required, himſelf and his Covent could not poſſibly ſubſiſt; the King, upon mature advice with his Councell, by his Royall authority, ſeiſed [s] the whole Monaſtery into his own hands, and forthwith committed [t] the government thereof to the care of *Humphry* D. of Glouc. (his uncle) *Thomas* Biſhop of Worceſter, Sir *Will. ap Thomas* Kt. *John Weſton* Sergeant at Law, *Will. Lucy* Eſq. *Will. Donington* *Rob. Hall*, and *Thomas Buſhell*, for to order and diſpoſe of all things belonging thereto to the beſt profit and advantage. But (it ſeems) that theſe Commiſſioners effected little therein, whatſoever they indeavoured: for in 22 *H.* 6. the ſame K. by another Pat. [u] reciting that this Houſe was grown ſo poor, through the improvidence of the preceding Abbots, that the preſent yearly profits belonging thereto, did not exceed the ſum of xl. marks, granted Licenſe to *Ric. Burton*, the then Abbot, to apply himſelf to the Pope for obtaining ſuch a capacity as might redeem it out of that extream debt and poverty: yet neither did this do any good: for in 5 *E.* 4. I find that the K. by his Letters [w] Pat. expreſſing that this Monaſtery, being of his patronage, in right of the Dutchy of Lancaſter, was through divers misfortunes, and the negligence of many Abbots, come to ſuch a low condition, that there then was not, nor of a long time had been, any Monk to bear the Abbot company; And that the revenues wherewith it had been originally endowed, by reaſon of ſuch detriments, as in the ſucceeding times had hapned, were ſo diminiſhed that they would not maintain ſo many Monks as at the Foundation thereof were appointed, nor perform due Hoſpitality, and other works of piety; did upon full conſideration of the premiſſes, to the honour of the individuall *Trinity*, and the *Bleſſed Virgin*; as alſo for the augmenting God's ſervice in the Abby of Evesham, and ratifying a congruous maintenance for ſuch a number of Monks in this Abby, as by the Foundation were limited, the keeping of Hoſpitality, *&c.* grant unto *Richard* then Abbot of Evesham, and his ſucceſſors, the right of patronage and advouſon hereof, to the intent that he and his Covent ſhould procure it to be united, and appropriated thenceforth to the ſaid Abby of Evesham: which union was accordingly made, the enſuing year, by *John Carpenter* then Biſhop of Worceſter, as appears by his Inſtrument [x] bearing date 2 *Apr. an.* 1466, (6 *E.* 4.) whereupon *Ric. Tuttebury*, the then Abbot hereof, made his reſignation [y] to the ſaid Biſhop *Apr.* 22. *an.* 1467. (being about a twelve months after) inſomuch as after this time it was onely a Cell to Evesham, and ſo reputed [z] at the time of that generall Survey taken in 26 *H.* 8. when the revenues thereof, over and above repriſes, were certified [a] to amount to no more than *Lxv l. vii s. xi d.* and ſo became ſuppreſt amongſt other the ſmaller Houſes by Act of Parl. in 27. *H.* 8.

[r] [s] [t] *Pat.* 10. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 8.

[u] *Pat.* 22. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 15.

[w] *Pat.* 5. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 16

[x] *Carp. f.* 199. *b. &c.*

[y] *Ib f.* 210. *b.*

[z] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 15 *b.*

[a] *MS. in bibl.* Cotton.

Whereupon *T. Cromwell* Earl of Eſſex, who had been ſo active an Inſtrument to accompliſh the ruin thereof, with all the reſt, obtained [b] it: but he having ſoon after a ſad reward * for ſuch his ſervice, it came again to the King, who forthwith demiſed [c] the ſite thereof, with all the lands and Rents belonging thereto, lying in and about Alceſter, Coughton, Kinerton, and Erhall to *Fouk Grevill* Eſquire; which *Fouk* ſoon after fell to pulling it down for enlarging his Houſe at Beauchamps Court (as I have there intimated.) But the inheritance, was paſt [d] out of the Crown in 36 *H.* 8. unto one *Will. Sweſter* and *John Sweſter*, and the heirs of *John*; and in 4. & 5. *Ph. & M.* purchaſed [e] by the ſame Sir *Fouk Grevill.*

[b] *Pat.* 36 *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

* Beheaded 28 *Julii* 32 *H.* 8.

[c] *Pat.* 32. *H.* 8. *p.* 8.

[d] *Pat.* 36. *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

[e] *F. levat. T. Paſch.* 4. & 5 *Ph. & M.*

Abbates.

Conſtitutus Abbas per Rad. Boteler Fundatorem hujus Monaſterii.
- *Robertus Monachus in Prioratu Wigorn.* — *MS. in bibl. Bodl. ut ſupra.*

Electi per Conventum.
- *Frater Will. de Wytechirche Cellerar. de Perſore.* — *Pat.* 38. *H.* 3. *m.* 5.
- *Frater Will. de Ilmindon monachus* 4 *Non. Martii* 1333 — *Mont. f.* 15. *a.*
- *Frater Mauritius de Munſtreworth monachus S. Petri Glouc.* 19 *Jan.* 1361. — *S Germ. f.* 114. *a.*
- *Frater Joh. de Bradway monach: . . . Nov.* 1369. — *Lyn. f.* 20. *a.*
- *Will. Pole monach.* 28. *Oct.* 1426. — *Pult. f.* 7. *b.*
- *Ric. de Burton* 22 *H.* 6. — *Pat.* 22. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 15
- *Ric. de Tuttebury reſignavit an.* 1468. — *Bourch. f.* 209. *a.*
- *Joh. Norton* 26 *H.* 8. — *MS. penes S.* Archer *eq. aur. f.* 15. *b.*

All that I have further to ſay in relation to this place, is concerning the *Free-School*, ſituate in the field on the South ſide the town, towards Arrow. This was founded by *Walter Newport* of Holdenby *in com: Northampton* gent. who by his laſt Will and Teſtament [f] bearing date 12. *Junii* 34. *Eliz.* gave the ſum of 400 *l.* to buy lands or ſome annuity to the value of xx *l.* by the year, or more, to be imployed to the uſe of a *School* for the teaching of poor mens children, either at Alveſter or Herberye, as his brother in law *Forteſcue* and *Wagſtaffe* ſhall think beſt (for thoſe are the words.) Whereupon accordingly did the ſaid Mr. *Will. Forteſcue* ſettle a Rent charge of xx *l. per an.* for that purpoſe, to be received out of his Manour of Wetheley, in this County, for ever.

[f] *Ab exempl. ejuſdem penes* S. A. *eq. aur.*

No ſooner hath Arrow paſt the skirts of this town, but that Alne joyning therewith much en-

largeth its Chanell; unto the head whereof I must now ascend, which will guide me through the midst of this Hundred, wherein the rest of those places, to be discoursed of do, for the most part, lye situate.

Tanworth.

THis, though it is so far distant from **Bzailes**, was antiently a member thereof, and so consequently within **Kineton** Hundred, whereof it still continues: Nevertheless, in regard that the Rivers are my principall guides, I shall here take notice of it; in the first place observing, that before the Norman Conquest, *Edwyn* Earl of **Mercia** possest it, as part of that great Lordship; so that it being then assessed therewith, it was not severed from it, when the antient Hundreds (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) became altered to what they are now. And being thus involved with **Bzailes**, it is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, though there is no doubt but that it extended to no small part of those xlvi. hides, which **Bzailes** is in that Record certified to contain: for the woods belonging to that spatious Lordship were then certified [g] to be no less than three miles in length and two in breadth, whereas the Country about **Bzailes** is for the most part Champion, and this meerly Woodland. But being seized on by the K. with the rest of Earl *Edwine*'s lands, it was with **Bzailes** and other great possessions, given to *Henry de Newburgh* upon his advancement to the Earldom of **Warwick**, as I have elsewhere intimated: Howbeit, the first mention that ever I saw thereof, is in that confirmation [h] of the Church to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, made by *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester**, towards the later end of K. *H.* 1. reign; wherein what is now the Church, was then called *Capella de Tanewrtha*, and passes as a member of **Bzailes**, being disposed [i] of to those Canons by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, son and successor to the before specified *Henry*. And continuing to the succeeding Earls, it was in 9 *Joh.* (*inter alia*) assigned [k] to *Alice* the widdow of Earl *Waleran*, to hold in dower during her life; and in 26 *H.* 3. to [l] *Ela* the widdow of Earl *Thomas*: and after this, *viz.* in 31. *H.* 3. upon the Agreement betwixt *Will. Mauduit* and *Alice* his wife, and *John de Plessets* and *Margerie* then Countess of **Warwick** his wife (which *Alice* was Aunt and heir to the said Countess) it was one of the Mannours setled [m] upon the same *John de Plessets* for life, in case he survived the said *Margerie*.

But *Ela* the Countess being then living, it rested in her possession, who had a Charter [n] of **Freewarren** granted to her for life, here, and in the rest of the Lordships of her dowrie, bearing date 2 *Nov.* 36 *H.* 3. Which *Ela* afterwards marrying to *Philip Basset*, had in 49 *H.* 3. not onely a Confirmation [o] for her enjoyment hereof, during her own life, by *Will. Mauduit* then Earl of **Warwick**, but likewise a grant [p] that the said *Philip* her husband might hold it during his life, in case he should survive her. Howbeit, in 13 *E.* 1. I find that *Will. de Beauchamp*, then Earl of **Warwick**, claimed a **Court Leet**, Assize of Bread and Beer, **Freewarren**, Gallows, *Infangthef*, *Tumbrell*, and *Weifs* within this Lordship by Prescription; all which were [q] allowed: whereby, it seems, that he had then possession thereof, though the before specified *Ela* was then alive; by some Agreement, 'tis like; for she did not totally quit her interest here till 17 *E.* 1. but then, by her Deed [r] bearing date at **Dsney** (1 *Junii*) she passed over, and releast the same unto him. In 9 *E.* 2. being in the King's hands, by reason of the minority of *Thomas* son and heir to *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and valued at xxxiv *l.* xvi. *s.* iiii *d. ob. per an.* it was, with the Castle of **Warwick**, and the rest of his possessions, in regard of the notable services performed by the said Earl, as the grant imports, assigned [s] to his Executors for the use of the said *Thomas*.

But, notwithstanding that assignation, it was (with divers other great Lordships, part of the possessions of the deceased Earl) again resumed into the Kings hands, and in 11 *E.* 2. disposed [t] of to *Hugh le Despenser* the elder, to hold till the heir should accomplish his full age. After which, *viz.* in 18 *E.* 3. did *T. de Beauchamp*, the succeeding Earl [u] entail it, together with the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers other Lordships, upon his issue male (where the names of his severall sons are recited.) To whose posterity it continued till 3 *H.* 7. (as in my discourse of those Earls is manifested) but then coming to the Crown, was by K. *H.* 8. in 36 of his reign, in consideration of 630 *l.* 16 *s.* 2 *d.* granted [w] unto Sir *George Throgmorton* Kt. to be held in *Capite* by the xx[th] part of a Kts. fee; in whose Family it continued till *Thomas Throgmorton*, Esq. by virtue of an Act of Parl. in 2 *Jac.* sold it to *Andrew Archer* Esq. whose son and heir *viz.* Sir *Sim. Archer* Kt. now enjoys it.

That the Church (dedicated to St. *Mary Magd.*) was originally but a Chapel belonging to **Bzailes**, and therewith granted to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in *H.* 1. time, I have already shewed: but in 3 *Joh.* it had the reputation of a Church, if not before: for then by an Agreement [x] betwixt those Canons and *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick**, touching the future Presentation thereto, it was determined, that whensoever it might happen to be void, the Earl and his heirs should nominate a Clerk to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and they to present him to the Bishop; and that the said Canons should thenceforth receive out of it, at the hands of the present Parson incumbent, a yearly *Pension* of two marks of silver, upon the Feast days of St. *Mich.* the Archangell, and the *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions, and a stone of Wax on *Candlemas* day, for ever. About that time I find [y], that *John* Arch-Deacon of **Worcester**, being Parson here, had a Vicar under him called *Roger de Warwick*, the son of one *Godwin*, presented thereto by the Canons of **Kenilworth**; which Vicar did then pay to the said Arch-Deacon, yearly, in the nature of a *Pension*, two Marks at *Easter* and *Michaelmas* by equall portions, and to the Canons of **Kenilworth** other two Marks and a stone of Wax, as antiently they had used to receive out of the same. But all the Glebe belonging thereto, was not given at the first Foundation thereof; for it is evident [z] that *Walter* the son of *Peter de Wolvardington*, did, about the beginning of *H.* 3. time, grant unto *Richard Lungespe* the then Incumbent and his successors, in pure Alms, a certain Messuage with the appurtenances, situate here in **Tanworth**; the witnesses to his grant, being *Rob. de Lexinton*, *Jolanus de Nevill*, and *Gilbert*

g Domesd. *Kb.*

h *Regist. de* Kenilw. *p.* 35.

i *Ib. p.* 21.

k F. *levat.* 9 Joh.

l *Claus.* 26. *H.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 7.

m F. *de div. Com. levat.* 3. *sept. Hill.* 31 *H.* 3.

n *Cart.* 36. *H.* 3. *m.* 27.

o *Cart.* 54 *H.* 3. *m.* 14. *per Insp.*

q *Rot. de Quo W.*

r *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.* 97 *a.*

s *Rot.* F. 9. *E.* 2. *m.* 11.

t *Pat.* 11. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 24.

u F. *de div. Com. levat. Oct. Trin.* 18 *E.* 3.

w *Pat.* 36. *H.* 8. *p.* 10.

x F. *levat.* 3 Joh.

y *Reg. de* Kenilw. *p.* 93.

z *Ex autog. penes* W. Paule *ar.*

Gilbert de Preſton, then Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas, with others.

In *An.* 1291 (19 E. 1.) this Church was rated [a] at L. marks; but in 9 *E.* 2. the advouſon thereof, being aſſigned [b] to *Alice* the widdow of *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick**, as part of her dowrie, it was valued at no more than xxx Marks. After which, *viz.* in 14 *E.* 3. the intereſt that the ſaid Canons and Earl had therein, was paſt [c] away to *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon**; that of the Canons upon the Sunday next after the Feaſt of St. *Mathew* the Apoſtle, reſerving to themſelves and their ſucceſſors the *Penſion* of two Marks and a ſtone of Wax yearly: at which time alſo they granted to them a Meſſuage adjoyning to the Church yard (which was part of the Glebe:) And that of the Earls by [d] *Thomas de Beauchamp* then E. of **Warwick** 1 *Martii* the ſame year: all which was confirmed [e] by the King: Whereupon the ſame Earl, on the firſt day of *May* next enſuing, beſtowed [f] that advouſon with the appurtenances on his Priory of **Parſtoke** in this County, then newly founded by him, as I ſhall hereafter ſhew: whereunto likewiſe the before ſpecified Earl of **Warwick**, and Canons of **Kenilworth** did ſeal Releaſes [g] of their ſeverall intereſts, *ſcil.* the Earl on the Thurſday being the Feaſt day of St. *Luke* the Evang. and the Canons on the Feaſt day of S. *Vincent* the Martyr in 15 *E.* 3. reſerving ſtill the ſaid *Penſion* of two Marks and a ſtone of Wax to themſelves and their ſucceſſors for ever: after which ere long, the ſaid Canons obtained an appropriation [h] thereof (*ſcil. ult. Dec.* the ſame year) from *Wolſtan* Biſhop of **Worceſter**; whereby it appears that the perpetuall Vicar, having the cure of ſouls here, was to have a competent portion aſſigned unto him out of the fruits of the Church, extending to *xx* marks ſterling *per an.* but that the ſaid two marks *per an.* and the ſtone of Wax to the Canons of **Kenilworth** ſhould be duly payd: And moreover that a *Penſion* of two Marks *per an.* ſhould be payd to the Biſhop of **Worceſter** and his ſucceſſors: and to the [i] Prior and Monks of **Worceſter** and their ſucceſſors *xx* s. *per an.* whereupon enſued the Ordination [k] of the Vicaridge, made by the ſame Biſhop and dated at **Hertleburg** *xi Martii an.* 1341. (16 *E.* 3.)

In 26 *H.* 8. the Rectory here was certified [l] to be worth *iii l. xiii s. iiii d. per an.* being ſo let at that time by Indenture: and the Vicaridge *vi l. xiii s. iiii d. per an.* which Rectory, with the advouſon of the Vicaridge, was (*inter alia*) paſt [m] out of the Crown, together with the diſſolved Monaſtery of **Parſtoke**, unto *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** *ult. Sept.* 30 *H.* 8. And from the ſaid Duke, excepting the advouſon of the ſaid Vicaridge, conveyed to *Rob. Trapps*, with **Parſtoke** alſo; being ſince ſold [n], *viz.* 2 *Oct.* 44 *Eliz.* to the before ſpecified *Andrew Archer*, by *Will. Poulet* ſon of the Lord *Giles Poulet*, and *Mary* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of *Nich.* ſon to the before ſpecified *Rob. Trapps*: Which advouſon coming by mean conveyance unto *Will. Stanley* L. *Monteagle*, was by him 12. *Jan.* 12. *Eliz.* aliened unto *Ellys Aynſworth* of **Bolton** *in com. Lanc.* Gent. whoſe ſon and heir, by his deed bearing date 4 *Oct.* 21. *Eliz.* conveyed it to *John Addenbrook* of **Beoley** *in com. Wigorn.* yeoman: which *John* 12 *Oct.* 27 *Eliz.* paſt it to the ſame *Andrew Archer*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*Rad Bolemere Pbr.* 3 *Cal. Apr.* 1292.	*Giff.f.* 351. *a.*
	Nich. le Boteler 17 *Cal. Apr.* 1303.	*Geyn.f.*13. *a.*
	Thomas Talbot Cleric. 15 *Cal. Febr.* 1307.	*S.Germ.f.* 38. *a.*
Idem Pr. & C. ad nominat. D. Hug. le Deſpenſer ratione cuſtodiæ hared. Comitis Warw.	*Ingelram Berenger Cler.* 4. *Non. Oct.* 1319.	*Cob f.*17. *a.*
	Mag. Ric. de Vppavene 11. *Cal. Oct.* 1322.	*Ib.f.*30. *a.*
Idem Pr. & Conv. ad nominat. Edw. Regis Angl. ratione ut ſupra.	*D. Thom. de Pakynton Pbr.* 8 *Martii an.* 1328.	*Horl.vol.*1. *f.*18. *b.*
Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	*Ric. le Gardiner Pbr.* 17. *Julii* 1339.	*Wolſt.vol.*1. *f.*17. *b.*
Will. de Clinton Comes Huntenden.	*D. Rob. Wyke* 3 *Apr.* 1340.	*Wolſt.vol.*2. *f.*35. *b.*
Prior & Conv. de Makſtoke.	*D. Will. de Coton* 3. *Maii* 1340.	*Ib.f.*35. *a.*
	D. Rob. de Fokwode Pbr. 25. *Aug.* 1341.	*Ib.f.*50. *a.*
	Henr. le Gardner 19. *Nov.* 1349.	*S.Germ.f.* 131. *a.*
	Will. Tykenhale Pbr. 24. *Maii* 1375.	*Ib.f.*191. *b.*
	Ric. Dolfyn Pbr. 5. *Aug.* 1379.	*Wak.f.*13. *a*
	Hugo de Cookes Pbr. 21 *Sept.* 1381.	*Ib.f.*28. *a.*
	D. Ric. Martyn 23 *Maii* 1398.	*Tid.f.*27. *a.*
	Tho. Hopley 23 *Apr.* 1399.	*Ib.f.*50. *a.*
	Will. Bakon 21 *Aug.* 1402.	*Cliff.f.*17. *b*
	Tho. Draper 16 *Oct.* 1046.	*Ib.f.*33. *b.*
	D. Will. Elys Cap. 14 *Julii* 1420.	*Morg.vol.* 2. *f.*14. *a.*
	D. Ric. Greſwould Pbr. 28. *Nov.* 1442.	*Bowrch. f.* 78. *b.*
	D. Will. Swyneſhede Cap. 3. *Sept.* 1465.	*Carp.vol.*1. *f.*189. *b.*
	D. Will. Harrys Cap. 17 *Julii* 1471.	*Carp.vol.*2. *f.*20. *a.*
	Rad. Whitehede in leg. Bac. 12. *Apr.* 1514.	*Gyg.vol.*2. *f.*107. *b.*
Henr. 8. Rex. Angl.	*D. Rad. Aleyne Cler.* 13. *Dec.* 1537.	*Lat.f.*5. *a.*
Elizeus Aynſworth Gen.	*Joh. Parks Cler.* 7 *Aug.* 1573.	*Bulf.*3. *b.*

[a] *MS. in Cac. penes Rem. R.*
[b] *Claus. 9. E. 2. m. 13.*
[c] *Pat. 14. E. 3. p. 1. in m. 30.*
[d] *Ib.*
[e] *Ex autog. penes præſat. W. P.*
[f] *Ex autog. penes præſat. W. P.*
[g] *Ex autog. penes præſat. W. P.*
[h] *Wolſt. vol. f. 39. b.*
[i] *Ex Regiſt. Penſ. penes D. & Com. Wigorn. f. 10. b.*
[k] *Wolſt. vol. f. 24. b.*
[l] *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 22. a.*
[m] *Pat. 30. H. 8. p. 4.*
[n] *Ex autog. penes S. A. eq. aur.*

Archer Ravlegh. On a plate of brasse fixed in a frame of Wood vpon the North Wall of the Church.

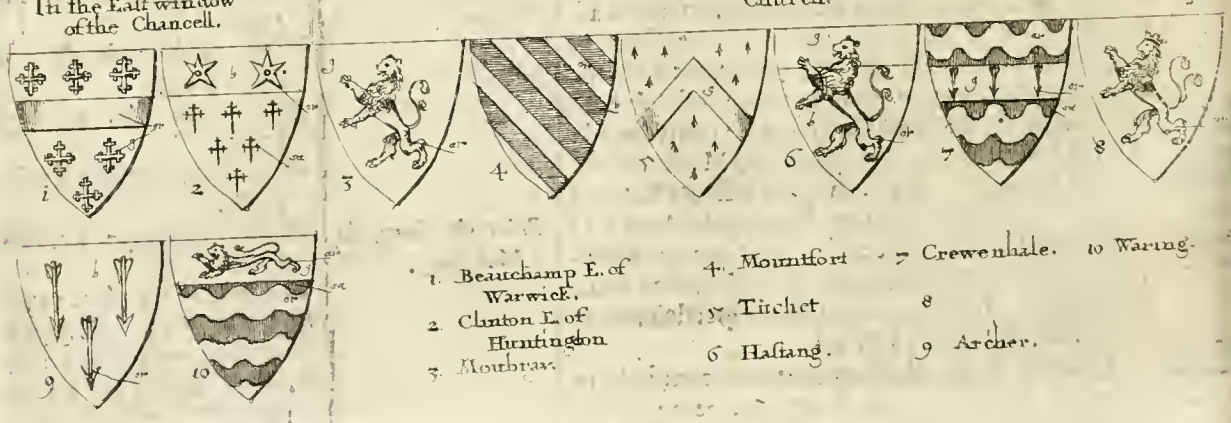


MEMORIÆ SACRVM.

Margaretæ Archer filiæ Simonis Ralegh de Farnbrough armigeri, quæ fuit mitissima Conjux Andreæ Archer de Tanworth Armigeri, nec-non adiutrix pauperum & ægrotantium dum vixit quæ obyt decimo-tertio die Augusti an. 1614.

In the East window of the Chancell.

In the Windows of the Church.



1. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
2. Clinton E. of Huntingdon
3. Mourbray
4. Mountfort
5. Tirchet
6. Hastang.
7. Crewenhale.
8
9 Archer.
10 Waring.

Monumentall Inscriptions in this Church.

Orate pro animabus Ricardi Fulwode armigeri, & Agnetis uxoris ejus; qui quidem Ricardus obiit xxiii die Februarii An. Dom. M.D. secundo, quorum animabus propitietur Deus.

Orate pro animabus Roberti Fulwode armigeri, & Margaretæ uxoris suæ; qui quidem Robertus fuit excellentissimè doctrinatus, sive literatus in Communi lege Angliæ, Et obiit xx die mensis Octobris An. D. 1531. Cujus animæ propitietur Deus Amen.

Here lyeth buried Edward Archer Gent. whyles he lived was a friend to poore He dyed the xviith of February. Anno D. 1592.

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Ricardum Dolfyn cerne homo
locus tenet iste
Æternam lucem ei dare
dedignaris Christe.

But because this did import praying for the dead complaint was made to the Bishop, who caused that Inscription to be defaced, and instead of it set up this.

JESUS
Ricardum Dolfyn cerne homo
mortuum, locus tenet Christi;
Sed noluit locum Christi
vivus intrare iste.

Hic jacet Elizabetha filia Edwardi Gryffyn armigeri; obiit 7 Oct. 1608.

In

In this Church were two *Chantries*, the one at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, and the other of St. *Katherine*. Of these, the former was founded by *Robert Folewode*, first Vicar of Tamworth after the Church became appropriated to the Canons of Oakeley: which *Rob.* by his Deed [o] bearing date at Tamworth on the Feast day of S. *Gervasius* and *Prochasius* 19 *E.* 3. granted to one *Ranulph de Folewode*, and the heirs of his body, his capitall Messuage, with all the lands and tenements thereto belonging, heretofore possest by one *Will. de Lee*, and situate in a place called Beaumunt; as also another mess. sometime belonging to *Ric. de Piryhull*, both in this Parish; to the intent that the said *Ranulph*, and his said heirs should find a competent Priest of good conversation, chosen by the twelve principall Inhabitants of the town, to celebrate divine service daylie in this Church, at the said Altar of the Blessed Virgin, for all the living and dead of this Parish; as also for the Benefactors to the said Church and *Chantry*. Which Chantry-Priest, for the time being, was every year to take his Corporall Oath on the Feast day of St. *Mich.* the Archangell, in the presence of him the said *Robert*, his heirs and successors, that he would faithfully perform such service as aboveſaid; and likewise daily say a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with a speciall comendation of him the said *Robert*, by name, and his heirs: and if the said *Ran. de Folewode* did happen to depart this life without issue of his body, that then the Messuages, beforementioned, should remain to *John de Lodbroke*, and the heirs of his body, upon the like termes; and so for default of issue by him, to *John le Archer*, with these severall remainders, in case of issue failing; *viz.* to *Henry de Sidenhale*, *Rob. de Crewenhale*, *John Wodard*, *Will. Dolfyn*, *Will. Gower*, *Ric. Alleyn*, *Thomas Wystan*, and *Ric. atte Berne*, and the heirs of their bodies. To which Feoffment were witnesses Sir *Peter de Montfort*, Sir *Edm. de Trussell*, Sir *Rog. de Aylesbury*, and Sir *Thomas Blancfront* Kts. with others: The lands of this *Chantrie* being in 37 *H.*8. valued [p] at *vii* l. *xix* s. *vii* d. above all repriſes.

Touching the other *Chantrie* I find [q], that in 14 R. 2. one *Thomas Collins*, of this town, gave to *Thomas Archer*, *John Fullwode*, and others, divers lands, for to find two Priests celebrating divine service, here, for ever: all which being forfeited to the King, in regard of such disposall made of them without the Royall License, contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided, were thereupon given away by K. *Ric.* unto one *John Swet*, who having a desire to assign over his right and state in them unto *Rose Mountfort* (then a great woman in this Parish) obtained a Pat. [r] from K. *H.* 4. in the first year of his reign, whereby the said K. gave them unto her and her heirs for ever, to the intent that she and they should provide and maintain two Chantrie-Priests to celebrate divine service daylie in this Church, at the Altar of our Lady before mentioned, aswell for the good estate of the said K. *Henry* during this life, and afterwards for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Mother, and Queen deceased, as for the soul of the said *Rose*, and the souls of her ancestors and heirs, and other Benefactors to the said *Chantrye*. Which *Rose* by her Deed [s] bearing date 8 *Maii* in the same year, reciting the grant so made to her as aboveſaid, gave those lands unto *John Blakenhale*, and *Ric. Boys*, Priests serving at the before specified Altar, to hold to them and their successors, Priests of that Chantrie, to celebrate divine service there for ever, according to the limitations before mentioned.

The advouson of which *Chantrie* descended by the said *Rose Mountfort* to the *Cateshies*; but by reason of the attainder of Sir *Wil. Catesbie* in 1 H. 7. was granted [t] in 3 *H.* 7. to Sir *James Blount* and to the heirs male of his body. In 26 *H.*8. the lands belonging thereto were valued [u] at *xiii* l. *vi.* s. *viii d. per an.* but in [w] 37 *H.* 8. to no more than *vii* l. *vii* s. *iiii* d. at which time I find it certified, that this Parish was *xx* miles in compass, so that in case of Plague or ohter sickness there, the Priests belonging thereto did use to assist the Vicar in ministring the Sacraments, and Sacramentals. The lands of both which *Chantries*, were granted [x] in 7 *E.* 6. to *Kenelm Throkmorton*, *Clem. Throkmorton*, and *John Throkmorton* Esquires and their heirs.

I now come to the particular places of note within this Parish; *viz.* Umberslade, Monkspath, Cley-Hall, Codbarow, Chelwikes, Wetleswoth, Lodbroke's-Mannour, Sidenhale, and Crewenhale; of which in their order.

[o] *Ex autog. penès Caner. Scac. in baga de Catesby.*

[t] *Pat. 3. H. 7. p. 2. m. 9.*

[u] *MS. penès eund. S.A. f. 22. a.*

[w] *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S.A. f. 18. b.*

[x] *Pat. 7. E. 6. p. 2.*

Umberslade.

THis, being onely an antient Mannour house, was in H. 2. time, partly given [y] by *Henry de Vilers* (Sewer to *Will.* Earl of Warwick) unto *Rob. Archer* and *Seliit* his wife and to the heirs of *Seliit*; in which grant it is termed *terra de* Ombreslade, and the said *Robert* called *Rob. Sagittarius*; and partly by *Roger de Hulehale*, to her the said *Seliit* onely. From which *Robert* and *Seliit* I have on the next page represented the lineall descendants, with their matches, clearly warranted from the originall Charters and evidences of this antient Family, whose principall seat it still continues.

[y] *Ex autog. penès eund. S.A.*

Of *William* the son to *Rob.* and *Seliit* I find, [z] that he had a grant of much land, here in Tamworth, by *Waleran* Earl of Warwick about the beginning of K. *John*'s reign, which is set forth by speciall boundaries according to the use of those times: and likewise a Bull [a] from Pope *Gregory* the ix[th] for a peculiar Chapell at this place, bearing date in 19 *H.* 3. In the Windows whereof are yet standing, and of no less antiquity than *E.* 3. time, the Arms of *Beauchamp* E. of Warwick, *Clinton* Earl of Huntingdon, as also of this Family, as they were then set up in the Glass. Which *Will.* left issue *John*; who, being Champion [b] to *Thomas* Earl of Warwick, obtained a speciall Charter, [c] from the said Earl, to himself and his heirs for freedom to hauk and hunt every where, within the territories of Tamworth, excepting the Park, and to excercise all other Liberties, belonging to the said Earl, within Monkspath and Ombreslade, paying therefore unto him and his heirs xii broad Arrow heads & a couple of Capons, at Whitsontide yearly. This *John* had issue *John*, and divers other children, whereof *Thomas* was Lord Prior [d] of the Hospitall of St. *John* of Hierusalem in England in 14 *E.* 2. which *John*, the younger, matching with *Margery* the daughter of Sir *Will. Traci* of Todington in Glocestershire (an eminent family in those parts) left issue *John*, and *Thomas*. Of which *Thomas* I find, that, having been in that

z a b c d } *Ib.*

Rebel-

Rob. Sagittarius temp. H.2. | Selliti.

Ricardus. | Johannes. | Will le Archer obiit circa 23 H.3. | Margeria.

Iohanna ux. Walt. filii Sim. de Chercecote. | Isab. ux. Wil. filii Rad. de Lee. | Tho. mas. | Joh. le Archer obiit temp. H. 3. | Christiana, secundò nupta Will. de Berneville.

Tho. Prior S. Iohn Hierosol. in Anglia 14 E.2. | Wil. Rector Eccl. de Pilardinton. | Rob. Rector Eccl. de Quelinton. | Ioh. le Archer ob ante 28 E.1. | Margeria filia Will. Traci de Todington in Com. Glouc.

Ric. Rector Eccl. de Ilmindon 23 E.3. | Will. le Archer 2 E. 2. | Thomas 10 E.2. | Ioh. le Archer obiit circa 22. E. 3. | Isabella filia Rad. Escote 1 E.3.

Ioh. le Archer 16 E. 3. | Thomas le Archer obiit 46 E. 3. | . . . . Margareta filia Cleburie.

Gilbertus le Archer. | Alicia ux.2. | Thomas le Archer obiit 4 H. 6. ætat. 84. an. | Agnes filia Walteri Cokesey mil.

Alicia filia Will. Hugford de Middleton in Com. Salop. mil. obiit 8. H. 5. | Ric. Archer obiit 11 E. 4. ætat. 85. | Margareta relicta Tho. Newport de Ercall ar. ux. 2. | Alicia filia & hæres Wil. Lea de Stotfold. ux. 3. | Henricus.

Ioh. Archer obiit 3. E.4. vivo patre | Christiana sola filia & hæres Rad. de Blacklow Civis Lond. relicta Hen. Sewall, nupta 25 H.6.

Ioh. Archer obiit 4 Dec. 11. H. 8. | Alicia filia Baldwini Mountfort de Colshill mil. nupta 7 E.4.

Ioh. Archer obiit 16 Apr. 12. H. 8. | Margareta filia Humfridi Blatherwick, nupta 19 H. 7. obiit 21. H. 8. | Strafford de

Edw. Archer obiit cœlebs temp. Iac. Regis. | Johannes. | Robertus. | Ric. Archer ob. 5. Oct. 36. H. 8. æt. 89. | Matilda filia & cohær. Nich. De la mere de Hereford parva ob. 23. Aug. 6 & 5. Ph. & M.

Edw. Fulco. Miles. | Franciſca Winifrida Anna | Humfr. Archer obiit 24 Oct. 4. Eliz. | Anna filia Rob. Tounsend de Ludlow mil. Capit. Iustic. Walliæ obiit 28 Nov. 5. Iac.

Ioh. Archer duxit Elianoram fil. & hær. Ric. Frewin de Handley in Com. Wigorn. | Andreas Archer ob. 23. Apr. An. 1629. | Margar. filia Sim. Ralegh de Farnborough ar. obiit 16 Aug. 1614.

Ric. Archer de Nethorp in Com. Oxon. duxit Mariã fil. & hær. Roul. Bull de Nethorp. | Simon Archer natus 21 Sept. 1581. factus eq. aur. per Regem Iac. 21 Aug. 1624. | Anna filia Ioh. Ferrers de Tamworth castro eq. aur.

Elizab. | Penelope ux. Erasmi de Ligne ar. | Anna ux. Phil. Yong de Kineton in Com. Salop. ar. | Humfridus. | Tho. duxit Annam fil. Ric. Leigh. Mercat. Lond. | Ioh. Archer ob. cœlebs.

Rebellion with *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* in *E.* 2 time, he obtained a pardon [c] by the means and intercession of his Uncle, the Prior of S. *Johns*.

[c] *Pat.16. E.2.p.1.m. 11.*

But to the before specified *John* succeeded *Thomas*; and to him another *Thomas*; who by his deed [f] bearing date the Munday next after the Feast of the *Purification* of our Lady 49 *E.* 3. did, for the reverence he bore to the said blessed Virgin, as also to S. *Thomas* the Martyr, and *All Saints*, and for the health of his and his wifes souls, and of the souls of *Thomas le Archer* his Father, *Margaret* his Mother, his ancestors and heirs, and all the faithfull deceased, grant License to *Ric. de Montfort* and others, to amortize certain lands lying in **Tanworth** and held of him, for the founding of a *Chantrie* in the Chapell of our *Lady* and S. *Thomas* the Martyr within the Church of **Lapworth**, (as I shall there more fully shew) which *Thomas* was one of the Esquires to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, as appears by the said Earl's grant [g] bearing date at **Worcester** 20 *Martii* 1. *R.* 2. whereby he conferred upon him, by the title of *dilecto nobis Scutifero Thomæ le Archer, pro bono & laudabili servicio quod nobis impendit, & impendet in futurum* (for so are the words of his Charter) a certain yearly Rent of *Ci* s. *iiii d.* issuing out of sundry tenements of the said Earls, in **Worcester**, to enjoy during his life: and in 21. *R.* 2. was in [h] Commission for the assessing and collecting a xv^th. and x^th. then granted to the K. in Parliament. This *Thomas* wedded [i] *Agnes* the daughter to Sir *Walter Cokesey* of **Worcestershire**, and had a speciall Indulgence [k] from Pope *Boniface* the ix^th. for the making choice of a Confessor, that might pronounce plenary remission to them, of all their sins, whereof with contrite hearts they should make confession at the time of their deaths.

[f] *Penès Camer. Scac. in baga de Catesby.*

[g] *Ex autog. penès præfat. S. A.*

[h] *Rot. F. 21 R. 2. m. 12.*

[i] [k] *Ex autog. penès eund. S. A.*

To him succeeded *Richard*, his son and heir, who took to his first wife [l] *Alice* the daughter to *Will. Hugford* of **Middleton** in **Shropshire**, and at length heir to her brother, being then the widow of Sir *Thomas Lucy* of **Charlecote** Kt. from which Lady the Families of *Lucie* and *Archer* are both descended. Which *Richard* was one of those persons of note in this County, who in 7 *H.* 5. had command [m] to serve the King in person for the defence of the Realm; all those then required so to do, being such as did bear antient Arms by descent from their Ancestors (as the words of the Writ do import.) But afterwards marrying severall other wives [n]; *viz.* *Margaret* the widow unto *Thomas Newport* of **Ercall** in **Shropshire**, by reason whereof he resided there upon her jointure; and *Alice* the daughter and heir to *Will. Ley* of **Stotfold** in **Bedfordshire**, he was in 20 *H.* 6. constituted [o] Shirift of **Staffordshire**. In 35 *H.* 6. suggesting that he was to attend the King's service at **Barwick** upon **Tweed**, under the command of *Henry Percy* Earl of **Northumb.** then Captain of the said town and Castle, he had a Patent [p] of protection dated 8 *Junii*: but the King being advertised that he did not go with the said Earl accordingly, revoked [q] it. In his later time he lived at **Stotfold** before mentioned, and there made his Testament [r] 18 *Jan.* 9 *E.* 4. whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of St. *Mary Magd.* here at **Tanworth**; giving unto the fabrick thereof four marks, and appointing that *xii* pounds of VVax should be burnt about his Hearse on the day of his Funerall: as also that there

[l] *Clauſ. 3. H. 5. m. 14.*

[m] *Rot. penès Camer Scac.*

[n] *Ex autog. penès eund. S. A.*

[o] *Rot. F. 20 H. 6. m 18.*

[p] [q] *Pat. 35 H. 6. p. 2. m. 18.*

[r] *Wats q. 5*

there should be viii new Torches made and lighted at his said Exequies, especially during the celebration of Mass; which Torches to be held by 8. poor men, each of them having a russet Gown, with meat and drink for that day; and departed [c] this life in 11 *E.*4. being then 86 years of age.

To whom succeeded [d] three *Johns* as also another *Richard*, one of the Esquires of the body to King *Henry* the 8th. whose great grandchild Sir *Simon Archer* Kt. being a Gentleman much affected to, and very well verst in Antiquities, hath (besides the view of his own private evidences, whence what I have expresst of this Family is faithfully asserted) with great freeness and curtesy imparted unto me very many rarities for the furtherance of this present work; which, through his publick respects to this County, having with no small industry and cost been got together, I have, in acknowledgement of the favour, and to his lasting honour cited in all places where they are made use of.

[c] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

Monkspath.

THis; though it be onely a large tract of ground, without any habitation there upon, carrieth the reputation of a Mannour, having been given [u] by *Will.* Earl of **Warwick**, in *H.* 2. time, to *Roger de Hulehale* and his heirs, to hold, with other lands, by the service of the 4th. part of a Kts. Fee; the bounds thereof being in that grant set forth by certein High-ways, small brookes, and other noted marks, one whereof is called **Monkespethe** and gave denomination at first thereto. Which Path I suppose was so named in regard that the Monks of **Stoneley** past so oft that way to **Bordsley** Abby in **Worcestershire**, for the reasons I have in my discourse of **Stoneley** expressed. To the posterity of the said *Roger de Hulehale* it continued for 4. descents: but then did *Will.* his great grandchild (*scil.* son of *Robert*, son of *Will.* son to the said *Roger*) sell [w] it unto *John* the son of *John le Archer*, in *H.* 3. time, for *Lx.* marks; *Robert* his son, in 20 *E.* 1. confirming the grant. Since which time it hath continued in the Family of *Archer*, and is to this day in the possession of Sir *Sim. Archer* Kt. of whom in **Umbresdale** I have already made mention. But besides this Mannour, before spoken of, here is another, here, vulgarly called Little-**Monkspath**, and held [x] of the Mannour of **Tamworth** by the 4th. part of a Kts. Fee, having been antiently possest [y] by the *Mountforts* of **Colshill**, and sold, in our time, by Sir *Edw. Mountfort* Kt. to .... *Warner* Vicar of **Tamworth**.

[u] *Ib.*

[x] *Ib.*

Cley Hall.

THis, being heretofore called [z] **Fullwode**, gave first the firname unto an antient Family, which descending [a] by a younger son from the *Offords* of **Offord** (*juxta* **Wotton**-*Wawen*) made their residence here. Of these *John Fullwode*, who bore [b] for his Armes *gules a Cheveron betwixt three Mullets Argent*, in 19 *R.* 2. obtained License, [c] from *Tideman* Bishop of **Worcester**, for a private Oratory thereat (which License was renewed [*] to him by his successor *Ric. Clifford* in 4 *H.* 4.) and left issue *Richard*, Executor [d] for this County and **Leicestershire** in 37 *H.* 6. which *Richard* had issue *Robert*, a Lawyer, [e] and a Justice of Peace in this Shire from [f] 17 *H.* 7. till his death, and sometimes likewise for [g] Gaol delivery. From whom, by *John* a second son, descended [h] the *Fullwodes*, late of **Ford Hall**: By *Robert* a third, those of **Little Aine** in this County; and by *Richard*, his eldest, *Robert*. Which *Robert* in 35 *Eliz.* sold [i] it unto *Thomas Greswould*, of whose Executors, in 44. of the same Queens reign, it was purchased [k] by one *Thomas Spooner*: whose grandchild, *William*, past it in our time unto *Andrew Archer* of **Tamworth** Esq. Father to Sir *Sim. Archer* Kt. the present owner thereof.

[z] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

[a] *Vide Dugd. Warw. in d.*

[b] *Rot. Pat. 7. H. 4. m. 7. & 1. H. 8. in. d.*

[c] *Visit. com. Warw. ut supra.*

[d] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

[*] *Cliff. f. 8 a.*

[d] *Rot. P. 37. H. 6. m. 6.*

[e] *Vis. com. Warw.*

[f] *Ib.*

[g] *Ib.*

[h] *Vide Dugd. Warw. ut supra.*

[i] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

[k] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

Codbarow.

THis, taking, its name originally (as I guess) from the Brittish word **Coed**, which signifieth a Wood, and the Saxon **Barow**, importing a place of defence, hath been a very antient seat (as may seem by the moat) and belonging to the *Mountforts* of **Lapworth**; *Richard de Mountfort* and *Rose* his wife being possest [l] of it in 37 *E.* 3. From whom it descended to *Will. Mountfort* their son and heir; and by partition, as it seems, came to *Ric. Merebroke* with *Helen* one of the daughters and coheirs to the said *William*: Which *Richard* by his deed [m] dated in 5 *H.* 6. entailed it, for default of issue by *Will.* his son and *Alice* his daughter, upon *John Catesby* and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten (the said *Margaret* being the other daughter and coheir to the above specified *Will. Mountfort*, as in **Lapworth** is declared) by which Entail it is stiled the Mannour of **Codbarow** But it descended to the issue of the said *Alice* by *John Norris* her husband, as the grant [n] thereof, made by *John Norris* of **Paterden** *in com.* **Berks.** Kt. unto *Will. Dauntsey* of the City of **London** Mercer, and *Will. Sheldon* then of the inner Temple Gentleman, bearing date 27 *Nov.* 26 *H.* 8. doth import; which (it seems) was in trust for the behoof of *Will. Willington* of **Barcheston** Esq. as the words of his Testament [o] do manifest, whereby he gave it to *Anne* his daughter, then the wife of *Francis Mountfort* Esq. and her heirs; whose grandson Sir *Edw. Mountfort* of **Bescote** *in com. Staff.* Kt. sold [p] it to *Sim. Archer* of **Tamworth** Gent. (afterwards Kt.) 10 *Julii* 9 *Jac.* which Sir *Simon* is the present owner thereof.

[l] *Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de Catesby.*

[m] *Ex autog. penes præfat. S. A.*

[n] *Ib.*

[o] *Ab. exempl ejusd. penes T. Holt. eq. aur. et B.*

[p] *Ex autog. penes eund. S. A.*

Cheswike.

THis is onely a kind of old Fortification, whereof the grounds wherein 'tis situate assume the name; and by the forme of it, and depth of the trenches (though the circuit thereof be not large) seems to have been a Roman work, the later syllable, **Wyke**, importing no less, which signifieth in our old English a Castle or fortification: But all that I have seen of it, from any good authority, is that the Family of *Broughton*, *juxta* **Banbury** in **Oxfordshire**, were antiently owners of it: for in 29 *E.* 1 *John de Broghton* had a Charter [q] of **Free-warren**

[q] *Cart. 29. E. 1. n. 53.*

warren granted to him in all his demesn lands here, as well as those at Broughton; and that in 42 E. 3. Sir *Thomas Broughton* Kt. sold [r] it unto *John Waryng* and *Ric. Gower*, the principall part whereof *Gower* had; from whose heir it was purchased in our time by one *Will. Bache*.

r *Ex autog. penès* T. Waryng *Gen.*

Betlesworth.

THe first mention I find of this place is in the Charter [s] made by *Will.* Earl of Warwick in *H.* 2. time, to *Roger de Vlehale*, of that circuit of ground called Monkespathe, already spoke of; wherein he gives to the said *Roger, quicquid habuit in Betheleswortha, scil. totum tenementum quod Ricardus senior, & Ric. junior de se tenuerunt.* Whether this were the grant, whereby that past, which was afterwards reputed the Mannour, I know not; if not, then did this continue unto the family of *Ulehale*, and went with Monkspath (as 'tis like) unto *John le Archer*, as involved therewith, though not particularly mentioned. But for that which afterwards was reputed the Mannour, it was about the beginning of *H.* 3. time, granted [t] by *Raph de Wilinton* unto *Rog. Durevassall.* Which *Roger* making thereat his residenc, did, by reason of its remotenes from the Parish Church (whereunto in Winter time, the ways were bad) in 41 *H.* 3. obtain License [u] from Pope *Alex.* the 4th. to build a Chapell here, and to have a Priest for the celebration of divine service therein; *Nicholas Longespe*, at that time Rector of Tanworth, likewise assenting thereto; but reserving, [*] in consideration thereof, from the said *Roger* and his successors, to the said Mother-Church of Tanworth, a Wax Candle of half a pound weight to be yearly payd on the Feast day of *S. Mary Magdalen*.

s *Ex autog. penès præfat.* S. A.

t *Ex Coll.* W. Burton.

u *Ex autog. penès* Rob Throkmorton *Bar.*

* *Ex autog. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

From this *Rog. Durvassall* descended *Nicholas* (as in Spernoure I shall shew) who together with *Rose* his wife were jointly seized [w] hereof: but he dying, and leaving her a widow, she became the sole owner of it, and was married [x] to *Ric. de Mountfort*: Howbeit, after the death of the same *Nicholas, Will. de Spernore*, his Brother, made entry therein, and disseised [y] the said *Richard* and *Rose*, so that suits grew betwixt them; yet at last they came to an Agreement [z], whereby (it seems that *Mountfort* was to enjoy it: by which means it came to the *Catesbies*, as the Pedegree in Lapworth will shew, *Robert Catesby senior* being seized [a] of it in 36 *H.* 6. from whom descended *Ric. Catesby* Esq. who in 25 *H.* 8. sold [b] it to *Thomas Green*, whose great grandchild now enjoys it.

w *Ex autog. penès Camer. Scac. in baga de* x y z Catesby.

a *Ex autog. penès præfat.* S. A.

b *Ex autog. penès* T. Greene.

Lodbroke's Mannour.

THat this was antiently belonging to some of the Family of *Lodbroke*, is not to be doubted; howbeit till 8 *H.* 4. I have not met with any mention of it: but then it appears [c] that *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of Warwick possessed it in *R.* 2. time, and that it was held of the King as of the Honour of *Peverell*: From which *Thomas*, divolving to the succeeding Earls, it came in 3 *H.* 7. to the Crown, with the rest of their lands (as in Warwick may be seen) and continued therein till 36 *H.* 8. that Sir *George Throgmorton* purchased it [d], with the Mannour of Tanworth; since which time it hath accompanied the possession of that Lordship.

c *Clauſ.* 8. H. 4. *n.* 19.

d *Ex autog. penès Præfat.* S. A.

Sidenhale.

OF this place I can say little, other than that there was a Family which took their denomination thereof, and did bear [e] for their Arms *a Fesse betwixt three Cressants*, in 7 *R.* 2. By a daughter and coheir of which Family, it came [f] in 4 *E.* 3. to *Fulwode* of Clep Hall, and by one of them was sold to ..... *Hugford* of Henwood; in whose line it continued till *John Hugford* late of Henwood, sold it to *Nath. Cookes* of Ingen near Stratford.

e *Ib.* f *Ib.*

Crewenhale.

THere was also a Family that assumed their sirname from hence, as antiently as *H.* 3. time, and bore [g] for their Armes *Nebule Arg. and sable, upon a Fesse gules three broad Arrow heads Or*; of which I have seen [h] five descents in the male line; the last whereof was *John de Crewenhale*, who had one onely daughter and heir marryed [i] in *H.* 6. time, to *Will. Parker* of Chartley in Staffordshire: which *Will.* had issue [k] by her *Thomas*, and he *Thomas*, and he *John Parker*, who dyed [l] 18 *H.* 8. leaving issue *Alice* his daughter and heir, wedded to *Thomas Greswould*, second son to *Ric. Greswould* of Solihull in this County, from whom the *Greswoulds* of Tobington, who now enjoy this place, are descended.

g h i k l *Ib.*

Packwood.

ALne, having thus past that large Parish of Tanworth, enters the Hundred of Barlichway; wherein, before it hath gone two miles, the acces of a petty stream called Silesburne, which hath its beginning in the nook of Kineton Hundred, before mentioned, about the edge of Packwood, enlargeth its Chanell. This place (*sc.* Packwood) lying in the utmost corner of Barlichway Hundred, and bordering upon Hemlingford, is reputed to be a member of Kineton Hundred, and as it hath in all Taxes antiently payd therewith, so doth it still; the reason whereof I conceive to be, because it was originally a member of Wasperton (whereof I have already spoke) though it lye at so great a distance from thence, and so consequently belonging to the Monks of Coventre; which was no strange thing, considering what I have said in Tanworth relating to Bayles. Yet the first mention that I do find in Record of it, by name, is in 7 *R.* 1. where *Philip de Kingtone* levied a Fine thereof to *Roger de Cherlecote*: But it afterwards came again to those Monks (it seems) for in 41 *H.* 3. upon that grant [m] of Freewarren, which they had in divers of their Mannours, this of Packwood is instanced for one: and in 44 *H.* 3. upon the appropriation [n] of all the Churches, and Tithes, which

m *Cart.* 41 H. 3. *m.* 4.

n *Roc. T. Molend m.* 4.

which were within any of their lands, it is there enumerated amongst the reſt. Howbeit, that which chiefly ſhews it to have been a member of **Maſperton**, and ſo conſequently to have paſt therewith to the Monaſtery of **Coventre**, upon the very Foundation thereof by Earl *Leofrike*, is the Record [o] of 7 *E.* 1. where, it being certified that the Prior of **Coventre** was Lord of both (for they are there joined together) it is ſaid thus, *Et tenet per Cartam & Warrantum S. Edwardi Regis, & per confirmationes plurimorum Regum.*

At which time (*viz.* 7 *E.* 1.) the Monks had [p] here two Carucates of land in demeſn, and two tenants, which held one yard land by performing divers ſervile labours, being ſubject to what taxe and exaction the Prior was pleaſed to impoſe upon them: As alſo ſix Freeholders, who held two yard land and a half under ſeverall Rents, and ſuit of Court twice in the year; and at the ſame time a certain Park incloſed, with an Out-wood, and not within the precincts of any Foreſt. But to put it out of all doubt, that it was a member of **Maſperton**, I ſhall vouch one more authority, *viz.* the taxation [q] of the Temporalties belonging to the Religious houſes *in an.* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. where it is ſaid thus *Prior de Coventre habet apud* **Pacwode**, *quod eſt membrum de* **Maſperton** *duas carucatas terra, & valet Carucata* x s. *& de redditu Aſſiſa* vii *marc. & unum molendinum aquaticum, quod valet* vi *s.* viii *d. & de placitis & perquiſitis* ii *s.* The metes and bounds of which Mannour are exactly ſet forth in the Leiger [r] book of **Coventre**, where divers other things relating thereto (that for brevitie I omit) are to be found.

As for the particular privileges that the Monks had here, I ſhall not need to recount them, forasmuch as in **Coventre** it appeareth what they were, throughout all their Mannours in 13 *E.* 1. In 26 *H.* 8. upon the Survey then taken the value of what the before ſpecified Monks had in this place, was thus certified; *viz.* in [t] Rent of Aſſiſe ix s. v. d. In [t] lands, tenements paſtures, and a Mill, xiiii l. viii s. iiii d. and the ferm [u] of the Mannour vii l. xiiii s. iiii d. Out of which was allowed [w] to *Thomas Hugyn* then Bayliff, an Annuity of xxvi s. viii d. But coming to the Crown at the generall diſſolution in 30 *H.* 8. it was by the ſaid King's Letters [x] Pat. bearing date 8 *Feb.* 35. *H.* 8. paſt (*inter alia*) to *Will. Willington* (then of **Barcheſton** Eſq.) and *Will. Sheldon* (of **Beoley**, who had wedded one of his daughters) and to the heirs of the ſaid *Will. Sheldon*, together with the advouſon of the Church, to be held in *Capite*. Which *W. Sheldon* granted it to *Rob. Burdet* of **Bramcote** Eſq. who died [y] ſeiſed thereof 11 *Jan.* 2 *E.* 6. leaving *Thomas* his ſon and heir [z] xvi years of age: which *Thomas* had iſſue [z] *Robert*; who, in conſideration of two thouſand pounds, demiſed [a] it to *Thomas Spenſer* Eſq. (late of **Claverdon**) for 2000 years, by which means it came to Sir *Will. Spenſer* of **Yarnton** *in com. Oxon.* upon whom a great part of the ſaid *T. Spenſer*'s eſtate was ſetled.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Giles*) antiently appropriated to the Monks of **Coventre**, as I have already intimated, was long after, *viz.* in *H.* 6. time, reputed [b] but for a Chapell (**Maſperton** doubtleſs being the mother Church) and therefore not Preſentative; the Curate having then allowed [c] unto him for his annuall Salary, the ſmall Tithes, with the Altarage; the Tithe Corn and all living Mortuaries being received [d] by the ſaid Monks. All which Tithes and Oblations, together with the Glebe, being allowed to the Curate for his ſtipend, were in 26 *H.* 8. valued [e] at *C s. per an.* In 30 *Eliz.* (amongſt divers other things) there was a grant [f] made by the Queen to one *Ed. Wymerke*, of the Chapell here, by the name of *libera Capella de* **Pacwode** *cum pertinentiis*: but this (as I conceive) is of the ſame nature as thoſe Patents were to *Tipper* and *Daw*, apprehending it to be concealed land.

[o] *Inq. per I. Not. rc. f. 64. b.*
[p] *Ib. f. 65.*
[q] *In Scac: nès Rem.*
[r] *In Scac. nès Rem. f. 208. b.*
[t] *1 S. pe 7 S. A. t. aur. f. 2. b.*
[u] *1. f. 24. a.*
[w] *1. b. f. 26. a*
[x] *b. f. 27. b*
[y] *Pat. 35. 13. p. 10.*
[z] *Sc. 4 E. e*
[a] *Sc. 33. Iz.*
[b] *c. 4. j.*
[c] *gift. de Centre f. 8. b.*
[d] *c 5 lb. d*
[e] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 61. a.*
[f] *Pat. 30. Eliz. p. 7.*

Lapworth.

THis, being given [g] to the Biſhoprick of **Wozceſter** by *Kenulph* K. of **Mercia**, in the time of *Denebert* the ix[th]. Biſhop of that See, continued thereto till the days of K. *Canutus* the Dane: but *Brightegus* the then Biſhop, being ſent into **Saxony**, to conduct *Gunnilda* the King's daughter, wedded to *Cono* the Emperour; having a ſpeciall ſervant called *Hearlewinus* attending upon him in that journey, as a reward for his pains and travail, beſtowed upon him this Village, then reckoned for no more than half a hide, reſerving xii [d]. yearly to be payd at the Feaſt of the *Aſſumption* of our Lady in acknowledgement of the Church its right, as the Regiſter [h] of **Wozceſter** manifeſts, where it is written **Lappalwurthin**; ſo that after that time the Biſhops had no more to do here. In the Conquerours time *Hugh de Grentemaſnill* held it, as appears by the generall Survey [i] then made, in which it is written **Lapeforde**, and certified to contain 1 hide, the woods extending to two miles in length, and 1 in breadth; the whole being valued at *xx s.* But immediatly before the Norman invaſion, it was the freehold of one *Baldwinus*; who afterwards being glad to ſtoop (as moſt others then did) became Tenant thereof to the ſaid *Hugh*, as an antient Regiſter belonging to the Biſhops of **Wozceſter** ſheweth, wherein it is written **Lappewrte**, and ſaid to be *de Soca Epiſcopi*, being held of the Biſhops Mannour of **Old-Stratford**.

From hence till K. *H.* 3. time, having no light from Record to guide me, I muſt, by what appears afterwards, onely gueſs at the moſt probable courſe of its ſucceſſion; which, I conceive was thus; *viz.* that with the reſt of *Grentemaſnill*'s lands, it came by the daughter and heir of that Family, to *Rob.* ſirnamed *Blanchmains*, Earl of **Leiceſter** in *H.* 2. time (unto whom 'tis manifeſt that ſhe was wedded) and that the anceſtour of *Henry Pipard*, who lived in *H.* 3. time, obtained it by Feoffment from that Earl, or the ſaid *Henry* himſelf from ſome of his deſcendants: for certain [k] it is, that thoſe Earls of **Leiceſter** were ſuperior Lords hereof; and that this *Henry* was poſſeſt of it, I have teſtimony [l] enough. But the firſt particular mention relating to him, that I haue met with, which hath any date, is in 20 *H.* 3. where it appears that there was a Fine [m] levied betwixt him and *Nichola* his wife on the one part, and *John Comin*, *Geffrey Corbizon*, and *Julian* his wife, on the other; of two yard land here: And there is no doubt but that this was his ſeat; for in ſundry Deeds, [n] which I have ſeen, he is nor onely ſtiled *Capitalis Dominus Feodi de* **Lapworth**; but it is evident

[g] *Ex Regiſt. penès D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 1. a.*
[h] *In libr. Cotton. f. 136. b.*
[i] *Domeſd. lib.*
[k] *Inq. p. Hundr. 4. E. 1. in baga de* Ragman *penès Cam. Scac.*
[l] *Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de* Catesby.
[m] *xv Trin.*
[n] *In baga de* Catesby *ut ſupr. a*

that there was a Mannour house, here, in those times.

It should seem that he was a man of the superior rank; for in 25 *H.* 3. I find him in Commission [o] for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and likewise one of the Justices of Assize; so also [p] in 26. and [q] 31. *H.* 3. In [r] 34 *H.* 3. he bore the office of Eschaetor in this County. In 36 *H.* 3. he was again one [s] of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and left issue two daughters his heirs, *viz.* [t] *Dionysia* the wife of Sir *Rob. de Harecurt* Kt. and *Cecilie* married to Sir *Thomas de Bishopsden* Kt. upon partition made betwixt which coheirs, this Lordship fell to *Dionysia*, as it seems; for I find [u] that in 49 *H.* 3. it was in the hands of *Sim. de Mountfort* Earl of **Leicester**, in respect of the minoritie of *Will. de Harecurt* son and heir to the said *Robert*: which *Will.* about the beginning of *E.* 1. time, granted [w] unto *Henry de Braunteston* and his heirs, a certain part of his Court and Capitall mansion here, *viz.* that lying towards the West from the great gate by the Wall, which (then) extended to an Oak standing before the dore of the old Grange, with the advouson of the Church, and the homage and service of sundry Freeholders: To which Deed is his Seal of Arms affixed (*scil. Or two bars gules*) And after this did the said *Will.* grant [x] (or rather confirm) unto Sir. *Will. de Bishopsden*, his nephew (*viz.* son and heir of Sir *Thomas de Bishopsden*) certain lands lying here, which *Henry Pipard*, before specified, had formerly given to *Sim. Bagot* of **Preston** together with the advouson of the Church; and divers other lands, lying also here in **Lapworth**, which the said Sir *Will. de Bishopsden*, and Sir *Thomas de Bishopsden* Father of the said *Will.* had obtained from sundry other persons; for which grant he reserved to himself and his heirs the Rent of one barb'd Arrow to be payd yearly at the Feast of *Pentecost* for all services.

o *Pat.* 25. *H.* 3. *in d.*
p *Rot. F.* 26. *H.* 3. *m.* 13.
q *Pat.* 31. *H.* 3. *in d.*
r *Clauſ.* 34. *H.* 3. *m.* 13.
s *Pat.* 36. *H.* 3. *in d.*
t *Plac. de T. Trin.* 14. *E.* 1. *Rot.* 57
u *Eſc.* 50. *H.* 3.
w *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby.
x *Giff. f.* 250. *b.*

D. Hugo de Brandeston miles obiit 27 E. 1. — Magister Henricus de Brandestone 7 E. 1.

Henricus de Brandestone 11 E. 2. — Petronilla 11 E. 2.

D. Petrus de Monteforti dominus de Bellodesertо — Hugo de Brandeston defunctus 36 E 3. — Sibilla. — Leticia.

Ric. de Monteforti, nothus 47 E. 3. — Ronsia una filiarum & cohær. — Nich. Durvassall 1 maritus — Agnes uxor Philippi de Ailesbury, postea Joh. Bukmore. — Beatrix monialis apud Wroxhale.

Will. Montfort fil. & hæres 14 R. 2. — Agnes. — Thomas Montfort. — Rog. Ailesbury de Lapworth.

Ioh. Catesby de Ashby-Legers in com. Northamp. — Margareta filia & hæres. — Elena uxor Ricardi Merebroke.

Will. Catesby miles — Philippa filia & una hær. red. Will. Bishopsden mil.

Of *Henry de Brandeston*, above mentioned, I find, that he was a Priest or professor in some learning, for he hath the addition of *Magister*, [y] and that he granted [z] this Mannour to *Hugh de Brandeston*, his brother, and *Margaret* his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten: which *Hugh*, (being a Knight [a] in 13 *E.* 1. had in 21. *E.* 1. a Charter [b] of **Freewarren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here; & from [c] 23 till 27 *E.* 1. was every year one of the Commissioners for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: But after the death of *Edmund* Earl of **Lancaster** in 25 *E.* 1. it was certified [d] that the said Sir *Hugh* held this Mannour of him by the service of half a Kts. fee, doing homage and suit to the Court held for the same Honour of **Leicester** every three weeks; and that all his Tenants did use to repair to the **Court Leet** belonging to that Honour. And upon his death, which hapned in 27 *E.* 1. it appears [e] that the extent of what he had here, in **Lapworth**, over and above the Mannour, was 3 Carucates of land, every Carucate containing 3. Virgates, and every Virgate *xvi* acres, *Henry* his son and heir being then 16 years of age. Which *Henry*, in 11 *E.* 2. acquired [f] from *Hugh de Lodbroke* Parson of **Blaby** in **Leicestersh.** the inheritance of another Mannour here, whereof *Letice* daughter to him the said *Henry* had an estate for life, by grant from the said Parson. But after this it was not long ere that the same *Henry* past [g] away one of these Mannours to Sir *John de Bishopsden* Kt. as appears by his deed, and a speciall Mandate [h] directed to all his Freeholders, and Customary Tenants, here in **Lapworth**, for to attourn unto him, which I conceive to be that called **Bushwood Hall**; for at **Bushwood** (there written **Bispwode**) doth the same bear date in 14 *E.* 2.

To which *Henry* succeeded *Hugh* his son and heir, whom I find [i] frequently stiled *Dominus de* **Lapworth**, having in 11 *E.* 3. obtained a Lease [k] thereof from Sir *John de Bishopsden* Kt. for *xl.* years. In 33 *E.* 3. being constituted [l] one of the Commissioners of Array in this County, he bore [m] for his Armes *two Bars with a bendlet over them*, and dyed in 36 *E.* 3. as it should seem; for then doth it appear [n] that *Sibilla* his wife was a widow; leaving issue 3 daughters, *viz. Beatrice* [o] a Nun at **Wrorhall**, *Agnes* wedded [p] to *Philip de Aylesbury*, and *Rose* to [q] *Richard de Montfort*; betwixt which two last mentioned daughters, his inheritance here became divided [r] in 43 *E.* 3. and that of **Letice**, their Aunt, in [s] 47 *E.* 3. (Which *Philip de Ailesbury* was Lord of **Coston** in this County.) This *Ric. de Mountfort* (a younger son to Sir *Peter de Montfort* by *Lora de Astley* a Concubine, as in **Beldesert** appeareth) after his marriage with the above mentioned *Rose*, resided here at **Lapworth** as I think; for I find [t] that he frequently wrote himself of this place. In 37 *E.* 3. he was [u] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** and in 46 *E.* 3. he and his wife came to an Agreement [w] with *Phil. de Ailesbury* and *Agnes* his wife, for their moytie of this Mannour; by which it appears, that they the said *Ric.* and *Rose* should hold it during their lives, paying to the before specified *Philip* and *Agnes* a Rose yearly at the Feast of the *Nativity* of St. *John Bapt.* but that after their deceases it should return to the above mentioned *Philip* and *Agnes*, and the heirs of the said *Agnes*.

In 47 *E.* 3 this *Ric. de Mountfort* founded [x] a *Chantrie* here at **Lapworth** (as when I come to speak of the Church shall be shewed) In 48 *E.* 3. he was in [y] Commission for assessing a Tenth and xv^th^. in this County, then granted to the K. in Parl.

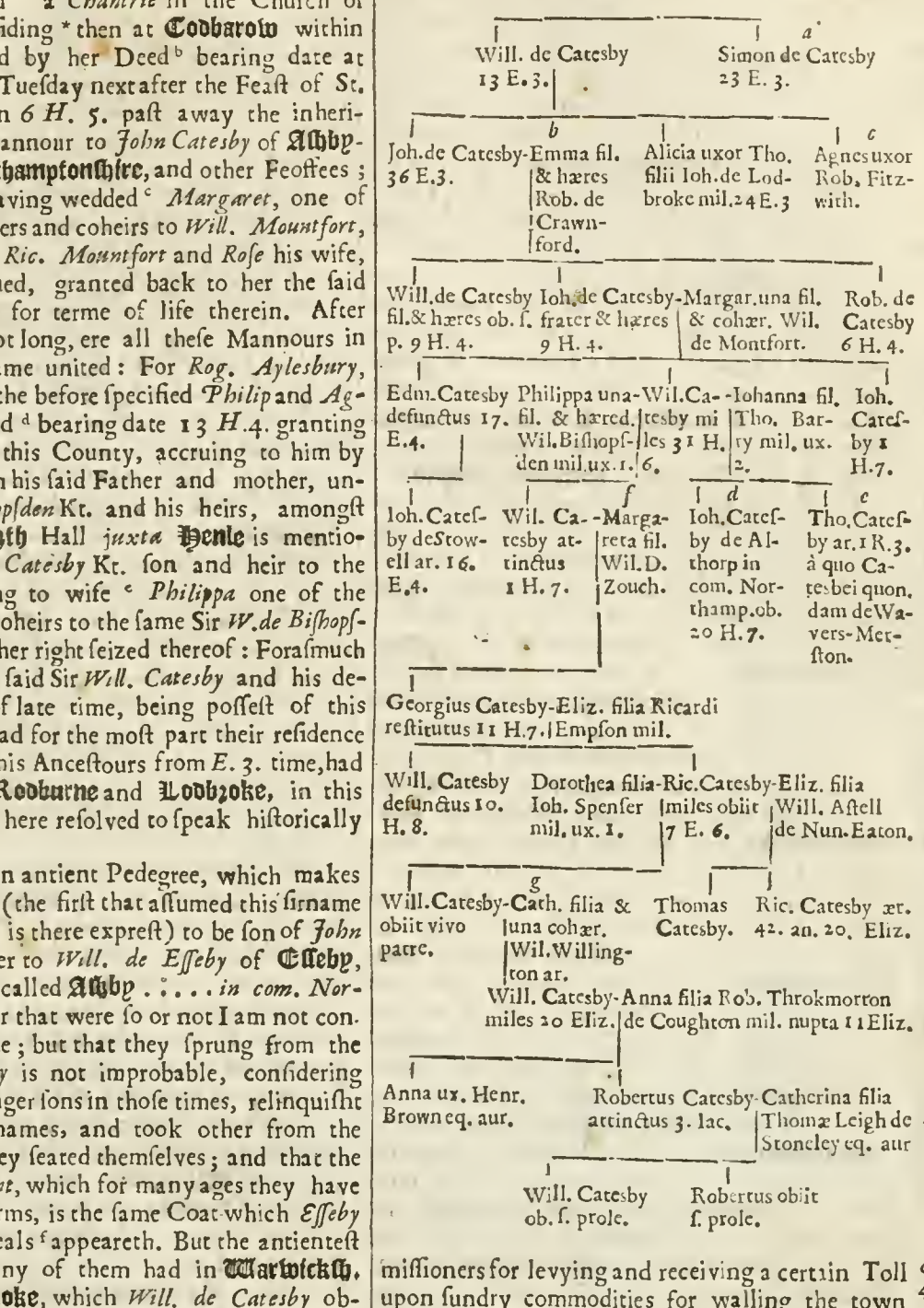
a *Plac. de Jur. & Al.* 13 E 1.
b *Cart* 21. *E.* 1. *m.* 32.
c *Pat. de ipſo anno.*
d *Eſc.* 25. *E.* 1. *n.* 51.
c *Eſc.* 27 *E.* 1. *n.* 33
f *Ex aut. in baga de* Catesby
g *Ex autog. penes* T. Holt *eq. aur.* C. B.
h *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby.
i } *Ib.*
k }
l *Pat.* 33 *E.* 1. *in d.*
3. *m.* 7.
m *Ex autog. ut ſup.*
n *Ex autog. penes* E. Peto *eq aur.*
o *Ex aut. in bibl.* Hatton.
p } *Ex autog. penes* Arc. *eq. aur.*
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r }
ſ *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby.
t *Ib.*
u *Clauſ.* 3 *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 16.
w *F. leva. Oct. Hill.*
x *Pat.* 47 *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *n.* 15.
y *Rot. F.* 47 *E.* 3. *m.* 1.
z } *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby.

Parl. and bore [z] for his Armes the paternall cote of that Family (*scil. Bendè of ten pieces Or and Azure*) *with a border gules*. Of *Rose* his wife, I find that she lived many years after him; and in 1 *H.*4. founded [a] a *Chantrie* in the Church of **Tanworth** (residing * then at **Codbarow** within that Parish) and by her Deed [b] bearing date at **Lapworth** the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Faith* the Virgin 6 *H.* 5. past away the inheritance of this Mannour to *John Catesby* of **Ashby-Legers** in **Northamptonshire**, and other Feoffees; which *John*, having wedded [c] *Margaret*, one of the two daughters and coheirs to *Will. Mountfort*, son and heir of *Ric. Mountfort* and *Rose* his wife, before mentioned, granted back to her the said *Rose* an estate for terme of life therein. After which it was not long, ere all these Mannours in **Lapworth** became united: For *Rog. Aylesbury*, son and heir to the before specified *Philip* and *Agnes*, by his Deed [d] bearing date 13 *H.*4. granting all the lands in this County, accruing to him by inheritance from his said Father and mother, unto Sir *Will. Bishopsden* Kt. and his heirs, amongst which **Lapworth** Hall *juxta* **Henle** is mentioned; Sir *Will. Catesby* Kt. son and heir to the said *John*, taking to wife [e] *Philippa* one of the daughters and coheirs to the same Sir *W. de Bishopsden*, became in her right seized thereof: Forasmuch therefore, as the said Sir *Will. Catesby* and his descendants, till of late time, being possest of this Lordship, and had for the most part their residence here; and that his Ancestours from *E.* 3. time, had a fair estate at **Rodburne** and **Lodbroke**, in this County, I have here resolved to speak historically of them.

I have seen an antient Pedegree, which makes *Will. de Catesby* (the first that assumed this firname in *E.* 1. time, as is there expresst) to be son of *John de Esseby*, Brother to *Will. de Esseby* of **Esseby**, now commonly called **Ashby** . . . . . *in com. Northampt.* Whether that were so or not I am not concern'd to enquite; but that they sprung from the Family of *Esseby* is not improbable, considering that divers younger sons in those times, relinquisht their paternall names, and took other from the places where they seated themselves; and that the two *Lions passant*, which for many ages they have born for their Arms, is the same Coat which *Esseby* gave, by their Seals [f] appeareth. But the antientest Lordship that any of them had in **Warwickshi.** is that of **Lodbroke**, which *Will. de Catesby* obtained in *E.* 3 time; first by an estate in reversion entailed upon him in 21 *E.* 3. and afterwards through Releases made by those that had the present interest (as in **Lodbroke** is shewed.) Nevertheless, before this, it doth appear by his speciall imployments, that the said *Will.* had some interest in this County; for in 13 *E.* 3. he served [g] as one of the Knights for the Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** And the next year following was constituted [h] Eschaetor for this County and **Leicestershire**, together with the Counties of **Nott. Derb.** and **Lanc.** being the same year also Kt. [i] for this Shire in the Parl. of **Westm.**

Severall times also did he afterwards serve, as Kt. for this Shire; *viz.* [k] in 27. 28. 31. and 39 *E.* 3. those Parliaments being held at **Westm.** and in 28 *E.* 3. was in [l] Commission with other persons of the superior rank, for enquiry touching the excess of Labourers wages; as also for conservation of the Peace for divers [m] years: In [n] 33 for arraying of Souldiers. In 37 he had a speciall Pat. [o] to exempt him from serving on Juries, as also from the Office of Shiriff, Bayliff, Eschaetor, or Coroner. In 40 *E.* 3. he was assigned [q] one of the Commissioners for levying and receiving a certain Toll upon sundry commodities for walling the town of **Coventre.** In 42. he underwent the Office [q] of Eschaetor for this County and **Leicestershire**: so also in 44 of Shiriff [r], notwithstanding his Pat. of privilege before specified, and left issue *John* his son and heir constituted [s] one of the Justices of Peace, in this County, in 1 *R.* 2.

Upon the Insurrection of the Rebells, under the conduct of *Jack Straw*, and *Wat. Tiler* 5 *R.* 2. he was joyn'd in Commission [t] with the E. of **Warwick** and other eminent persons, for suppressing of all unlawfull Assemblies in this Countie, tending to the disturbance of the publick Peace. In 6 *R.* 2. he was again in Commission [u] to the like purpose. In 16 *R.* 2. one [w] of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Winchester.** So likewise in 17. and 22. *R.* 2. as also in 1. and 2. *H.* 4. upon the severall renewing of the Commissions for the Peace, one [x] of the number then joyned therein; being a person learned in the Laws, as it seems: for it appears that he was Steward



[y] of the Earl of **Warwick's** Courts for his lands in **Northamptonshire**, about the later end of *R.* 2. reign, and Atturny [z] generall for prosecuting their affairs in the Exchequer in 5 *H.* 5. Of this *John* I find that he bore [a] the Armes of *Lodbroke* (*scil. Azure a cheveron ermine*) quarterly with his own; whereby it should seem that some Ancestour of his married a daughter of that Family, through whose right, after the issue male was extinct, he did it. Neither is it unlikely, in respect of that entail of **Lodbroke** upon *Will. de Catesby*, his Father, as in my discourse of that place is shewed: and that he wedded [b] *Emme* the daughter and heir of *Rob. de Craunford*, by whom the Lordship of **Ashby**-*Legers* (*in Com. Northampt.*) came first to this Family. Which *Emme* with *John* her son (for *Will.* the elder Brother was then dead) in 13 *H.* 4. obtained a Charter [c] of **Free-warren** to themselves and their heirs in all their demesn lands of **Rodburne**, **Lodbroke** and **Shukborough** in this Countie; as also of **Ashby**-*Legers*, **Walton**, and **Watford** in **Northamptonshire**.

This second *John* was in [d] Commission for conservation of the Peace in this County in 5 *H.* 5. & in 6. [e] for arraying of men, being the first of the Family that had to do here in **Lapworth**, (as hath been already observed.) To him succeeded *Will.* his son and heir, constituted [f] Shiriff of **Northamptonshire** in 21 *H.* 6. with which office he had the custody of **Northampton** Castle assigned unto him. In 30 *H.* 6. he came into Commission [g] for conservation of the Peace in this County (so continuing [h] for the remainder of that King's reign.) And being again made Shiriff [i] of **Northamptonshire**, had the like charge of the same Castle. I am of opinion that he was Knighted that very year; for in the next mention I find of him, *viz.* the year following, he is so [k] stiled. In 34 *H.* 6. he became the third time Shiriff [l] of **Northamptonshire**, and Governour of that Castle: and having been one of the Sewers [m] to K. *H.* 6. had two wives, first *Philippa* [n] one of the daughters and heirs to Sir *Will. de Bishopsden* Kt. and secondly *Joan* [o] daughter of Sir *Thomas Barre* Kt. and *Alice* his wife (Sister of *John Talbot* Earl of **Shrewsbury**, but widow of *Humfrey de la Bere*) departed [p] this life in *An.* 1470. 10 *E.* 4. lying buried at **Ashby**-*Legers* before mentioned. By which wife he had issue *Will.* his son and heir; and by his second wife *John Catesby* of **Althorp** in **Northamptonsh.** as also *Thomas Catesby*, from whom those sometime of *Wavers*-**Merston** in this County did descend. Which *Will.* being a great Favourite to K. *Ric.* 3. was made Squier [q] of the Body to him, and, in 1 of his reign, constituted [r] Chancelour of the Marches for life, and one of the Chamberlains of his Exchequer.

The same year was he also made [s] one of the Justices of Peace in this County, and a Commissioner [t] to enquire of any Insurrections here, or in **Leicestershire**; and the next year following a Commissioner [u] for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; in which he had a grant [w] from the said King, bearing date under his Signet at **Kenilworth** Castle 28 *Maii*, of an hundred Oaks to be taken within the said Ks. old Park of **Tanworth**, and **Earl's-wood** in **Tanworth**, within this County; and 500 Trees for Railes in **Lodbrokes-Park**, (within the said Lordship of **Tanworth**,) for making his new Park here at **Lapworth**. But following the fortune of that King, and stoutly fighting for him at **Bosworth** field, he was there taken Prisoner, and beheaded [x] at **Leicester** within 3. days following; where, before his Execution he made his Testament, [y] as followeth,

This is the Will of William Catesby *Esq. made the* xxv^th^. *of* August 1 H. 7. *to be executed by my dere and welbeloved wife, to whom I have ever be trew of my Body, putting my sole trust in her for the execution thereof for the helth of my soul, the which I am undoubted she will execute: and for my Body, when she may, to be beryed in the Church of S.* Leger *in* **Ashby** *and to do such memoriall for me as I have apointed byfor, and to restore all land that I have wrongfully purchased, and to pay the residue of such land as I have bought truly, and to demene hit among her children and myne as she thynketh good after her discretion. I doubt not the King will be good and gracious Lord to them; for he is called a full gracious Prince, and I never offended him by my good and free Will; for God I take to my Juge I have ever loved him.* Item *that the Executors of* Nich. Couley *have the lande ageine in* **Evertotte**, *without they have their Cl.* Item *in likewise* Renet *his lande in* **Buckby** Item *in likewise that the Coparceners have their part in* Rodenhall *in* Suff. *if they have right thereto, or else to be restored to them that had it before: and the lond beside* Kymbalton *be disposed for my soul and* Evertons, *and so of all other landes that the parte hath right in.* Item *that all my Faders detts be executed and paied as to the House of* **Catesby** *and other.* Item *that my Lady of* **Buckingham** *have* C^li^. *to help her children, and that she will see my Lordis detts paied and his Will executed, and in speciall for such land as shall be amortised to the House of* **Plashy**. Item *my Lady of* **Shaftsbury** *xl. mark.* Item *that* John Spenser *have his* Lx^li^. *with the olde money that I owe.* Item *that* Thomas Andrews *have his* xx^li^. *And there as I have be Executor I beseech you see the Will executed; and that all other bequests in my other Will be executed, as my speciall trust is in yow Maisteres* Margarete: *and I heartily cry you mercy if I have delyd uncurteously with yow; and ever pray you to live sole, all the deys of yowr life to do for my soul. And I pray of Lord of* **Winchester**, *my Lord of* **Worcetur**, *my Lord of* **London** *to help yow to execute this my Will, and they will do somewhat for me; and that* Richard Frebody *have his* xx^li^. *and* Badby x^li^. *or the lande at* **Evertons** *and the* x^li^. *and pray you in every place see cleerness in my soul, and pray fast, and I shall for you; and Jesu have mercy on my Soule Amen. My Lords* Stanley, Strange, *and all that blood helpe, and pray for my Soule, for ye have not for my Body as I trusted in yow: and if my issue rejoyce my Land, I pray you lett Mr.* John Elton *have the best Benefice: and my Lord* Lovell *come to grace, then that ye shew to him that he pray for me. And uncle* John *remember my Soule, as ye have done my Body, and better; and I pray you see the Sadler* Hartlington *be paied, and in all other places.*

After which, *viz.* in the Parl. begun 7 *Nov.* 1 *H.* 7. ensued his attainder, [z] whereupon all his lands eschaeting to the Crown, this Lordship in 3 *H.* 7. was bestowed [a] on Sir *James Blunt* Kt. and the heirs male of his body. To this *William* succeeded *George* his son and heir, who in 10. *H.* 7. having Livery [b] of divers lands, descended to

y *Ex Comp. Ball. war. Com. penès* W. Peirpoint *ar.*
z *Ib.*
a *Ex autog. penès* S. Clark *Bar.*
b. *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby. *ut supra.*
c *Cart.* 13. H. 4. *n.* 4.
d *Pat.* 5. H. 5. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 26.
e *Pat.* 6. H. 5. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 8.
f *Rot.* F. 21. H. 6. *m.* 19.
g *Pat. de diisd. an* h *in d.*
i *Rot.* F. 30. H. 6. *m.* 10.
k *Ex autog. in baga de* Catesby.
l *Rot* F. 34. H. 6. *m.* 16.
m n o p *Inscr. tumuli apud* Ashby Leger.
q *Pat.* 1. R. 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 16.
r *Pat.* 1. R. 3. *p.* 1 *m.* 12
s *Ib. in dorso m.* 16.
t *Ib. p.* 2. *in d. m.* 25.
u *Pat.* 2. R. 3. *p.* 3 *in d.*
w *Ex autog. penès* S. A. *Eq. aur.*
x Stow's *Annals.*
y *Logg. q.* 15.
z H...
a *Pat.* 3. H 7. *p.* 2. *m.* 9
b *Pat.* 10. H 7. *p. unica m.* 14.

to him aſwell by inheritance from *Margaret* his mother, as from *William* Lord *Zouch* and *Elizabeth* his wife. Father and Mother to the ſaid *Margaret*; and being by Act of Parl. held the year following, reſtored [c] to his Father's forfeited poſſeſſions, whereby this Lordſhip came again to that Family, wedded [d] *Elizabeth* daughter of Sir *Richard Empſon* Kt. (one of the great Projectors in *H.* 7. time) and by his Teſtament [e] bearing date 8 *Maii* 19 *H.* 7. bequeathed his Body to be buried in the Church of **Aſhby-Legers** before the Image of the *holy Trinity*, in his Chapell there; appointing that two marble ſtones, price of each vi *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* ſhould be brought thither, one to be layd upon his Father and Mother, and the other upon himſelf, as a memoriall for him and his wife: The Probate whereof bears date two years after, which ſhews that he dyed about the latter end of 20 *H.*7. leaving *William* [f] his ſon and heir, by reaſon of his minority, in ward [g] to *John Spenſer* of **Wormleighton**, who departed [h] this life about the 10th. of *H.* 8. leaving *Richard* his Brother and heir, in [i] ward alſo to Sir *Will. Spenſer* Kt. in 19 *H.* 8. Which *Richard* having been [k] one of the Kts. for this Shire in that Parl. of 30 *H.* 8. ſo fatall to the Monaſteries; and the next year following Shiriff, and ſo alſo in [m] 37 *H.* 8. being then a Knight, had two wives; *ſcil.* [n] *Dorothe* daughter to Sir *John Spenſer*, Knight and *Eliz.* [o] daughter to *Will. Aſtell* (one of the daughters [p] and heirs to the Lady *Jane Bray*) and departed [q] this life 4 *Maii* 7 *E.* 6. leaving *William* his grandchild and heir (for his eldeſt ſon *William* died in his life time) Which *William* being likewiſe a Knight, and reſiding much at **Buſhwood**, underwent the Shiriffalty [r] of this County in 20. *Eliz.* and by *Anne* his wife the daughter of Sir *Robert Throkmorton* Kt. had iſſue *Robert* and other ſons: which *Robert* having ſold this Lordſhip to Sir *Edward Grevill* of **Milcote** Knight, of whom Sir *Thomas Holt* (of **Aſton** *juxta* **Birmingham**) purchaſed it; being unhappily confederate with the Gunpowder Conſpirators in 3. *Jac.* and thereupon ſlain, with *Percy* at **Holbeach-houſe** in **Worceſterſhire**, was afterwards by Act of Parl. attainted, as is fully manifeſted by our vulgar Writers.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Mathew*) being given [s] about the later end of K. *H.* 3. time, by *Will. de Harecurt*, ſon of *Rob. de Harecurt* (of whom I have already made mention) unto *John* the ſon of *Peter de Glen*; and by the ſaid *John* granted [t] to the Warden and Schollars of **Merton** Colledge in **Oxford**, was by them paſt [u] over to King *Edw.* 1. Which King in 4. of his reign, conferred it on the Provoſt and Canons of the Haſpitall of **Montchenſy**, as by his Charter [w] bearing date 24. *Nov.* appeareth. But it ſeems that thoſe Canons had little benefit by this grant; for I find that the ſame K. by another Charter [x], bearing date 4. *Junii* the year enſuing, rendred and reſtored it to the Warden and Schollars of **Merton** Colledge above mentioned. After which, *viz.* *in an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [y] at xvii marks and a half: but in [z] 26 *H.* 8. at no more than x *l.* *per an.* the *Procurations* and *Synodals* yearly payable out of it, being x *s.* v. *d. ob.*

c *Rot. Parl.* 11. H. 7.

d, e A Dean *q.* 6.

f, g, h *Ex autog. in paga de Cates-by, ut ſuprà.*

i *Bl. f.* 12. *b.*

k *Ex vet. M. S. penes* S. A. *q. aur.*

l, n *Rot. P. de iiſd. an.*

m, o, p *Inſcr. Tum. apud.* Aſhby-Legers.

q *Eſc.* 1. *Eliz.*

r *Inſcr. ibm.*

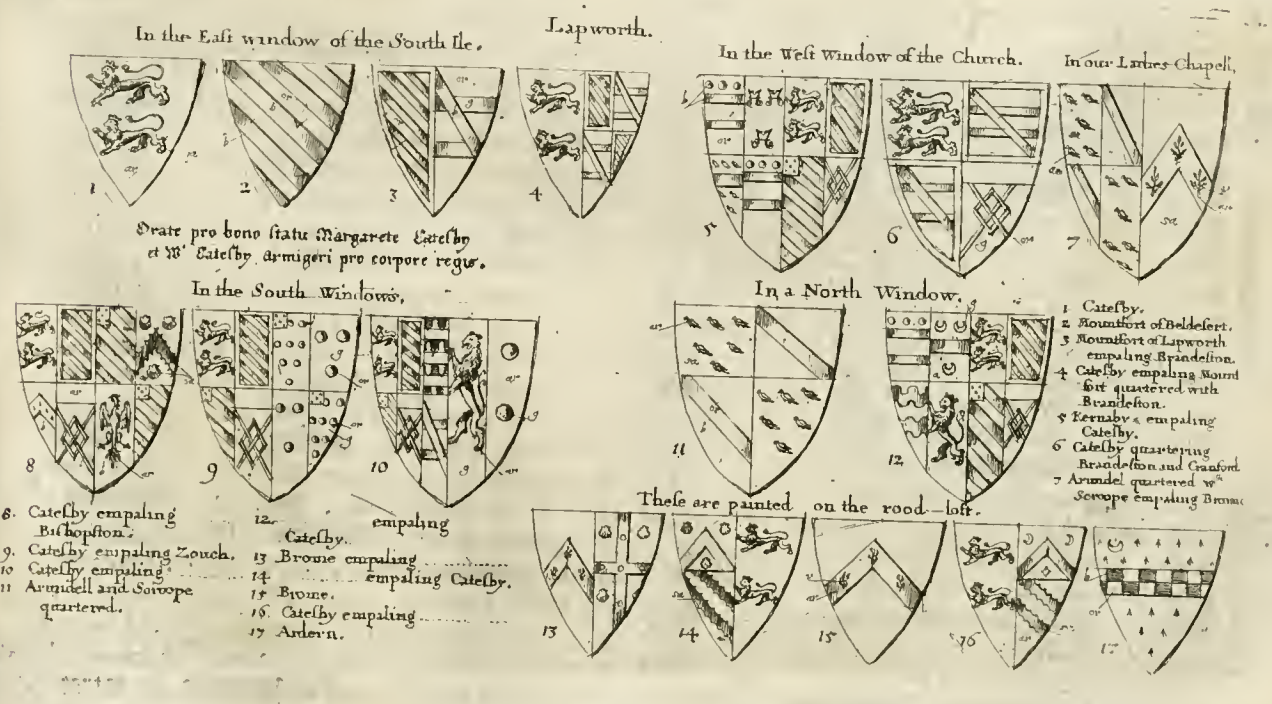
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y *MS. in Scac.*

z *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 22. *a.*



Patroni

	Patroni Ecclesiæ	Incumbentes, &c.
Giff. f. 261. a.	*D. Episc. per lapsum.*	*Rob. de Lutleburi Cler.* 2. *Id. Nov.* 1286.
Ib. f. 290. a.		*Joh. de Cliva Diac. Non. Maii* 1286.
Gein. f. 32. b.		*Magr. Thomas de Wylton* 8. *Id. Oct.* 1303.
Cob. f. 21. b.		*Magr. Will. Waleys* 3. *Id. Julii* 1320.
S. Germ. f. 131. a.		*Joh. Heyne Cler.* 19. *Nov.* 1349.
Wit. f. 16. b.		*Joh. Beaugrant Subdiac.* 9. *Cal. Jan.* 1367.
Lyn. f. 4. b.		*Rob. de Horton Pbr.* 8. *Julii* 1370.
Ib. f. 9. b.		*Will. Rous. . . . .* 1370.
Pev. f. 44. a.		*Magr. Will. Heryngton* 14. *Maii* 1411.
Morg. vol. 1. f. 9. a.	*Custos & Scolares domus de Merton.*	*Joh. Coke* 4. *Maii* 1422.
S. Germ. f. 250. b.		*Rad. Paret* 13. *Maii* 1433.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 33. a.		*D. Rad. Spire* 29. *Martii* 1446.
Ib. f. 140. b.		*Joh. Hill, penult. Febr.* 1456.
Mort. f. 28. b.		*Magr. Rob. Arden in Art. Magr.* 10. *Jan.* 1488.
Gyg. 2. f. 58. b.		*Magr. Joh. Johnson Art. Magr.* 7. *Maii* 1509.
Ecll. f. 10. b.		*Thomas Raynolde Pbr.* 17. *Aug.* 1540.
Heath. f. 23. a.		*D. Joh. Raynshaw Cler.* 10. *Nov.* 1556.
Bul. f. 28. b.		*Joh. Litton Cler.* 30. *Oct.* 1584.
Ib. f. 94. b.		*Joh. Morley Cler. in art. Magr. ult. Maii* 1613.
Ib. f. 95. a.		*Joh. Elly Cler.* 16. *Oct.* 1613.

[a] In 47 *E.* 3. there was a *Chantry* founded [a] in a certain Chapell adjoyning to this Church, by *Ric. de Montfort*, *Roger de Ulbarwe*, *Roger atte Greene* of **Lapworth**, and *Richard Dolfyn* a Priest; and by them endowed with two messuages, two carucates of land, twelve acres of meadow and xvi *s.* Rent, all lying in **Tonewoxth**; for maintenance of a Priest to sing Masse there every day to the honour of the *blessed Virgin*, *S. Thomas* the Martyr, and *All Saints*, which lands were then called by the name of **Wodardes-Lond**, **Heath-land**, and **Lytterley-field**, as appeareth by the Earl of **Warwick's** License [b] for amortizing of them, whereby also he gave authoritie to the said *Richard Montfort* and the heirs male of his body, to present a fit Priest thereto, as often as cause should require; but in default of such issue male, he the said Earl and his heirs to do it. After which establishment so made, the said *Richard de Montfort* and his fellow Founders, by their Deed indented [c] bearing date at **Tonewoxth** the Tuesday next after the Feast of the *Epiphany* 49 E. 3. setled the said lands and Rent upon *John Jori* the first Chantrie-Priest there, and his successors, to celebrate divine service daily in the said Chapell of our *Lady*, and S. *Thomas* the Martyr, for the souls of *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, the Lady *Katherine* his wife, *William Witlesey* late Archbishop of **Canterbury**, Sir *Peter de Montfort* Knight, and *Margaret* his wife, Sir *Baldw. Frevill* Knight, *Henry de Wolfrigeston* late Vicar of **Tonewoxth**, Sir *John de Montfort* Knight, *Isabell* late wife of *Richard de Montfort*, *Hugh de Brandeston* and *Christian* his wife, *Nicholas Durvassall*, and *John de Horygton*: and for the good estate of *T. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, son and heir to the before mentioned Earl, and *Margaret* his consort, Sir *William de Beauchamp* Knight, Sir *John de Clinton* Knight, Sir *Baldw. Frevill* Knight, son and heir to the said Sir *Baldwin*, Sir *Henry de Arderne* Knight, *Richard de Periton* Priest, *John Harewood* Priest, *Lora* * *de Astley*, *Baldwyn de Montfort*, the *Lady Alice de Langley*, *Richard de Montfort* and *Rose* his wife, *Thomas le Archer*, *Philip de Aylesbury* and *Agnes* his wife, *Roger de Ulbarwe* and *Alice* his wife, *William de Montfort* Clerk, *Richard Dolfyn* Priest, *Richard Lyndsey* Priest, *Roger de Green* of **Lapworth**, and *John Anketill*, and for every of their Children during this life, and for their souls after their departures hence, and the soules of all the faithfull deceased: the value of which lands, over and above reprises, in 37 *H.* 8. were rated † at Ciii *s.* ix *d.*

* *Concubine to* Sr. P. *de Montfort*, and Mother of his Children.

† *M.S. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 18. a.*

Besides what belong'd to this *Chantrie* the Church of **Lapworth** had certain lands [d] given thereto in 18 H. 6. by *George Ashby* the Elder; *viz.* one messuage 12. acres of land, and one acre of meadow, then in the occupation of *Thomas Hilton*, and *Agnes* his wife: and another mess. with fifty acres of Land, five acres of Meadow, 31. acres of Pasture, five acres of Wood, two acres of Moore, and viii *s.* vi *d.* Rent, lying in **Lapworth** and **Nuthurst**; All which were granted by the said *George*, to *Raph Perot* then Parson of that Church, and his successors, to provide a certain Lamp to burne there, and to performe other works of Charitie: But these by Act [e] of Parliament in 1 E. 6. coming to the Crown (with all others of that kind) were past [f] away to . . . . *Grey* in 18 *Eliz.* as concealed lands.

[d] *Pat. 18. H. 6. p. 3. m. 3.*

[e] *Cap. 14.*

[f] *Pat. 18. Eliz. p. 7.*

Before I leave **Lapworth** there are two things which I desire to cleer; the one is, how it comes to passe, that it lying so far distant from **Kineton** Hundred, is nevertheless reputed to be parcell thereof: and the other touching **Bushwode** (which is a small Village of some scattering Houses, within the precinct of this Lordship) upon what reason it is in the parish of **Old Stratford**, so many miles from it, and in another Hundred. To the first I answer, that **Lapworth** coming by descent from *Grentemaisnill* to the old Earles of **Leicester**, and that Earldom being at length swallowed up in the Dutchy of **Lancaster**, it was antiently joyned with those towns in **Kineton**-Hundred, which were certified [g] under the title of *Lancastriæ Ducatus*; *viz.* **Ilmindon**, **Forcote**, **Eatendon**, **Thoxndon**, **Fenni-Compton**, **Drchulf**, **Tachebroke**, **Herlton**-*Boteler*, and **Compton-wynyate**; and so still continuing in all assessments, and otherwise, is accounted part of that Hundred: And yet in 9 E. 2. it was reputed [h] as part of the Hundred (now called the Libertie) of **Pathlow**, as **Stratford** still is.

[g] *M.S. in Scac. pene Rem. K.*

[h] *Nom. Vill.*

And to that of **Bushwode** I say, that it having long before the Norman Conquest been parcell of the possessions pertaining to the Bishops of **Worcester**, as **Stratford** and **Lapworth** were, and not disposed by the Conqueror, with **Lapworth**, to *H. de Grentemaisnill*, but continuing to that Bishoprick, was held by some of the succeeding Bi-

[b] *Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 99. a.*

[c] *Ex autog. in baga de Catesby ut supra.*

shops

shops as part of the demesn of Stratford (their chief Mannour in this County) being a meer Wood, and therefore called [i] Bisshopeswude, and so, through corruptnesse of pronunciation, Bushwode. It seems that *Frethric de Bishopesden* was enfeoft thereof, together with Bishopsden, by *Sampson* Bishop of Worcester in H. 1. time; for I [k] find that he afterwards quite claimed his right therein, and so did *William* his son and heir, to *John de Constantiis* (Bishop in 9 R. 1.) and his successors; so that ever after it continued to that Bishoprick as a member of Stratford, untill *Nich. Heath* Bishop of that See, in 3 E. 6. past [l] it, with Stratford, unto *John Dudley* Earl of Warwick; of which Mannour it still continues a member. But that which is now called Bushwood-Hall, hath no relation to it, being the Mannour-house of Lapworth, and indifferently stiled Lapworth-Hall, or Bushwood-Hall, because of its situation neer Bushwood.

i { *Rot. P.* k { 9 R. 1.

l *Pat.* 3 E. 6. p. 3.

Kingswood, partly in the Parish of *Lapworth*, and partly of *Rowington*.

OF this place, by the name of the Mannour of Kingswood, I have not seen any particular mention in Record till [m] H. 5. time, it having been antiently part of the possessions belonging to that great Family of *Montfort* (Lords of Beldesert in this County) as may appear from what I have observed in Wellesburne-*Mountfort*, where it is taken notice of as a Wood lying at Badsley (unto which it is contiguous) and there it did passe with Wellesburne; so that, it seems, it had long before that time been reputed a member thereof, which is the reason why to this day it is accounted part of the Constablery, though so far distant thence: But from these *Montforts*, by a daughter and coheir, it came to *Butler*, as Wellesburne did; and in 13 H. 7. to *Edward Belknap*, (then of Perton, *juxta* Wolston in this County Esquire) upon [n] partition made betwixt him and Sir *John Norbury* Knight of all *Butler*'s lands. Which *Edward*, by his Deed bearing date 16 *Jan.* in the year aboveſaid, sold [o] it to *Nich. Brome* of Badsley-*Clinton* Esquire; from whom it divolved with that Lordship to the Family of *Ferrers*, and is so possest at this day.

m *Clauſ.* 5. *I.* 5. *in d.* 1. 16.

n *Clauſ.* 13 *H.* 7.

o *Ex autog. penès* A. Stoim Co*in eq. aur.*

Rowington.

FOllowing this petty torrent, which cometh from Lapworth, it soon leads me into the Hundred of Barlichway again, where it forthwith meets with another little brook that hath its rising in Hemlingford Hundred; on the Western side whereof, Rowington (vulgarly called Rowton) is situate, whereof I am next in order to speak. This town standing upon a rocky ground, had originally its name from thence, as may seem by the antient Orthographie thereof, *viz.* Rochintone; for so it is written in [p] the Conqueror's Survey, where it is certified to contain three hides, having a Church, and woods belonging thereto, then esteem'd at one mile in length, and half a mile and eight furlongs in bredth: All which, having been the freehold of one *Baldwin* in *Edward* the Confessors days, were then possest by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, and held at that time by *Roger* his under-tenant. But from *Grentemaisnill* it soon returned to the Crown (though by what agreement I have not seen) For certain it is that King *Henry* 1. had it in his hands, and gave [q] it to the Abby of Reading in Berkshire, of his Foundation; whose grant, together with the Church, King H. 2. (his grandchild) confirmed. In the succeeding times I find it variously written, *viz.* Ruhinton, Ruchinton, Rokintone, and Rowintone; and *in anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) that the extent of what the Monks of Reading had here, was found [r] to be three carucates of land, valued at x *s.* a carucate, two water-Mills and one Wind-Mill rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* In Rent of Assize xi *li.* and that the profits of their own store in this place amounted to one mark, and the Pleas and perquisites one mark and a half.

p Domesd.

q *Cart.* 8 E. 2. *n.* 1. *per Inſp.*

r *MS. in Scac.*

Whereunto some Freeholders in this town made a little addition [s]; *viz. Thomas de Rivere* and *Richard Goodman*, by the gift of one mess. Lxix. acres of land, with viii. acres and a half of Meadow, or the maintenance [t] of one Monk, being a Priest, to celebrate divine service every day in the Abby-Church of Reading above specified, for the good estate of the said *Thomas* during his life in this world, and for his soule after his departure hence; as also for the soules of his Ancestors and heirs: All which lands were by them held of the Barons of Stafford, who answered to the King the fourth part of a Knights Fee for the same (upon occasion) as by sundry [u] Records is evident. But after the dissolution of the greater Monasteries in 30 H. 8. *John Oldnall*, the next year following, obtained a Lease [w] of this Mannour from the King for xxi. years: which Lease was, it seems, ere long surrendred; for in 35 H. 8. the King upon the marriage of *Katherine Parr* (his sixt and last wife) past [x] it *inter alia*, unto her, as part of her jointure. Which *Katherine* dying [y] in 2 E. 6. it returned again to the Crown, and in 7 E. 6. was by that King [z] past away, with other lands, in exchange to *John Dudley* D. of Northumberland and his heirs; whose attainder hapning soon after (as in my story of him amongst the Earls of Warwick is shewed) Queen *Mary* became possest of it, and in 5. of her reign granted unto the said *John Oldnall* another [a] Lease for xxi. years, which he enjoyed not; for in 5 *Eliz.* the Queen past [b] an estate for life therein unto *William Skinner* Gentleman, *Alice* his wife, and *Anthony* their son: but neither did this demise hold; for in 6 *Eliz.* the said Queen gave [c] it to *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of Warwick, and the heirs male of his body, who dying issueless it came again to the Crown, wherein it remaineth to this day, having been since leased to sundry persons.

s { *Pat.* 18 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.

t, u { *Esc.* 16 *R.* 2. *n.* 27. *Esc.* 22 *R.* 2. *Esc.* 38 *H.* 6.

w *Pat.* 31 *H.* 8. *p.* 2.

x *Pat.* 35 *H.* 8. *p.* 17.

y Stow's *An.*

z *Pat.* 7 E. 6. *p.* 8.

a *Pat.* 4. & 5. Ph. & M. *p.* 2.

b *Pat.* 5 Eliz. *p.* 1.

c *Pat.* 6 Eliz. *p.* 4.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) was *in anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued [d] at xx. marks, the Vicars portion at that time being esteemed at viii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated [e] at viii *li.* out of which the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* yearly payable, amounted to viii *s.* v *d. ob.*

d *MS. in Scac.*

e *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 22. *a.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Abbas & Conv. de Reading.	*Joh. Tacham Pbr.* 15. *Oct.* 1347.	*Wolst. vol.* 2. *f.* 112. *b.*
	Hugo de Heyham 4. *Sept.* 1388.	*Wak. f.* 54. *a.*
	D. Will. Godfrey 11. *Mar.* 1400.	*Tid. f.* 58. *b.*

Cliff.f.61.b.	Abbas & Conv. de Reading.	Rob. Belde 21. Julii 1402.
		Joh. Hawkys 4. Aug. 1412.
Pev.f.47.a.		D. Joh. Racheford 24. Jan. 1424.
Morg.vol.1.f.29.b.		Joh. Cook Pbr. 12. Dec. 1438.
Bowch.f.54.a.		Joh. Browne Cap. 3. Dec. 1458.
Carp.vol.1.f.149.a.		Thomas Utting Cap. 27. Aug. 1499.
Gyg.2.f.8.b		D. Thomas Heyward Cap. 3. Aug. 1536.
Lat.f.2.a.	Phil. & Maria Rex & Regina Angl,	D. Ric. Heath Pbr. 17. Feb. 1556.
Heath.f.24.a.	Ambrosius Comes Warwici.	Philippus White Cler. 16. Jun. 1576.
Bul.f.12.b.		Christoph. Kirkland in S. Theol.B. 14. Apr. 1578.
Ib.f.15.a.		Magr. Henr. Heycroste art.Magr. 23. Sept. 1584.
Ib.f.28.b.	Anna Comitissa Warwici.	Henr. Clerke Cler. 4. Nov. 1600.
Ib.f.73.a.		

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

Argent upon a Fesse gules three Garbs, Or.

Preston-Bagot.

DEscending lower on the Western side of the before specified brook, I come to **Preston-Bagot**, which in the Conqueror's time *Robert* Earl of **Mellent** possest; and by the generall [f] Survey then made, wherein it is written **Prestetone**, was certified to be of a large extent; *viz.* x. hides, five whereof, with a Mill rated at xvi *s.* and woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in bredth, were in his own hands, and valued at L *s.* which had been the freehold of one *Turbern* before the Norman invasion: the other five, of which *Britnod* was owner in *Edward* the Confessor's days, one *Hugh* then held of the said Earl, they being estimated at xl *s.* But that which now, and for a long time hath been reputed for **Preston-Bagot**, is of a narrower compasse: for, out of doubt, the places where both **Beldesert** and **Henley** do now stand, together with most part of what belongeth to them, whereupon there was no habitation, was taken out of it. This therefore coming from the said Earl of **Mellent** (as the greatest part of his lands in this County did) to his brother *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of **Warwick**, was disposed of in H. 2. time (as I guesse) by *William* Earl of **Warwick** to *Ingeram Bagot*, from whom it had the present name for distinction from other **Prestons**: all which I conclude from severall circumstances, the succeeding Earles of **Warwick** being chief Lords of the Fee (as I shall shew by and by) and the said *Ingeram* being possest [g] of lands here at that time.

To which *Ingeram Bagot* succeeded *Simon* his son [h] and heir, who in 20 H. 3. answered [i] for part of a Knights Fee, here, held by him of the Earl of **Warwick**; and gave [k] to the Monks of **Reading** two Mills lying within this his Lordship. Which *Simon* had issue *Robert*, and he a daughter and heir called *Isabell* married [l] to *Thomas de Etingdon*. From this *Simon* (or if not from some other) who was only the Instrument to convey it, as I think, did the Knights *Hospitalars* obtain it in H. 3. time; for in 36 H. 3. it appears [m] that *Simon de Stoke*, and divers other, held one Knights Fee here, of the heir of the same *Simon Bagot*, and that the said heir held it of the *Hospitalars*, and they of the Earl of **Warwick**. And by the Record of [n] 4 E. 1. it is manifested, that the Knights *Hospitalars* had it about 30 H. 3. for from that time had they withdrawn their suit due to the Hundred Court in respect thereof.

That this is but a small Village, may appear by what was certified [o] in 6 H. 6. which is, that there was then but nine Housholders in it. But upon the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses in 30 H. 8. it came to the Crown, and was (*inter alia*) granted [p] out to *Edward Aglionby* of **Baldhall** Esquire, and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** Gentleman, and their heirs by Letters Patent, bearing date 26 *Maii* 7 E. 6. From which *Edward* and *Henry*, *Clement Throkmorton* of **Haselep** Esquire; purchased [q] it, and dying seized thereof 13 *Dec.* 16 *Eliz.* left it to *Job Throkmorton* his son and heir, whose grandchild *Clement* now enjoys it.

The advouson of the Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) hath been long severed from the Mannour; for in 16 H. 3. it was granted [r] to *Pauline Peyvre*, and confirmed [s] to *John Peyvre* (son to *Pauline*, as I suppose) in 47 H. 3. by *Robert de Maneby* Prior of S[t] *John*'s, the *Hospitalars* being then possest of this Lordship: But from *Peyvre* it soon came to the *Montforts* of **Beldesert**, as appeateth from the Presentations thereto: and so to the *Frevills* and *Willughbyes* as heirs to *Montfort*. In *anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectory here was valued [t] at vi. marks and a half; and in [u] 14 E. 3. at iv *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* but in 26 H. 8. at [w] no more than iv *li.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Petrus de Monteforti.	*Petrus de Leycester Cler. die S. Greg.* 1274.	Giff.f.49.a
Exec. Testam. D. Will. de Bellocampo Com. Warw. ratione custodiæ terr. &c. Joh. de Monteforti.	*Will. de Dalby Cler.* 15. *Cal. Apr.* 1301.	S Germ.f.30.b.
D. Petrus de Monteforti miles.	*Thom. de Compton accol.* 11. *Feb.* 1336.	Mont.f.27.a.
	Thomas atte Moore Pbr. 28. *Sept.* 1361.	Br.vol.1.f.37.b.
	Rob. Barleston Cler. 9. *Julii* 1368.	Wit.f.24.b.
D. Baldewinus Frevile.	*Oliverus Glede penult. Apr.* 1374.	S.Germ.f.173.b.
D. Will. Beauchamp miles.	*Rob. Polleswortb* 26. *Oct.* 1388.	Wak.f.54.a
D. Will. de Bellocampo Dominus de Bergavenny.	*Will. Jokin* 5. *Oct.* 1408.	Pev.f.3.a.b.
	Joh. Colman 22. *Jan.* 1410.	Ib.f.27.b.
D. Episc. hac vice.	*D. Joh. Grete Cap.* 7. *Julii* 1431.	Fult.f.91.b.
D. Rad. Boteler miles, & Rob. Aston ar.	*Jo. Hynde* 27. *Dec.* 1438.	Bowbch.f.54.b.
Ric. Bingham unus Justic. D. Regis de Banco, & Margar. ux. ejus.	*Thomas Barbour Cap.* 14. *Nov.* 1460.	Carp.vol.1.f.156.a.

[f] Domesd. lib.

[g] Ex autog. penès S. Roper ar.

[h] Reg. de Cumba f. 62.b.

[i] Testa de N.

[k] Plac. de 6 E. 1. rot. 7.

[l] Ib.

[m] Testa de N.

[n] Inq. per Hundr.

[o] MS. in Scac.

[p] Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 11.

[q] Esc. 17 Eliz.

[r] F. levat. in vigil. Petri & Pau.

[s] F. levat. craft. Purif.

[t] MS. in Scac.

[u] Rot. de Nonis garl &c.

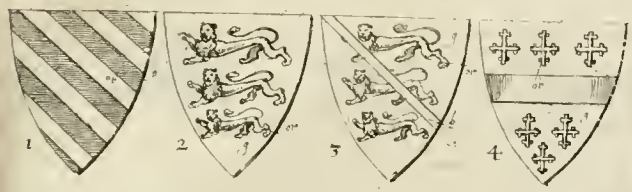
[w] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 21 b.

Margareta

ort.f.2.a.	*Margareta Bingham filia & hæres Baldw. Frevill mil.*	*D. Phil. Echington Cap.* 14. *Jan.* 1486.
g.2.f. 7.a.	*Henr. Willughby miles.*	*D. Ric. Hawle Cap.* 25. *Febr.* 1512.
ron.f.65.	*Joh. Willughby miles.*	*Rog. Freman Cap.* 17. *Feb.* 1533.
ath.f.26.	*Ph. & M. Rex & Regina, ratione minoris ætat. Thomæ fil. & hær. Henr. Willughby mil.*	*D. Will. Trentham Pbr.* 27. *Apr.* 1557.
ll.f.76.b.	*Thomas Ellesmere de Burmingham Tanner.*	*Henr. Evans Cler.* 21. *Apr.* 1602.
f.85.b.	*Thomas Spenser ar.*	*Rob. Sawer Cler.* 17. *Febr.* 1607.

Preston-Bagot

Armes in the Chancell windows



1 Mountfort of Beldesert.
2 England.
3 Henry Earle of Lancaster.
4 Beauchamp.

Upon a grave-stone in the Church this Epitaph.

Here lyeth John Randill, by birth a Somersetshire man, sometime a Student of the Law, regardfull of his own and publique Peace; who on the Purification of S. Mary in the yeare of our Redemption, dyed, 1626.

x f.ch.20 H. post m em H. Wlough-by ii.

IN this Church there was a *Chantrie* [x] founded by *Peter de Montfort* of **Beldesert**; who in 20 *E.* 2. gave xxx. acres of land, with a piece of meadow ground, as also v s. vi *d.* in silver, v. strikes of Muncorn, and one strike of Oats, to be yearly paid by certain Feoffees and their heirs, therewith intrusted, for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of our *Lady* within this parish-Church, for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Ancestors and successors.

Haselholt.

THis, if it were ever a place of habitation, hath now no appearance thereof, being onely certain grounds so called, having had its name from the situation, **Holt** in our antient English importing a Grove of Trees standing on high: Nor till 50 H. 3. have I found it mentioned, but then doth it appear [y] that *Peter de Montfort* (slain a little before in the battail of **Evesham**, as in **Beldesert** is shewed) had four marks of Rent issuing out of this place. After which, *viz.* in 14 E. 1. it was with **Beldesert** and divers other Lordships, entailed [z] by *Peter de Montfort* (son to the said *Peter*) upon the issue of his son *John* by *Alice* the daughter of *William de la Plaunche*, the extent [a] thereof being half a Knights Fee, and held of *Roger de Moubray*. But in 13 H. 4. *William de Beauchamp* Lord *Bergavenny* dyed [b] seized of it, together with the Castle and Mannour of **Beldesert**, whereof it was then reputed [c] a member, the reversion of it belonging to *William Boteler* of **Sudeley**, and *Baldwin* the son of Sir *Baldwin Freville* Knight, as heirs in tail.

y 50 H.

z 1. div. evat. sch. 4 1.

a 29 E. 0.

b Esc. 13 H. 4. n. 2.

c

Beldesert.

ON the East side of the last mentioned brook, runneth a Hilly tract, bordered with deep Vallies on each part, the point whereof maketh a kind of Promontorie, whose ascent being somewhat steep, gave occasion of the fortifying there, at first, considering its situation in these wood-land parts, where through the oportunity of so much sheiter, advantage was most like to be taken by the disherited English, and their ofspring, to make head, for their redemption from the Norman yoak. 'Tis not unlike but that this mountanous ground may be it which we find by the name of **Donnele** in the Conqueror's Survey; for, as that is therein recorded to be in the Earl of **Pellent's** possession, and ranked next unto **Preston** (before spoken of) so doth the name argue no lesse, **don** and **dune** in our old English signifying a Hill: But if it were so, this now called **Beldesert** is of a larger extent than that could be; for that was then certified [d] but at one hide, having a kind of Parke, or inclosure containing halfe a mile in length and as much in breadth; all which was valued at xxx *s.* having been the inheritance of *Alwoldus* in *Edw.* the Confessors days: Therefore, in case it were so, it must be concluded that a great part of the before specified **Preston** was afterwards added to it.

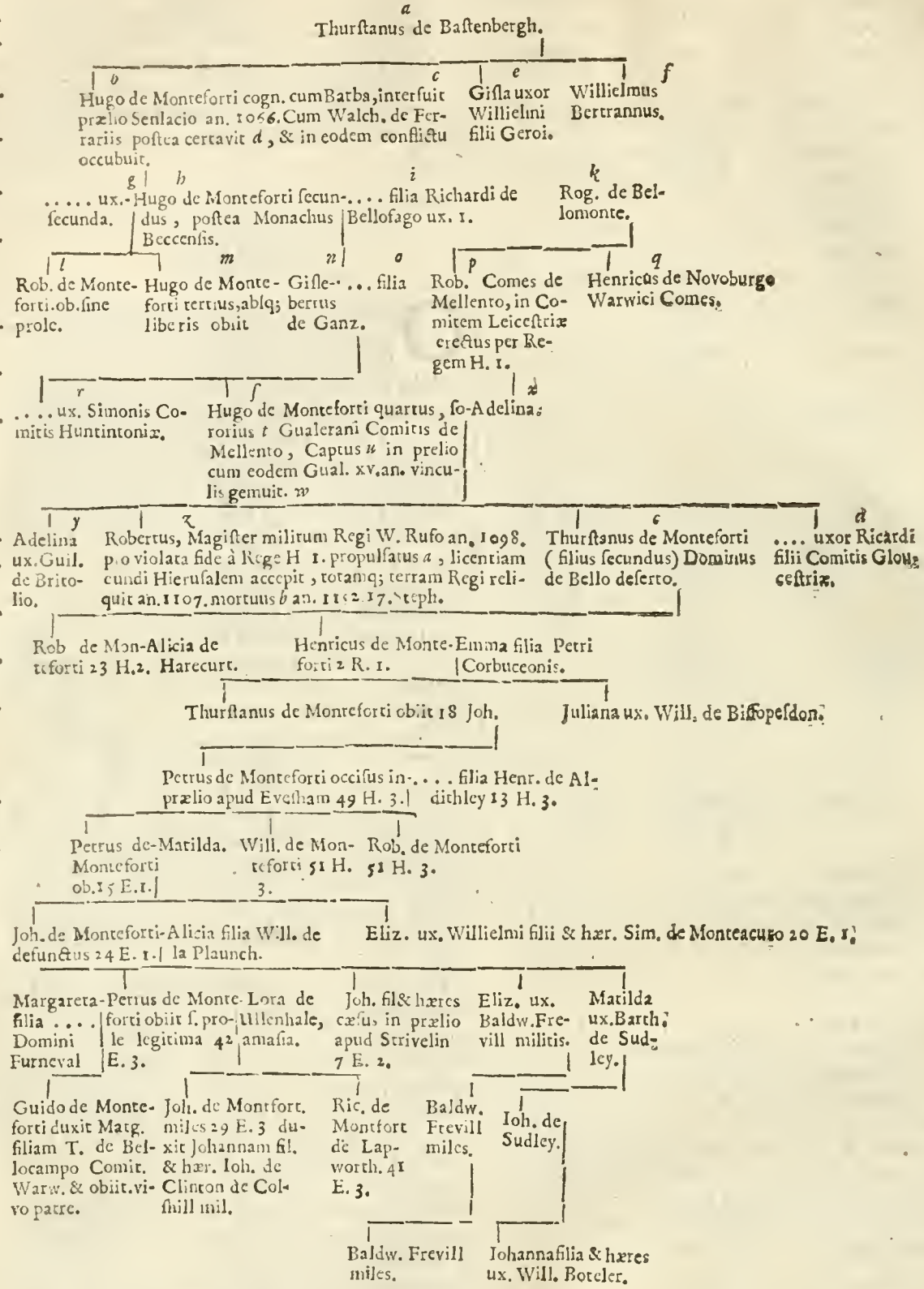
d Domesd. lib.

From this Earl of **Pellent** most sure it is, that the greatest part of what he possest in these parts, came soon after to *Henry de Newburgh*, his Brother, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; who thereof, and of divers other fair Lordships enfeoft [e] *Thurstane de Montfort*, his neere kinsman. Which *Thurstane*, finding it so capable of Fortification, erected thereupon that strong Castle, whereunto, by reason of its pleasant situation, the French name **Beldesert**) was given; which continued; the chief Seat of his Descendants for divers ages; but at length, through coheirs, coming to such Families whose principall mansions were in other places; to prevent the advantage, which in the times of civill dissention betwixt the Houses of **Yorke** and **Lancaster** might have been taken on either side to the prejudice of its owners (as I conceive) was either demolished, or suffred to go to ruine; so that now there is not only any one stone visibly left upon another, but the very Trenches themselves, notwithstanding their great depth and wideneſse, are so filled up, as that the Plough hath sundry times made furrows in every part of them, to the great advantage of the industrious Husbandman, whose pains, through the rankneſse of the soil, hath been richly rewarded with many a plentifull crop. But of this *Thurstane*, and his posterity residing here, I will now speak historically.

e Lib. rub. f. 101. a.

The first mention that I find [f] of him, is as a witneſse to the said Earl *Henry's* Charter, whereby he gave

f Reg. Colle. de warw. f. 7. b.



a *Hist. Norman. Script. p. 268. A.*
b *Ib. p. 289. A.*
c *Ib. p. 202. D.*
d *Ib. p. 372. A.*
e *Ib. p. 272. C.*
f g h i *Ib. p. 289. A.*
k *Ib. p. 197. A.*
l *Ib. 289. B.*
m n o *Ib. p. 289. A.*
p q *Ib. p. 269. A.*
r *Ib. p. 999. B.*
f *Ib. p. 289. A.*
t *Ib. p. 879. C.*
u *Ib. p. 880. C.*
w *Ib. p. 881. D.*
x *Ib. p. 289. A.*
y *Ib. p. 810. E.*
z *Ib. p. 289. A.*
a *Ib. p. 823. C.*
b *Ib. p. 824. C.*
c *Ex Reg. de Thorney p. 1 f. 10. a.*
d *Hist. MS. in bibl. Cotton. [Domit. A. 8.] f. 92. a.*

gave the Church of **Compton** as a Prebend to the Church of our Lady in **Warwick**: And after that, was the grant of *Margaret* Countesse of **Warwick** (widow to the said Earl) made to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, testified [g] by him; as also the Foundation [h] of that Collegiate-Church in **Warwick** by Earl *Roger* in 23 H. 1. and divers [i] other grants. Which *Thurstane*, in King *Stephen's* time obtained a Charter from *Maud* the Empresse for a Mercate at this his Castle of **Beldesert**, to be weekly kept upon the Sunday, a transcript whereof from the originall [k] I have here, for the rarity of it, inserted.

g *Reg. ac Kenilw. p. 19.*
h *Reg. Coll. de Warw. f. 12. a.*
i *Ib. f. 8. b.*
k *Penes S. A. eq. aur.*

M. Imperatrix H. *Regis filia*, Rogero *Com. de* **Warwic**, *& omnibus fidelibus suis Francis & Anglicis de* Warewicscire *salutem. Sciatis me concessisse* Thurstino de Monteforti *quod habeat Mercatum die Dominica ad Castellum suum de* Bellodeserto; *volo igitur & firmiter præcipio quatenus omnes euntes, & stantes, & redeuntes de Mercato prædicto habeant firmam pacem. Teste* Milone de Gloucestria *apud* Wintoniam.

Of this *Thurstane* it appears [l], that he dispossest the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridgeshire**, of certain lands lying in **Wenge** (*in Com. Rutl.*) which his brother *Robert* had bestowed on them by the consent of the Earl of **Warwick**, of whose Fee they were; neither would he make restitution thereof, nor discharge a debt in money, which his said brother owed to the Abbot, nor a Legacie that he gave to that Monasterie, till King *Stephen* by his speciall Precept, threatned him, that if he did not speedily do it, the Earl of **Warwick** should compell him, and in case of his neglect, the Bishop of

l *Reg. de Thorney p. 1. f. 24. a.*

Lincolne

Lincolne should see it done: whereupon he performed what had been so commanded, granting to the said Monks by his speciall Charter [m], for the health of his soul, with the soules of his wife and sons, and especially for the soul of his brother *Robert*, and all his Ancestors and successors, the half of the said town of **Wenge**, with the moitie of the Church and Mill, excepting the Fee of *Raph fitz Nigell*, and *Thurstane* his (the said *Thurstane's*) Esquire. For which grant (or rather confirmation) the said Monks gave to *Robert* his son a manc * of Gold. That he was a man of great note and power may easily be guessed by this his seat, were there nothing else to manifest it: but to make it more evident, I shall instance what is recorded upon that Certificate [n] made by *William* Earl of **Warwick** in 12 H. 2. which is, that he the said *Thurstane* then held of him ten Knights Fees and a fourth part *de veteri Feoffamento, id est*, whereof he had been enfeoft in H. 1. time: Howbeit, after 16 H. 2. I find no more mention of him, neither can I discover whom he married; but *Henry de Montfort* was his eldest son, who reobtained [o] possession of the Mannour of **Wellesburne** in this County, in 2 R. 1. whereof he had been disseised by King *H.* 2. which *Henry* was a Benefactor to the little Monastery at **Wotton-***Wawen* (hard by) giving [p] thereto his Mill at **Henley**, with a messuage, and some small proportion of land there; and to the Monks of **Bordsley**, to whom he granted [q] certain Fishing in **Avon**, about **Pillburough**.

To him succeeded *Thurstane de Montfort*, who had great suits [r] in King *John's* time, with *Eustace de Stutevill*, and *Nich. de Stutevill*, for part of **Cottingham** and other lands and Knights Fees in **Yorkshire**. This *Thurstane* in 16. *Joh.* had the King's Precept [s] directed to his Tenants that held of him by military service, to pay him Scutage, in regard that he had imployed Souldiers, in person, for the warr of **Poictou**; and bore [t] for his Armes *Bendé of six pieces Or and Azure*, as by his Seal appears. He also confirm'd [u] to the Monks of **Thorney** what his Ancestors had granted to them in **Wenge**: before mentioned: To the Nuns of **Pinley**, in this Countie, he gave [w] the tenth part of the povision in victuall for his Household; *viz.* Bread, Beer, Flesh, Fish, and other things pertaining to his Kitchin: whose munificence therein was so highly esteemed, that he and his posterity were reputed [x] for no lesse than Founders of that Religious House. Upon his death in 18 *Joh.* the wardship of *Peter* his son and heir, together with the custody of his lands, was comitted [y] to *William de Cantilupe*. Which *Peter*, in 11 H. 3. obtained a Charter [z] bearing date 10 *Febr.* for a weekly **Mercate** at this his Mannour of **Belvesert**, upon the Munday (that granted to *Thurstane* his Ancestor being grown out of use, I presume) By the same Charter was there also a **Fair** granted to him and his heirs, at this place, to be yearly kept for three days; *viz.* the Even, day, and morrow after the Feast of S. *Giles*; the Shiriff of this County having comand [a] to proclaim it accordingly: But, it seems, he was not out of his wardship at that time; for the same year did the said *William de Cantilupe* (his Guardian) procure [b] authoritie from the King, for receiving reasonable Aid from all the Tenants of the said *Peter* in this his Mannour of **Belvesert** and **Henley**.

This *Peter*, upon the King's transfretation with his Army into **Gascoin**, in 27. of his reign, had power to receive [c] Scutage of all his Knights Fees that he held of the Earl of **Warwick**, according to the rate of xl *s. per Scutum*: but being of a turbulent spirit, he ever sided with the rebellious Barons of that age, who the better to shadow their disloyall practises, first plotted their meetings, under colour of exercising themselves in martiall Tourneaments, which were forbidden by the King, who well foresaw the danger that might ensue; yet such was their boldnesse, as that, notwithstanding the same Prohibition, they met [d] at **Cambridge**, amongst whom he made one; whose lands thereupon, for that disobedient contempt, were presently seized [e] on: By which timely care of restraining them, all things were fairly quieted again, at least in shew; so that, within three years after, he, and many more of those haughty Spirits, attended [f] the King in person into **Gascoign**. And that he was a person of great qualitie, in those times, may appear by the Agreement betwixt him & *William de Beauchamp*, then E. of **Warwick**, for an inter-marriage betwixt each of their eldest sons and eldest daughters; whereupon they obtained a speciall Patent [g] from the King that in case either of them did die before the accomplishment of such marriage, and that his heir should be in minority, the intended match might, notwithstanding, hold, saving to the King onely the custody of the land. Which Patent was so granted to them 20 *Aug.* 32 *H.* 3. immediatly before that voyage for **Gascoin**. After which, *viz.* in 34 *H.* 3. he obtained a Charter [h] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here, and in divers other places: and in 35 *H.* 3. was constituted [i] Governor of **Hoxsian**-Castle in **Derbyshire**.

But amongst these his secular actions, I may not omit to tell what I find of his pious works; which is, that, about this time, he confirm'd [k] what his Ancestors had granted to the Monks of **Thorney**, within his Lordship of **Wenge** in **Rutl.** And, for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Alice* his wife, as also of his Father, Mother, Ancestors, and friends, whose bodies lay buried in the Priory of **Studley**, gave [l] to the Canons of that House all his demesn land called the **Vineyard**, situate within the Lordship of **Studley**. In 37 *H.* 3. he obtained the King's confirmation [m] of a marriage for one of his sons, with *Agnes* the eldest daughter to *Roger Bertram* of **Mitford** (a great Baron in the North.) In 40 *H.* 3. he was sent Ambassador [n] from the King into **France**. In 41. being made Warden [o] of the Marches towards **Montgumeri**, for his better performance of that service, he had [p] at the instance of Prince *Edward*, the custodie of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Staff.** as also the Castles of **Salop.** and **Bruges**, to dispose of the profits therein arising, as he should think best during the continuance of the Warrs with **Wales**; so that for the first year he was to hold those Counties, he should answer nothing to the Exchequer, but at the years end make his Account in the King's Wardrobe. In the next year following he was constituted [q] Governour of the Castles of **Bruges** and [r] **Ellesmere** in **Shropshire**. In 43 *H.* 3. he attended [s] the King into **France**, and bore for his Armes [t] *Bendé of six pieces Or and Azure*: yet all these high favours and Acts of trust from that King towards him, could not allay the heat of his proud and lofty stomack; For no sooner had the Rebellious Barons made head at [u] **Oxford**, where they forcing the King's assent to their disloyall and unjust

m *Ib. p.* 4. *f.* 1. *a.*

* *Nummus xxx. valens denar.* Coke's *Inst. p.* 1. *f.* 294. *b.*

n *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *a.*

o *Rot. P.* 2 *R.* 1.

p *Ex autog. penès Præpos. & Scol. Coll. R. cantab.*

q *Ex autog. in Offic. Arm.*

r *Rot. P.* 10 Ioh.

s *Clauf.* 16 Ioh. *in d.*

t *Ex autog. penès* T. Lucy *eq. aur.*

u *Reg. de Thorney p.* 4. *f.* 1. *b.*

w *Esc.* 29 E. 1. *n.* 96.

x *MS. penès* S. A. *q. aur. f.* 10

y *Clauf.* 18 oh. *m.* 6.

z *Cart.* 11 *H.* 3. *m.* 32.

a *Clauf.* 11 *H.* 3. *m.* 19.

b *Ib. m.* 9.

c *Clauf.* 27 *H.* 3. *m.* 6.

d, e *Rot. F.* 29 *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 8.

f *Clauf.* 32 *H.* 3. *in d.*

g *Pat.* 32 *H.* 3. *m.* 3.

h *Ex autog. penès Sim.* Montfort *de Bescote er.*

i *Pat.* 35 *H.* 3. *m.* 9.

k *Reg. de Thorney p.* 4. *f.* 4 *b.*

l *Cart.* 1 *r* 3. *m.* 3. *per Insp.*

m *Pat.* 37 *H.* 3. *m.* 7.

n *Clauf.* 40 *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 17.

o, p *Pat.* 41 *H.* 3. *m.* 2.

q *Pat.* 42 *H.* 3. *m.* 6.

r *Ib. m.* 9.

s *Pat.* 43 *H.* 3. *in d.*

t *Ex autog. penès* T. Luc. *eq. aur.*

u Math. Westm. *in An.* 1265.

juſt Ordinances, cauſed a choiſe of xxiv. perſons to to be made, by whoſe diſcretion the Kingdom ſhould be governed, than that this *Peter* ſhew'd himſelf the moſt forward amongſt them, being not onely one [w] of thoſe xxiv. ſo choſen to rule, as aforeſaid; but when all the reſt of them, except himſelf and four others, calmely conſidering the great confuſion, variance, and perill, then imminent, by reaſon of that ſtrange rupture, were content that thoſe Ordinances ſhould be made void, and the King reſtored to his former condition, he joyned [x] with them in oppoſing thereof.

w } *Ibid.*
x }

Howbeit, ſo confident was the King, that his own candid intention towards them had wrought a change in their affections, that in *January* following he ſent him Summons [y] to appear at **Hereford**, on Munday next after the Feaſt of the *Purification* of our Lady, well furniſht with Horſe and Armes to oppoſe the power of *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**, then in Rebellion: But I make a queſtion whether he obeyed this Precept or not; for in the beginning of *Aprill* next following, he was [z] in Armes againſt the King at **Northampton**, with a multitude of the other rebellious Barons, and there taken, upon the ſtorming of that town by the King's forces on the fift of that month; together with his two [a] ſons *Peter* and *Robert*, who were all ſent Priſoners [b] to the Caſtle of **Windſore**. Which diſtreſſe moved them and the reſt to hearken unto termes of accord with the King, from whom they ſoon obtained peaceable conditions (ſo ſoftned was his Princely heart with their ſeeming fair intentions for the future) whereupon by his Precept [c] to *Drogo de Barentine*, then Conſtable of **Windſore** Caſtle, dated the 17. of the ſame month of *May*, he appointed that the ſaid *Peter* and his ſons before ſpecified, ſhould be immediatly ſet at liberty: But loe the perfidiouſneſſe of theſe Conſpirators; for within two dayes following, they gave the King battail [d] at **Lewes** in **Suſſex**; where (through the Prince his too eager purſuit of that part of the Rebells Army which he had routed) he loſt [e] the day and was made their Priſoner [f]: But having elſewhere toucht the particulars of this Story, I will now go on with what concernes this *Peter de Montfort*: and that it may appear, how he was one of the moſt conſiderable perſons in that Rebellious pack, ſhall give ſeverall inſtances from the ſpeciall truſt and imployment he then had in the ſway of the Realm.

y *Clauſ.* 47 *H.* 3. *in d.* & *m.* 14.

z *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [8. *v.* 8. *Th.*] *f.* 138. *b.*

a } *Pat.* 48 *H.* 3.
b } *m.* 13

c *Pat.* 48 *H.* 3. *m.* 13.

d *In die S.* Dunſt. *Archiepiſc. ſcil.* 14. *Cal. Maii. MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20.] *f.* 120. *a.*

e } *Ib. f.*
f } 119. *b.*

Shortly after this Victory at **Lewes**, ſo obtain'd, they agreed [g] amongſt themſelves, that ix. Perſons ſhould be nominated to exerciſe Regall power, whereof three, at leaſt, to be conſtantly reſident in Court, for diſpoſing of the cuſtody of all Caſtles, and other affaires; with the nomination of the Chancelour, Juſtices, Treaſurer, and all other Officers, great and ſmall, tending to the government of the Kingdom; of which number this *Peter* [h] was one: which perſons, ſo appointed, made [i] uſe of the great Seal, tranſacting all things, touching the ſtate of the Realm, in the King's name; and amongſt other their doings conſtituted Commiſſioners [k] to the King of **France**, and the Popes Legate, to reforme (as they term'd it) and ſettle the Kingdom, whoſe names I ſhall here recite; *viz. Henry de Sandwich* Biſhop of **London**, *Walter de Cantilupe* Biſhop of **Worceſter**, *John of Oxford* Biſhop of **Winchester**, *Hugh Deſpenſer* Juſtice of **England**, *Peter de Montfort* (before ſpecified) and *Richard de Mepham* Archdeacon of **Oxford**:

g *In vigil. Apoſt.* Petri & Pauli *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [8. *v.* 8. *Th.*] *f.* 140. *a.*

h *Ibid.*

i *Pat.* 48 *H.* 3. *in d.*

k *Ibid.*

In which Commiſſion, bearing date at **Canterbury** the Saturday after the Feaſt of the *Nativity* of our Lady (*ſcil.* 8. *Sept.*) there was a more eſpeciall power given to our *Peter*, than any of the reſt; that is to ſay, that whatſoever he ſhould ſwear to do, the King muſt be bound by it. *Dantes inſuper præfato* Petro *poteſtatem jurandi in animam noſtram, quod nos quicquid ipſe in præmiſſis nomine noſtro duxerit faciendum, ratum habeamus & acceptum* (for theſe are the words thereof.) And after this, by another [l] Commiſſion, bearing date at **Dover** 24. of the ſame month of *September*, was the ſaid *Peter* ſingly ſent to the before ſpecified Legate, to treat with him privately about thoſe things, with deſire that he might make as quick a return as might be: the intent of all this application to the Legate, being no other than to daub up their diſloyall dealings towards the King, with fair and ſpecious pretences to the Pope, leaſt he ſhould thunder out his Curſes againſt them.

l *Ibid. m.* 2.

But, beſides theſe eminent imployments, I find, that by the ſame authority of the King's great Seal, he had the cuſtody [m] of **Whyptenton** Caſtle in **Shropſhire** committed to his charge, by a Patent dated at **Woodſtoke** 19. *Decembris*, and the next day following, of [n] **Hereford** Caſtle, to which, about the midſt of *May*, they removed [o] the King; and on the twentieth of that month made out a Precept [p] to *Walter de Evereus*, then Shiriff of **Herefordſhire**, for delivering the iſſues of that Countie to this our *Peter*, for the better ſtrengthning of that Caſtle. And that nothing for conveniency to him in theſe his high tranſactions ſhould be wanting, he had by the ſame authority a grant [q] of Prince *Edward's* lodgings at **Weſtminſter**. But loe the inſtability of earthly greatneſſe, eſpecially ſuch as is raiſed by diſloyall ſubjects upon the deſigned ruine of their rightfull Soveraign; for it was not many days after, that the Prince, making [r] his eſcape from this Caſtle of **Hereford**, like a ſuddain flaſh of lightning broke through a cloud, raiſed ſuch a powerfull Army, that on the day [s] before the *Nones* of *Auguſt* following, he came upon the whole ſtrength of thoſe Rebellious Barons at **Evesham** in **Worceſterſhire** like terrible thunder, where, obtaining a compleat Victorie, this our famous *Peter de Montfort*, with divers more of the principall perſons in that Tragedie, was ſlain [t]. Whereupon the then Shiriff of this County (*ſc. William Bagot*) had command [u] to extend this Lordſhip, and the reſt of his lands in theſe parts; but *propter reſiſtentiam inimicorum* *, as the Record expreſſeth, being not able to do it, the K. directed a Commiſſion [w] to the Abbot of **Weſtdeſley** and Prior of **Studley**, to take notice of the particular number of acres, of Land, Meadow, Wood, and Paſture, and the value of each; as alſo of thoſe that held in villenage, with the Rents and ſervices of the Freeholders, and to certifie the ſame into his Exchequer.

m *Pat.* 49 *H.* 3. *m.* 26.

n *Ibid.*

o *Ib. m.* 17. & 16.

p *Ib. m.* 15.

q *Pat.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 20.

r *In hebdom. Pentec. MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [K. 84.] *f.* 62. *b.*

s *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [Med. 20.] *f.* 120. *b.* & 121. *b.*

t M. Pariſ. *p.* 999. *n.* 20.

* *Viz. the Rebells in* Kenilw. *Caſtle.*

u } *Pat.* 50 *H.*
w } 3. *in dorſo.*

This *Peter* wedded [x] *Alice* the daughter of *Henry de Aldithley*, and left iſſue *Peter*, *William*, and *Robert*; which *William* had [y] the Mannour of **Uppingham** in **Rutl.** of his Fathers gift, and *Robert* other lands [z] in that Countie; who, notwithſtanding his activeneſſe on the Barons part, with his Father, was afterwards received [a] into grace with the King. Having now done with his Story, I can do no leſſe than obſerve, that in him was this Family in the Meridian of its glory, which thenceforth daily faded; for being the fourth in deſcent from

x *Clauſ.* 13 *H.* 3. *m.* 18. *Cart.* 1 *E.* 3. *m.* 1. *per Inſp.*

y *Ex autog. penes* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

z } *Pat.* 51
a } *H.* 3. *in dorſo.*

from *Thurſtane*, who was firſt inrich't with ſuch fair poſſeſſions by his kinſman, the Earl of **Warwick's** gift; and honoured with many imployments of ſpeciall truſt, through the great favour of his ſoveraign, being puft up with blind ambition, which prompted him to a confederacy with the Rebellious Barons of that age, he became partaker of that deſerved deſtruction, which befell them. After which, the luſtre of his deſcendants, though no whit abridg'd of their antient Patrimony (in regard af that indulgent Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, which admitted them to grace upon favourable termes) began daily to diminiſh, till in the like fourth deſcent his male line was in a manner extinct, much of the antient inheritance, with this Caſtle, their principall ſeat, then divolving to other Families by daughters and heirs; and the memorie of his name preſerved only in an illegitimate ofspring, as by the Pedegree is cleerly ſhewed.

I now come to *Peter* his eldeſt ſon. This man ſiding with his ſaid Father in thoſe Rebellious actions before ſpecified, was with him taken priſoner [b] at **Northampton** in 48 H. 3. being, as it ſeems, the Commander in Chief of the Forces there met; for no leſſe doth an Hiſtorian [c] of that time teſtifie——*Horum erat præcipuus* Petrus de Monteforti *junior* (ſaith he) *qui ad caſtrum confugerat, ſed in craſtino reddidit ſe:* Nevertheleſſe, being enlarged [d] (as I have already ſhewed) the next mention I find of him is, that he was again taken [e] in the battail of **Evesham** (wherein his Father loſt his life) and thereupon comitted to [f] *Thomas de Clare*, unto whom his forfeited lands were granted; whereof he the ſaid *Thomas* received the benefit according to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, before mentioned: but ſhortly after, notwithſtanding theſe his demerits: was not only admitted to grace and favour with the King, who by a ſpeciall Patent [g] dated 28. *Jan.* 51. of his reign, releaſed unto him *omnem indignationem & animi rancorem, ratione turbationis, &c.* (for thoſe are the words) but beſides his paternall inheritance, into which he was, by the ſaid Decree, again ſo reinveſted, had reſtitution [h] of an Annuitie of Lv *li. per annum* to be paid out of the Exchequer to himſelf and his heirs, which had been formerly granted to his Father, in lieu of certain woods lying in the Foreſt of **Rutland**, wherein he had quitted his title to the ſaid King.

After which I find, that reſolving [i] on a Pilgrimage to S. *James*, in **Gallicia**, he [k] conſtituted *Humphrey de Haſtang*, and *Richard de Wrenhull*, or one of them, his Atturney to tranſact his affairs in the mean time: but whether he went the ſame year or not (being 56 H. 3.) I am not certain; for in 3 E. 1. he had another [l] Licenſe to that purpoſe; and, within a ſhort ſpace, grew in ſuch eſteem with King *Edward*, that being imployed [m] in his ſervice for the warrs of **Wales** 5 E. 1. in 8. of that King's reign, he granted [n] unto the renowned Queen *Elianore*, the marriage of *John* his ſon and heir, with power that ſhe ſhould diſpoſe of him, in that kind, to whom ſhe pleaſed: and in 11 E. 1. attended [o] the King in that Welch expedition, wherein thoſe parts were wholy reduced [p] to obedience, for which ſervice he was acquitted [q] of L *li.* debt due by him to have been paid into the Exchequer. This *Peter* altered his coat of Armes, from what his Father and grandfather bore, [r] changing their *Bendé of ſix pieces to Bendé often*, but retaining the Colours; and departed [s] this life in 15 E. 1. leaving iſſue *John* his ſon and heir, and *Elizabeth* a daughter, afterwards [t] married to *Will.* ſon and heir of *Simon de Montacute*; for which Lady there is yet ſtanding a very beautifull Monument of Marble, with her ſtatue cut to the life, on the North ſide of the Quire at *Chriſt Church* in **Oxford** (heretofore the Conventuall Church of S. *Friduſwides* Monaſterie there) where there was afterwards a *Chantrie* of two ſecular Prieſts founded to [u] celebrate divine ſervice daily for her ſoul, and for the ſouls of the ſaid *William de Montacute*; as alſo of *John Bokyngham* Biſhop of **Lincolne**, Sir *Peter de Montfort*, her father, the Lady *Maud* her mother; and of *John de Montacute*, *William de Montacute* Earl of **Salisbury**, *Simon de Montacute* Biſhop of **Ely**, *Edward de Montacute*, *Alice de Aubenie*, the Lady *Mary Cogan*, *Elizabeth* Prioreſſe of **Halliwell**, the Lady *Hawiſe Bavent*, the Lady *Maud* Abbeſſe at **Berking**, the Lady *Iſabell* a Nun of **Berking**, children of him the ſaid Sir *William de Montacute* and her: and moreover for the ſouls of Sir *Thomas de Furnivall* her ſecond husband, Sir *Peter Limſie* her kinſman, and *Simon Iſlip*; and for the ſouls of all her parents and friends.

But of the ſaid *John de Montfort*, do I find very little memorable, other than that he took to wife [w] *Alice* the daughter of *Will. de la Plaunche*; by whom he had iſſue *John* and *Peter*, with two daughters, *viz. Eliz.* and *Maud*, whoſe iſſue came to poſſeſſe a great part of the inheritance pertaining to this family, as I ſhall ſhew anon: for *John* their elder brother, who was one [x] of the murtherers of *Peirs de Gaveſton*, having in 7. E. 2. received his Pardon [y] for that offence, march't with our Engliſh Army into **Scotland**, and there loſt [z] his life in the battail of **Striveling**, without iſſue, *Peter* the other brother having none legitimate. Which *Peter* (for I am next in courſe to ſpeak of him) was firſt in [a] Holy Orders; but after his brother's death, enjoying a fair inheritance, notwithſtanding his ſacred function, was ſo diſpenſed with (as it ſeems) that he betook [b] himſelf to the world and became a Knight [c]: And ſtanding loyall to King E. 2. in the time of that great defection, when ſo many adhered to *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaſter**; had a joint Commiſſion [d] with *Will. de Beauchamp* and *Roger de Aylesbury* for the ſafe cuſtody of the City of **Worceſter**. In 20. of that King's reign he was made Governour [e] of **Warwick** Caſtle, then in the King's hands, by reaſon of the Earls minority. In 18, 19, 25, and 26. of E. 3. one [f] of the Commiſſioners for conſervation of the Peace in this County. In [g] 20. for arraying of Clx. Archers; and in [h] 29. for putting the Statute of Labourers in execution.

This *John* took to wife [i] *Margaret* daughter of the Lord *Furnivall*, but by her had iſſue no more than one onely ſon called *Guy*; betwixt whom and *Margaret* one of the daughters to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, there was a marriage in 21 E. 3. by vertue of a ſpeciall diſpenſation [k] from *Roger Northburgh* Biſhop of **Coventry & Lichfield**, having authority from Pope *Clement* the ſixt for the ſame, in regard they ſtood allied in the third and fourth degrees of Conſanguinity; which marriage was deſigned [l] by the ſaid *Peter* and the Earl, for the better founding a league of friendſhip betwixt them and their poſteritie, in regard that many ſuits had been betwixt their Anceſtors, by reaſon

b *Pat.* 48 H. 3. *m.* 13.
c *Math. weſtm.*
d *Pat.* 48 H. 3. *m.* 13. *Math. W.*
e *Pat.* 56. H. 3. *m.* 17.
f *Pat.* 51 H. 3. *in d.*
g *Claus.* 52 H. 3. *m.* 8.
h *Pat.* 56 H. 3. *m.* 22.
i *Claus.* 3 E. 1. *in d. m.*
k *Pat.* 5 E. 1. *m.* 23.
l *Claus.* 8 E. 1. *in d. m.*
m *Claus.* 11 E. 1. *m.* 2.
n *Ex autog. penès T. Cy eq.*
o *Claus.* 11 E. 1. *m.* 2.
p *T. Walſ.* 11 E. 1. *m.* 40.
q *Claus.* 11 E. 1. *m.* 2.
r *Ex autog. penès T. Cy eq.*
s *Rot. F.* 15 E. 1. *m.* 15.
t *Pat.* 20 E. 1. *m.* 9.
u *Pat.* 3 R. 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 23.
w *F. de div. Com. levat. xv. Paſch.* 14 E. 1.
x *Pat.* 7 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15. *in ced.*
y *Pat.* 7 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15. *in ced.*
z *Chron. MS.* H. Knighton *in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 116. *b.*
a *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Dom. Aſton.
b *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Dom. Aſton.
c *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Dom. Aſton.
d *Pat.* 15 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.
e *Rot. F.* 20 E. 2. *m.* 4.
f *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*
g *Rot. Franc.* 20 E. 3. *m.* 29.
h *Pat.* 29 E. 3. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 8.
i *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. Montfort.
k North. *f.* 113. *b*
l North. *f.* 113. *b*

son that their lands in divers places lay contiguous. Shortly after which marriage there was an estate in tail [m] made of this Castle and Mannour, with divers other Lordships lying in this Countie, as also in the Counties of **Nott. Rutl.** and **Surrey**; whereby for want of issue by the said *Guy* and *Margaret*, they were, after the decease of the said Sir *Peter*, to remain unto *Tho. de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of the said Earl. Which *Thomas* having obtained such an estate thereof in reversion, in 35 E. 3. (the same *Guy* being then dead without issue) entailed [n] the same upon *Thomas* his son and heir, and the heirs male of his body, and for lack of such issue on *William* his second son (afterwards Lord *Bergavenny*) and the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue on his own right heirs.

But all this while was Sir *Peter de Montfort* living; who having had certain issue by an old Concubine [o], called *Lora de Ullenhale*, in E. 2. time, (daughter [p] to one *Richard Astley* of **Ullenhale**) took care for their advancement, as may appear by those possessions they enjoyed, whereof I have taken notice in due place: And being grown an old man, made his Testament [q], bearing date on Saturday next after the Feast of the *Conception* of our Lady *anno* 1367. (41 E. 3.) by which he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of the *Friers Preachers* at **Warwick**, whereunto he gave x *li.* that the said Friers should pray for his soul. To the Nuns of **Pinley** he gave x. marks for the like purpose; and to the Lady *Lora de Astley* (his old paramour) then a Nun there, C *s.* To Sir *Baldw. Frevill*, the elder, Kt. (his kinsman) xx *li.* To his son *Richard de Montfort* all his silver and gilt plate; as also all his goods moveable and unmoveable, lying in his Mannours of **Kingshurst** in this Countie, and of **Does** in **Wiltshire**; bequeathing C *li.* to be given to certain Priests to pray for the souls of his Father and Mother, and all the faithfull deceased; and appointing that every of his old servants should be rewarded at the discretion of his Executors, and within two years after, died; for the Probate of his said Testament bears date 19. *Cal. Feb. anno* 1369. (43 E. 3.) Of which *Peter* all that I have seen farther memorable, is, that in 20 *E.* 2. he gave [r] certain lands and Rent for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine service daily in the Parish-Church of **Preston-***Bagot*, for the health of his own soul, as also the souls of his Ancestors, & successors (whereof I have more particularly spoke in my discourse of that place.) But that which I have to say of his posterity, I reserve to be spoken in **Colshill**, where they setled by the marriage of *John* his eldest illegitimate son, with *Joan* the daughter and heir to Sir *John de Clinton* Knight. And shall now returne to make enquiry through what hands this Castle and Mannour hath since past.

In which I find, that *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** (son to the said Earl, by whom the said entail was made as aforesaid) by his Deed bearing [s] date at **Warwick** 19. *Julii* 50 E. 3. granted unto Sir *William Beauchamp* Knight his brother, an estate for terme of life therein, for the yearly Rent of a Red Rose payable at the Feast of S. *John Baptist*. But the inheritance thereof did the said Earl passe [t] away to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, and Sir *Thomas Boteler*, who were the right heirs to *Montforts* lands: whereupon in 9 R. 2. upon the agreement for a partition betwixt Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, and Sir *Thomas Boteler* Knight, of all the lands, which, by the marriage of those coheirs unto their Ancestors, were descended to them, it was accorded [u], that when the said *William Beauchamp* should happen to depart this life, the same Sir *Baldwin* and his heirs, should (*inter alia*) entirely enjoy this Mannour of **Beaudesert** in case the said Sir *Thomas Boteler* had satisfaction in other lands by a reasonable extent in lieu of his right therein. And the same Sir *William Beauchamp* by his Instrument [w], dated at **London** 5. *Febr.* 17 R. 2. wherein he is stiled *Seigneur de Bergaynne*, reciting the before specified grant, made by his brother Thomas Earl of **Warwick** to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, son and heir to Sir *Baldwin* as aboveseid, attourned accordingly.

But it should seem that *Frevill* did not afterwards make such an assignation to *Butler* of any lands to equalize the interest he had here in **Beldesert**; and that in default thereof, there was another partition, by which *Butler* had the site of the Castle and the Park wherein it stood, and certain other lands in **Beldesert**, with the advouson of the Church (all which past by the name of the Mannour of **Beldesert**) together with the town of **Henley** as parcell [x] of the Mannour of **Beldesert**: for by an Inquis. [y] taken after the death of Sir *Raph Boteler* of **Sudley** Knight, in 13 E. 4. it appeareth, that he dyed seized of all these, leaving Sir *John Norbury* Knight, and *Henry Belknap* Esquire his cosins and heirs (as by the Descent in **Giffe** appeareth) From which Sir *John* and *Henry* did King *Edward* the fourth in 17. of his reign obtain it, as by an Obligation [z] in two thousand marks, wherein they the same Sir *John* and *Henry* became bound unto the said King, to release all their right and title therein, by the name of the Mannour of **Beaudesert** with the appurtenances, four Messuages, four Gardens, two Acres of Land, *CCCC.* acres of Meadow, a thousand Acres of Pasture, *CCCC.* acres of Wood, and xii *li.* of Rent, with the appurtenances, in **Beaudesert**, **Henley**, **Whitley**, and **Ulnhale**, unto *John* Bishop of **Worcester**, *Anthony Wydevile* Earl *Rivers*, and others, to the use of the said King, appears. And in 21 of his reign constituted [a] *Thomas Frebody* Receiver to his Highnesse thereof, together with other Mannours in these parts: From which time it continued in the Crown, till King *Edward 6.* by Patent dated 22. *Dec.* in the first year of his reign, past [b] it away by the name of the Mannour of **Henley** in **Arden**, *alias* **Henly-Beaudesert**, with two Parks thereunto belonging, unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, and his heirs. Which coming again to the Crown in 1 *Mariæ* by his attainder (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) was by Q. *Elizabeth* in the fourth of her reign, granted [c] to *Ambrose Dudley* then Earl of **Warwick**, and the heirs of his body: who dying issueless, it returned again to the Crown; from whence *Alderman Cawdwell*, a Londoner, purchased the site of the Castle, with the Park wherein it stood, in our time.

But the residue of **Beldesert**, which *Frevill* enjoyed, descended to *Baldwin* his son and heir; who died [d] seized thereof upon Thursday in the third week of Lent 5 *H.* 5. *Eliz.* wife to *Tho. Ferrers* Esquire (a younger son to the Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby**) one of the sisters to the said Sir *Baldwin*; *Robert Aston*, son of Sir *Roger Aston* Knight, and *Joice* his wife, another sister, and *Margaret* the

m *F. de div. com. levat. Oct. Hill. 22 E. 3. Rec. xv. Pasch. 23 E. 3.*

n *F. de div. com. levat. 3 sept. Mich. 35 E. 3.*

o *Esc. 13 H. 4.*

p *Ex autog. penès præf. S. Montfort.*

q *Witlesey f. 111.*

r *Esc. 20 H. 8. post mor. Henr. Willoughby mil.*

s *Ex autog. in bibl. Hat. ton.*

t *F. levat. xv. Mart. 17 R. 2.*

u *Ex autog penès Ioh. Ferrers ar.*

w *Ex autog penès Car D Caring ton.*

x *Clauſ. 1 E. 4 m. 1:*

y *Esc. 13 E. 4. n. 58.*

z *Clauſ. 1 E. 4. in d m. 18.*

a *Pat. 21 E. 4. p. 1. m. 7*

b *Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 6.*

c *Pat. 4 Eliz. p. 4.*

d *Esc. 6 H. 5. n. 47.*

the wife of *Hugh Willoughby*, the third sister, being found his heirs: Betwixt whom Partition [e] also was afterwards made: by vertue whereof (as it seems) this, by the name likewise of the Mannour of **Beldesert**, was allotted to *Aston*; for I find that Sir *Edward Aston* of **Tickhall** *in Com. Staff.* Knight, son of Sir *Walter*, being seized thereof, sold it [f] in 36. *Eliz.* to *Francis Smyth* of **Wotton-Wawen** Esquire and his heirs; who in 15 *Jac.* obtained a Charter [g] of **Freewarren** in all his demesn lands here, and dying seized thereof, left it to Sir *Charles* his son and heir (since created Lord *Carington*) the present owner thereof.

e *Recup. de T. Trin. 22. H. 6. rot. 472. Et term. Mich. 23. H. 6. rot. 124.*

f *F. levat. xv. Pasch. 36. Eliz.*

g *Pat. 15. Jac.*

Of the Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) I find no mention at all in that Taxation of *Anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) But in 14 *E.* 3. the [h] Record runneth thus, *Ecclesia de* **Beldesert** *non extenditur propter paupertatem, sed valet per annum xl s.* and in 26 *H.* 8. it was rated [i] at viii *li.* there being at that time ii *s.* yearly payable out of it for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and ii *s.* as a *Pension* to the Church of **Wotton.**

h *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.*

i *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 21. a.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Petrus de Monteforti.	*D. Ric. de Budiford Cap. 6. Non. Martii* 1327. *Joh. de Grafton Accol.* 15. *Oct.* 1331.
D. Episcopus.	*Joh. de Alne Pbr. ult. Julii* 1332.
D. Petrus de Monteforti.	*Henr. de Pyrie Pbr. 4. Aug.* 1333. *Galfr. Capellanus de Ilminton* 1. *Feb.* 1368.
D. Will. de Bellocampo dominus de Bergavenny.	*D. Henr. Leeke Pbr.* 8. *Julii* 1407.
Rad. Boteler miles. Rob. Aston. ar.	*Rob. Loughborough Cap.* 25. *Sept.* 1439.
Rad. Boteler dominus de Sudley.	*D. Joh. Hopkyns* 24. *Jan.* 1451.
Henr. 7. Rex Angliæ.	*D. Jac. Gardner Cap.* 22. *Maii* 1491. *D. Joh. Normecote Pbr.* 9. *Feb.* 1497.
Joh. Comes Warwic. Vic. L'isle.	*Will. Squier Cler.* 25. *Feb.* 1550.
Ambrosius Comes Warwici.	*Magr. Will. Bolton art. Magr. 26. Martii.* 1573. *Will. Doverdale Cler.* 12. *Oct.* 1580.
Jacobus Rex Angl. &c.	*Joh. Ellie Cler.* 26. *Nov.* 1606.

Horl. vol. 2. f. 13. & 21. a.

Horl. vol. 1. f. 29. a.

Horl. vol. 2. f. 50. a.

Mont. f. 12. b.

S. Germ. f. 119 b.

Cliff. f. 99.

Bourch. f. 65. a.

Carp. vol. 1. 99. b.

Mort. f. 14. b.

Gyg. 1. f. 5.

Heath f. 5. b.

Bul. f. 7. b.

b. f. 18. b.

b f. 83. b.

Henley.

IN speaking of this place next, I shall somewhat thwart my accustomed order, in regard it is in the parish of **Wotton-Wawen**: but considering that it hath so antiently belonged to the Family of *Montfort*, whereof I have last discoursed; and that it lyes so neer unto **Beldesert**, whereunto I conclude that it was in some sort antiently annexed, I have thought it most proper to be here taken notice of. In the Conquerors Survey there is nothing at all of it, in respect it is there involved with **Wotton**, whereof it was originally a member, and granted (as I conceive) by one of the Barons of *Stafford* to the first *Montfort* that seated himself at **Beldesert.** Nor till King *Stephen*'s time, that *Maud* the Empresse granted to *Thurstane de Montfort* a **Mercate** at that his Castle, formerly spoke of, was there any habitation here (as I guess) the first building having been occasioned (as is most probable) for reception of, and accomodations to *Mercate*-people, it lying at the very foot of the Hill whereon the said Castle stood, and upon the common Road leading from **Stratford** *super* **Avon** to **Bermingham**: for the soonest mention that ever I could meet with of it, is in a grant [k] of the Mill to the Monks of **Wotton**, by *Henry de Montfort*, in H. 2. time. And the next to that is in 5 *H.* 3. where *Peter de Montfort* had a grant of [l] a **Mercate** here, upon the Munday every week; and an yearly **Faire** for two days, *viz.* the Even and day of S. *Giles*; whereof he was to take benefit till he should come of age. In which Record it is called **Hanley**, but in truth it ought to have been written **Heanley**, as the ordinary sort of people doe still pronounce it; for that was its originall name, and occasioned from the ascending ground, whereunto it is so neerly situate, **hean** in our old English signifying *high*.

k *Ex autog. penès Præpos. & Scol. Coll. Regal. Cantab.*

l *Clauf. 5. H. 3. m. 6.*

Which dayes for the **Mercate** and **Faire**, being one and the same with that of **Beldesert**, granted to the said *Peter* and his heirs in 11 *H.* 3. (though here expresst *apud Manerium suum de* **Hanley**, and there *apud Manerium suum de* **Beaudesert**) doth much fortifie my former conjecture: but as for the manner of the grant, they onely thus differ; *viz.* that in this place it is limitted to him alone, and to continue till his coming of full age; and in the other to him and his heirs: from whence may also be inferred, that in 11 *H.* 3. he was out of minoritie. In those days it yielded [m] xv *li. per annum* Rent, the *Toll* and the Eschaets being valued at five marks; but after the battail of **Evesham**, it answered very little, in [o] regard it was then burnt. In 13 E. 1. I find, that *Peter de Montfort*, son to the said *Peter*, claimed [p] to have here divers Liberties, *viz.* Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, as also a **Mercate** and **Free-warren** within this his Mannour; and for the **Mercate** and **Free-warren** produced the Charter of King H. 3. but for the rest pleaded Prescription, which was allowed: And in 24 E. 1. that upon the extent of *John de Montfort's* lands, he dyed [q] seized thereof, it being there termed *Burgus de* **Henleye**; as also that there were then Lxix. Burgesses, which payd vii *li.* xviii *s.* x *d. ob.* Rent; and likewise a Park, with two Water Mills; and moreover that the Pleas and perquisites of Court, extended to Lviii *s.* all which were held of *Edmund* Baron of **Stafford**, by the service of iii *s.* or one pair of Scarlet Hose.

m *Esc. 56. H. 3. n.*

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p *Rot. de Quo W.*

q *Esc. 24. E. 1. n. 59.*

It seems that the **Mercate** here, grew in time to be well frequented; for in 10 E. 3. the Inhabitants of this town procured License [r] from the King to take *Toll* of all corn and other comodities brought hither to be sold for the space of 3 years, towards the defraying their charge of paving the streets; which work being not then compleated, they obtained another [s] Patent for the like *Toll* for the space of three years more: Neither did this allowance finish the said paving; for in 6 R. 2. they had a third Patent [t] for taking *Toll* in like sort during the terme of five years more.

r *Pat. 10. E. 3. p. 2. m. 32.*

s *Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 1. m. 42.*

t *Pat. 6. R. 2. p. 2. m. 16.*

As to the entail of this Mannour, whereby the remainder, for lack of issue by *Guy de Montfort*, was setled upon *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**

wick, and the heirs of his body, I shall not need to say more than what is expreſt in Beldesert: neither when or how the inheritance thereof was passed out of the said Earl, or his son: But certain it is, that Sir *William Beauchamp* Lord *Bergavenny* held it for life: for by the partition [u] made betwixt Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, and Sir *Thomas Boteler* in 9 R. 2. (whereof in Beldesert I have spoke) so much is intimated, and an accord then made betwixt them, that the same Sir *Baldwin* should have this Mannour of Henley, intirely, after the death of the said Sir *William Beauchamp*, in case he did passe to him the said Sir *Thomas* other lands of as good value; which it seems he did not do; for it is most cleer, that the heirs of *Boteler* afterwards enjoy'd it; and that Sir *Raph Boteler* Knight, Lord *Sudley*, by an ample Charter [w] in 27 H. 6. wherein is recited, that himself and his Ancestors, possessors of this town and Mannour, used to have a Court-Leet of all their Tenants, and other persons resident within the same, twice every year, there to be held, with Weyfs, Estreys, and whatsoever else to a Leet belonged: as also a Mercate every Munday, all which were then confirmed; had moreover a grant, that himself and his heirs, by their Bayliffs, or Officers, should within the precincts thereof, have Return of Writts and Precepts, and Summons from the Exchequer, Extraits, and Precepts of the Justices of both Benches, and Itinerant, together with Attachments, aswell of Pleas of the Crown, as Bills and Precepts of the Steward, Marshall and Clerke of the Mercate of the said King's houshold, his heirs and successors; so that no Shiriff nor other Officer should have power to enter therein, concerning any execution of their Office: As also of *Infangthef*, *Outfangthef*, Goods of Felons and Fugitives, or of any condemned persons: and that no Purveyor for the King's Houshold should take any thing there, of him the said Sir *Raph* or his Tenants, or any person resident within the precincts thereof. All which Tenants the said King did thereby acquit of *Toll*, *Stallage*, *Pontage*, *Pavage*, *Poundage*, *Murage*, *Kaiage* and *Chiminage*, in whatsoever places throughout the Realm: And lastly that he the said *Raph*, and his heirs; should have here every year 2. Faires, *scil.* one on the Tuesday in *Whitson-week*, to continue for two dayes following, and the other upon the Feast-day of S. *Luke* the Evangelist, and two days after: which Charter bears date at Westminster xvi *Maii.* the year above specified.

From which Family of *Boteler* it came by daughters and heirs to Sir *John Norbury* Knight, and *William Belknap* Esquire, and so accompanying the possession of Beldesert (as by the authorities, which I have there cited, may be seen) returned to the Crown by the death of *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of Warwick, without issue; and continued therein, till that King *James* by his Letters Patent bearing date 23. *Sept.* 17. of his reign, past it [x] to *John* Lord *Digby* and his heirs, with divers Mannours and lands lying in other Counties, in consideration of 13000 *li.* allowed him by his Majestie towards the defraying of his charges in his Spanish Embassie.

The Chapell here (dedicated to S. *John Baptist*) was built about the 41. year of King *Edw.* 3. as appears by the confirmation [y] thereof then made by *William Witlesey* Bishop of Worcester; in which is expreſt, that it was erected at the sole charges of the Inhabitants, in regard of the large distance, and foul ways in Winter-time, betwixt this Village and the Parish Church of Wootton-*Wawen*; and by the consent of *William de Senye* then Prior of Wotton (unto which Religious House the said mother Church of Wotton was appropriated) and *Will. de Perton* the then Vicar: which Inhabitants and their successors had authoritie then given them by the same Bishop to provide and maintain a fitting Priest at their own proper charges, for celebration of Divine service there, so that the Vicar of Wotton, for the time being, might wholly receive and take all Oblations, arising in the said Chapell, upon *Christmas* day, *Candlemas* day, *Easter* day, and S. *Peter's* day (being the day of the Dedication of that Church) and for Churching of Women, at any time, in the said Chapell: But of all other profits arising upon the said days, or any other throughout the year, the Vicar to have two parts only, and the Prior the third. And that the Priest belonging to this Chapell might have power, so often as occasion should be, to Church Women there, to administer the Sacrament to such old & decrepite people as could not go to the said Parish Church, and to perform all other parochiall rites therein, buriall for the dead only excepted. For the performance of all which, the Priest for the time being, at his first admission thereto, was to oblige himself by his corporall Oath, in the presence of the Prior of *Wawens*-Wotton and the Vicar, lest the said Church of *Wawens*-Wotton should be dampnified. And that all good people might be the more stirred up to contribute towards the charges for the fabrick hereof; as also for the Bells, Books, Lights, Vestments, and other Ornaments belonging thereto, the said Bishop by that his publique Instrument, which bears date at Pertleburp 5. *Cal. Aug*, *Anno* 1367. granted to every one that would be open-handed therein, an Indulgence of xl. days; all which was confirm'd by [z] the Prior and Monks of Worcester.

About two years after, there was a purpose by one *William Fifhyde* of this town, to found a *Chantrie* in a Chapell, then newly intended to be built here, for one Priest, to celebrate Divine service daily, for the good estate of the said *William*, as appears [a] by that preparation to a License for amortizing of three messuages, situate in Henley aforesaid, to that end: but whether it were performed or not, I make a question; for I have seen no more of it.

In 26 *H.* 6. there was an *Hospitall* here built, for the relief of poor people and strangers; towards the support of which charge, *John Carpenter*, then B^p. of Worcester, granted out an Indulgence [b] to endure for three years, on the behoof of all such as should make contribution. Some think that the *Gild*-House situate on the North side of the Chapell, is the *Hospitall* here spoken of; For in the Chapell before mentioned, there was a *Gild* founded [c] by *Raph Boteler* (Lord *Sudley*) which *Gild* had four [d] Priests belonging thereto, who were to pray for the Founder's soul. But upon the [e] Survey taken in 26 *H.* 8. there were no more than two Priests serving therein, whereof one had an yearly stipend of v *li.* vi *s.* viii *d.* and the other of v *li.* Howbeit, in 37 *H.* 8. upon the Extent of the lands belonging thereto, which were then valued at xxvii *li.* iii *s.* iii *d.* it appears [f], that there were three Priests [z] whereof one had a stipend of C x *s.* *per annum*, and the other two of C *s.* a piece; as also an Organist, who had xl *s.* annuity. Before the

u *Ex autog. penès* I. Ferrers *de* Tamworth *castro ar.*

w *Pat.* 27. H. 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 14.

x *Pat.* 17. Jac.

y Witlesey *f.* 17. *b.*

z *Ib.*

a *Esc.* 43 E. 3. *n.* 42.

b *Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 65. *b.*

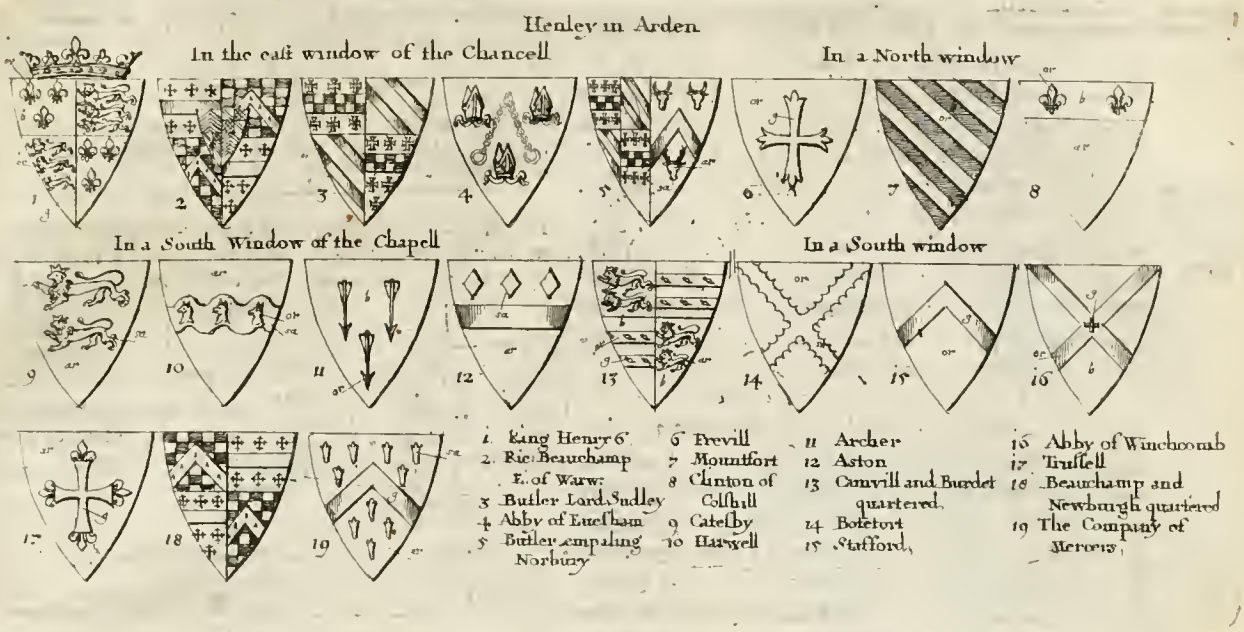
c MS. *penès* S. *eq. aur. f.* 22. *a*

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e *Ex alio MS. penè eund.* S. A *f.* 21. *b.*

f *Ex MS penult. f.* 21 *b.* & 22. *a*

the diſſolution of this *Gild*, it was a cuſtome (as I have heard) that upon all publique occaſions (as Weddings and the like) the Inhabitants of this town kept their Feaſt in the *Gild* Houſe, before ſpecified; in which they had moſt kind of Houſhold ſtuff, as Pewter, Braſſe, Spits, Andirons, Linnen, Tables, &c. and Wood out of the little Park at **Weldeſert**, for fewell; thoſe which were at the charge of the Feaſt paying only vi *s.* viii *d.* for the uſe of them: But now all is gone except the Pewter, which being in the Chapell-Wardens cuſtody, they lend out for iv *d.* a dozen when any Feaſt is made.



Wootton-Wawen.

FOllowing this petty ſtream, I come next to **Wootton** (commonly called **Wootton-*Wawen***) a Pariſh of a very large extent, containing theſe Villages and places of note; *viz.* **Alpley**, **Mockley**, **Foxd-Hall**, **Crowley**, **Ullenhale**, **Botley** (**Henley** in **Arden** already ſpoke of) **Whitley**, **Foxwode**, **Edſton**, **Bearley**, **Sflesburne**, *Wawens*-**Mooze**, **Wyche**, and **Dfford**; of all which in their order. As for the name, there is no queſtion but that it was originally occaſioned from the ſituation, being amongſt woods; and ſo, for the more facility of pronuntiation called **Wootton** inſted of **Wootton**, having the addition of *Wawen* (for diſtinction from another **Wootton** in this County) in regard that one *Wagen* [g] (commonly called *Wawen*) Lord thereof before the Norman Conqueſt, had his ſeat here. This *Wawen* was a man of great quality in his time; for, being one [h] of the witneſſes to Earl *Leofrik's* Foundation Charter of the Monaſtery at **Coventry** in 1° *Edwardi* Conf. he is rankt with other eminent perſons, and after his name theſe words added, *viz. & multi alii Primates in Anglia, quorum hic nomina notare faſtidioſum eſſet*: Neither doth the extent of his lands argue leſſe; for by the Conqueror's generall Survey it appears, that **Wara** (now called **Church-Dver**) **Wolvarde**, **Tiecho**, **Poxtone** (now **Poxton-*Bagot*) **Ullenhale**, **Dfford**, and this **Wootton** were all his; and perhaps much more, though there not recorded.

But it being the fate of the native Engliſh, in a manner totally, to be diſpoſſeſt of their inheritances, to make way for the Normans advancement, this *Wagen* (or *Waga*; for ſo his name is written in *Domeſday*-book) was outed of all thoſe places before ſpecified; which, with divers other fair Lordſhips *, lying in the Counties of **Berkſ. Northampton**, **Staffoxd**, **Wigorn. Linc. Oxford.** and **Suff.** were beſtowed by the Conqueror on *Robert de Stadford*, paternally [i] deſcended from that great and noble Family of *Tonei*, being ſon (as I think) to *Roger de Tonei, totius* [k] *Normanniæ Signifer*; as alſo Brother [l] to *Raph de Tonei*, who came into **England** with Duke *William*, and fought [m] ſtoutly on his behalf in the battail againſt King *Harold*; in which I need not make queſtion, but that this *Robert* alſo was: for my Author, having mentioned the ſaid *Raph* and ſome few others of the higheſt rank; addeth theſe words, *aliiq; quamplures militaris præſtantiæ fama celebratiſſimi, & quorum nomina Hiſtoriarum voluminibus inter bellicoſiſſimos commendari deceat.* In conſideration therefore of that notable ſervice, I ſhall conclude, that he was rewarded with ſuch vaſt poſſeſſions, in the ſeverall Counties before mentioned; amongſt which this town of **Wootton**, with the reſt of *Wagen's* lands were part: but making choiſe of **Staffoxd** for his principall ſeat (where he had a ſtrong Caſtle, as is evident) aſſumed his ſirname from thence.

The extent of this **Wootton** was then [n] certified to be 7. hides, there being at that time a Church, and two Mills; and the woods belonging thereto, containing two miles in length and one in breadth; which, with all the reſt, were valued at iv *li.* In the line of which *Robert*, it continued till the death and attainder [o] of *Edward* Duke of **Buck.** *temp. H.* 8. But the ſtory of that noble Family I reſerve for another work, and ſhall here take notice only of what I find thereof in reference to this place; which is no more, than that in 13 E. 1. *Nich.* Lord *Stafford* obtained a Charter [p] of **Free-warren** for himſelf and his heirs in all his demeſn lands here: And that in 2 *Edw.* 2. *Edmund* his ſon, dying ſeized of this Mannour, was certified [q] to hold it, together with **Tiſoe** in this Countie, and certain lands in **Staffoxdſhire**, of the King *in Capite* by Barony; *ſcil.* to find three armed men, with Horſes compleatly harneſſed for ſervice,

i *Ex autog. penès P. & Scol. Coll. R. Cantab.*
k W. Gemet. *p.* 268. *c.*
l { *Ord. vit. p.* m { 501. *D*
n Domeſd. *lib.*
o *Hiſt. of H. 8. by the Lord Herbert. p.* 111.
p *Cart* 13. *E. 1. n.* 96.
q *Eſc.* 2. *E.* 2. *n.* 63.

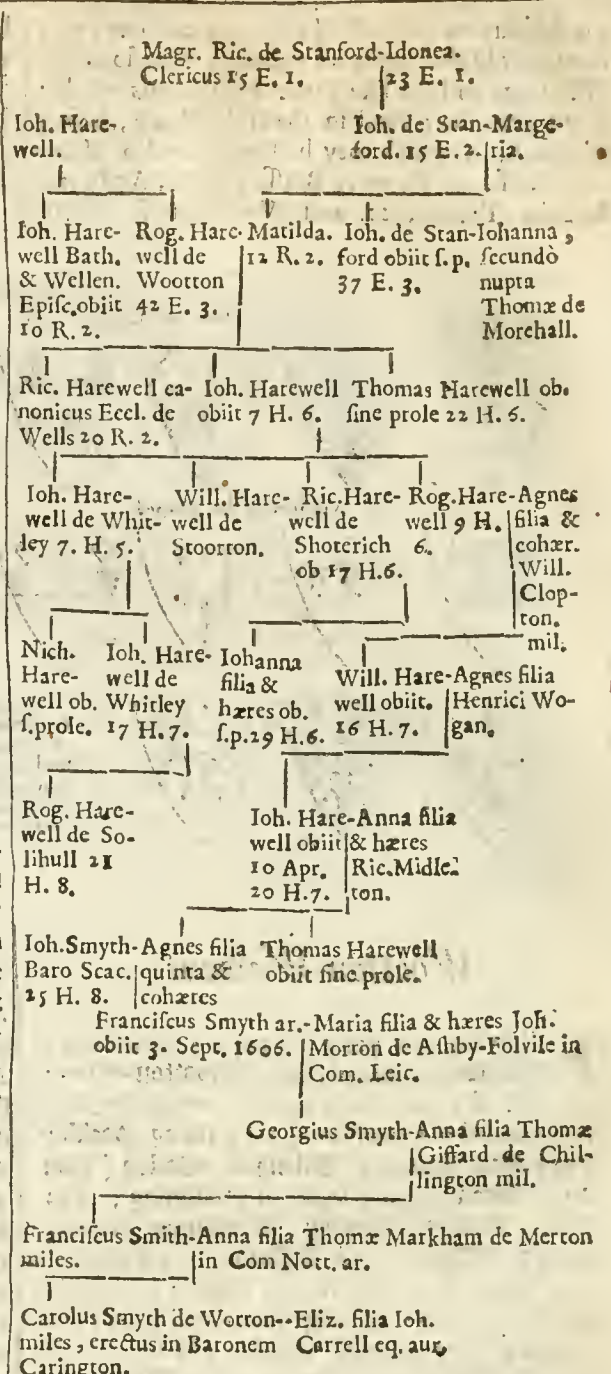
g Domeſd. *li*
h *Regiſt. de Crentre f.* 5. *a.*
* Domeſd. *li*

service, in the Warrs of **Wales** during the space of xl. days, at his own proper charges. After the death of which Duke, *Thomas Grey* Marq. *Dorset*, obtained it *(inter alia)* from the King; first [r] for life, and afterwards to himself and the heirs [s] male of his body. Which *Thomas* had issue *Henry* Marq. *Dorset* created Duke of **Suff.** by King *Edw.* 6. (as in **Astley** is shewed) but attainted in 1 *Mariæ*: whereupon this Mannour was granted [t] by that Queen to Sir *John Grey* Knight, and *Mary* his wife and their heirs 3 *Junii* 2 & 3. *Ph. & M.* From whom Dame *Agnes Smyth*, the Widow of Sir *John Smyth* Knight, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, and *Francis Smyth*, son and heir to the said *Agnes*, purchased [u] it 1. *Maii* 1 *Eliz.* which *Francis* died seized of it 3. *Sept.* 4 *Jac.* whose grandchild Sir *Francis Smyth* Knight; having in 15 *Jac.* obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all his demeln lands here, left issue Sir *Charles Smyth* Knight, his son and heir (now Lord *Carington*) the present owner thereof.

r *Pat.* 13. H.8.*p.*3.
s *Pat.* 15. H.8.*p.*1.
t *Pat.*2,& 3.Ph.&M. *p.*8.
u *Ex autog penès* Car. D. Carington.

BEsides this Mannour here in **Wootton**, that continued so long in the line of *Stafford*, there was another, which belonged to the Family of *Harewell* for many descents, but had not the reputation of a Mannour (for ought I have seen) till of later time: For the originall of it grew by divers petty purchases [w] of severall parcells of land in the times of King *Edw.* 1. and *E.* 2. made by one *Richard de Stanford* and *Idonea* his wife; which *Richard* is stiled, in most of the deeds that I have seen *Magister Ric. de Stanford Clericus*; and left issue *John* his son and heir, who in 23 E. 3. being one [x] of the Commissioners, in this County, for assessing and collecting a xv^th^ and x^th^ then granted to the King in Parliament, and in 27 E. 3. Coroner [y] in this Shire, bore for his Armes a *Fesse, and upon a Canton in the dexter part of the shield, a martlet*, as by his Seal [z] appears; and had issue *John*, as also *Maud* a daughter married to *Roger de Harewell*, brother to *John Harewell* Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells** towards the later end of E. 3. and beginning of R. 2. time: which *Maud* became her brother's heir, and possest all those his lands: whereunto by marriages of severall heirs, and otherwise, her descendants made so fair an addition, as that they were rankt amongst the superior gentry of this Shire: therefore, having something to say historically of them (this being their principall Seat) I have inserted the following Pedegree, extracted out of the Evidences of the before specified Lord *Carington*.

w *Ib.*
x *Rot.* F. 23.E.3.*p.* 2.*m.*13
y *Clauſ.* 27. E.3.*m.* 16.
z *Ex autog. penès* Car. D.Carington.



a *Clauſ.*16. R.2.*m.* 34.
b *Rot.F.*1. H.5.*p.*1.*m.* 8.
c *Ex Comp. ball.*Warw. *Com. penès* W. Pierepoint *ar.*
d *Pat.*7.H. 5.*m.* 13.
e *Pat. de dſd.an.in d.*

Of *John Harewell*, son and heir to *Roger* and *Maud*, I find, that he being elected one of the Coroners in this Countie in 16 *R.* 2. upon his complaint to the King that the choise was not according to the tenour of the Statute of 3.*E.* 1. *Cap.* 10. which provideth that those to be chosen ought to be sage and wise Knights, that might know how to undergo, and that would attend the said Office, a Precept [a] was directed to the Shiriff to make a new election in his full Countie, wherein the form of the said Statute should be exactly observed. In 1 *H.* 5. he was Eschaetor [b] for this County and **Leicestershire**. In 5° one [c] of the Councell to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**. In 7 *H.* 5. imployed by Commission [d] with other persons of quality, to treat with the people here for a loan of money to the King; and from [e] 9 *H.* 5. till his death, a Justice of Peace in this Shire. He bore for his Armes [f] *Argent upon a Fesse wavy sable, three Hares heads cooped Or, with a labell of three points in Chief:* and by his last Will and Testament [g], bearing date the Tuesday next after the Feast of the *Conception* of our Lady *anno* 1428. (7 *H.* 6) wherein he stiles himself Esquier, bequeathing his body to sepulture in the Church of S. *Peter* here at **Wootton**, and vi *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* to the reparation of the great road-way leading betwixt the said town of **Wootton** and the Heremitage at **Stillesburne**, departed this life the same year, leaving issue divers Children; of some whereof I shall speak anon; in the mean time taking notice of what I have seen in relation to his brother *Thomas*.

f *Ex autog. penès præd.* D.Caring ton.
g Luffnan q. 10.

In 3 *H.* 5. he was Eschaetor [b] for this County and **Leicestershire**. In 5° a Justice [i] of Peace for this Countie, in which imployment he continued till his death: And having been one of those three, who with the Shiriff in 7 *H.* 5. made that return of [k] the names of such gentlemen of note in this Shire, which bore antient Armes from their Ancestors, and had summons to serve the King in their proper persons, for defence of the Realm, [l] dyed without issue in 22 *H.* 6. leaving *Thomas*, son of *Roger*, son of *John* (his brother) his next heir. But I return to the issue of *John* (elder brother to the said

h *Rot.F.*5. *H.*5.*m.* 5
i *Pat.*5. *H.* 5.*p.*1.*in d. m.*26.
k *Rot. penès Camer. Scac.*
l *Esc.*22.*H.* 6.

said *Thomas*) which were *Roger*, [m] his ſon and heir, that enjoy'd theſe lands in **Wootton**; *Richard*, [n] who by his Fathers Teſtament had the Mannour of **Shoterich** in this County bequeathed to him, and lyeth buried [o] before the Altar of S. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, in the Church of the *Holy Trinity* at **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**; *William* ſometime Lord of the Mannour of **Stoorton**, and *John* that had **Whitley**. Which *Roger* wedded [p] *Agnes* the daughter & coheir of Sir *William Clopton* of **Clopton** in **Somerſetſhire**, and had iſſue by her *William Harewell*; who, by the death of *Joan* daughter and heir to the before ſpecified *Richard* without iſſue, had the Mannour of **Shoterich** of his grandfathers inheritance.

Ex autog. penès Car. D. Caringtton.

This *William* was a truſty friend to the Houſe of **Lancaſter** (as it ſeems) for upon the regaining of the Kingdom by King *H.6.* he had the cuſtody [q] of this Countie and **Leiceſterſhire**; and before the end of that his Shirivealtie, fought ſtoutly on King *Henrye's* part at **Barnet field**; in which battail being taken priſoner [r], he was thence carried to **Windſor**-Caſtle; whereupon alſo his lands were ſeized by the King, and beſtowed [s] on *Humphrey Stafford* Eſquire, to hold during the King's pleaſure: But after a while, through the ſolicitation of his kinſman *John Leighton* Eſquire, made with *John Talbot* then Earl of **Shrewsbury**, he was releaſed [t] of his impriſonment, and reſtored to his lands: For which favours the ſaid Earl had firſt xl *li.* that the ſame *John Leighton* promiſed to give him for obtaining his enlargment & lands; and xl. marks more, which he exacted [u] over and above. But after this, in 14 *E.* 4. he was conſtituted [w] one of the Juſtices of Peace in this County; yet I do not find that upon the next renewing of thoſe Commiſſions, or ever after, that he had the like imployment during King *Edward's* reign: howbeit, in 2 *R.* 2. he was appointed [x] one of the Commiſſioners of Array in this Shire. All that I have ſeen more of him is, that in 16 *H.*7. he founded a *Chantrie* in the *Friers Preachers* at **Warwick** (of which I have particularly ſpoke in my diſcourſe of that place) and that departing [y] this life 2. *Dec.* the ſame year, he was there buried [z], leaving *John* his ſon and heir 30. years of age.

Rot. F. 49. 6. m. 9.

Ex autog. penès eund. D. Caringtton.

Pat. 14. H. 4. p. 1. m. 1.

Pat. 2. R. 2. p. 1. m. 21.

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Ex autog. penès præfat D. Carington.

Inſc. 16.

Pat. 18. H. p. 1. in d. 17.

Ex autog. penès præf. D. Caringtton.

Which *John* in 18 *H.*7. being conſtituted [b] one of the Juſtices of Peace in this County, was, the ſame year, made Conſtable [c] of **Warwicke** Caſtle by *Edward* Duke of **Buck.** and by his Teſtament [d] bearing date 8. *Apr. Anno* 1505. (20 *H.*7.) gave to the ſaid Duke (whom he there calls his Lord) his great Dun Horſe for a Heriot: and by *Anne* his wife, daughter [e] and heir to *Richard Midleton* had iſſue two ſons and five daughters, whereof *Thomas* the elder dyed [f] without iſſue before 3 *H.* 8. and *William* was [g] a Prieſt; whereupon the ſiſters came to inherit; *viz.* [h] *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, *Brigit*, and *Agnes*: for *Maud* the Eldeſt, wife of *John Leighton*, dyed [i] without iſſue before the partage was made betwixt them. Of which, *Elizabeth*, firſt the wife of *Anth. Ralegh*, and afterwards of *Leonard Rede*, had for her ſhare the Mannours of **Bear-cracombe** and **Copland** in **Somerſetſhire**, and vi *s.* viii *d.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of the Mannour of **Thongland** in that County. *Anne* wife to *James Clifford* of **Frampton** *in Com.* **Glouc.** the Mannours of **Knoll** and **Broſeley** in the Counties of **Somerſet** and **Salop.** as alſo certain lands in **Sturmiſter**-*Marſhall* in **Dorſetſhire**, and **Billingſley** in **Shropſhire**; with iii *s.* annuall Rent iſſuing out of **Fentre** *in Com.* **Salop.** and vi *s. per annum* out of the Mannour of, **Thongland** in that Countie. *Brigit* the wife of *Thomas Aſhton* of **Aſhton** in **Cheſhire**, the Mannours of **Aſhley**, **Water-Eaton**, and **Longnoze** in **Staffordſhire**, the Mannour of **Billingſley** in **Shropſhire**, and certain lands in **Walkeſlow**, before mentioned, to the value of ten marks *per annum*, with xxiii *s.* iv *d.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of the ſaid Mannour of **Thongland.** *Agnes* the wife of *John Smyth*, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, for her part, this Mannour of **Wootton** (called *Lucies* Mannour) and the Mannour of **Shoterich**; as alſo certain lands in **Stratford** *ſuper* **Avon**, **Henley**, **Preſton**, and **Coſton** in this Shire with divers lands lying in **Pickleton** *in Com.* **Glouc.** the Mannour of **Milnchop** *in Com. Salop.* Lands in **Hungerford**, **Poſtern** *magna*, **Poſtern** *parva*, **Mounſlow**, and **Dydlebery** in **Shropſhire**; and x *s.* iv *d.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of the before ſpecified Mannour of **Thongland**: the ſame Partition [k] bearing date 4 *Febr.* 25 *H.* 8.

From which Baron *Smyth*, by the ſaid *Agnes*, is Sir *Charles Smyth* Knight, ſince erected to the dignity of Lord *Carington*, and now reſiding here, deſcended, as the Pedegree before inſerted ſheweth. Of whoſe Family I may not omit here to obſerve, what I have ſeen atteſted by Sir *William Dethick* ſometime *Garter* principall King of Armes, and *Robert Cooke Clarenceux*; *viz.* that the ſaid *John Smyth* (the Baron) was grandchild to *John Carington*; and the ſaid *John Carington* lineally deſcended from Sir *Michaell Carington* Knight Standard-bearer to the famous King *Richard* the firſt in the *Holy Land.* And of this *John Carington*, as to the occaſion that he changed his name to *Smyth*, they do ſpecially certifie from the credit of an antient Manuſcript [l], written with the proper hand of him the ſaid *John* in K. *Henry* the fourth's time; that in his youth he was bred up in **Gaſcoigne** under Sir *Thomas Nevill* in the ſervice of King *Ric.* 2. and after the deceaſe of an elder brother called *Edmund*, that he returned into **England**, where he was likewiſe entertained in the ſaid King's ſervice: but afterwards upon the depoſall of the ſaid King *Richard* by *Henry* of **Lancaſter**, being conſtrained to flee into **France**, in regard that he took part with the Earles of **Huntingdon**, **Saliſbury**, and **Kent**, &c. againſt the ſaid *Henry* of **Lancaſter**, after one years abode in **Paris**, he travailed, with one *Robert Arden* Eſquire his companion into **Italy**; where they ſerved under *John Galeas* Duke of **Millain**, againſt the Emperour *Rupert*, and after the death of the ſaid Duke, returned into **Brabant**, where they met with two Engliſh Friers going to **Rome**, from whom they received tidings, that *William Curſon* a younger ſon of Sir *John Curſon*, and coſin Germain to the ſaid *John*, was Abbot of S. **Oſithes** in **Eſſex**: whereupon he haſted towards **England** by **Amſterdam**; and arriving at **Ipſwich** *Anno* 1404. thence preſently ſped to S. *Oſithes*, where changing his name into *Smyth*, but privately making himſelf known to his kinſman the Abbot, was by him curteouſly entertained; who beſtowed upon him good means, and advanced him in marriage to *Milicent* the daughter and heir of *Robert Laynham*, by *Alice* the daughter and heir to *John Hend* Major of **London.**

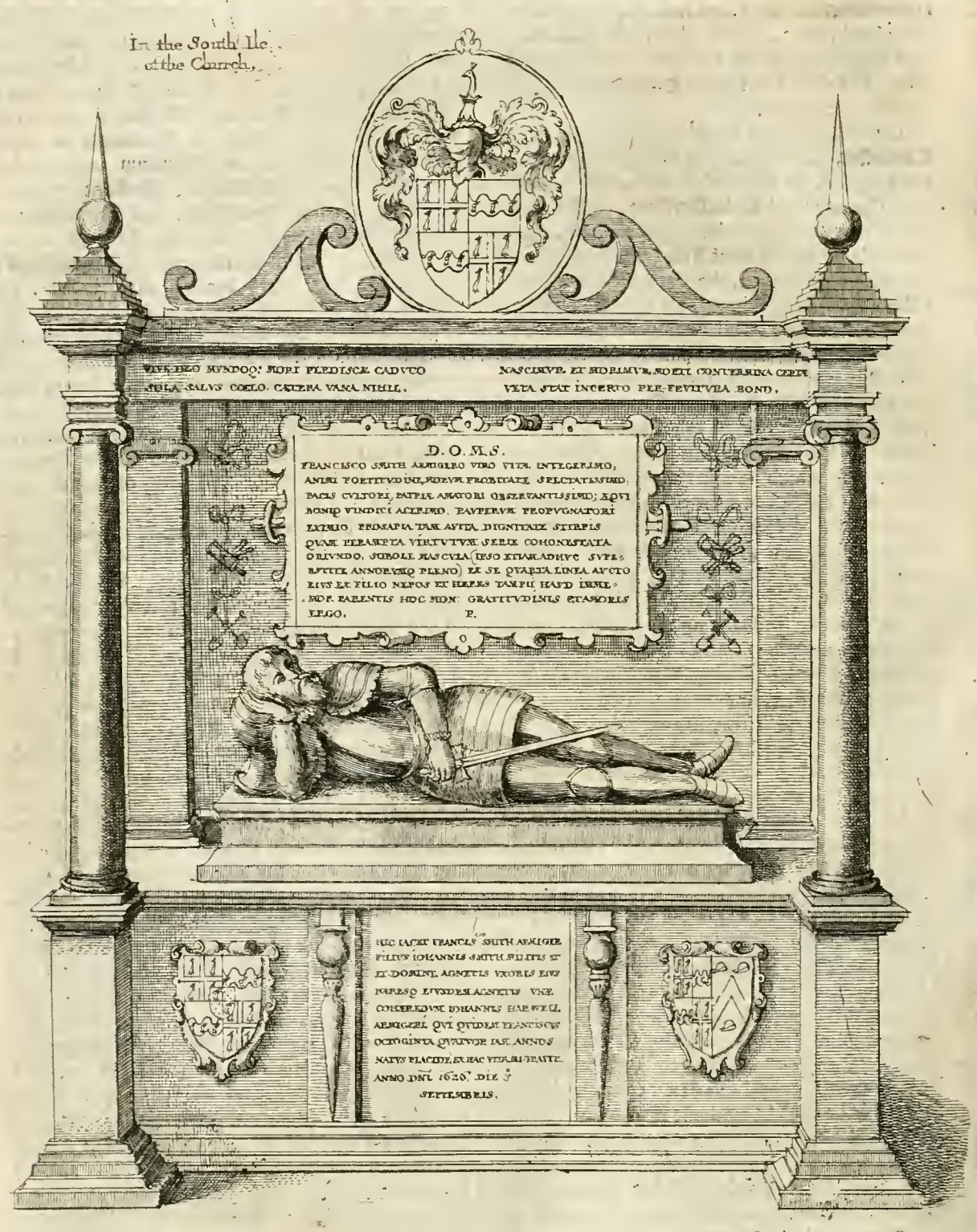
[l] *Penès* Henr. Smith *de Creſſing Temple in com.. Eſſex ar.*

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was given

{ Ex antog. penes Præpos. & Scol. Coll. K. Cantab

to [m] the Monks of **Conchis** in **Normandy** by *Robert de Stadford* (before spoken of) shortly after the Conquest of **England** by Duke *William*; and appropriated [n] to them by *Roger* Bishop of **Worcester**, 3. *Non. Nov. Anno* 1178. (25 H. 2.) In *Anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it, with the Chapells belonging thereto, was valued [o] at Lii. marks, the Vicars portion [p] being at that time seven marks and a half: But in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued [q] at xii *li.* out of which did yearly issue x *s.* v *d. ob.* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

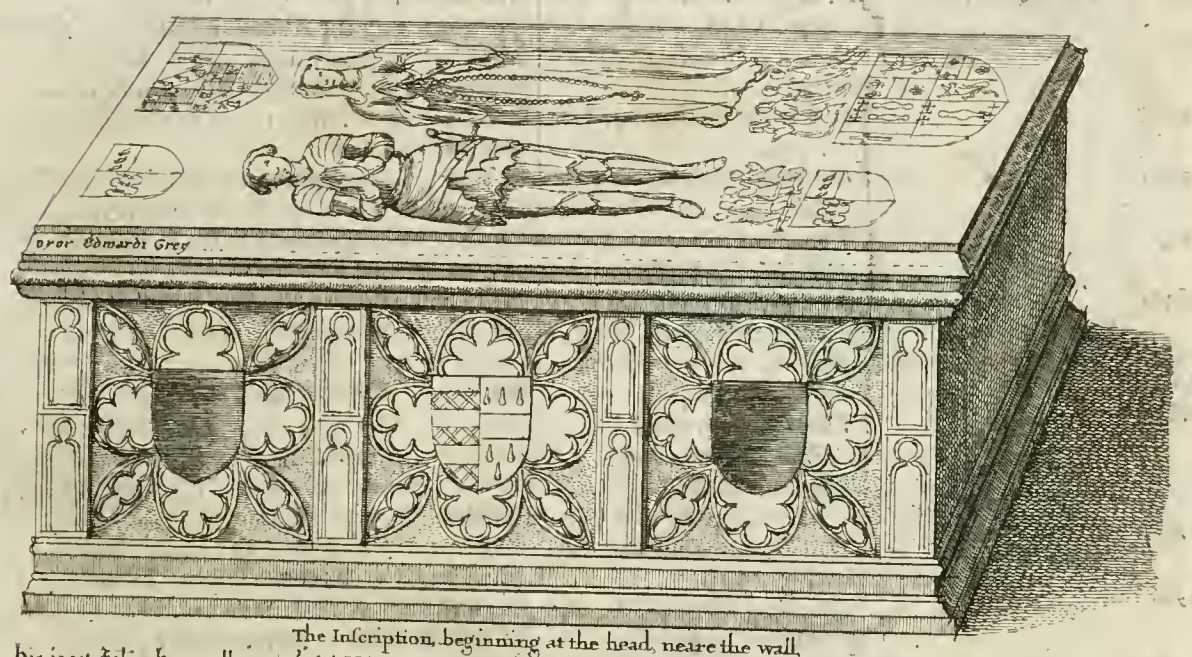
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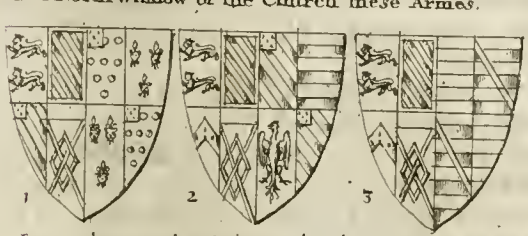
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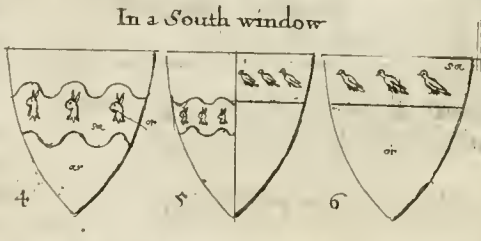
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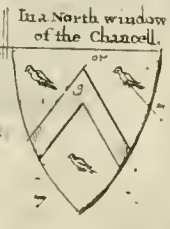
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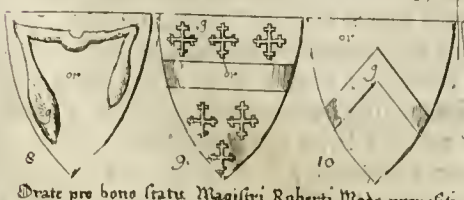
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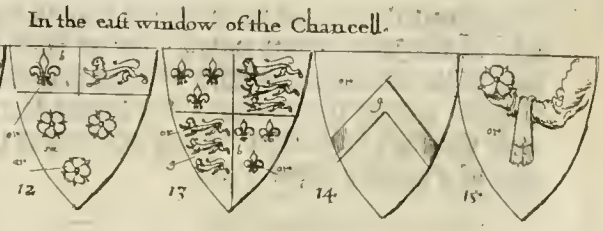
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1. Cateſby empaling Zouch.
2. Cateſby empaling Biſhopſdon.
3. Cateſby empaling
4. Harewell.
5. Harewell empaling
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7. Stafford of Pipe
8. Haſtings E. of Pembr.
9. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
10. Stafford,
11. Wotton Priory.
12. Pangs Colledge,
13. K. Henry the 6.
14. Stafford.
15. Abby of Conchis.

	Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes, &c.
Geyn.f. 43.b.	Procurator Abbatis de Conchis.	Joh. de Wotton Diac. Non. Apr. 1306.
Cob.f. 111. b.	Prior de Wawens-Wotton.	Joh. fil. Rob. Sutoris Cap. 3. Id. Sept. 1325.
Horl.vol.1. f.17.a. Mont f.16. b.	Abbas & Conv. de Conchis.	Frater Joh. le Tonnelier 26. Julii 1328. Joh. Corpe Pbr. 5. Cal. Julii 1335.
Ib.f.26.a.	Procurator Abb. & Conv. de Conchis.	Petrus de Loversey Pbr. 4. Oct. 1336.
Wit.f.15.b.	Prior de Wotton.	Rob. Wykwane 10. Oct. 1367.
Wak.f.10.b.	Ric. Rex. Angl. ratione temporal. Priorat. de Wotton in manu sua, &c.	Ric. Hemery Pbr. 2. Maii 1378.
Morg.vol. 1.f.33.b. Bourch.f. 32.b.	Rolandus Leynthall miles.	D. Nich. Wedon Cap. 22. Sept. 1425. Will. Saunders Cler. 22. Febr. 1436.
Carp.vol.1. f.35.a. Ib.f.35.b.	Prior & Conv. de Wotton-Wawen.	D. Joh. Berston Cap. 23. Martii 1445. D. Rog. Wheler Cap. 22. Apr. 1446.
Ib.f.81.b.		D. Joh. Dalton Cap. 7. Martii 1449.
Ib.f.149.b.		D. Joh. Russell Cap. 17. Jan. 1458.
Ib.f.157.b.		D. Will. Harryes Cap. 9. Feb. 1460.
Ib.f.220.b.		Rog. Jordan in art. Magr. 26. Martii 1468.
Mort.f.30. b.	Præpos. & Socii Collegii Regal. Cantab.	Brianus Esthorp in S. Theol. Scholar. 3. Julii 1489.
Gyg.vol.2. f.113.a. Jeron.f. 13.a. Heath f. 7.b.		D. Joh. Botreye Pbr. 16. Martii 1514. Thomas Hartwell in S. Theol. Bac. 17. Dec. 1523. Thomas Goldston in art. Magr. 13. Maii 1545.
Ib.f.24.a.		D. Edw. Alcock Pbr. 17. Febr. 1556.
Ib.f.29.b.		D. Rad. Olton Pbr. 24. Martii 1557.
Bul.f.16.a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Will. Bolton Clr. 23. Apr. 1579.
Ib.f.18.b.	Præpos. & Socii ut suprà.	Joh. Mascall Cler. 23. Aug. 1580.

Monumentall Inscriptions upon Grave stones in the South Ile of this Church.

In brasse upon a Marble.

Here lyeth the body of Lady Agnes Smyth late wife of Sir John Smyth Knight, one of the Barons of the Eschequer, daughter of John Harewell Esquier and one of the coheirs of Thomas Harewell Esquier, her brother, which Agnes dyed the xix^th^ of Febuary Anno 1562.

Upon one of Alabaster.

Hic jacet Johannes Allesbury qui obiit septimo die mensis . . . . . cujus animæ propitietur Deus Amen.

The Priory.

[Now come to speak of that little Monastery of *Benedictine* Monks, which sometime stood here, and was one of those we call *Priories Alien*, having been a Cell to the Abby of **Conchis** in **Normandy**; Of which kind there were few that had any formall Foundation, as in **Wolston** I have already shewed: For the first grant to that forrein Monastery, by *Rob. de Tonei* (son doubtless unto *Roger* who founded [r] **Conchis**) and *Nicholas de Stafford* his son, was no other than verball, as it seems by that confirmation thereof, which *Rob. de Stafford*, son to the same *Nicholas*, made in *H.* 2. time; wherein he makes mention that his said grandfather and father gave thereunto, this Church of **Wotton**, together with the Tithes and oblations of the whole town, and one hide of land adjoyning to the same Church, as also another hide called **Doverdele**, and the lands which the Monks of **Conchis** had then in tillage here, in exchange for the Mannour of **Edricton** (now **Edston**) which at first belong'd to those Monks. But I make a question, notwithstanding the first grant, so made by the before specified *Robert de Tonei*, whether any Monks setled here till after his death; for in an Instrument [s], of later time, made by the Abbot and Monks of **Conchis**, whereby they constituted a Prior here, it is said to be *de Fundatione nobilissimi domini Nicholai Stafford*, which is some argument that he first erected their Mansion here.

r Ord.vit. 460.a.

s Penes Præpos. & Scolar. Coll. R. Cant.

Touching the appropriation of the said Church, made in 25 *H.* 2. to the peculiar benefit of those Monks, having already spoke in **Wotton**, I shall now endeavour the discovery of what farther augmentation they had by other Benefactors; wherein I find [t], that *Robert* the son of *Herveus de Stafford* gave unto them divers particular parcells of land lying in **Ullenhale**; *Henry de Montfort* the Mill [u] at **Henley**; *Robert de Chaucumbe* divers Lands [w] in **Mockle** and **Ullenhale**; *Will. de Burley* a yard [x] land with a croft and messuage in **Burley**, with all his interest in the Chapell there; *Geffrey de Pauncefote* and *John Durvassall* certain [y] lands in **Buckele** (*juxta* **Beldesert**.) And to all these had they the addition [z] of the Mannour of **Monkenlane** in **Herefordshire**; which, with severall other lands and Tithes in that Countie, were originally granted [a] to the said Monks of **Conchis** by *Raph de Tonei* (brother to our *Robert*) who in the confirmation of them made by *Will. de Vere* Bishop of **Hereford** in *H.* 2. time, is called [b] *Radulfus senior de Tonei*.

t Ex tog. ibid. u w x y

z Rot.Fin. R.2.m.

a Ex tog. nes & S. Coll. R. C. tab.

As to the originall seizures (in generall) of the lands belonging to these *Priories Alien*, and the occasion thereof, having spoke in **Wolston**, I shall here only take notice of what concerns this place, in relation thereto. Of which the first mention, I find, is in 16 *E.* 3. where the K. by his special Precept [c] directed to the Shiriff of this County, reciting, that whereas he had committed the custody of it to *John* the then Prior, for a certain ferme to be yearly payd into his Exchequer, during his Warrs with **France**; and that the said Prior had neglected payment of that Rent accordingly, for which respect it was again seized into his hands; he had nevertheless, at the humble request of the said Prior, who desired no more than a competent allowance for himself, and one Monk then resident with him, commanded that the sum of *iii s.* by the week for himself, and *xviii d.* for his fellow Monk, might be duly

c Claus. 16. E.3.p.2. m. 17.

ly payd unto him, out of the issues thereof, during the time that it should continue under that seizure: But after this, *viz.* in [d] 48 *E.* 3. there was another seizure made thereof, and the custody of it then committed to *Hugh* Earl *Stafford*, *John Maubert* the then Prior, and Frier *Michael Cheyne* Procurator generall to the Abbot of **Conches**. Which Prior *Maubert*, in 3 *R.* 2. obtained a speciall grant [e] thereof to himself; with all the lands belonging to it, to hold during the said warrs with **France**, paying XL *l. per annum* into the Exchequer. Perhaps he dyed soon after; for within three years following, the said ferme was granted [f] to *Robert Selby* a Priest, and *John de Burley junior*, to hold during the continuance of the Warrs before specified, paying *xlvi li. xiii s. iv d.* yearly into the said Exchequer.

But in 22 *R.* 2. upon the augmentation made unto the House of *Carthusians*, neer **Coventre**, (then newly founded) with the grant of severall *Priories Alien*, in sundry Counties of this Realm (whereof I have there made mention) this of **Wootton** was one of those that the said King gave [g] thereto; though of that grant those *Carthusians* took little benefit; for shortly after K. *H.* 4. (by the deposall of King *R.* 2.) attained the Crown, taking into consideration [h], that these *Priories-Alien* were originally founded to the honour of God, and that through the frequent seizures of them into the hands of his Progenitors, by reason of the Warrs with **France**, the Monks were driven away, and the Houses so wasted, that such divine service, as had antiently been establish't therein, was wholly withdrawn; out of his pious care to rectifie the said abuse, did, by the assent of his Councell in Parliament, in the first year of his raign, make full restitution [i] unto *John Seurayn*, then newly instituted and inducted Prior here, of all the possessions belonging to this House, granting it to him and his successors, for the like Rent reserved to the Exchequer, during the continuance of his Warrs with **France**, as had antiently been paid to the House of **Conches** in times of Peace; upon condition that the same Prior and his successors, should thenceforth find and maintaine so many Monks, secular Priests, and other English Officers therein, as by the first Foundation of it were ordained to be, and paying all Tenths, Fifteens, and other Subsidies whatsoever, with the Clergie and Commonalty of this Realm, as often as there should be occasion.

Howbeit, after this, *viz.* in 4 *H.* 4. there was a new consideration had in the Parliament then held, touching these *Priories-Alien*; *viz.* [k] that all should be again seized into the King's hands, excepting onely those that were Conventuall; whereupon the Shiriff of this Countie had command [l] to give warning unto this Prior of **Wootton**, and the rest within his limits, to appear in their proper persons at **Westminster** on the *Octaves* of S. *Hillary*, and to bring with them, all their Charters and Evidences, whereby he himself and his Councell might be satisfied, whether they had been Priories Conventuall time out of mind, or not. But notwithstanding this Act, they rested not long: for whereas the former seizures had been so made, onely upon pretence [m], that by transporting part of the revenues belonging to these English Cells, to those Houses in **France**, whereunto they were subordinate, the King's adversaries at such times as he had Warrs with the French, were assisted; in the Parliament held at **Leicester** 2 *H.* 5. it being considered [n], that though a finall peace should be afterwards made betwixt **England** and **France**, yet the carrying over such summs of money yearly out of **England** to those foreingn Monasteries would be prejudiciall to this Kingdom, and the people thereof, there was an Act [o] then made, that all the possessions in **England** belonging to the said *Priories Alien*, should thenceforth remain to the King and his heirs for ever, excepting such whereof there was speciall declaration then made to the contrary; *al entent* (saith the Act [p]) *que divines services en les lieux avantdictz purront plus duement estre fait per gentz Anglois en temps avenir, que n'ount esté fait devant ces heures en icelles par gentz Francois, &c.*

But this *Proviso* was not very punctually observed; for I find that Sir *Rouland Lenthale* Knight, having obtained certain Letters [q] Patent from K. *H.* 5. by colour of an information, that this Priorie was not presentable, instituible, nor inductible, thereupon entred into the possession of it, and received the profits; so that thenceforth no Divine service was there performed, contrary to the purport of that Statute of 1 *H.* 4. before mentioned; as also against the pious intent of the said Founders: So that in 16 *H.* 6. the King, taking into his consideration the premisses, to the intent that Gods service and all works of Charitie should be there devoutly performed, did [r] for the good estate of himself, and for the souls of his noble Progenitors, his heirs likewise and successors, at the humble supplication of Frere *John* a Monk of the House of **Conches** above specified, present him the said Monk to the Bishop of **Worcester**, to be instituted and inducted as Prior thereunto: And shortly after, to give satisfaction unto the said Sir *Rouland Lenthale* touching that matter, granted [s] an annuity of *xx li.* to him and his heirs for ever, to be received out of the issues and profits of the Countie of **Hereford**.

But this new Prior had no long enjoyment thereof; for by Letters [t] Patent, bearing date at **Westminster** 12. *Dec.* in 22. of his reign, did the same King bestow it upon the Provost and Scholars of his Royall Colledge in **Cambridge**, then newly by him founded; to have and to enjoy to themselves and their successors for ever. Which Provost and Scholars, about four years after, obtained a formall Release [u] from the said Prior (by the name of *John Conches* a Monk of the Order of S. *Benet*, at **Conches** in **Normandy**, and late Prior of the Priory of *Wawens-Wootton* in the County of **Warwick**) of all his right, title and claim, that he had, or could challenge thereto, dated 18° *Junii* 26 H. 6. And for the better securing of their title, did the said Provost and Scholars in 1 *E.* 4. procure a speciall Patent [w] from that King, of Confirmation, for this and other lands of that kind, which by the munificence of their pious Founder had been granted to them; the same Patent bearing date at **Westminster** 22 *Febr.*

Patroni.	Priores de Wootton.	
Abbas de Conchis in Normannia.	*Rog. de Pavilliaco monach. 12. Cal. Jan. 1285.*	*Gif. f. 246. b.*
	Frater Joh. de Brocva monach. de Conchis 8. Cal. Junii 1288.	*Ib. f. 295. b.*

R 6n.f.19.a.		*Frater Will. de Laverceye monach. de Conchis 8. Id. Nov.* 1309.
Horl.vol. 1.f.25.a.		*Frater Joh. le Tonnelier monach. 26. Julii* 1328.
Wolst.vol. 2.f.46.b.	*Abbas de Conchis in Normannia.*	*Frater Joh. de Silvaneto* 2. *Jan.* 1340.
S.Germ.f. 130.b.		*Frater Guillerinus Pinchart die Mart. post festum Dionysii martyris* 1349.
Lyn f.5.a.		*Frater Joh. Maubert monach. de Conchis* 7. *Martii* 1370.
Tid f.52.b.		*Joh. Soverain monach. de Conchis . . . .* 1400.
Bourch.f. 46.a.	*Henr. 6. Rex Angl. &c.*	*Joh. de Conchis monachus* 17. *Junii* 1438.

Aſpley.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, and therefore I do conclude, that it was at that time involved with **Wootton**: Neither have I ſeen any thing of it in Record till [x] 5 *H.* 3. that *Alan de Bercheſton* impleaded *Robert de Chaucumbe* for certain lands here, wherein it is written **Aſpele**. That this *Robert de Chaucumbe* was then Lord of it, will appear by what I have next to ſay; *viz.* that in 15 *H.* 3. by a Fine levied [y] betwixt *Gilbert de Segrave* & *Annabil* his wife Plantiffs, and the ſame *Robert de Chaucumbe* deforc. the ſaid *Robert*, having given her the ſaid *Annabil*, his eldeſt daughter, in marriage to the ſame *Gilbert*; and *Miliſent*, the other, to *Raph Baſſet*, ſetled his lands lying in the Counties of **Northampt. Warwick, Leic.** and **Linc.** ſo as if he ſhould fortune to have any other heir beſides them two, the ſaid *Gilbert* and *Annabil*, and the heirs of *Annabil*, to enjoy the moitie only of this Mannour of **Aſpele**, and the other moitie to go unto the ſaid *Raph Baſſet*, and *Miliſent*, and the heirs of *Miliſent* for ever. But plain it is, that the ſaid *Robert de Chaucumbe* had no other iſſue, ſo that upon ſuch partition, as was afterwards made betwixt thoſe coheirs, this Mannour of **Aſpele**, came wholly to *Anabill*: whereupon the before ſpecified *Gilbert de Segrave* her husband, in 36 *H.* 3. obiained a Charter [z] of **Freewarren** in all his demeſn lands here, having an antient Mannour-houſe upon it (as it ſhould ſeem by the large moat) with a Park: yet did not her iſſue by the ſame *Gilbert* enjoy it: For being afterwards married [a] to *Roger de Somery* (whom ſhe ſurvived) in her full and lawfull widowhood, ſhe granted [b] it unto *John de Somery*, her ſon by that husband, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; to be held of her and her heirs, paying unto her and *Nicholas de Segrave* her ſon and heir, and his heirs, a pair of gilt Spurrs, or ſix pence at the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptiſt* yearly for all ſervices.

Which *John* in 13 *E.* 1. claymed [c] a *Court Leet* here, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer therein, by Preſcription, whereof he had then allowance: But at length it returned to the line of *Segrave*, and in 18 *E.* 3. was, with divers other Mannours in ſeverall Counties, entailed [d] by Sir *John de Segrave* Knight, upon the iſſue of his body by *Margaret* his wife, and for default of ſuch iſſue upon his right heirs. Which *Margaret* had it (*inter alia*) in dower, as appears by the Inquiſ. [e] taken after the death of Sir *Walter Manney* Knight, her ſecond huſband. By vertue of which entail it divolved, through an heir female, to the Family of *Moubray*, being in 1 *H.* 4. committed [f] (with divers other Mannours in this County) to Sir *Thomas Rempſton* Kt. in reſpect that *Thomas* the ſon and heir to *Thomas Moubray* Duke of **Norff.** was then in minority; and by *Moubray's* daughter and coheir, to *Berkley*, *Thomas* Lord *Berkley* dying [g] ſeized of it in 26 *H.* 8. leaving *Henry* his ſon and heir, who accompliſht [h] his full age in 2 & 3 *Ph. & M.*

x *Rot.P.5. H.3.*

y *F.de div. Com.levat.. craſt.Mich*

z *Cart.36. H.3.m.3.*

a *Pat.49. H.3.m.3.*

b *Ex autog.penès Joh.Hales ar.*

c *Rot.de Quo W.*

d *F de div. Com.levat. Oct.Mich. 18.E.3.*

e *Clauſ.46. E.3.m 27.*

f *Rot.F.1. H.4.p.1. m.23.*

g h *Lib.t. cedul.*

Forde Hall.

THis, lying within the precincts of **Aſpele**, was about the beginning of *E.* 1. reign granted [i] by Sir *John de Somery* (before mentioned) to one *Roger de la Forde* of **Aſpele**, and *Agatha* his wife and their heirs, the Rent of *xii d.* yearly, payable at the Feaſt of S. *Michael* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions, being thereupon reſerved; as alſo forrein ſervice, and ſuit to the Court of him the ſaid *John* and his heirs. Hence came it in ſucceeding times to be called **Forde Hall**, and in 5 *R.* 2. paſt [k] by the name of a Mannour from one *Nicholas Prylle* of **Ludlow**, to *Henry de Bonnebury* and his heirs; but at length came to *John Fullwode*, about *H.* 8. time, in [l] marriage with *Joan* the daughter and heir to *Baldwyn Heath*. Which *John* (being ſecond [m] ſon to *Robert Fullwode* of **Cley Hall**, in **Tanworth**) had iſſue [n] *John*, and he a third *John*; who, by marriage with [o] *Katherine* daughter & coheir to *Thomas Dabridgcourt* of **Langdon Hall**, left iſſue [p] ſix daughters his heirs; *ſcil. Frances* the wife of *William Noell* of **Welsborough** *in Com.* **Leic.** Eſquire, *Elianor* of Sir *Edw. Hampden* Knight, *Alice* of Sir *George Fullwode* Kt. *Chriſtian* of *John Hales* Eſquire, *Grace* of *Angell Grey* of **Kingſton** *in Com. Dorſ.* Eſquire, and *Katherine*: which, *Grace*, upon the partition of that inheritance, had (*inter alia*) this for her ſhare.

i *Ex autog.penès præſ. Joh. Hales.*

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l m n o *Viſit. Com. Warw. An. 1619.*

p *Pat.20. H.6.p.3. m.4.*

Mockley.

I Am of opinion that this, now bearing the name of **Mockley**, was part of that land, which *Robert de Stafford* granted to the Monks of **Conchis** (whereof in **Wootton** I have ſpoke) but of it I do not find any particular mention, till about *E.* 1. time, and that is alſo accidentally, *Gilbert de Monkelee*, and *William de Monkelee*, with *Roger* then Vicar of **Wootton**, being witneſſes to a grant of certain lands in **Buckele** (lying hard by) made to the Monks of **Wootton**: whence I conclude, that having belong'd to thoſe Monks, it therefore had the name of **Monkelee**, and that by ſhortnes of pronunciation it is now called **Mockle**. As part of the poſſeſſions therefore of that Religious Houſe, was it in 7 *H.* 5. granted [p] by the King, with the Priory of **Wootton**, to Sir *Rouland Lenthale* Knight, and in 22 *H.* 6. paſt [q] therewith likewiſe, to the Provoſt and Scholars of King's Colledge in **Cambridge**, by the name of the Mannour of **Molkele**; and being confirmed [r] to that Colledge by King *E.* 4. is enjoyed accordingly at this day.

Ullenhale.

q *Pat.22 H.6.p.2. m.15.*

r *Pat.1.E 4.p.3.m. 23.*

Vllenhale.

THis place, having been part of the poſſeſſions of *Waga* (of whom I have ſpoke in **Wootton**) in *Edw.* the Confeſſors days, was held by *Robert de Stafford* in the Conq. time; and by the generall Survey [f] then taken, wherein it is written **Holehale**, certified to contain one hide, the woods being half, a mile in length, and one furlong in breadth, all valued at *iv li.* From which *Robert*, or his ſon *Nicholas*, did *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** obtain it (as it ſeemes) and enfeoft [t] thereof one *Roger*, who reſiding here, aſſumed [n] the ſirname of *Vllehale*; from whom deſcended certain male branches., which continued till *Edw.* 1. time, at the leaſt; whereof one, *viz. Robert*, grandchild to the ſaid *Roger*, wrote [w] himſelf *Dominus de Holenhale*, and in *36 H.* 3. was certified [x] to hold a fourth part of a Knight's fee here, of the Earl of **Warwick**. I ſuppoſe, by ſome circumſtances, that this Mannour firſt came to the family of *Mountfort* about King *H.* 3. time: for I find that *Peter de Mountfort* did then confirm [y] the grant of certain particular parcells of land, lying here, given by petty Freeholders to the Monks **Wootton**: but the firſt poſitive proof that I have, which manifeſteth *Montfort* directly to have been Lord thereof, is in *32 H.* 6. where one *Richard Hawnell*, who was [z] enfeoft thereof by Sir *William Mountfort* of **Colſhill** Kt: releaſes [a] his right therein to *Humphrey* Duke of **Buck.** and others: which Duke, with the reſt, had likewiſe but an eſtate in truſt thereof; for it appears [b] that it came to the Crown in 10 *H.* 7. by the attainder of Sir *Simon Montfort* Knight (as in **Colſhill** ſhall be ſhewed) and was by the ſame King, in 12. of his reign, granted [c] away, with divers other Lordſhips in this Countie, to *Gerald* Earl of **Kildare**, and *Elizabeth S. John* then his wife, and the heirs male of their two bodyes, *K. H.* 8. in 2. of his reign confirming [d] the ſame.

From which Earl it deſcended to Sir *James Fitz Gerald* Knight, one of his ſons by the ſaid *Eliz.* But by his attainder in 28 *H.* 8. (as I have elſewhere ſhewed) returned again to the Crown; and in 1 *Mariæ*, was by that Queen granted [e] unto *Michael Throkmorton* Eſquire (a younger ſon to Sir *Robert Throkmorton* of **Coughton** Knight) who died [f] ſeized thereof 1. *Nov.* 5 & 6 *Ph. & M.* leaving *Francis* his ſon and heir ſeven years of age: which *Francis* had iſſue *John Throkmorton* of whom it was purchaſed in our time by Mr. *Bolton* a Citizen of **London.**

Here is a fair Chapell (dedicated to the *bleſſed Virgin*) wherein the Vicars of **Wootton**, for the time being) have of antient time uſed [g] to find a Prieſt at their own proper charge, to celebrate divine ſervice. g *Bourch. f.* 70. *b.*

The Epitaph belonging to the Monument, repreſented on the next page.

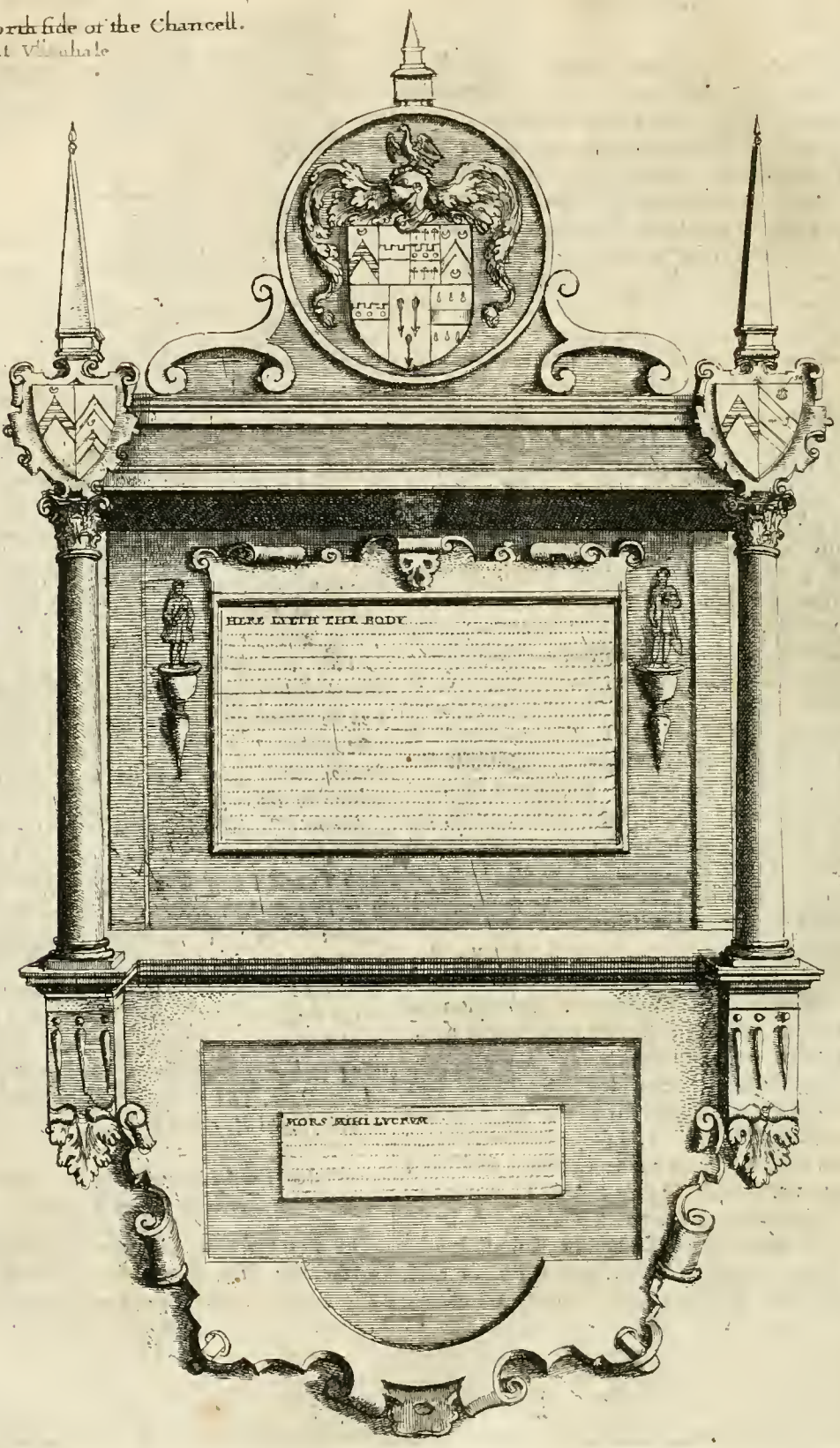
Here lieth the body of Francis Throkmorton Eſquire, borne in the Citie of Mantua, in Italy; ſon and heir unto Michaell Throkmorton Eſquire, and of Agnes Hide of Southamptonſhire: which Michaell was borne at Coughton-Court in the Countie of Warwick, and was youngeſt brother to Sir George Throkmorton of Coughton aforeſaid Knight. And after that the ſaid Michaell had lived many years in Italy, in good and great reputation, with bountifull Hoſpitalitie, entertaining moſt of the Noble-men, and gentlemen of England that had occaſion to come that way, and did returne into the Realm of England in the very beginning of the reigne of Q. Mary, and received of her gift the Maenours of Honiley, Blackwell, Packhurſt, Winderton, Vllenhall in Vllenhall, and others, as appeareth by her Majeſties Letters Patent, bearing date in the firſt year of her reign: And after went into Italy againe, where he departed this life, and lieth buried in S. Martin's Church in the ſaid Citie of Mantua, under a fair Tombe. The ſaid Michael married Judith Tracie, daughter of Richard Tracie of Stanway in the Countie of Glouceſter Eſquire, and of Barbara Lucy of Charlecote in the aforeſaid County of Warwick, and ſiſter to Sir Paul Tracie Baronet, and had by her ſix Children, whereof three, that is to ſay Francis, Michaell, and Judith are departed this life without iſſue; and the other three are living; that is to ſay John, Michaell, and Judith Anno Dom. 1617. & anno decimo quinto domini noſtri Jacobi Regis Anglia.

Mors mihi lucrum, portus, & refugium.
Sic tranſit gloria Mundi.

Omnia vana vidi, ſolo mea Chriſto repono,
Mors tua, Mors Chriſti, fraus Mundi, gloria Cœli,
Et dolor inferni ſunt meditanda tibi.

Botley.

On the North side of the Chancell. at Whitehale



Botley.

THis being originally a member of **Wootton**, is not taken notice of in the Conqueror's Survey; but the name, which is Saxon, shews it to be of greater antiquity; for **Botle** was the word which our Ancestors used in the same sense that we do *Domus* in Latine. In *H.* 2. time *Robert de Stadford* (possessor also of **Wootton**) gave [h] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** certain lands lying in this place, with the homages, and services of severall persons; as also to [i] *Geffrey Malore*, and his heirs all those lands, homages & services, which he likewise held of him here; reserving the payment of a Sparhawk to himself and his heirs, by the said *Geffrey* and his heirs: which *Geffrey* was of those *Malories* that resided at **Tachebroke** in this Countie. From whom descended *John Malore*, who in 9 *E.* 3. had **Free warren** granted [k] to him in all his demesn lands here.

h *Regist. de* Kenilw. p. 147.

i *Ex aut. penès* S. Archer. *aut.*

k *Cart.* 3. *n.* 10.

and at Tachebrooke before ſpecified; as alſo at Walton on the Woulds in Leiceſterſhire; and from him another *John*, who with *Ankitell Malore* his ſon and heir, by their Deed [l] bearing date the Thurſday after the Feaſt of S. *Michael* th'archAngell 22 *H.* 6. aliened it to *Richard Archer* Eſquire, and his heirs; whoſe poſteritie have ever ſince enjoy'd it, Sir *Simon Archer* of Tanworth Knight, being the preſent owner thereof.

l *Ex autog. penès eund. S. A.*

Whitley.

THis being in the Conqueror's time poſſeſt [m] by *Robert de Stadford*, with Wootton, and then certified to contain three hides, was held of him by one *Drogo* (which name we now call *Drew*) having then a Mill, & Woods extending to half a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth; all which were valued at xl *s.* and before the Norman Invaſion had been the inheritance of three brothers. Some have affirmed [n] that this *Drogo* was a Norman, and ſervant to the ſaid *Robert de Stadford*, and that his poſterity aſſumed the ſirname of Whitley, in regard of their reſidence here: as alſo that from this Family of Whitley came the *Offords* and *Fulwoods*; the one from *Robert*, who ſeating himſelf at Offord (whereof I ſhall ſpeak anon) left that name to his deſcendants; and the other from *Richard*, who planting at a place in the pariſh of Tanworth, then called Fulwood, but now Clea-Hall, had alſo thence that denomination: all which from antient evidences is likewiſe in ſome [o] ſort manifeſted.

m Domeſd. *lib.*

n H. Ferſers *ar.*

o *Ex autog. penès* Car. D. Caringſton.

Of this Family was one *Thomas de Witele*, who had iſſue [p] *Robert*; which *Robert*, in conſideration of x. marks of ſilver, paſt [q] away all his intereſt in this Lordſhip to *Peter de Montfort*, in *H.* 3. time, Sir *Will. de Biſhopeſdon*, Sir *Thomas* his ſon, and Sir *Henry Pipard* (all Knights) being witneſſes thereto. After which the ſame *Peter* (*ſc.* of Beldeſert) granted [r] to *Roger* the ſon of *Henry de Witele* and his heirs, all thoſe lands and Rents which he the ſaid *Roger* held of him within the precincts of this place; reſerving for the ſame to himſelf and his heirs, the yearly Rent of two pair of white Gloves at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmaſſe* for all ſervices; and likewiſe Royall ſervice for one yard land & a half, with reaſonable Aid for the making his and their eldeſt ſons Knights, and marriage of their eldeſt daughters according to the cuſtome of the Realm: as alſo ſuit of Court, *viz.* at the ſeverall Courts to be held after *Michaelmaſſe*, the Feaſt of S. *Hillary*, and *Hokeday*, upon reaſonable Summons. But this *Henry de Witele* was ſon [s] to *Roger* the ſon of *Thurſtane de Cherlecote*, and not of the line of *Thomas de Witele*, and fixing here relinquiſht his paternal name, aſſuming his ſirname, thenceforth, from this place, as was very uſual in thoſe times to do.

p *Ex autog. penès* Car. D. Caringſton.

In 13 *Joh.* I find [t] that this Lordſhip (then certified as parcell of the Honour of Stafford) anſwered for three parts of a Knight's Fee; but in 36 *H.* 3. for no more than two parts, *Will. Durevaſſall* and *Rog. de Viteleg* before mentioned, at that time holding [u] it of *Peter de Montfort* and *Will. de Lucy*, and they of *Rob. de Stafford*. Which *Peter* and his poſterity were the only known Lords thereof, for ſome deſcents; for in 13 *E.* 1. the ſame *Peter* claimed [w] Free-warren here (as in other his Lordſhips) which was allowed; and in 24 *E.* 1. *John de Montfort* his ſon and heir died [x] ſeized thereof; at which time there were certified [y] to be ſeven Free-holders, who yearly paid xxx^{s} *ob. q.* Rent, the Pleas and Perquiſites being then valued at ii *s. per an.* And yet nevertheleſſe did *John de Whitely* in 38 *E.* 3. and 5 *R.* 2. write [z] himſelf *Dominus de* Whitley; but this was as Lord *meſne* under *Montfort*, as I conceive. Which *John* had iſſue [a] *Ric. de Whiteley*, who quitted [b] all the intereſt that he had here, to *Joan Beauchamp* Lady of Bergavenny, and others, Feoffees in truſt (I ſuppoſe) on the behalf of *John Harewell* a younger ſon to *John Harewell* of Wootton: For in 7 *H.* 5. this *John Harewell* wrote himſelf *de Whitley*: and in 17 *H.* 7. *John Harewell* brother and heir of *Nich. Harewell*, eldeſt ſon to the ſaid *John*, paſt [c] it by the name of the Mannour of Whitley into the hands of *John Grevill*, *Thomas Truſſell* and other Feoffees: But in 17 *H.* 8. *Roger Harewell*, ſon to the ſaid *John*, in conſideration of Lx *li.* by his deed [d] bearing date 16 *Martii*, abſolutely ſold it to *John Smith*: which *John* in 22 *H.* 8. to ſtrengthen his title the better, being at that time one of the Remembrancer's in the Exchequer, and afterward a Baron of that Court, obtained a Releaſe [e] thereof, unto Sir *Thomas Dennis* Knight and others for the uſe of himſelf and his heirs, to whom it ſtill, together with Wootton, continues.

x *Eſc.* 24 *E.* 1. *n.* 59.

y

z *Ex autog. penès præf.* D Caringston.

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b

c *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Marrow *ar.*

d *Ex autog. penès*

e *præf.* D. Caringston.

Forwood.

THe firſt mention I find of this place, is in 14 *E.* 1. where it was entailed [f] by *Peter de Montfort*, with Haſelholt, whereof I have already ſpoke: But I am of opinion that it was originally a member of Whitley. From which *Peter* deſcended *John de Montfort*, who in 24 *E.* 1. died [g] ſeized of a certain meſſuage here, with a ſmall Park, having 3 carucates of land in demeſn, all held of the Lord *Stafford*, by the ſervice of iii *s.* and ſuit to his three weeks Court at Wootton: but afterwards was it accounted as a member [h] of Beldeſert

f *F. levat.* xvi. *Paſch.* 14. *E.* 1.

g *Eſc.* 24. *E.* 1. *n.* 59.

h *Eſc.* 13. *H.* 4. *n.* 27. *Clauſ.* 2. *H.* 5. *m.* 17.

Edſton.

IN the Conqueror's time this being poſſeſt by the ſame *Robert de Stadford*, of whom I have made mention in Wootton & divers other places, was by the general Survey [i] then certified to contain 5. hides, and valued at iii *li.* having Woods belonging thereto, which extended to half a mile in length, and half a furlong in breadth; but before the Norman invaſion it was the freehold of *Ailric* and *Illuuinus*. As for the name, there is no queſtion but that it ſprung originally from ſome antient poſſeſſor of it in the Saxons time, called *Edric*, that being in thoſe dayes an appellation frequently uſed; for in the before ſpecified Survey it is written Edricestone. By the ſame *Robert de Stadford* it was given (as it ſeems) to the Monks of Conchis in Normandy; but afterwards, upon confirmation & ſetling all things in Wootton to thoſe Monks, reaſſumed by *Robert*, grandchild to the ſaid *Robert*, in exchange for certain lands in Wootton, as in my diſcourſe of the Priory there, is manifeſted.

i Domeſd. *lib.*

How and to whom it was paſſed from the deſcendants of this *Rob. de Stadford*, I cannot cleerly ſee; but by all circumſtances it ſhould ſeem that

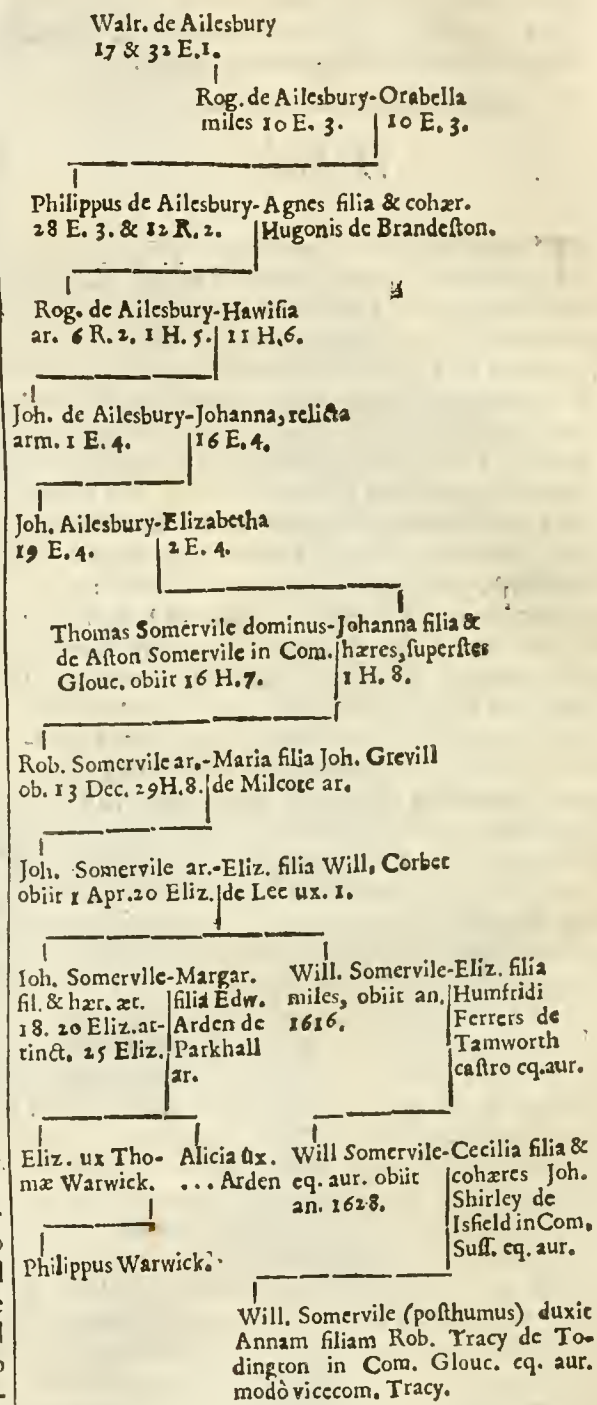
Raph de Ruperiis, a Norman, obtained it: For in 6 *Joh.* 'tis apparent that the King seized [k] it for his disloialty, with divers lands elsewhere, which belong'd to other Normans, the occasion whereof I have toucht in **Ilmington**, and caused its value to be enquired of, which was then certified [l] at iv l. whereupon he directed his Precept [m] to the Shiriff, commanding him to make livery thereof to the Knights *Templars*, to hold at the same rate at which it was so estimated. But, it seems, that the *Templars* possest it not long: for I find that the said King granted it shortly after to *Godfrey de Craucumbe*; and that, by the forfeiture of the same *Godfrey*, it again eschaeted [n] to the Crown: as also that in 12 and 13 *Joh.* it being then in the said King's hands, answered [o] for half a Knights Fee, as part of the Honour of **Stafford**: and continued in the Crown till 31 *H.* 3. About which time *Peter de Montfort* obtained it, as it seems; for after that year I do not find that the Shiriff accounted to the Exchequer for the ferm thereof, and in 36 *H.* 3. it is apparent [p] that amongst the Baron of *Stafford's* Fees, collected upon the King's transfretation into **Gascoin**, it answered for half one, being then held by *Will. de Edricheston* of the said *Peter de Montfort*, and by him of the Lord *Stafford*. And in 50 *H.* 3. after the death of the said *Peter* (slain in the battell of **Evesham**, as in **Belvesert** I have shewed) it became extended [q] with the rest of his lands: but certain it is that the said *Will de Edrichston* actually possest it; for in divers evidences he is stiled [r] Lord thereof.

And yet had the same *Peter* some other interest here; for it appears [s] that he granted to the Monks of **Bordesley** all his Common of pasture within the precincts of this Lordship; *viz.* for *xv.* beasts, two Horses for draught, and CC. sheep according to the large Hundred; which Commoning was, it seems, upon some barren and course land, in regard he covenanted with them, that if any part thereof should be reduced to tillage by himself, his heirs, or any of his Tenants, the said Monks might have free liberty to put on their Cattell upon it after the Corn sowed should be cut and carried away. So likewise had *Will. de Cantilupe*, but what or how I have not yet discerned; for I have seen a grant [t] of his made to the said Monks of **Bordesley**, as also to *Will. de Burley*, *Will. de Edricheston*, and to the Freeholders of **Burley** and **Edricheston**, and their successors, giving them anthority to divide their fields in those towns into three parts, and dispose of them as they should think fit; saving to him the said *Will. de Cantilupe*, his heirs and Tenants, Common in those fields during the Fallow year, and after the crop cut and carried away; provided that the said Monks, with their Tenants of **Burley**, and **Edricheston** should have the like in those fields belonging to the before specified *Will. de Cantilupe* and his Tenants.

But after this it was not long ere that it came [u] to Sir *Nich. Cyfrewast* Knight, though by whom or when granted I have not certainly found. To which *Nich.* succeeded [w] *Will.* his brother and heir, who past [x] it away to *Henry de Bray* and his heirs, reserving a Clove gilliflower to be yearly payed to himself and his heirs for all services. Which *Henry* soon convey'd [y] it to *Walter de Ailesbury* and his heirs, for a penny of silver payable yearly to himself and his heirs at the Feast of S. *Michael* for all services; these grants being both without date; howbeit the last of them was before 13 *E.* 1. for in the Plea Roll [z] of that year I do find it recorded. In the male line of which Family it continued for divers ages, and at length by a daughter and heir, came to the *Somerviles*, who enjoy it at this day, as the Descent here insetted, extracted from their originall evidences, [a] manifesteth.

z *Plac. coram. R. term. T.* 13. E. 1. *rot.* 35.

a *Penès* Will. Somervile. ar.



Of these *Ailesburies* I find, that in 13 *E.* 1. *Walter* obtained a Charter [b] of **Freewarren** to himself and his heirs in all his demesn lands at **Roulton** in **Shropshire**, as also at **Wydenay**, and here at **Edrichston**, in this County: and that in 21 *E.* 1. he had a particular pardon [c] granted to him for not receiving the order of Knighthood at the time appointed by the King's speciall Precept: as also that, at the instance [d] of *Edmund* Earl of **Cornwall**, he obtained such favour, that he should not be distrained to take upon him that dignity, against his own liking, whilest he lived. It seems he had some special relation to that Earl; for in 29 *E.* 1. he was constituted [e] Governour of the Castle and Honour of **Walingford**, belonging to the same *Edmund*; as also of the Honour of S. *Valerie*. In the same year he had Summons [f] amongst many other

b *Cart.* 13. E. 1. *n.* 30.

c *Pat.* 21. E. 1. *m.* 17.

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e *Rot. F.* 29 E. 1. *m.* 14

f *Claus.* 29 E. 1. *in d. m.* 13

k *Rot. de terr. Norm.* 6. *Joh. n.* 14.

l *Pat.* 6. *Joh. m.* 19.

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n *Lib. rub. f.* 144. *b.*

o *Ib. f.* 157. *a.*

p *Testa. de N.*

q *Pat.* 50. H. 3. *in d.*

r *Ex autog. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.*

s *Ex autog. in Officio Arm.*

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u *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. Archer *eq. aur.*

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other persons of great quality to be at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of Saint *John Baptist*, well accoutred with Horse and Armes to attend the King in person into **Scotland**; and bore for his Armes *Arg. a plain Crosse Azure*, as by his Seal [g] and other authorities appeareth. To whom succeeded [h] *Roger* in the possession of this Mannour; yet I think he was not his eldest son, but rather Sir *Philip de Ailesbury* Knight, whose posterity fixed in **Buckinghamshire**, and bore the same Armes that *Walter* did; for *Roger*'s coat had [i] a *Label of 3. points* for difference.

Which *Roger* in 15 *E.* 2. was one [k] of the four Commissioners assigned to choose out 600 able Foot-Souldiers within this County and **Leicestershire**; and one of the two to conduct them unto **Newcastle** upon **Tine**, so that they might be there well armed and arrayed, on the Even of S. *James* the Apostle, to march in the King's service towards **Scotland**. In which year I find that he was joyned [l] with *Peter de Montfort*, and *VVill. de Beauchamp* in the custody of the City of **Worcester**: and in 18 *E.* 2. that he, with *Thomas Hastang* (of whom I have spoke in **Lemington**) were appointed [m] to choose and arme 400 Footmen in this County, whereof C. to have Aketones and Hauberts, and CCC with Haketones and Bacinets, besides those which ought to be armed according to the Statute of **Winchester**. As also in 1 *E.* 3. that he was one [n] of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** and afterwards the same year constituted [o] Shiriff of this County and **Leicestershire**: so likewise in [p] 4 *E.* 3. in which Office he continued till 6 *E.* 3. and being [q] that year in the North parts of this Realm, with the Earl of **Warwick**, attending the King upon special services there, had his accompt, which he should have made at *Michaelmasse*, respited [r] till the *Quinzieme* of *Easter* following. In 7 *E.* 3. it appears [s] that he and *Ric. de Eggbaston* were assigned Commissioners for the choosing and arraying of certain Foot souldiers, within this County and **Leicestershire**, to march against the Scots: and that in 10 *E.* 3. he was one [t] of the Commissioners appointed for the receiving a Tenth from all the Towns, Cities and Boroughs of this Countie, granted to the King in his great Councell held at **Nottingham** the same year, for the defraying such costs and charges as had been sustained in defence of the Realm against the Scots; in which year he was likewise in [u] Commission of *Oyer* and *Terminer* concerning Felons and persons notoriously suspected.

In 11 *E.* 3. the King calling a Councell at **Westminster**, for preservation of the peace and tranquility of the Realm, whereunto were summoned [w] by speciall writt, and particular name, certain Knights from the several Counties; and Burgesses for the Burroughs, to appear the Fryday next before the Feast of St. *Michael*, with whom the said King resolved to have personall Treaty; amongst these was [x] our *Roger de Aylesbury*, with *Ric. de VVhitacre* and *John Revell*, for this County: but it seems that *Ric. de VVhitacre* appeared not; for upon assignation of their expences, for xv. dayes (being the time it lasted) the appointment to the Shiriff, is only [y] for payment of this *Roger* and *John Revell*; this being the year [z] preceding the said King's assuming the title of King of **France**, and quartering the Armes of that Realm with **England**: whereupon he took into his royal consideration, that the same might occasion him a War with the French, and proposed [a] the borrowing of money from the Clergy and people of **England**, for avoiding thereof; constituting [b] Commissioners through the several Counties, to declare that to be the reason of the said loan. And the next year following, being resolved of an expedition beyond Sea, for effecting his designes in **France**, summoned [c] the like Councell of his Subjects to be held at **Westminster** the morrow following the *Clause of Easter*; whereunto were again appointed [d] to come, in the behalf of this County, the said *Roger de Aylesbury*, *Ric. de VVhitacre* and *John Revell*, there to consult about the conservation of this Realm in peace and safety during the King's absence.

In 13 *E.* 3. he served [e] in the Parl. then likewise held at **Westminster**, as one of the Knights for this Shire: but after this I find no more of him that is memorable, other than that he was [f] a Kt. and left issue *Philip* his son and heir, who bore [g] for his Armes *a Bend gules over his Azure Crosse*, and married [h] *Agnes* the daughter and coheir of *Hugh de Brandeston* (Lord of the Mannour of **Lapworth**) by whom he had issue *Roger*. Which *Roger* had very little to do in the affairs of the publique, other than as a Commissioner [i] in 6 *H.* 4. for collection of a Subsidy in this Connty: Neither had *John* his son any more than in the Office of Eschaetor for this County and **Leicestershire** in [k] 23 & 30. *H.* 6. And *John*, the son and heir of him, none at all; the Family being declined so much, that notwithstanding his descent as heir to *Roger*, before spoken of, who was a Knight, he wrote [m] himself no other than *Gentilman*. Which *John* being the last male branch of this house here at **Edston**, left issue *Joane* [n] a daughter and heir, wedded [o] unto *Thomas Somervile* of *Somervile-Acton in com.* **Glouc.** Esquier, whereby this Mannour, with the rest of his lands, came to that Family; in which it still continues, having been, since that time, their principal Seat, as appears by many authorities.

But touching the ancestors of this *Thomas Somervile*, I shall say little, in regard, that having their estate and residence in **Gloucestershire**, they are out of my limits: only of this I conceive fit to take notice, that they have been of a very antient continuance there, and no lesse eminent, as it seems: for one of them was a Knight [p] in 45 *H.* 3. being stiled *Johannes miles de* **Acton** *Somervile*, and bore [q] for his Armes ..... *upon a border* ..... *6 Leopards heads* ....., as by his Seal appeareth: whereunto his great granchild Sir *VVill. Somervile* Knight, in the beginning of *Edw.* 3. time, added [r] one more, *Leopards head* upon the *border*; and Sir *John Somervile* Knight his son and heir, altered it more, bearing [s] *Argent upon a fesse gules 3 Leopards heads Or, betwixt 3 Annulets of the second*; which coat hath been continued by his posterity to these very times. From whom descended *John Somervile* Esq; who in 25 *Eliz.* being a hot spirited Gentleman, and about 23 years of age, but a Roman Catholique by profession, is said to have been so far transported with zeale for the restoring that Religion, by the instigation of one *Hall* a Priest, that he resolved to kill the Queen, and to that purpose made a journey to **London**, and that upon his apprehension he confest his intent: but being arraigned, condemn'd and committed to **Newgate**, within three days after, he was found strangled in his lodging. How far forth he was guilty of this, God knows; for with what a high hand things were

[g] *Ex autog. penes præf. S. A.*
[h] *Clauſ. 15. 2. in d. 1.*
[i] *Pat. 15. 2. p. 1. 3.*
[k] *Pat. 18. 2 p. 1. 32.*
[l] *Clauſ. 1. 3. in d. 15.*
[m] *Rot. F. 1. 13. m. 24.*
[n] *Rot. F. 4. 13. m. 16.*
[o] *Clauſ. 16. E. 3. in d. m. 11.*
[p] *Pat. 7. E. 3. 1. m. 14.*
[q] *Rot. F. 10. E. m. 3.*
[r] *Pat. 10. E. p. 2. in d. 8.*
[s] *Clauſ. 11. E. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 38.*
[t] *m. 37.*
[u] *Walſ. p. 1. m. 20.*
[a] *Clauſ. 11. E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 28.*
[b] *Clauſ. 11. E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 28.*
[c] *Pat. 12. E. 3. in d. m. 37.*
[d] *Pat. 12. E. 3. in d. m. 37.*
[e] *Clauſ. 13. E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 3.*
[f] *Ex autog. penes W. Somervile ar.*
[g] *Ex autog. penes W. Somervile ar.*
[h] *Ex autog. penes W. Somervile ar.*
[i] *Rot. F. 6. H. 4. m. 16.*
[k] *Rot. F. 23. H. 6. m. 21.*
[l] *Rot. F. 30. H. 6. m. 10.*
[m] *Ex autog. penes eund. W. S.*
[n] *Esc. 7. H. 7.*
[o] *Esc. 7. H. 7.*
[p] *Ex autog. penes W. S.*
[q] *Ex autog. penes W. S.*
[r] *Ex autog. penes W. S.*
[s] *Ex autog. penes W. S.*

were then borne through the power of *Robert Dudley* Earl of **Leicester**, is not unknown to most men: which Earl had a particular spleen against Mr *Arden* of **Parkhall**, father in Law to this Gentleman, as by sundery aged persons, of credit, I have often heard.

Bearley.

THis being written **Burlei** in the Conqueror's Survey, was then held of *Rob. de Stadford* by one *Ailric*, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion; but the extent of it by that Record [t] is certified to be no more than 1. hide valued at x *s.* which was but the one half of what it had been rated at in *Edw.* the Confessor's days. By one of whose descendants (*sc.* of *Stafford*) was *Cumin* (antiently Lord of **Snitfield**) as I conceive, first enfeoft hereof, and by *Cumin*, *Nicholas* that assumed his firname from hence without doubt; for in *H.* 2. time I find, that such a man there was; and that he, with *Will. de Burlei*, his son, gave [u] to the Monks of **Bordsley** xx. acres of land, lying within the precincts of **Claverdon**, and held of *Walter Cumin*, who confirm'd the grant. As also, that to the Church of **Wootton**, and the Monks of **Conchis**, they likwise gave [x] in 1 *R.* 1. all their interest in the Chapell here; adding the grant of one yard land, with a Croft and Messuage. To which *William* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who quitted [y] his total interest and claim, in the said Chapell, unto those Monks; and for its better confirmation, levied a Fine [z] thereupon in 5 *H.* 3. This *John* had issue [a] *Will. de Burle*, a further Benefactor also to the Monks of **Bordsley**, by granting [b] to them certain lands in **Claverdon**, which he had recovered by a suit in Law in the Ks. Court at **Westminster**, and bore [c] for his Armes *three Garbs with* 3 *flower de luces in Chief*; which shews what relation he had to *Cumin*, and *Cantilupe*, Lords of **Snitfield** successively.

To whom succeeded *Hugh* his son [d] and heir; who gave [e] likewise to those Monks of **Bordsley**, one yard land lying here in **Burley**, but within the Fee of **Snitfield**; and therefore confirm'd [f] by *Margery de Cantilupe*, and *John* her son. Which *John*, about the beginning of *Edw.* 1. time, withdrew [g] the suit that the Inhabitants of this place had usually done to the Hundred Court, unto his own Court held a **Snitfield**. So that I think there needs no question to be made, but that *Cumin* was first enfeoft hereof by *Stafford*; to fortifie which my conjecture the more, I find that *John de Cantilupe*, son to the last mentioned *John*, was in 9 *E.* 2. certified [h] to be Lord of this place (*id est* Lord Paramount) and that this was then reputed a Hamlet of **Snitfield**. But farther than the before specified *Hugh de Burley* I cannot trace the succession of this Mannour in that family of *Burley*; nor do I find when or how it went out of it; the next possessor thereof, that I have discovered, being *Will.* the son of *Nich. de Warwick* (of whom in **Fulbroke** I have spoke) which *Will.* in 9 *E.* 2. sold [i] it to one *Robert Moryn*, an Inhabitant of **Snitfield**; Which *Robert* had issue *John*; who by a Fine levied [k] in 8 *E.* 3. setled it upon *Margaret* his mother, and *John de Cumpton* her second husband, for their lives, with remainder to himself and his heirs.

After which time I have not seen any more mention of it, the reason whereof is plain enough; *viz.* that it was swallowed up amongst divers petty Freeholders, by the purchase of their several Ferms, as in many other places it falls out: so that the Lords of **Snitfield**, who were Superiour Lords here, have of later times been taken for the immediate Lords thereof, as in [l] 10 *H.* 6. *Joan Beauchamp* Lady of *Bergavenny*, and in [m] 1 *H.* 8. the King. But now the reputed Lord thereof is the owner of those lands here, which were antiently given [n] to the Monks of **Bordsley**, and in 19 *E.* 1. were estimated [o] at two Carucates. Which lands upon the dissolution of that Monastery, were in 37 *H.* 8. (*inter alia*) past [p] out of the Crown to *Clem. Throkmorton* Esquier, and *Alex Avenon* and their heirs, by the name of the Mannour, Grange, or Ferme of **Byrley**, *alias* **Burpley**: And in 3 *E.* 6. purchased [q] of the said *Clem. Throkmorton &c.* by *Will. Walter*: From which *William*, it is come to Mr. *Fanshaw*, the now owner of it, in such sort as **Walperton**, and **Binton** are.

Silesburne.

THis is a place lying near the little brook, which thwarteth the Road from **Henley** to **Alcester**, whereupon antiently stood an Hermitage, but now there is no habitation near it.

Wawens-Moore.

OF this I find no other mention than the very name in [r] 9 *E.* 2. and [s] 8 *H.* 8. it being a member of **Wootton**.

Wyche.

NEither of this can I say any more, than that it was reputed [t] a member of **Beldesert** in 2 *H.* 5.

Offorde.

THere is no more now left here than a Mill, which being called **Offord** Mill, preserveth the memory of this place: but antiently there was a fair Mannour house, the *vestigia* whereof do appear in those grounds lying about a Bows-shoot Northwards from the Mill, in the nature of a round Fortification. In the Conqueror's time here was also a Village of divers Inhabitants, as appears by the general Survey [u] then taken, wherein it is recorded to contain 5 hides, with a Mill, and Woods of a mile in length and half as much in breadth, all which were valued at iiii *li.* besides one carucate of Inclosure rated at x *s.* and then wholly possest by *Rob. de Stadford*, mentioned in **Wootton**, but before the Norman invasion were the freehold of *Waga*, of whom I have there also spoken. To which *Rob. de Stadford* succeeded *Nicholas*, and to him another *Robert*, who in *H.* 2. time, enfeoft [w] one *Robert* the son of *Matthew*, and his heirs, of all his

[l] *Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*
[m] *Ex autog. penes S. Archer eq. aur.*
[n] } *MS. in*
[o] } *Scac.*
[p] *Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 9.*
[q] *F. levat. term. Pasch 3. E. 6.*
[r] *Nom. vill.*
[s] *Esc. 8. H. 8.*
[t] *Clauſ. 2. H. 5. m. 17*
[u] *Dome. lib.*
[w] *Ex aut. penes W. Vicec. Staff.*

his interest in this Village, excepting the lands belonging to three Freeholders, there named; granting [x] likewise to him, all that Wood lying on the left hand the antient way leading from **Wootton** to **Boyton**-*Bagot*; to hold of him the said *Robert de Stafford*, and his heirs, by the service of half a Kts. Fee: in consideration of which grant, the said *Robert* received the summe of ten Marks, one Palfrey, and a labouring Horse, and *Avice* his wife two Bisantines. Whereupon this *Robert*, seating himself here, assumed his surname from hence: but it seemes he held the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, besides this, of the said *Robert de Stafford*; for in 12 *H.* 2. by the Certificate [y] then made, it appears, that he held 3 parts of a Knights Fee of him, whereof he had been enfeoft since the death of K. *H.* 1.

This *Robert de Offord* wedded [z] *Agnes* the second of the five daughters and coheirs of *Peter de Mora*, by *Basilia* his wife, the eldest of the three daughters and coheirs to *Rob. fil. Odonis* Lord of **Lorley** and **Boyton** (now **Boyton**-*Bagot*) yet am I not certain of any issue that he had: neither till 25 *H.* 3. have I seen more of this place; but then was *Will. de Blancfront* impleaded [a] for certain lands here, and in 36 *H.* 3. certified [b] to hold half a Knight's Fee therein, of the Lord *Stafford*. Which *Will. Blancfront* was [c] one of the Coroners for this County in 15 *E.* 2. and had issue [d] *Walter*, and he *Henry* [e], who wrote [f] himself Lord of this place in 31 *E.* 3. but resided [g] at **Potsgrave** in **Bedfordshire**. After this it returned again to the Family of *Stafford*, but whether by Eschaet or purchase, I cannot directly say, *Humfrey* Earl *Stafford* being owner [h] of it in 10 *H.* 6. Since which time having been enjoy'd by the possessors of **Wootton**-*wawen*, and being a depopulated place, little notice hath been taken of it; so that now it is accounted as part of **Wootton** Lordship, and accordingly held by the Lord *Carington* at this day.

x *Ex autog. penes* W. vicec. Staff.

y *Lib. rub.* 95. a.

z *Ex Reg.* e Kenilw. *penes* E. Fresould.

a *Pat.* 25. 3. *m.* d.

b *Testa. de*

d *Clauf.* 15. 2. *m.* 38.

e *Ex au-* *penes* ill. *vicec.* Staff.

f *Ib.*

g *Rot. in* *uic. penes* *m. R.*

h *Ib.*

Aston Cantlow.

BEing now past that large parish of **Wootton**-*wawen*, I come next to **Aston**-*Cantlow*, situate on the Southern bank of **Alne**. Before the Norman Invasion, *Algar* Earl of **Mercia** was [i] possest hereof; but upon that great distribution then made by King *William* unto his friends and followers, this place with divers lands of a large extent, as well here as in other Counties, was conferred (as I guesse) upon one *Richard* a noble Norman; for it appears by the generall Survey [k] begun about the *xiiii*th year of that King's reign, that *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* then enjoy'd it, with several other fair Lordships lying in this Shire, as also in the Counties of **Worcester**, **Hereford**, **Bedford**, **Salop**, and **Nottingham**, whose principal seat was (as I also conjecture) at **Ricard's Castle** in **Herefordshire**; which being (doubtlesse) built by the same *Richard*, for better awing of the vanquisht English, did afterwards retain his name, and continueth it to this day. In that authentique Record [l] this place is written **Estone**, by reason of its Eastern site from **Alcester** (I presume) which was of a more antient plantation: and the value thereof then certified to be vi *li.* being esteemed at v. hides, having a Church, as also one Mill, with Woods of a mile in length and as much in breadth: the Descendants of which *Osbernus*, I have put in **Farnborough**; for unto them did it continue but a while, *Tankervile*, who was *Camerarius Normanniæ*, possessing [m] it in 15 *H.* 2. yet no otherwise than as a Fermor to the King, as appears by some [n] Records.

i *Domesd.*

k *Ib.*

But in 6 *Joh. Will. de Cantilupe* obtained [o] it with the corn and stock thereon, which the Shiriff was commanded to value, and according to the rate they should be prized at, to deliver [p] them unto him: and from hence had it the addition of his name joyned thereto, for distinction from the other **Astons** in this County. Here hath been [q] antiently a Park, and by the tradition of the Inhabitants, a Castle also, situate Southwards of the Church; but the Moat and banks thereof are now so levelled, that there is scarce any appearance of it: At which Castle, forasmuch as the before specified *William* and his descendants had (without doubt) their principal residence, till by marriage with *Eva*, the daughter and heir of *Will. de Braose*, to *Will.* his grandson, the Castle and Honour of **Bergavenny** came to this Family, I have here thought fit to say something historically of them.

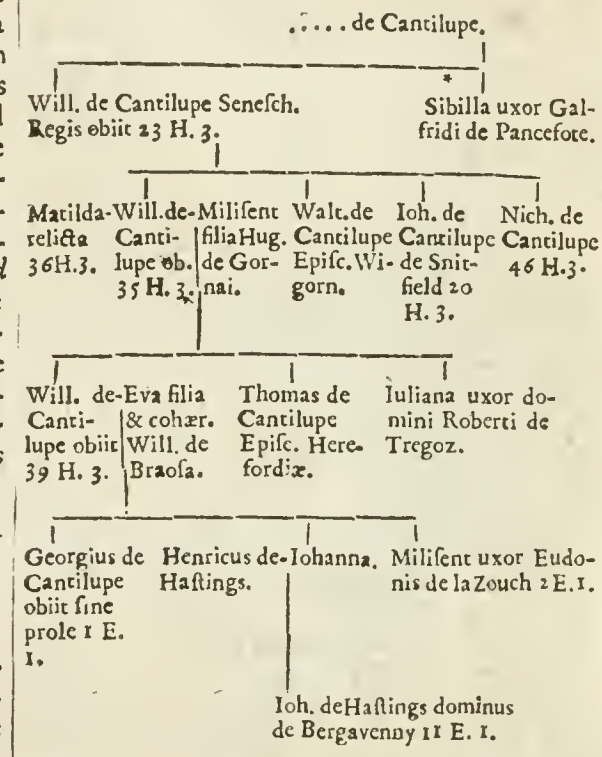
m *Rot. P.* 15. *H.* 2.

n *Rot. P. de an.* 19. & 20. *H.* 2.

o *Clauf.* 6. *Joh. m.* 16.

p *Clauf.* 6. *Joh. m.* 16.

q *Esc.* 39. *H.* 3.



* *Ex autog. penes* W. Sheldon *ar.*

This *Will. de Cantelu*, or *Cantelupe* (for I find him both ways written) was a person of great eminency and power in his time. In 1 *Joh.* he had a discharge [r] for the Scutage then due from him. In 3, 4, 5, & 6 *Joh.* he was Shiriff [s] of this County and **Leicestershire**, and upon leaving that office, constituted Governour [t] of the Castles of **Hereford**, **Wilton** and **Purrebach**: Nay in those great differences betwixt the said King and Pope *Innocent* the 3. in 13 *Joh.* he is taken notice [u] of to have been one of that King's Chief Councellors and directors; and from the 12th year to the end of his reign, had again the custody [w] of the before specified Counties. In 15 *Joh.* he obtained the King's special Precept [x] to the Barons of his Exchequer, to respite their demand of *CCCC.* Marks debt, due by him; *viz. CCC.* marks for a Fine, which he was to have payd for the Wardship, and custody of the land of *Henry de Longcamp's* heir; and *C.* marks which the said King had lent him upon his Voyage into **Almaine**. In 16 *Joh.* he had [y] Scutage of his Tenants, in satisfaction for those souldiers which

r *Rot. P.* 1. *Joh.*

s *Rot. P. de ijsd. an.*

t *Pat.* 6. *Joh. m.* 7.

u *Math. Westm. in an.* 1211.

w *Rot. P. de ijsd. an.*

x *Rot. F.* 15 *H.* 3 *m.* 10.

y *Clauf.* 16. *Joh. in d.*

were then maintained by him in Poictou for the King's service; as also the same year was, amongst others, a witnesse [z] to that notable Charter granted by the said King to the Archb. of Canterb. and other Bishops, in behalf of all the Churches and Monasteries of England: and in 17 *Joh.* got a pardon [a] for a debt of *Cclxii* marks and *xvi*d. which was by his own agreement to have been payd as a fine, for obtaining the Countesse of Eureur in marriage for his son.

And yet, notwithstanding all these favours, it appears [b] that in that great defection of the Barons, the same year, he forsook the King and adhered to them; but did not persist long in that error, as it seems; for shortly after, I find, that he had a grant [c] of all the lands of *Nich. de Verdon*, and so also [d] of *Thurstane de Mountfort*, great Actors in that Rebellion; and was made Governour [e] of the strong Castle of Kenilworth in this Countie, being then Steward [f] of the King's household. Having thus shewed in what esteem he was with K. *John*, let us now take a view of his favour with K. *H.* 3. and of his eminency in those times. In 1. of that K. reign, he was [g] in person with the royall Army at the siege of Mountforell Castle in Leicestersh. and at raising [h] the seige, which the rebellious Barons had made against the Castle of Lincoln. In 2 *H.* 3. again made Shirift of this County and Leicestersh. in which office he continued [k] till the 8th year of that King's reign. In 5 *H.* 3. he had the K. special Letter [l] authorizing him to receive of the several Kts. Fees held of him x *s.* in respect that he was in person with the K. at the seige of Witham Castle in Lincolnsh. In 6 *H.* 3. he had, by the Ks. special command, all the Castles that belonged to *Reginald de Braose*, deceased, committed [m] to his charge, being then Steward to the K. as he had been to his father: but it seems that his chief residence was then at Kenilw. Castle before specified; for no lesse doth the Record [n], appointing him timber for repair of the buildings, for his habitation there, import: Howbeit, the same year, being made Governour [o] of Hereford Castle, he had in *December* 8 *H.* 3. a discharge [p] of his Shiriffalty here, and of the Custody of Kenilworth Castle, which was thereupon delivered up to [q] *John Russell*, unto whom also those Counties were then committed.

It should seem that, about this time, he adhered to [r] the Earl of Chester, and some other of the Barons, who began to swell against the King, and give out big words on the behalf of that Earl, whose Castles the said King thought fit to seize: but seeing themselves not strong enough to go through with their designe, were glad to submit: For which offence I do not find that the Ks. displeasure stuck long upon him, in regard that within 3 years after, by his Pat [s] bearing date 18 *Aug.* he confirmed unto him this Mannour of Eton, which formerly did belong to *Raph de Tankervile* Chamberlain (of Normandy) with the Mannour of Middleton, that pertained to *Gilbert de Vilers*, to hold till such time as the said King should please to restore them unto the right heirs of the said *Raph* and *Gilbert*; which Mannours he the said *Will.* had first received by the grant of K. *John*, as the same Record testifieth: for confirmation whereof, as also for a Mercate and Faire here, he then gave the K. a Fine [t] of *xv.* marks. And in 13 *H.* 3. received farther testimony of the King's favour, by a Pardon [u] of *xl.* marks, due from him to have been payd into the Exchequer, for certain amerciaments laid upon him by the Justices Itinerant; and an acceptance of *x.* marks *per an.* till the *C.* marks lent unto him by King *John*, were satisfied, which summe the said King delivered unto him when he went on his Embassie into Almaine, as I have already intimated.

In 15 *H.* 3. he had another confirmation [w] of this Lordship, extending also to his heirs; with a speciall *Proviso*, that if the said King or his heirs should afterward restore it to the heirs of *Tankervile*, he the said *William* and his heirs should have other lands of as good value in recompence thereof; that Charter of confirmation bearing date at Wenloc 26 *Maii*. Of which noble person I further find [x], that he obtained the Advouson and patronage of the Priory of Studley (near this place, as I have there shewed) from *Peter de Corbucon*, heir to the Founder; whereunto he gave [y] a fair portion of lands lying in Shottwell: That he also built * an *Hospitall* at the Gates of that Monastery: That he bore for his Armes *Gules* 3 *flower de lices Or*, as by his Seal [z] appeareth, within the compasse whereof; *scil.* towards the lower part of the Shield, there is a *Star*, *with a Cressant*, which is a Badge (as hath been observed by judicious Antiquaries) of his service in the Holy warrs: And that he departed [a] this life 7 *Id. Apr.* 23 *H.* 3. being then very aged; leaving issue several sons, *viz.* *William* his son and heir, *Walter* a Priest [b] and imployed [c] by King *H.* 3. as his Agent to the Court of Rome, afterwards elected [d] Bishop of Worcester, whose story I refer to *Godwyn*; *John* Lord of Snitfield in this Countie; and *Nicholas*, [e] of whom I find no more than the bare mention.

Which *Will.* being a martial man as well as his father, and accompanying him [f] at raising the seige of Lincolne Castle, in 1 *H.* 3. had in 15 *H.* 3. much of his father's estate past over to him [g], for which he then did [g] his homage to the King: And in 24 *H.* 3. obtained a special Charter [h] for exempting him from any suit to the County or Hundred Courts, *Leet*, Aid to the Shiriff and *Hidage* for all his lands in England. After which, *viz.* in 26 *H.* 3. he attended [i] the King in that his French expedition, which was so unprosperous: and having been in 28 *H.* 3. sent [k] with other of the great Nobilitie, to solicite the Prelates for an Aid of money, according to the Popes Letters on the King's behalf, was the next ensuing year one of those that went Embassiador [l] to the general Councell then held at Lions, there to complain of the grievous exactions used here in England by the Court of Rome, as well from the Clergie as Laitie, and to crave remedie for the same. Which *William*, bearing a devout affection to the Canons of Studley before specified, gave [m] to the *Hospital* of his Father's building there, lands to the value of x *li. per an.* lying within this Lordship; as also certain Rent and pasturage for Cattell, in Southernkesson, with the Church of Hemesson in Devonshire. And having besides all this, obtained a special Charter [n] for exempting their Woods, situate within the Forest of Fekenham, from any view of the King's Foresters and Verderers; and been Steward [o] to the King, as his Father was, as also a most faithfull Councellor [p], left issue by *Milisent* the daughter of *Hugh de Gornay*, *Will.* [q] his son and heir, *Thomas* [r] Bishop of Hereford (who in 34 *E.* 1. was * canonized for a Saint) and *Julian* the [s] wife of Sir *Rob. de Tregoz*; and departed this

[z] *Math. P. p.* 211. 32.
[a] *Clauf.* 17. *Joh. m.* 8.
[b] *Math. P. p.* 255. 12.
[c] *Clauf.* 18. *Joh. m.* 2.
[d] *Ib. m.* 6.
[e] *Pat.* 18. *Joh.* [f] *m.* 7.
[g] *Math. P. p.* 293 39.
[h] *Ib. p.* 295. 8.
[i] *Rot. P.* 2. *H.* 3.
[k] *Rot. P. de iisd. an.*
[l] *Clauf.* 5. *H.* 3. *in d.*
[m] *Pat.* 6. *H.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.
[n] *Clauf.* 7. *H.* 3. *m.* 18.
[o] *Pat.* 7. *H.* 3. *m.* 6.
[p] *Pat.* 8. *H.* 3. [q] *m.* 12.
[r] *Math. P. p.* 319. *n.* 40. *&c.*
[s] *Pat.* 11. *H.* 3. *m.* 3.
[t] *Rot. P.* 11. *H.* 3.
[u] *Rot. F.* 13. *H.* 3. *m.* 12.
[w] *Cart.* 15. *H.* 3. *m.* 8.
[x] Witlesey *f.* 12. *a.*
[y] *Cart.* 1. *E.* 3. *n.* 3. *per. Insp.*
* *Ex autog. in bibl.* Deuvesi.
[z] *Ex autog. penès* W. Sheldon *ar.*
[a] *Math. P. p.* 485. 32.
[b] *Rot. F.* 13. *H.* 3. [c] *m.* 12.
[d] *Math. P. p.* 438. 9.
[e] *Cart.* 46. *H.* 3. *m* 3. *per. Inspex.*
[f] *Math. P.* 295. 7.
[g] *Pat.* 15. *H.* 3. *m.* 3.
[h] *Cart.* 24. *H.* 3. *m.* 1
[i] *Math. P. p.* 589. *n.* 20.
[k] *Ib. p.* 64[illegible] *l.* 35.
[l] *Ib. p.* 65[illegible] 12.
[m] *Cart.* 1. *E.* 3. *n.* 3. *per. Insp.*
[n] *Cart.* 26 *H.* 3. *m.* 8.
[o] *Math. P. p.* 815. 17
[p] *Math. Westm.*
[q] [r] [s] *Ex v memb. in bib* Deuvesi.
* *Clauf.* 3 *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 15.

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this life in 35 *H.* 3. immediatly whereupon, *William* his eldeſt ſon, performing his homage, and giving ſecurity for payment of his Relief, which was C *li.* had livery [t] of his lands.

Which *William* in 37 *H.* 3. obtained a pardon from [u] the King for pulling down the Caſtle of **Penros**, in **Wales**, belonging to *John de Monemuth*; as alſo for [w] five marks, at which this his Mannour of **Aſton** was amerced, for protecting one *Rob. de Shelfnill*, who had been indicted for certain miſdemeanors: and in 38 *H.* 3. was conſtituted [x] Governor of **Bovelt** Caſtle in **Brecknockſhire**. To the before ſpecified *Hoſpitall*, built at the Gate of the Priory of **Studley**, he gave [y] the advouſon of the Church here at **Aſton**; and having wedded [z] *Eva* one of the daughters and coheirs to *Will. de Braoſe* of **Brecknock**, with whom he had the territory of **Upper Went**, and other lands in **England** and **Wales**, departed [a] this life in the flower of his youth, to the great grief of many, leaving iſſue [b] by her the ſaid *Eva*, *George* his ſon and heir, and two daughters. Of which *George*, (being ſcarce [c] 3. years old at that time) I have found very little that is memorable, his death hapning before he arrived to years, whereby he could be qualified for any great action, *viz.* in [d] 1 *Edw.* 1. Therefore, whether the marriage betwixt him and *Margaret* the daughter of *Edmund de Lacy* was ever conſummated, as their parents had deſigned [e], when he was ſcarce two years old, I cannot tell; but ſure I am that he had no [f] iſſue: for *John* the ſon of *Henry de Haſtings*, and *Milicent* then the wife of *Eudo* (or *Yvo*) *la Zouche*, were found [g] to be his ſiſters and heirs.

Which *Henry* being in [h] minority in 36 *H.* 3. and in Ward to *Guy de Luzignian* the King's half brother, had the benefit of his marriage, then diſpoſed [i] of by the ſaid *Guy* unto *Will. de Cantilupe* before ſpecified, who gave his daughter *Ioane* thus in wedlock to him. Whereupon by partition made [k] betwixt thoſe coheirs, the ſaid *Milisent* had for her ſhare the Caſtle of **Totenelle** *in Com. Devon.* the Mannours of **Epton** *in com. Bedf.* and **Haringworth** in **Northamptonſhire**, with other fair poſſeſſions in **England** and **Wales**; as alſo the advouſon of the Priory of **Studley** in this County: And *John de Haſtings*, the ſon of *Joane* beforementioned, had **Bergavenny** with the Caſtle and Honour (which were of the inheritance of *Eva de Breauſe* his grandmother) together with the Caſtle of **Kilgaran** *in Com. Pembr.* and amongſt other large territories in **England** and **Wales**, this Mannour of **Aſton**, then valued at Lix *li.* iiii *s.* i *d. per an.* all which were in the King's hands at the time of the ſaid Partition made, by reaſon of his minority. But touching the Family of *Haſtings* I ſhall ſpeak hiſtorically in **Fillongley**, and therefore purpoſe to make no other mention of them here, than what particularly relates to this place.

In 13 *E.* 1. this *John de Haſtings* claimed [l] a **Court-Leet**, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer, *Weifs*, Gallows, and **Free warren** within this Mannour, by Preſcription; all which were allowed. From which time this Mannour, was, for divers deſcents, enjoy'd by the poſterity of the ſaid *John*, as I could ſufficiently demonſtrate, if need were, except for ſo long as *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon** held [m] two parts of it, in right of *Julian* his wife, widow to *John de Haſtings*, father of *Laurence* Earl of **Pembroke**: After the death of which *Laurence* it appears [n], that it was held of the King *in Capite* by the ſervice of one Foot ſouldier in the Warrs of **Wales**, with a Bow without a ſtring, and a Helmet for his head, by the ſpace of *xl* dayes, at his own proper coſts, as often as there ſhould be any hoſtility in **Wales**. From which Family of *Haſtings* it deſcended not to the Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin**, through the heir female; but by virtue of a ſpeciall Entail [o] made by *John de Haſtings*, E. of **Pembroke**, ſon and heir to the before ſpecified *Laurence* (whereof in **Fillongley** I ſhall ſpeak) was ſetled, together with the Caſtle and Honour of **Bergavenny**, and other large poſſeſſions, upon Sir *Will. de Beuchamp* K[t] ſecond ſon to *Thomas* E. of **Warwick** and his heirs: Which *William*, bearing the title [p] of Lord **Bergavenny**, dyed [q] ſeized thereof in 12 *H.* 4. from whom it deſcended [r] to *Ric. Beauchamp* Earl of **Worceſter**, his ſon and heir; whoſe daughter and heir *Elizabeth* being wedded [ſ] to Sir *Edw. Nevill* Knight (a younger ſon to *Raph* Earl of **Weſtmerland**) thenceforth ſummoned [t] to Parl. as Lord *Bergavenny*, brought it, with other lands of a large extent, to that noble Family; wherein it hath ever ſince continued being enjoy'd by the right honourable *John* Lord *Bergavenny* at this day.

The Church (dedicated to St. *John Bapt.*) being given [u] to the Canons of **Studley** (as I have formerly intimated) by the laſt *Will. de Cantilupe* in *H.* 3. time, was *in an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) valued [w] at xxxiii marks: which grant did not ſtand ſo firme but that the heirs of *Cantilupe* repoſſeſt it again; for in 24 *E.* 1. it appears, that the ſaid Canons granted [x] to *John de Haſtings*, then Lord of this Mannour, lands to the value of xiii *li. per an.* lying here, in exchange for the ſaid advouſon. Nay I find, that after this, the Family of *Haſtings*, being potent, had it again from the ſaid Canons: for in 19 *E.* 3. did *Laurence de Haſtings* Earl of **Pembroke** paſſe [y] it away to *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon** and his heirs; who immediately thereupon gave [z] it to the Priory of **Makſtoke**, then newly by him founded: whereupon the Canons of **Makſtoke** obtained Licenſe [a] from the K. for appropriating it to their Houſe; which appropriation was accordingly accompliſht, the ſame year, by *Wolſtan* then Biſhop of **Worceſter**, as by his Inſtrument [b] dated at **Blockleigh** 4 *Oct.* appeareth; and confirmed by his Chapter, by reaſon whereof, they had a yearly *Penſion* of xiii *s.* iiii *d.* payable on the Feaſt day of the *Annunciation* of our *Lady*, granted [c] to them: In which year was likewiſe an Ordination [d] of the Vicaridge. But notwithſtanding all this, it ſo fell out afterwards, that the Canons of **Studley**, by colour of their originall title, got into the poſſeſſion thereof again: whereupon great ſuits [e] aroſe betwixt thoſe of **Makſtoke** and them: yet in the end they of **Makſtoke** prevailed; who to ſtrengthen their title, had the King's confirmation [f] in 5 *H.* 4. For which they gave a Fine [g] of Lxxi *li.* xi *s.* that they might enjoy it according to the tenor of the appropriation thereof ſo made to them as aforeſaid. In 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued [h] at x *li.* at which time the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* iſſuing out of it were x *s.* v *d. ob.*

n *Eſc.* 22. *E.* 3. *n.* 47.

o *Pat.* 41. *E.* 3. *m.* 29.

p *Eſc.* 12. *H.* 4. *n.* 32.

q *Eſc.* 12.

r *Eſc.* 16. *E.* 4. *n.* 66.

t *Clauſ.* 29. *H.* 6. *in d.*

u *Tid. f.* 48. *b.*

w *MS. in Seac.*

x *Pat.* 24. *E.* 1. *m.* 1.

y *Fin. levat. Oct. Trin.* 19 *E.* 3.

z *Pat.* 19. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 8.

a *Ib. m.* 9.

b *Wolſt. vol.* 2. *f.* 91. *b.*

c *Regiſt. de Penſ. penès D. & Cap.* Wigorn. *f.* 10. *a.*

d *Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 196. *b.*

e *Pat.* 5. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 14.

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g *Rot. F.* 5. *H.* 4. *m.* 2.

h *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 211. *b.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.		Incumbentes &c.
Giff.f.71.b.	D. Alianora Regina Angliæ	Rad. de Alemannia Cler. 8. Id. Dec. 1277.
Ib.f.404.b.	D. Joh. de Hastings.	D. Will. de Stratford Cap. 2. Cal. Maii 1295.
Ib.f.447.b.		Joh. de Brom Accol. 14 Cal. Jan. 1299.
Geyn.f.38.b.		Ægid. de Baggeshoure Cler. 15 Cal. Apr. 1305.
Cob.f.17.a.	D. Rad. de Monthehermerii.	Mr. Joh. Manduit 4 Non. Oct. 1319.
Horl.vol.2.f.21.b.	Nobilis mulier Isabella de Hastings.	Will. de Bereford Cler. 23 Apr. 1328.
Ib.vol.1.f.20.b.		Rob. Manduit Cler. 2 Cal. Julii 1330.

Patroni Vicariæ.		
Wolst.vol.1.f.17.b.	Prior & Conv. de Makstoke.	Nich. de Sheldon Pbr. 17 Julii 1339.
Ib.vol.2.f.89.b.		D. Adam de Overton Pbr. 14 Sept. 1345.
Br.vol.1.f.37.a.		Ric. de Walford Pbr. 14 Sept. 1361.
Writ.f.12.a.		Rob. de Bircheſley Non. Febr. 1365.
Lyn.f.3.a.		Ric. Pulteney Pbr. 22 Nov. 1369.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.		
Cliff.f.16.a.	Henr. Rex Angl. per recuperat. juris ad præsent. de Pr. & C. de Studley.	Thomas Burdet Cler. 25 Junii 1402.
Ib.f.24.b.	Pr. & Conv. de Studley.	Thomas Shelford Cler. 12 Maii 1403.
S.Germ.f.227.b.	Pr. & Conv. de Makstoke.	Thomas Lucas Pbr. 15 Nov. 1407.

Patroni Vicariæ.		
Pev.f.14.a.	Pr. & Conv. de Makstoke.	D. Will. Drewe Cap. 27 Sept. 1409.
Ib.f.18.a.		D. Henr. Hurle Cap. 28 Apr. 1410.
Morg.vol.1.f.26.a.		D. Will. Andrew Cap. 23 Martii 1423.
Ib.f.31.b.		Joh. Barun ult. Maii 1425.
Pult.f.25.b.		D. Joh. Salwey Cap. 18 Aug. 1427.
Carp.vol.1.f.143.a.		D. Joh. Hende Cap. 16 Aug. 1457.
Ib.f.242.a.		D. Rog. Felawe Cap. 4 Aug. 1469.
Alc.f.142.b.		D. Rog. Montgombry Cap. 12 Jan. 1484.
Ib.f.156.b.		D. Thomas Benton Cap. 16 Junii 1486.
Mort.f.43.a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	D. Roggerus ..... 8 Apr. 1491.
Feron.f.51.a.	Pr. & Conv. de Coventre.	Petrus Irlam Cap. 23 Febr. 1531.
Heath.f.19.b.	H. Dux Suff. & D. Franc. ux. ejus, D. Marg. Clifford & Will. Stanley miles cohær. Carol. D. Suff.	Will. Burton Cler. 20 Dec. 1553.
Thomas Chapman ratione concess. W. Stanley mil.	D. Rad. Brock Pbr. 25 Sept. 1557.	Ib.f.27.a.
D. Episc. per lapsum.	Thom. Clerke Cler. 15 Oct. 1560	Ib.f.33.a.
Henr. 8. Rex Angl. &c.	D. Thomas King Pbr. 23 Feb. 1536.	Heath.in cartac. quatern. f.1.b.
Ric. Wright de Clopton sen. gen.	Will. Tomlinson Cler. 29 Julii 1622.	Bul.f.103.a.

In this Church there was antiently a certain Fraternity or *Gild*, consisting of the Parishioners only, being founded by them to the honour of God and the *blessed Virgin*, but it had no lawfull establishment till 9 E. 4. at which time upon the humble Petition of the Inhabitants, License[i] was granted to Sir *Edw. Nevill* Knight, then Lord of the Manour, that he should so settle and order the same, as that there might be a certain Priest maintained there, to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of the *blessed Virgin* in the said Church, for the good estate of the said K. *Edw.* 4. and *Eliz.* his Consort, as also for the Brethren and Sisters of that Fraternitie, during this life, and for their souls after their departure hence, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased: which accordingly was effected, and lands disposed thereunto for that purpose,[k] valued at vii *li.* ix *s.* ii *d. ob. per ax.* in 37 *H.* 8.

i *Pat.*9.E.4.*p.*2.*m.*20.

k *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 22.*a.*

Armes depicted on the roof of the Chancell.

Gules a fesse betwixt six Crosse Crosslets Or. Beauchamp E. of **Warwick**.

Argent 3 Crosse Crosslets fiche sable, upon a cheif Azure a Mullet and a Rose Or.

Argent 6 Crosse Crosslets fiche Sable, upon a cheif Azure two Mullets Or. Clinton Earl of **Huntingdon**.

Wilmecote.

IN the Conqueror's time *Osbernus fil. Richardi* possest this place, it being then certified[l] to contain three hides, which were valued at **Lx**^{s}. and at that time held of him by one *Ursо*, but before the Norman invasion it was the Freehold of *Leuvinus Doda*. In that Survey it is written **Wilmecote**; the originall of which appellation did questionlesse proceed from the name of some antient Inhabitant there in the Saxons time. But the next mention that I find thereof is not till 6 *Joh.* where it is written **Wilmundecote**, and certified[m] to be part of those lands that the Normans had in **England**, which were then seized on for their adhering to the K. of **France** (as in **Ilmington** I have already observed) one *Brito Camerarius* being then Lord thereof, and Chamberlain of **Normandy**, as I guesse; the value of it then consisting only in rent of Assize amounting to *xlii*^{s} *per an.* and no more. After which ere long one *Will. de Wilmecote* was owner of it, who (doubtlesse) took that surname from his residence here; for in 12 *H.* 3. it appears[n], that he brought an Assize against *Maurice* Arch-Deacon of **Gloucester** touching the advouson of the Chapell belonging to this Village: yet

l Domes. *lib.*

m *Rot. de terr. Norm.* 6. *Joh. m.*

n *Pat.*12 *H.*3. *in d.*

in

in *E.* 1. I find that *Raph de Lodinton* had [o] a good proportion here; *viz.* two yard land in demesn, with a Water Mill; as also 5 yard land in Villenage, all which he held of Sir *Thomas de Camvill* by the fourth part of a Kts fee; which fourth part in 25 *E.* 1. was certified [p] to be held of *Edm.* Earl of **Lancaster** (the Kings Brother) by *Robert de Vale*, of whom in **Lodington** I have spoken already.

But about that time was there one *John de Wilmecote* Lord [q] hereof; and shortly after him *Henry de L'isle* (of **Morhull** in this Countie) who with *Joan* his wife in 9 *E.* 2. were found [r] to hold half a Kts. fee, here, of the Earl of **War.** which half Kts. fee was of her inheritance, she being the heir [s] to the before specified *John de Wilmecote*. To which *Henry* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who in 10 *E.* 3. entailed [t] this Mannour, with the advouson of the Chapell, upon the issue of his body by *Maude* then his wife, with remainder to his right heirs; by reason whereof it continued to his posterity, (whereof I shall speak in **Morhull**) till 8 *H.* 7. but then was [u] past away by *Henry L'isle* Esquire and *Eliz.* his wife to *Will. Purchesse* and others, in trust (as I conceive) for *Hugh Clopton* Alderman of **London**; for I find [w] that the said *Hugh* dyed seized thereof 15 *Sept.* 12 *H.* 7. leaving *Will. Clopton* his Cosin and next heir (as in **Clopton** is shewed) who had livery [x] thereof accordingly in 19 *H.* 7.

The Chapell here (dedicated to St. *Mary Magd.*) was given to the *Gild* of the *Holy Cross* in **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, in *E.* 4. time, by the before mentioned *Henry de L'isle* and *Eliz.* his wife, one *Thomas Clopton* being then Master of the same.

Patroni Capellæ	Incumbentes, *&c.*
Matilda de Lyle.	*Joh. de Walton* 21 *Martii* 1372.
	Joh. Cade 18 *Jan.* 1380.

Newnham.

AS for the name of this place, it proceeded originally (without doubt) from the first habitation fixed thereat; whether it were one single House, or more, the syllable **Ham** with our Ancestors the Saxons, not onely signifying a House, but a neighbourhood of divers dwellings, as we may observe by the many towns that terminate in **Ham**, so that **Newnham** imports the same that *nova habitatio* doth. But of this little village I have not seen any mention at all in Record above 9 *E.* 2. where it is certified as a Hamlet of **Alton**-*Cantelupe*, of which Mannour it is still reputed to be parcell.

Little Alne.

THis was also originally a member of **Alton**-*Cantelupe*, and antiently possest [y] by the Lords of that Mannour. It should seem that a great part of those lands, which were given to the Canons of **Studley** by some of the *Cantelupes*, do lye within the compass of this village, though in the grant they are said to be in **Alton**-*Cantelupe*; for upon the passing them out of the Crown in 1. *Mariæ*, they are granted [z] to *Anthony Skinner*, by the name of the Mannour of **Little-Alne**, five Tenements, a water Mill, with a meadow, as parcell of the possessions of the Monastery of **Studley**: which *Anthony* dyed [a] seized thereof 19 *Nov.* 1 *Eliz.* leaving issue *George* and *William*; which *George* dying without issue, *Will.* became heir to the estate, whose grandchild, *Anthony* now enjoys it.

Shelfhull.

THe first mention I find of this place is in *H.* 3. time, upon the grant [b] of a large assart to the Canons of **Studley** by *Will. de Cantilupe*, the third; where it is bounded upon the Park of **Sceelfhull**; which Park belonging [c] to the Lords of **Alton**-*Cantelupe*, doth argue that it was antiently a member thereof: And out of all doubt, those Woods, or the greatest part of them, which are mentioned by the Conquerour's Survey to belong unto **Alton**, were imparkt by the Lords of that Mannour, for their pleasure in Hunting, it being a mountanous ground most proper for Deer an Conies. But the extent of **Shelfhull** was more than this Park; for in 6 *E.* 2. after the death of *John de Hastings* (Lord of **Alton** before specified) it appeareth [d], that *Will. le Walsh* held the sixth part of a Kts. fee of him, lying in this place: Howbeit till 14 *H.* 6. I have not seen it called a Mannour; but then, upon the death of *Joan Beauchamp* Lady *Bergavenny*, it carries that [e] name: nevertheless it is reputed as a member of **Alton**-*Cantelupe*, and therewith belongs to the Lord *Bergavenny* at this day.

Haseler.

SOmewhat lower, but yet farther distant from the bank of **Alne**, stands **Haseler**, containing these two petty Hamlets, *sc.* **Walcote** and **Upton**, which before the Norman invasion was the freehold of *Vlviet* and *Aluric*; but at the time of the Conquerour's generall Survey possest by *Nich. Balistarius*, being certified to contain 5. hides, with a Mill rated at vi *s.* viii *d.* as also a Salt House of *iiii s.* Rent, and two quarters of Salt, all being valued at *vi li.* In that Record [f] it is written **Haselove**, the stroke over the **v.** through the transcribers neglect, being omitted, for it should be **Haselovere**. That the later part of the name, *viz.* **Overe**, which in our common speech signifies the same with *supra*, agreeth with the situation of the place, is evident enough; for it stands upon a notable ascent, almost every way; and if I may take leave to guess at the other part, I shall conclude that the same hilly ground, whereupon the town stands, being originally woody, and full of Hasells, as much of the Country thereabouts yet is, gave occasion thereof.

How it past from the before specified *Nich. Balistarius*, or his posterity, I find not; but in *H.* 2. time *Nicholas de Pole*, one of the King's Justices, was [g] chief Lord here; whose descendants enjoy'd it not long; for in [h] 20 *H.* 3. it appertained

o *Esc.* 1. *E.* 1 *n.* 25.
p *Esc.* 25. *E.* 1. *n.* 51.
q *Ex vet. exempl. penès S. Archer eq. aur.*
r *Clauſ.* 9. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.
s *Cartul. Warw. fol.* 188.
t *F. levat. Paſch. A. m.* 10. *E.*
u *F. levat. ten. M. 6. H.* 7.
w *Esc.* 13. 7.
x *Pat.* 19. 7. *p.* 2. 9.
y *Dom. f.* 198. *a.* *Lek. f.* 23.
z *Pat.* 1. *M. p.* 5.
a *Esc.* 24. Eliz.
b *Cart.* 1. *E.* 3 *n.* 3. *per. Inſp.*
c *Pat.* 11. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 28.
d *Esc.* 6. *E.* 2.
e *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 35.
f Domesd. lib.
g *Regiſt. Coll. de Warw. f.* 125. *a.*
h *Testa.*
i *de N.*

ned to *W. de Haſtings*, and upon the Aid, then gathered, anſwered for half a Kts. fee, amongſt divers other lands in this Countie, then certified [h] to be held of *Hugh de Albinie*: but in 36 *H.* 3. being poſſeſt by one *Rob. de Haſelovere*, is recorded [i] to be held by him of the ſaid *Will de Haſtings*. I am of opinion that this *Rob. de Haſelovere* is the ſame man, who is elſwhere called *Rob. Lyvet*; for certain it is that *Rob. Lyvet* [k] was Lord of this town about that time; and it was not unuſuall in thoſe dayes for men totally to relinquiſh their paternall name, and aſſume that of their reſidence inſted thereof, or indifferently to uſe either. Which *Robert* died ſeized of this Mannour in 9 *E.* 2. then held, as the Record [l] expreſſes, of *Will. de Haſtings* of **Thozmarton**, by the ſervice of a pair of white Spurs, price *ii d.* leaving *John Lyvet* his ſon and heir, of full age. It ſeems that one *John de Chiltenham* came afterwards to have ſome intereſt here, perhaps in right of *Alianore* his wife; for I find that in 3 *E.* 3. the ſame *John* and *Alianore* aliened [m] a third part thereof, with the advouſon of the Church to *John de Trillow* and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of the ſaid *Katherine*.

After which, *viz.* in 7 *E.* 3. *Rob. de Stratford* parſon of the Church of **Stratford**, purchaſed [n] the whole from *Henry* the ſon of *Rob. Lyvet*; and in 10 *E.* 3. (being then Archdeacon of **Canterb.**) obtained [o] all the intereſt that the before ſpecified *John de Chiltenham* and *Alianore* his wife had therein, together with the advouſon of the Church; which he kept but a while, as it ſeems; for in 20 *E.* 3. *Will. de Meldon* accounted [p] for the half Kts. fee, by which it was held (as hath been ſaid) and preſented to the Church, as Patron, about that time. But the next poſſeſſor thereof (concerning whom I have ſeen any authoritie) was Sir *Almaric de S. Amand* Kt. who to fortifie his title, got a Releaſe [q] from *John de Peito*, the elder, of all his right therein, which bears date at **London** on Wedneſday next after the Feaſt of the *Purification* of our Lady 39 *E.* 3. and within 3. years after, a grant [r], or rather confirmation, as I think, from *Nich. de Dounamney*, likewiſe, of what title he had thereto.

From which Sir *Almaric* it was conveyed [s] to *Will. de Stoke* and *Thomas de Sekindon* Prieſts; who by their deeds [t] dated on the Feaſt day of St. *Clement* the Pope, 8 *R.* 2. paſt it away unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* then E. of **Warwick** and others: which Earl having the ſame year obtained the King's Licenſe [u] for that purpoſe, by his ſpeciall Charter [w] dated at **Warwick** 20 *Sept.* 19 *R.* 2. beſtowed it upon the Canons of his Collegiate Church in **Warwick** and their ſucceſſors for ever. Notwithſtanding which pious gift King *R.* 2. taking advantage [x] of the attainder ſhortly after befalling that Earl (as in my ſtory of him in **Warw.** appeareth) violated this his grant to thoſe Canons, and gave [y] it to *Robert Gowſell* Eſq. to hold during life: But the depoſall of that K. which followed ſoon after, reverſt that gift of his to *Gowſell*, whereby both the Earl himſelf became reſtored to all his poſſeſſions, and the ſaid Canons to this Mannour, which in 26 *H.* 8. was valued [z] at *xix. l. vii s. viii d.* and in 4 *E.* 6. (after the diſſolution of that Colledge) paſſed [a] out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. then Maſter of the Wardrobe, and *Laurence Wenington* Gent. and to the heirs of the ſaid Sir *Raph*. to be held of the Mannour of **Eſt Greenwich** in Socage.

The Church here, with the Church-yard, was founded [b] by King ..... to the honour of Chriſt, the bleſſed Virgin, St. *Laurence* and *All Saints*; and originally endowed [c] with a Houſe for the Parſon, and two yard land lying in the fields of **Haſeloze** and **Walcote**; as alſo certain paſture grounds to the ſame belonging, with a certain place and croft lying oppoſite thereunto; And afterwards in King *H.* 2. time, augmented with an ample addition, which *Nich. de Pole*, one of the King's Juſtices and then Lord of this Mannour, by the conſent of *Maud* his wife, with *Robert* and *Raph* his ſons, both Knights, gave [d] thereunto in pure Almes; *viz.* xi acres of his woods called **Wildecombe**, **Middelgroue**, and **Rowheye**, with the land adjoyning, and Common of paſture for *viii* Oxen in his paſture called **Spertes**; as alſo for four Kine and a Bullock in the paſture on the Heath for the Summer time. Beſides which he gave thereunto, out of divers yard lands of his demeſn, vi Buſhells of Oats, and of an half yard land, 3. Buſhels; as alſo a certain number of Cocks and Hens to be delivered on St. *Martin's* day, yearly, by the Tenants holding the ſame lands, together with *Law-griſt* of his Mill, with the Tithe thereof Toll free; and libertie of Fiſhing on the banks of his water, upon Faſting dayes, with *Shuf-net* and *Eſe*, and other Engines except draught Nets, in liew of the Tithe of the water being in the Lords hands; but if it ſhould happen to be let to ferme, then the Parſon to have Tithe of all the great Fiſhes taken therein.

In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) this Rectorie was valued [e] at xv. marks; and in 15 *R.* 2. the advouſon thereof granted [f] by *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** to the Dean and Canons of his Collegiate Church in **Warwick**, and their ſucceſſors: and appropriated [g] thereunto by the Abbot of **Evesham**, deputed by Pope *Boniface* the ix^th. 22. *Oct.* 1394. whereupon the Vicaridge was endowed [h]: In 26 *H.* 8. the ſaid Rectory, ſo appropriated, was valued [i] at *xxi l. per an.* the Vicar then having an yearly *Penſion*, [k] onely, of *vi l. xiii s. iiii d.* payable by the ſaid Canons of **Warwick**.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
.....	*Nich. ae Buvynton Cap.* 5. *Cal. Dec.* 1282.	*Giff. f.*153. *a.*
Rob. Lyvet.	*Nich. Lyvet Cler.* 4. *Non. Oct.* 1297.	*Ib. f.* 415. *a.*
Will. de Meldon de Langeford.	*Joh. Culdene Cler.* ..... 1339, *Will. de Southam Pbr.* 19 *Apr.* 1345.	*Wolſt. vol.* 1. *f.*12. *b.* *Ib. vol.*2. *f.*80. *b.*
Will. de Meldon miles.	*Rob. de Overton Pbr.* 6. *Oct.* 1349.	*S. Germ. f.* 129. *b.*
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Will. Elys Cap.* 16. *Martii* 1404.	*Cliff. f.*84. *a.*
	Joh. Betley 7 *Jan.* 1423.	*Morg. vol.* 1. *f.*25. *a.*
Decan. & Capit. Eccl. Coll. beatæ Mariæ Warw.	*D. Thom. Grene Cap.* 13. *Iulii* 1472.	*Carp. vol.*2. *f.*30. *a.*
	D. Edm. Par. alias Kellet 17 *Martii* 1500.	*Gyg.* 2. *f.*14. *a.*
	Rog. Palmer Pbr. 9 *Iunii* 1523.	*Jeronf.* 12. *a.*
	D. Ric. Brugges Cap. ..... 1530.	*Ib. f.*25. *a.*

Thom.

leath. f. 9.	*Thom. King de Aston Cantlow Cler. & Mart. Barker ratione coneeß. D. & Cap. Warw.*	*D. Thomas Tayler Pbr.* 13. *Oct.* 1545.
ul. f. 12. b.	*Eliz. Angl. Regina.*	*Regin. Broke Cler.* 15 *Dec.* 1576.
. f. 86. b.	*Iac. Rex. Angl. &c.*	*Thomas Honthye Cler.* 9. *Iunii* 1609.

Walcote.

OF this ſmall Hamlet, being a member of the laſt mentioned Lordſhip, I have ſeen nothing more than the bare mention, in a certain Recognition [i] made by the Inhabitants of **Haſeler** *temp. H. 6.* of what Glebe and Tithes, with other profits, were then, and antiently had been belonging to the Church.

Regiſt. ll. de. arw. f. o. a.

Vpton.

THis Village ſtands upon an aſcent, and by reaſon thereof had its name, as the firſt ſyllable thereof plainly imports. In the Conqueror's time it being poſſeſt [m] by *Will. Buenvaſleth*, was then held of him by one *Roger* his Tenant, and in the generall Survey then taken, certified to contain 4. hides and a half, and written **Optone**, the Woods belonging thereto, being ten furlongs and *xviii* perches in length, and 1 furlong in breadth, and the value of the whole *Lxx s.* But before the Norman invaſion 3. Freeholders of Earl *Leuric* had it. After this it came to one of the old Earls of **Warwick**, but how ſoon, appears not: By whom, it ſeems, that *Boteler* of **Overſley** was enfeoft thereof; for in 20 *H.* 3. *Mauritius le Botiller* held [n] one Kts. fee here of the then Earl. From which *Maurice*, or his ſon (I preſume) it was paſſed to *Hugh Aguilun*, who dying [o] ſeized thereof in 12 *E.* 1. without iſſue male, and his four ſiſters, or their children, ſharing his lands, it became allotted [p] to *Will. de Whitenton*, ſon of *Hawiſe* his ſecond ſiſter: which *Will.* in ſeverall grants writes [q] himſelf *Dominus de* **Upton** *iuxta* **Haſeloure**; in one whereof, bearing date 19 *E.* 2. he is ſtiled [r] a Kt. But from this Sir *W. de Whitinton*, after many deſcents, it divolved unto *Guy VVhitington* of **Pauntley** *in com. Glouc.* Eſq. who held [s] it in 10 *H.* 6. And from the ſaid *Guy*, to *Thomas VVhitington* Eſq. who died [t] ſeized thereof in 38 *H.* 8. leaving ſix daughters and heirs, whereof *Margaret* the eldeſt was wedded [u] to *Thomas Throkmorton* (of .... *in com. Glouc.*) *Blanch* [w] to *John S. Abyn*, *Anne* * to *Bricius Berkley*, *Joane* [y] to *Roger Bodnam*, *Alice* to .... and *Eliz.* [z] to .... *Poole*: betwixt whom I do not find that there was any Partition made before the 26 of Q. *Eliz.* reign.

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Eſc. 12. E. 1. n. 8.

ex an. penès lb. rok- rton

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Lib. 2. ce- dul.

Southwards from **Haſeler** (but within the ſame Pariſh) is a Coppice wood, and in it a notable Hill, which is of ſuch a ſteep and equall aſcent from every ſide, as if it had been artificially made, ſo that it is a very eminent mark over all that part of the Country, and by the common people called *Alcocks* **Arbour**. Towards the foot whereof is a hole, now almoſt filled up, having been the entrance into a Cave, as the Inhabitants report: of which Cave there is an old wives ſtory, that paſſes for current amongſt the people of the adjacent Towns; *viz.* that one *Alcock*, a great Robber, uſed to lodge therein, & having got much mony by that courſe of life, hid it in an iron-bound Cheſt, whereunto were three Keys; which Cheſt, they ſay, is ſtill there, but guarded by a Cock that continually ſits upon it: And that on a time, an **Oxford**-Schollar came thither, with a Key that opened two of the Locks; but as he was attempting to open the third, the Cock ſeized on him. To all which they adde, that if one Bone of the partie, who ſet the Cock there, could be brought, he would yield up the Cheſt. But leaving this Fable to thoſe that fancy ſuch things, I come to a place not far from it, called **Grove-hill**, whence iſſueth a very pleaſant Spring, which antiently bore the name of **Caldwell**, being remarkable for an Heremitage [b] that ſtood cloſe by it, and at the Foundation of **Alceſter** Priorie, by *Raph Boteler* of **Overſley**, in K. *Steph.* time, was by him given [c] thereto.

b Pat. 8. H. 6. p. 1. m.
c 15. per Inſp.

Great Alne.

HAving now diſpatch't on this ſide the River **Alne**, I muſt ſtep to the other; where I am firſt to take notice of **Great Alne**, antienly written **Ruen Alne**, and therefore corruptly now called **Round Alne**. This was given [d] to the Monks of **Winchcombe** *in com.* **Glouc.** about the year of Chriſt *DCCCIX.* by *Kenulph* King of **Mercia**, then Founder of that Monaſtery; and by the Conqueror's Survey, [e] being certified to contain *vi* hides, having a Mill rated at *v s.* with woods of half a mile in length and four furlongs in breadth, was valued at *iiii l.* In that Record it is written **Alne**, being ſo called from the River, near unto which it is ſituate. Which Monks of **Winchcombe** had in 35 *H.* 3. **Freewarren** granted [f] unto them in all their demeſn lands of this Mannour. But of it I have ſeen no more worthy of note, other than, that, after the diſſolution of that Abby, it continued in the Crown till 42 *Eliz.* and was then granted [g] to .... *Stone* and .... *Gryxford* to hold in *Capite*.

d Ex Regiſt. de Winchcombe penès Will. Morton eq. aur.

e Domeſd. lib.

f Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 8. m. 18. per. Inſp.

g Pat. 42. Eliz. p. 7.

The Rectorie here, is appurtenant to that of **Kynewarton**, part of the Parſon of **Kynewarton's** Glebe, lying within this Pariſh; But in 26 *H.* 8. the profits of each, were computed by themſelves, at which time this of **Alne** was rated [h] at *vii l. viii s.* there being then iſſuing out of it, for *Synodals* and *Procurations x s. v d. ob.*

h MS. penès S-A. eq. aur. f. 21. b.

In a North window of the Church theſe Armes.

..... *two bends engrailed* ..... Atwood.
.... *empaling Bende of x pieces Or and Azure* ..... Mounfort.

Kinewarton.

THis (doubtleſs) had its name originally from ſome poſſeſſor of it in the Saxons time, *Kineward* being an appellation in thoſe days not unuſuall. Upon the foundation of **Evesham** Abby

ib. 5. ced.

Abby by *Ecgwin* Bishop of **Worcester**, in the year *DCCXIIII.* from our Saviours incarnation, it was given [i] by him thereto, and in the Conqueror's Survey [k] certified to contain 3. hides, which were at that time held of the Abbot by one *Ranulf*; whereunto then belong'd a Mill rated at *iii s.* the value of all being put at *xx s.* But in that Record it is written **Chenebertone.** To which *Ranulf* succeeded [l] another of that name, called *Ranulfus de Kinewarton*, Brother unto *William* Abbot of **Evesham** in *H.* 2. time. Which *Ranulph* held [m] the before specified 3. hides of those Monks, in demesn, and left issue *Robert*, who in 1. *Joh.* endowed [n] *Joane* the wife of *Ric. de Brusle* with one hide thereof; concerning which there grew suits afterwards, betwixt the Monks of **Evesham** and the descendants of the said *Richard* and *Joane*; for in 34 *H.* 3. *Rob. de Bruily* brought an Assize [o] of *Novell disseisin* against the Abbot of **Evesham** for 5. yard land here: but the Monks at last obtained *Bruilye's* interest by purchase [p] in 10 *E.* 1. and, in 13. of that King's reign, claimed [q] by Prescription, a **Court Leet** here, with Assize of bread and Beer, *Weyfs*, and divers other privileges, all which were allowed.

After which, *viz. temp. E.* 2. *Walter de Beauchamp* granted [r] to them one Messuage, 3. acres of meadow, and *xl. s.* Rent, which he held of the said Monks by the service of *x s. per an.* But there is nothing more of note, that I have seen, concerning this Mannour, whilst it continned to the Monasterie of **Evesham**; nor after the dissolution of that Religious House, other than that it was granted [s] out of the Crown 2 *Junii* 32 *H.* 8. to *Anthony Skinner* of **London** Gentleman, who dyed [t] seized thereof 19 *Nov.* 1 *Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and heir 48 years of age, and *William* a younger son: which *VVill.* by the death of his Brother without issue, became heir to the estate; from whom it descended to *VVilliam* his grandson; and of him was purchased by Sir *Fouk Grevill* Kt. Lord *Brook*, in our memory.

The Church, together with the Chapels of **Alne** and **Withele** thereto belonging, was given to the Monks of **Evesham** in *H.* 2. time, by *Ranulph de Kinewarton*, with the consent of *Alexander* his son and heir, for the health of the same *Ranulph's* soul, and the soul of *Christian* his wife, as by his Deed, [u] which he presented upon the high Altar of that Monastery, for seisin thereof, appeareth: And in *An.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) with the Chapelries thereunto belonging, was valued [w] at *xxiiii* marks, whereof **Alne** was then reputed one, out of which the Abbot of **Winchcombe** received an yearly portion [x] of half a mark. This Church was new built, as it seems, about the 9th. of *Edw.* 2 reign; for I find, that *VValt. de Maydston*, then Bishop of **Worcester**, on the *xv Cal.* of *July* the same year, did consecrate and dedicate, both it and the high Altar; whereunto did belong [z], and had done time out of mind, a certain mess. and one yard land in **Alne**, as part of the Glebe. After which, *viz.* in 26 *H.* 8. this Parsonage was rated [a] at *x li. xiii s. iiii d*, besides that of **Alne.**

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Dominus Epiſc. Wigorn.	*B. de Deviſes xv. Cal. Martii* 1291.	*Giff.f.350.b.*
	Simon de Shireford ſubdiac. 15 *Cal. Apr.* 1315.	*Maid.f.43.a.*
	Thom. de Blyborough Pbr. 4. *Cal. Martii* 1321.	*Cob.f.28.a*
	Joh. de Somery. 1. *Aug.* 1327.	*Ib.f.131.a.*
	Galſr. de Welneford 22 *Nov.* 1354.	*Br.vol.1.f.12.a.*
	Edw. Forſt Diac. 16 *Oct.* 1361.	*Ib.f.38.b.*
	Joh. Claypole 5. *Maii* 1374.	*Lyn.f.19.a.*
	Rog. Mey 6 *Aug.* 1385.	*Wak.f.42.a.*
	Sim. Sylverſton 7 *Sept.* 1392.	*Ib.f.100.*
	Rob. Canell 1 *Feb.* 1401.	*Clif.f.11.b*
	Ric. Penne 15 *Maii* 1411.	*Pev.f.44.b*
	Joh. Tymmes 14 *Julii* 1413.	*Ib.f.56.a.*
D. Rex hac vice, ratione temporal. Epiſcopatus Wigorn, &c.	*Joh. Cokkys* 11 *Feb.* 1434.	*S.Germ.f.256.b.*
D. Epiſc. Wigorn.	*D. Nich. Richon Cap.* 3. *Aug.* 1446.	*Carp.vol.1 f.41.b.*
	Andr. Mankiſwell art. Mr. 22 *Oct.* 1454.	*Ib.f.119.b.*
	Mr. Thom. Balſall S. Theol. prof. 19 *Oct.* 1468.	*Ib.f.230.b.*
	D. Joh. Milward Cap. 12. *Martii* 1471.	*Carp.vol.2. f.25.a.*
	D. Rob. Coke Cap. 21. *Jan.* 1474.	*Ib.f.59.b.*
	Rad. Lye Cap. 20 *Dec.* 1481.	*Alc.f.93.b*
	Mr. Jac. Botiller 28 *Julii* 1498.	*Gyg.vol.1. f.8.a.*
	D. Joh. Sleford Pbr. 6 *Oct.* 1503.	*Gyg.vol.2.f 27.b.*
	Ric. Warden Cler. art. Mr. 8. *Junii* 1553.	*Heath.f. 19.a.*
	Nich. Jackson ſacellanus Epiſcopi, 29 *Julii* 1561.	*Ib.f.34.b.*
	Thom. Clerke Cler. 8 *Aug.* 1562.	*Ib.f.36.b.*

Upon a Graveſtone in the midſt of the Chancell, is this Epttaph.

Hic jacet Thomas Clarke vir Octogenus & præſes Eccleſiæ per annos quinquaginta & ſex, qui diem ſuam obiit viceſimo quarto Auguſti, An. MDCXVI.

Wethele.

THis (lying on the Weſtern ſide of **Arrow**) being likewiſe part of the endowment, which the Abby of *Eveſham* at its foundation had by S. *Ecgwyn's* grant, and poſſeſt by the Monks of that Houſe in the Conqueror's time, was by the general Survey [b] then made, wherein it is written *Wilelei*, certified to contain three Hides; which 3 hides

[b] Domeſd. *lib.*

[i] *Ex Reg. de Eveſham in bibl. Cotton. f.64.a.*
[k] Domeſd. *lib.*
[l] *Ex Reciſt. de Eveſh. ut ſupra f 8. b. & 9 a. & f. 36.b.*
[m] *Ex Reciſt. de Eveſh. ut ſupra f 8. b. & 9 a. & f. 36.b.*
[n] *F. levat. 1. Joh.*
[o] *Pat. 34. H.3. in d.*
[p] *Pat. 10. E.1. m 11.*
[q] *Rot. de quo W.*
[r] *Rot. F. 6. E.3. m. 16.*
[s] *Pat. 32. H.8. p.5.*
[t] *Eſc. 24. Eliz.*
[u] *Reg. de Eveſh. ut ſupra f.36. b.*
[w] *MS. in Scac.*
[x] *MS. in Scac.*
[y] *Mayd. f. 29.a.*
[z] *Clauſ. 14. E.2. m.2.*
[a] *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur. f.1.b.*

hides were, in *H.* 2. time, held [c] by *Randulph de Kingwarton* of those Monks. In 13 *E.* 1. it appears [d] that the Abbot of **Evesham** challenged a **Court Leet** here, with other the like privileges as he did in **Kinewarton**, which were allowed. But it seems that *Malculine Musard*, or some of his ancestors, obtained an estate in fee of [e] this Mannour from those Monks; for in *E.* 2. time, by the utlarie of the same *Malculine* it escheated [f] unto them; from which time they had it again, with a Release [g] of all his right therein, after he had got his pardon for that utlatry: Howbeit, notwithstanding this Release by *Malculine*, did *John Musard* his son and heir make title [g] thereto, with whom the Abbot came to agreement in 23 *E.* 3. whereupon he wholly quitted [h] his claim.

And after this in 13 *R.* 2. did the said Monks purchase [i] two messuages 1 yard land and a half, and 3. acres of meadow, here, of one *Thomas Patty*, a Freeholder; All which, together with the Mannour, coming to the Crown at the generall dissolution of the Abbies, was by Letters Pat. [k] bearing date 20 *Julii* 35 *H.* 8. granted to *Maud Lane* and her heirs, to be held in *Capite* by the xx^th^ part of a Kts. fee: which *Maud*, the self same year, sold [l] it unto *Nich. Fortescue* Esq. then Groom [m] Porter to the King, who died [n] seized thereof 28 *Aug.* 3 *E.* 6. leaving *Will.* his son and heir nine years of age: From which *Will.* is descended *Will. Fortescue* of **Cobehill** *in Com. Wigorn.* Esq. now Lord of this Mannour.

c *Regist. de Evesh. f.* 8. b.

d *Rot de Quo W.*

e *Plac. coram R. term. Pasch.* 18. *E.* 3. *rot.* 76.

f *Rot. F.* 6. *E.* 3. *m.* 16.

g *Rot. F.* 18. *E.* 3. *m.* 20.

h *Ex autog. in bibl. Dewes.*

i *Esc.* 16. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *n.* 22.

k *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8. *p.* 16.

l *Ib. p.* 12.

m *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 68.

n *Esc.* 4 *E.*

Kingle.

OF this place (contained likewise within the Parish of **Kinewarton**) the first mention that I find, is in 5 *H.* 3. where *Stephen de Raggeleg* grants [o] to *Randulph* Abbot of **Evesham** and his successors *CL.* acres of land lying therein. After which, *viz.* in 13 *E.* 1. it appears that the Abbot of **Evesham** made claim [p] to a **Court Leet** here, and divers other privileges, by Prescription, in like sort as he did in **Kinewarton** and **Wethele**, which were allowed: But I perceive that it was originally a member of **Wethele**, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey, though it be not particularly specified therein, part thereof having been granted with **Wethele** to the Monks of **Evesham** at the Foundation of that Monastery; for no less doth the exchange [q] made in 43 *E.* 3. betwixt the said Monks and *John le Rous* of **Ragley**, of certain lands here, import. Whether this, which *Rous* then had by that exchange, were all that belong'd to the Monks in this place, I cannot say; but I do not find any mention afterward, that they had more to do here: the extent whereof was 90 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow, as by the Inquis. [r] taken in 3 *H.* 6. after the death of *Will. le Rous* appeareth. The next possessor thereof (that I have yet seen mentioned) was *Ric. Burdet* of **Arrow** Esq. upon whose issue by *Joice* his wife, it, being entailed [s] in 3 *R.* 3. descended, and is by that means come to the Lord *Conway*, with **Arrow**, whereof I am next to speak.

F. *levat. H. Mich.* 3. *H.* 3.

o *Rot. de Quo W.*

Esc. 43. 3. *p.* 2. *n.*

r *Esc.* 3. *H.* 6. *n.* 13.

s *F. levat. Hil. Mich. Trin.* 3.

Arrow.

DEscending lower by the bank of **Alne**, I come forthwith to its conjunction with **Arrow**; which, being the more eminent stream, carrieth on that name till it meets with **Avon**. The first place of note that presents it self to my view, below this confluence, is **Arrow**, taking its name from the River, on the West side whereof it is seated. Before the Norman invasion this, having been [t] the freehold of one *Leuuinus*, but by the Conqueror's dispossall possest [u] by *Odo* Bishop of **Baieux**; half Brother to the K. (whose under-tenant thereof was one *Stefanus*, was, by the Survey then taken, found [w] to contain 7. hides and a half, having a Mill prized at *vi s. viii d.* with Woods belonging thereto, that extended to a mile in length and two furlongs in breadth, all which were valued at *iiii l.*

That this Bishop adhered to *Rob. Curthose*, eldest son to the Conqueror, and for that respect was constrain'd to quit **England**, in the time of K. *Will. Rufus*, our Historians [x] do shew at large; so that the said King then seizing his lands, gave this, as 'tis probable, to *Roger Marmion*; for it appears [z] that the said *Roger* did possess it, and that from him it descended to *Robert* his grandchild; which *Rob.* past [a] it away to *Geffrey Marmion*, his uncle; in consideration whereof the same *Geffrey* released unto him all his right that he had in the Fee of *Manser Marmion*, aswell in **England** as in **Wales**, according to the tenor of K. *H.* 2. Charter. To which *Geffrey* succeeded *Albreda* [b] his daughter and heir, who granted [c] this Lordship of **Arewe** to *Will. de Camvill* and his heirs, for the service of half a Kts. Fee; but afterwards became his wife, as it seems [d]: The descendants of which *Will.* during the continuance of the male line, made this their principall seat, and after them the *Burdets* by marriage of the heir female of that Family. Which *Will. de Camvill*, being a younger [e] son to *Ric. de Camvill* Founder [f] of **Combe** Abby in this Countie, and by the marriage of the said *Albreda* invested with *Marmion's* right, obtained a Release [g] from *Raph Boteler* of **Overley**, of all his claim in this Lordship, touching which he had been impleaded by him the said *Raph*; and left issue, by the same *Albreda*, *Geffrey de Camvile* his son and heir (from whom the *Camviles* of **Clifton** in **Staffordshire** descended, whose heir female called *Isabell.* in *E.* 3. time, was wedded to Sir *Ric. Stafford* Kt.) *William* his second son, who had this Mannour, as also **Sekindon**, and *Thomas* a Priest, as the Descent sheweth.

Which last mentioned *Will.* in 18 *Joh.* had a grant [h] of the lands in **Alencester** belonging to *Peter Fitz Herbert*, to hold during the King's pleasure: But this *Will.* incurring the King's sore indignation, for cutting down a Wood of his own, here at **Arewe**, it being within the precincts of **Fekenham** Forest, had, for that offence, part of his lands seized [i] on by the Shiriff; howbeit in 12 *H.* 3. in consideration of *L.* marks Fine, for payment whereof securitie was then given, obtained restitution [k] of them again, and was received into favour: and in 16 *H.* 3. the better to fortifie his title to this Lordship, procured from *Maurice le Boteler* of **Overley** (son and heir to the before specified *Raph*) a confirmation [l] thereof, for which he gave *C s.* sterling: But all that I further find of him is,

t, u, w *Domesd. lib.*

x R. Hoved. *f.* 264. *b.*

z, a *Ex autog. penes Fr. Burdet Bar.*

b *Pl. de term. Mich.* 9. *Joh. rot.* 3 *Derb.*

c *Ex autog. penes Edw. vic. Conway.*

d *Pl. ut supra.*

e *Reg. de Cumba f.* 35. *b.*

f *Ib. f.* 33. *a.*

g *Ex autog. penes S. Roper. ar.*

h *Clauf.* 18. *Joh. m* 6.

i, k *Rot F.* 13. *H.* 3. *m.* 6. *Clauf.* 13 *H.* 3. *m.* 8.

l *F. levat. Oct. Joh. Bapt.* 16. *H.* 3.

that in 19 *H.* 3. he was conſtituted [m] one of the Juſtices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; and that about the 25 *H.* 3. he withdrew [n] his ſuit for this Mannour from the Countie and Hundred Courts; having got a diſcharge from *Philip de Aſcells*, the then Shiriff, for his ſo doing, in conſideration of half a mark to be yearly payd to him the ſaid *Philip* and his ſucceſſors.

To this *Will.* ſucceeded [o] *Thomas de Camvill*; betwixt whom and *Geffrey de Camvile* (of **Clifton**) there was ſome controverſie touching the Cuſtoms and ſervices, which he the ſaid *Geffrey* required of him for this Mannour, whereupon they came to Agreement [p] in 3 *E.* 1. by which it was concluded, that for the time to come the ſaid *Thomas* and his heirs ſhould pay xx *s.* for Scutage levied after the rate of *xl s.* and for more or leſs according to that proportion: as alſo Homage and Releif when cauſe required. From which *Thomas* deſcended [q] Sir *Gerard de Camvile* Kt. who in 19 *E.* 1. was imployed [r] into **Scotland** for the King's ſervice; and ſo likewiſe in 29 *E.* 1. having then ſummons, [ſ] amongſt ſundry other perſons of eminency, to attend the K. at **Warwick** upon **Twede**, well furniſht with Horſe and Armes for to march into **Scotland**. Of this Sir *Gerard* is that fair portraiture, yet ſtanding in a South window of the Church here at **Arrow**, in his military habite of that time, and a Surcoat of Armes; who kneeling before St. *George* (the Souldiers Saint) implores his remembrance, as the ſcroul proceeding from his lips (*viz. Qui fueram Miles recole me G. ſancte*) ſheweth; which, where I ſpeak of the Church, is lively expreſt.

But after him I find mention [t] of *Henry de Camvill*, at this place, for ſome few years about the beginning of *E.* 2. reign, though by what title I am not able to ſay: Perhaps, that being of the name, and a younger branch of this Family, he had got *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir to the ſaid *Gerard*, into his power, with hopes to make her his wife, and thereby gain that fair inheritance belonging to her; for it appears [u] that in 33 *E.* 1. ſhe was under age, and that in 6 *E.* 2. upon a complaint by him made to the King, that *Robert Burdet*, *Gerard de Sekindon*, and others, had forcibly taken away *Elizabeth* his wife, reſiding here at **Arlw**, together with his goods and Cattell, a Commiſſion [w] was iſſued out unto *Henry Spigurnell*, *Nich. de Langelond*, and *Ric. de Chiſeldon* to make enquiry thereof, by the Oaths of honeſt and lawfull men, and to certifie the truth therein; ſo that it is not improbable that this *Eliz.* was the daughter and heir to the before ſpecified *Gerard de Camvile*, whom the ſaid *Robert Burdet* lawfully [x] wedded, and through whoſe right this Lordſhip and other lands came to his poſterity.

Having thus ſhewed how the *Burdets* were firſt poſſeſt of this Mannour, where they afterwards ſeated themſelves, for divers ages; and finding that they had lands in this Countie long before, I ſhall here take notice of what I have met with, in an hiſtoricall way, relating to them. The firſt of this name, of whom I have found mention, is *Robert Burdet* one [y] of the witneſſes to that notable Charter made by *Geffrey de Wirce* to the Monaſtery of St. *Nicholas* at **Angiers**, which beareth date at **Ponteskirby**, in this Countie, in the twelfth year of K. *Will.* the Conqueror's reign. Whether the ſaid *Robert* was paternall anceſtor to thoſe of this Family whereof I am to ſpeak, I cannot certainly affirm; but the next that I meet with, *viz. William*, who flouriſht in *H.* 2. time, undoubtedly was. This being he that founded [z] that little Cell at **Aucote** near **Sekindon** in 5 *H.* 2. (as when I come to ſpeak thereof ſhall be manifeſted) was in 12 *H.* 2. certified [a] to ho'd half a Kts.fee of *Will. de Beauchamp* (of **Elmeley** Caſtle *in Com. Wigorn.*) *de veteri feoffamento*: He was alſo [b] witneſs to the Charter made by *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter** to the Monks of **Combe**, whereby he confirmed the Foundation of that Monaſtery, ſeated within his Fee; and gave [c] to the Nuns of **Poleswoꝛth** certain lands called **Coppenhull**, (lying near **Sekindon** above mentioned) which *Hugh* his ſon and heir confirmed.

From which *William* deſcended Sir *William Burdet* Kt. who with the Shiriff and *Richard de Mundevill*, was in 36 *H.* 3. a Commiſſioner [d] for aſſeſſing a *Tallage* upon all the King's demeſns within this Countie and **Leiceſterſhire**, and bore for his Arms *Azure two barrs Or*, as by the impreſſion of his Seal [e] and other authorities appeareth; within the compaſs whereof the *Creſſant* and *Star* are put, as a Badge of his ſervice in the *Holy land*: And gave [f] to the Monks of **Aucote** *xii d.* yearly Rent, iſſuing out of a Tenement there, for the maintenance of a Lampe in the Church of our *Lady* and St. *Blaſe* at **Auecote** above ſpecified, before the Altar of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, for the health of his ſoul, and of the ſoul of *Alice* his wife, and their anceſtors: As alſo, when he lay upon his death bed, beſtowed [g] on them half a yard land lying in **Radclive**, with a Water Mill there.

But the next of this line, of whom I have found any thing memorable, was *Robert Burdet*, one [h] of the Juſtices for Gaol delivery at **Warwick** from 11 *E.* 1. to the 20th. of that King's reign; yet none of theſe had to do here at **Arewe**; the next *Robert*, nephew to the laſt (by *Hugh* his Brother) being he that firſt ſetled here in right of *Eliz.* his wife daughter and heir to *Gerard de Camvill*, before ſpoken of. Which *Robert* in 12 *E.* 2. gave [i] three acres of land, parcell of his demeſn, to *William de Bremeſgreve*, then Rector of the Church here at **Arewe**, for the enlargement of the Church-yard, as alſo of the Parſonage glebe; and was a man of much publick action in his time: for I find that in 14 *E.* 2. he ſerved [k] in the Parl. at **Weſtminſter** as one of the Knights for this Shire: In [l] 17. and 18 [m] *E.* 2. that he was one of the Commiſſioners for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and in 19 *E.* 2. that he was again [n] Knight for the Shire in the Parliament then held at **Weſtminſter**.

This *Robert*, in 1 *E.* 3. had a Charter [o] of **Freewarren** granted to him and his heirs in all his demeſn lands here, and at **Sekindon** in this Countie, as alſo for thoſe at **Hunecote** and **Pitthe** in **Leiceſterſhire**. The next year following he ſerved [p] in the Parliament held at **Yoꝛk** as one of the Kts. for this Countie; but before the end of that year, was conſtituted [q] Shiriff for this and **Leiceſterſhire**, being alſo a Commiſſioner [r] for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 7 *E.* 3. he was again in Commiſſion [ſ] for the like Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; as alſo by a ſpeciall Patent [t], bearing date at **Yoꝛk** 4 *Feb.* the ſame year, had a Licenſe to impark his Woods here at **Arewe**, and ſo to

m *Pat.* 19. *H.* 3. *in d.*

n *Inq. per* Hundr. 4. *E.* 1.

o *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Throkmorton *B.*

p *F. levat.* xv. *Paſch.* 3 *E.* 1.

q *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. Burdet. *B.*

r *Pat.* 19. *E.* 1. *m.* 7.

ſ *Clauſ.* 29. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 13.

t *Ren. f.* 6. *a.* 19. *a.* & 35. *a.*

u *Langt. f.* 7. *a.*

w *Clauſ.* 6. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 18.

x *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. Burdet.

y *Ex autog. in bibl.* Cotton.

z *Ex vet. membr. penès* S. Archer. *Ar. aur.*

a *Lib. rub. f.* 99. *b.*

b *Reg. de Cumba. f.* 33. *b.*

c *Pat.* 21 *R.* 2. *p* 2. *m.* 10. *per Inſp.*

d *Clauſ.* 36 *H.* 3. *in d.*

e *Penès* Ioh. Ferrers *de* Tamworth *Ar.*

f *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

g *Plac. de term.* .... 14. *H.* 3. *rot* 3.

h *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

i *Pat.* 12. *E.* 1. *p.* 1. *m.* 28.

k *Clauſ.* 14 *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 16.

l *Pat.* 17. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 25.

m *Pat.* 18. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 7.

n *Clauſ.* 19 *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 19.

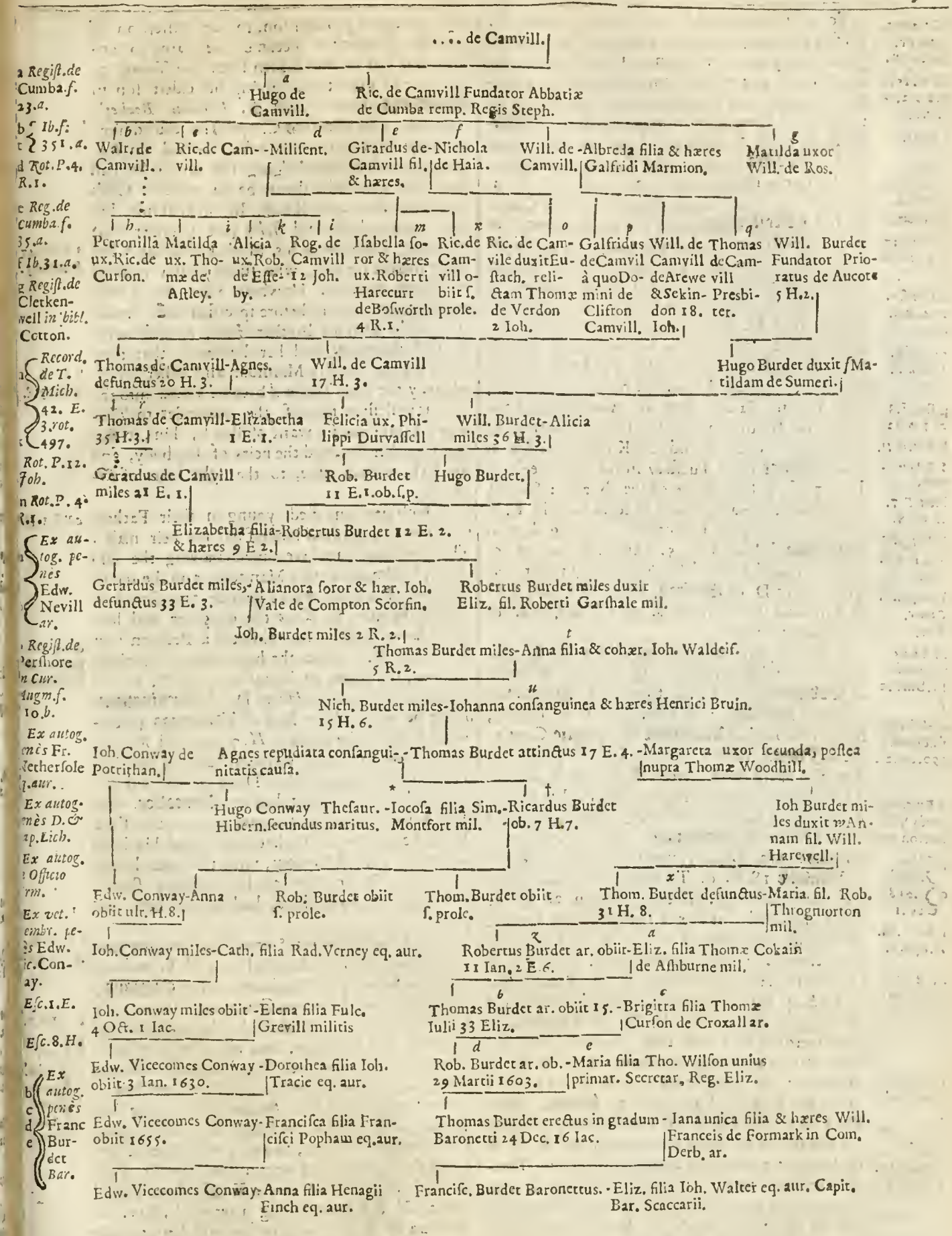
o *Carr.* 1. *E.* 3. *n.* 3.

p *Clauſ.* 2. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 32.

q *Pat.* 2. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 30.

r *Pat.* 7. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 14.

ſ *Pat.* 7. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 28.



to hold them to himſelf and his heirs for ever: and left iſſue by the ſaid *Eliz.* [t] *Gerard* and *Robert*, [u] both Kts. which *Robert* was of **Bourton** *ſuper* **Dunſmore** in this Countie (as I have there manifeſted.) But *Gerard* had here his principall ſeat, and in 20 *E.* 3. ſerved [w] in the Wars of **France**, being then of the retinue to *Maurice de Berkley*, an Engliſh Baron. But about the 33 *E.* 3. the ſaid *Gerard* departed this life, leaving *John* his ſon and heir under age, the cuſtodie of whoſe lands, together with his marriage, was granted [x] in 33 *E.* 3. by Sir *Ric. Stafford* Kt. unto *Ric. de Clodſhale* (of **Saltley** in this Countie) which *John*, by the death of *John de Vale* (his Uncle by the Mothers ſide) without iſſue in 34 *E.* 3. was found [y] to be one of his Coſins and next heirs; and in 2 *R.* 2. being then a Kt. was conſtituted [z] one of the Commiſſioners in this Countie for taxing a ſubſidie, at that time granted to the K. in Parliament.

[x] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*

[y] *Eſc.* 36. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *n.* 63.

[z] *Rot. F.* 2. *R.* 2. *m.* 10.

To whom succeeded [a] Sir *Thomas Burdet* Kt. his ſon and heir, a perſon honoured with divers great imployments in his time. In 5 *R.* 2. he was conſtituted [b] one of the Commiſſioners for arraying of men in this Countie, being then of the retinue [c] unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**. In 17 *R.* 2. he ſerved [d] in the Parl. then held at **Weſtm.** as one of the Kts. for this Shire; ſo alſo in the Parliaments of 2. [e] and 8. [f] *H.* 4. In 3. *H.* 5. he was made Shiriff [g] for this Countie and **Leiceſterſhire**. In 6 *H.* 5. again one [h] of the Commiſſioners of Array in this Shire; and the next year following, jointly intruſted, together with the Shiriff and ſome other ſelect perſons, to treat [i] with the people for a loan of money to the King. In 9 *H.* 5. he was in [k] Commiſſion for aſſeſſing and collecting a Subſidie then granted to the K. in Parl. and left iſſue *Nicholas* his ſon and heir; of whom I find, that being one of thoſe, who bearing Armes from his Anceſtors, as the Writ and Return thereof ſpecially intimates, he had Summons [l] to attend the King in perſon at **Weſtminſter** upon Tueſday in the firſt week of Lent 7 *H.* 5. for defence of the Realm: Shortly after which, he was retained to ſerve the ſaid K. in his wars; for by an Indenture [m] bearing date at **Suthwike** 6 *Maii* 8 *H.* 5. it appears, that he received in hand from *John Salveine* Treaſurer at Wars to the D. of **Bedford**, for himſelf, two men at Arms and ſeaven Archers, *xxix l. xi s. vi d.* for one quarters wages.

And continuing in thoſe wars, in 3 *H.* 6. was one of thoſe that defended [n] the town of *S. James de* **Beburon**, ſituate on the frontiers of **Normandy** towards **Britany**; and upon the ſiege thereof, by *Arthur* Earl of **Richmont** and **Peverle** Conſtable of **France**, made a courageous ſally, wherein 7 or 800 of the enemy were ſlain, 50 Priſoners, 18 Standards, and one Banner taken. In 15 *H.* 6. he was [o] a Knight; but being afterwards made [p] chief Butler of **Normandy**, and Governour of **Eureux** in that Dutchy, was ſlain [q] in the battail of **Pontoiſe** 18 *H.* 6. To whom ſucceeded *Thomas* his ſon and heir: which *Thomas* in 28 *H.* 6. being imployed [r] in this Countie about levying the ſubſidie then granted to the K. in Parl. was from the 7th. to the fourteenth of *E.* 4. reign, in [s] Commiſſion for conſervation of the Peace: But in 17 *E.* 4. having incurred the King's diſpleaſure for his good affections to the D. of **Clarence**, ſo ſtrict were the eyes and ears that were ſet over him, that an advantage was ſoon taken to cut off his Head: for [t] hearing that the King had killed a white Buck in his Park here at **Arewe**, which Buck he ſet much ſtore by, paſſionately wiſhing the Hornes in his Belly that moved the K. ſo to do, being arraigned and convicted [u] of high Treaſon, for thoſe words, upon inference made that his meaning was miſchievous to the K. himſelf, he loſt his life for the ſame, his Body being buried [w] in the Chapell of *All Saints* within the *Gray-Friers* Church near **Newgate**, with this memoriall in their Martyrologe, *viz.* that he was *valens Armiger Domini Georgii Ducis Clarenciæ.*

After the death of which *Thomas*, their grew great ſuits [x] for this Mannour and other lands, betwixt *Richard Burdet* his ſon by a former wife, that had been for nearneſs of kindred divorced from him, and *John Burdet* his ſon by *Margaret* a later wife: For the ſaid *Thomas* (by Licenſe [y] obtained from the K. in 12 *E.* 4.) had aliened his lands to his younger ſon, to the diſheriſon of the elder, of which he became afterwards ſo ſenſible, that [z] as he was drawn from the Tower to the place of execution, eſpying his eldeſt ſon in **Weſtchepe**, over againſt St. *Thomas Becket*'s Hoſpitall (now **Mercers** Chapell) he cauſed himſelf to be ſtayed, and there asked his ſaid ſon forgiveneſs, and acknowledging the wrong he had done him, concluded that to be the cauſe of Gods vengeance then againſt him. But in that ſuit, before mentioned, the ſaid *John* (the younger ſon) prevailed, *Margaret* his Mother holding [a] her eſtate therein for life, who ſhortly after married to *Thomas Woodhill*. Howbeit, after this it was not long, ere that the before ſpecified *Ric. Burdet* ſo wrought with his Brother *John*, as alſo with the ſaid *Margaret* and her husband, that they levied a Fine [b] of this Mannour and other lands, whereby the ſame *Richard* became veſted into the preſent poſſeſſion thereof, the remainder to *Thomas* his ſon; and for want of iſſue by him, to *Robert* his other ſon, and the heirs of his body, and for lack of ſuch iſſue, to the right heirs of *Richard*.

Which two ſons died [c] young in their Fathers life time, and *Richard* himſelf left no heir male: The conſideration whereof much moving the ſaid *John*; foraſmuch as this Mannour, and the reſt of thoſe entailed lands were like to be transferred to another Familie, by *Anne* the daughter and heir of the ſame *Richard*, he exhibited a Petition [d] in Parl. to K. *H.* 8. about the beginning of his reign; wherein, the better to ingratiate himſelf, he ſet forth his adherence to *Henry* D. of **Buckingham**, in the behalf of *Henry* Earl of **Richmund** (afterwards King by the name of *H.* 7.) againſt *Ric.* 3. King in deed but not of right; alleadging that upon the miſcarriage of that Duke in his ſaid attempts, he himſelf was taken at **Glouceſter**, and there kept Priſoner, and moved that the ſaid Fine ſhould be made void, ſo that himſelf and his heirs might enjoy this Mannour, with the lands before mentioned, in ſuch ſort as he and they ſhould and ought to have done, had it not been levied.

This *John Burdet* was [e] one of the retinue unto Sir *Edm. Howard* Admirall in 4 *H.* 8. for ſcouring the Seas on the Southern coaſt of **England**; and in no ſmall favour at Court, as it ſeems: for his Petition took ſuch effect that he purſued [f] his claim to this Lordſhip, and all other the lands whereof his Father was ſeized, againſt *Edward Conway* and *Anne* his wife, daughter and heir to the before ſpecified *Ric. Burdet*, as if there had been no ſuch entail as hath been ſaid. Which ſuits continued many years, to a very vaſt expence betwixt them, and ended not in the ſaid Sir *John Burdet*'s days (for he was a Knight [g] and dyed [h] in 20 *H.* 8.) But not long afterwards, *viz.* 20 *Julii* 22 *H.* 8. *Thomas* his ſon and heir, as alſo the ſaid *Edw. Conway* and *Anne* ſubmitted [i] this difference to the Arbitration of *Clement* then Abbot of **Evesham**, *Will. Prior* of **Worceſter**, *Roger Winter*, and *John Ruſſell* Eſquires, who made an Award therein, *viz.* [k] that the ſaid *T. Burdet* ſhould quietly enjoy to himſelf and his heirs all the lands in **Longdon-Travers** and **Newbold** *in Com. Wigorn.* And the ſaid *Edw. Conway* and *Anne* his wife, and their heirs, thoſe in **Lodyngton** in this Countie, as alſo in **Beine** and **Ablench** *in Com. Wigorn.* But this Award did not quiet them

a *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Burdet B.
b *Pat.* 15. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 6.
c *Comp. Bull. Warw. Com. penès* W. Peir. point. *ar.*
d *Clauſ.* 17. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 3.
e *Clauſ.* 2. *H.* 4. *in d. m.* 3.
f *Clauſ.* 8. *H.* 4. *in d. m.* 7.
g *Rot. F.* 3. *H.* 5. *m.* 12.
h *Pat.* 6. *H.* 5. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 8.
i *Rot. F.* 7. *H.* 5 *m.* 8.
k *Pat.* 9. *H.* 5. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 2.
l *Rot. penès Camer. Scac.*
m *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Burdet B.
n Holingſh. *Chron. p.* 590. *Col.* 2.
o *Ex autog penès* W. Burton *ar.*
p Holingſh. *p.* 618. *Col.* 1.
q Holingſh. *p.* 618. *Col.* 1.
r *Rot. F.* 28. *H.* 6. *m.* 6.
s *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*
t Holingſh. *p.* 703. *Col.* 1. Stow's *An. p.* 430.
u *Clauſ.* 17. *E.* 4. *m.* 13.
w *Ex cod. MS. in bibl.* Cotton. [vitel. F. 12.]
x See the year-book 18. *E.* 4.
y Stow's *An p.* 430.
z Stow's *An p.* 430.
a *Clauſ.* 17. *E.* 4. *m.* 13.
b 1 *v.* 1. Bapt. 3. *R.* 3
c *Eſc.* 1. *E.* 6.
d *Ex autog penès præfat.* Fr. Burdet.
e Stow's *An. p.* 490.
f *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
g *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
h *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
i *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
k *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
l *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway
m *Ex autog penès* Edw. vicecom. Conway

them, so that after new suits begun again above two years after, they made [l] choice of Sir *Anth. Fitz Herbert*, and Sir *Will. Shelley* Kts. then Justices of the Common Pleas, to determine the business; who taking upon them the decision thereof, thus stated it; *viz.* [m] that the said *Thomas Burdet* and his heirs should have the Mannours of **Bromcote**, **Sekinton**, **Compton-Scorfin**, and **Wilmecote** in this Countie; **Longdon-***Travers*, **Little-Longdon**, **Arminscote**, and **Newbold** *in Com. Wigorn.* with **Larkstoke**, **Pyculton**, **Pebworth**, **Quinton**, and **Kyrmscote** in **Gloucestershire**, as also C C. marks in money. And the said *Edw. Conway* and *Anne*, and their heirs, this Mannour of **Arrow**, with the Mannours of **Lodyngton**, **Kingley**, **Alymore**, and **Campl-hill** in this Shire; **Welne**, **Ablench**, **Clodshall**, **Upton-***Wareyn*, **Upton** upon **Severne** with **Beeley** and **Elmbrigge** *in Com. Wigorn.* All which have been enjoyed, ever since, accordingly.

[l] *Ib.*

This *Edw. Conway* was [n] a younger son to *John Conway* of **Potrithan** *in Com.* **Flint** Esquire (where the principall branch of that antient Family still flourishes) and descended [o] from Sir *Henry Conway* Kt. whose memory is still famous, for his military imployments under the conduct of *Edm. Mortimer* Earl of **March** and **Ulvecter**, about the beginning of K. *Ric.* 2. reign; and not without good cause, I presume: For having been first retained [p] by the name of *Henry Conway* Esquire, to serve him during his whole life, aswell in the times of Peace as in War, in consideration of *L.* marks sterling, to be yearly payd out of the Mannours, Castle and Lordship of **Clifford** and **Glaseburg** in **Wales** and the Marches thereof; and, for his singular demerits therein, received the dignity of Knighthood at the hands of the said Earl, he was by Indenture [q] bearing date 1 *Aug.* 5 *R.* 2. again retained to do him service, as a Knight for the like terme; and in times of Peace to have diet for himself, one Esquire, one Chamberlain and 4. Grooms; as also Hay, Oats, Horshoos and Nayls for six Horses, or reasonable allowance for the same: And whensoever he should be required to make his attendance on the said Earl, for service of War, the like diet and Wages in lieu thereof, for himself, his Esquire, Chamberlain and 5. Grooms, with Hay, Oats, *&c.* for eight Horses; and allowance for so many men at Armes and Archers as he should bring to the said Earl for service of War, the like wages and reward as he gave to others of their quality. Having moreover, in consideration of the Surrender of that Annuity of *L.* marks, so granted as aboveSaid, the yearly Rent of *XL. l.* to be received out of the Seignory of **Kedewyng** in **Wales**, at the Feasts of S. *Mich.* and *Easter* by equall portions: The payment whereof was afterwards ratified by the King, as by his Letters Pat. [r] bearing date at **Westm.** 12 *Maii* the same year appeareth, but assigning his receipt out of the Lordship of **Dynebegh**, which with the rest of the possessions of that Earl, then deceased, were then in the King's hands, by reason of his Son's minoritie.

[p] *Pat. 5. R. 2. p. 2. m. 12. per. Insp.*

I am of opinion that the marriage of the before specified *Edward*, with the said *Anne* the daughter and heir to *Ric. Burdet*, was occasioned by the means of his elder Brother, *viz.* Sir *Hugh Conway* Kt. second husband to *Joyce*, mother of the said *Anne* (as the Descent sheweth) the said *Hugh* being a man of no small note in those days; For having received [s] the honour of Knighthood at the Coronation of *Eliz.* wife to K. *H.* 7. he became a Counceller [t] of State and Knight [u] for the Body to that King, as also Treasurer [w] of **Ireland**; and was retained [x] in 7. of his reign to serve him in his wars beyond the Sea, with *xx.* men besides himself, being likewise a Justice [y] of Peace in this Countie for severall years.

[s] *Ex vet. Rot. penès S. Archer eq. aur.*

[t] [u] [w] *Ex autog. penès Edw. vic. Conway.*

[x] *Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.*

[y] *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

But I return to the before specified *Edward*, of whom all that I find farther memorable is, that being [z] Gentleman huisher of the Chamber to K. *H.* 8. he had a speciall License [a] under the Privy Signet, dated 12 *Feb.* 3. *H.* 8. to retain certain able men, voluntiers, for the King's service in his wars; and that he departed [b] this life on the Thursday next after the Feast of St. *Bartholmew* the Apostle 38 *H.* 8. leaving *John* his son and heir 35 years of age and upwards, afterwards Kt. who wedded [c] *Katherine* the daughter to Sir *Raph Verney* Kt. and by his Testament [d] bearing date 22 *Julii* 6 *E.* 6. bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church here at **Arrow**, Which Sir *John* had issue [e] Sir *John* his son and heir, that took to wife [f] *Ellen* the daughter of Sir *Fouk Grevill* of **Beauchamp's-Court** in this Countie: who, being a person of great skill in military affairs, was made Governour [g] of **Ostend** by *Rob.* Earl of **Leicester** 29 *Dec. An.* 1586. (29 *Eliz.*) the said Earl being then Generall of the English Auxiliaries in behalf of the States of the united Provinces; and dyed [h] 4 *Oct.* 1 *Jac.* leaving Sir *Edward Conway* Knight his son and heir, afterwards one of the principall Secretaries of State to King *James*; who upon the 22 of *March* 22 *Iac.* was first created [i] Lord *Conway* of **Ragley** in this Countie; Secondly [k] 15 *Martii* 2 *Car.* Vicount *Killultagh* in the Countie of **Antrim** in **Ireland**; lastly [l] 6 *Junii* 3 *Car.* Vicount *Conway* of **Conway** Castle in **Kaernarvonshire**, and left issue *Edw.* Vicount *Conway* his son and heir, now Lord of this Mannour.

[z] [a] [b] [c] *Ex autog. penès præs. vic. Conway.*

[d] *Tashe q. 1.*

[e] [f] [g] [h] *Ex autog. penès eundem vic. Conway.*

[i] *Pat. 12. Iac. p. 12.*

[k] *Pat. 2. Car. p. 5.*

[l] *Pat. 3. Car.*

The Church was granted [m] by *Robert* Earl of **Leicester** to the Monks of **Alcester** in *H.* 2. time; but what right he had to dispose thereof, I will not stand to argue, forasmuch as they enjoy'd it not long, if ever they had to do therewith. In *An.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [n] at *xv.* marks and a half; and in [o] 14 *E.* 3. at *x l. vi s. viii d.* but in 26 *H.* 8. at *xi l.* out of which was then payd for *Synodals* and *Procurations ix s. v d. ob.*

[m] *Cart. 12. E. 3. n. 12. per. Insp.*

[n] *MS in Scac.*

[o] *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ — Incumbentes, *&c.*

Henr. de Camvill.	*Joh. le Fort Accol.* 10. *Cal. Feb.* 1308.	*Ren. f. 6. a.*
	D. Henr. de Newton Cap. 15. *Cal. Dec.* 1309.	*Ib. f. 19. a.*
	Will. de Bremesgrave Pbr. 2. *Cal. Nov.* 1311.	*Ib. f. 35. a.*
D. Ric. de Fixon miles.	*Rob. de Roleye Cler.* 1 *Junii* 1361.	*Br. f. 33. b.*
Thomas Burdet miles.	*Magr. Joh. Fytone* 18 *Nov.* 1403.	*Cliff. f. 63. b.*
	Thom. Daddy Cap. 4. *Apr.* 1433.	*S. Germ. f. 249. a.*

Carp.vol.1. f.116.a. Carp.vol.2. f.17.a. — *Thomas Burdet arm.* — D. Thomas Tayler Cap. 24. Apr. 1454. D. Thomas Hullok Pbr. 5. Febr. 1470.

Gyg.2 f.40 a. — *Edw. Conwey generosus jure Agnetis ux. sua.* — D. Nich. Tommys Cap. 2. Jan. 1504.

Edw. Conway arm. — D. Will. Alcock Cap. 12. Maii 1531. Will. Clerke art. Magr. 14. Nov. 1545. — Jeron.f.47. a. Heath.f.9. b.

Joh. Conway miles. — D. Rog. Metecalfe Cler. 26 Aug. 1549. — Ib.f.13.a.

Edw. Conwey miles. — Thomas Case Cler. 30 Julii 1620. — Bul.f.101. a.

In a South window of the Church.



In the same South window



1 Beauchamp E. of Warwick. 2. England 3. D'Albany E of Arundell

On the East wall of the Chancell are these Armes and Inscriptions



SIR IOHN CONWAY OF ARROW IN THE COVNTY OF WARWICK KNIGHT, SOMETIME LORD GOVERNOVR OF OSTENDE SONNE OF SIR IOHN CONWAY WHOSE FATHER WAS EDWARD, WHO MARRIED THE D^TGHTER AND HEIRE OF BVRDET BY WHOME HE HAD ARROW AND OTHER INHERITANCES,



DAME ELNORE CONWAY WIFE OF SIR IOHN CONWAY AND DAVGHTER OF SIR FVLKE GREVILL KNIGHT BY THE VENTER OF ONE OF THE COHEIRES OF WILLOVGHBY WHO WAS HEIRE TO THE LORD BROOKE AND LORD BEAVCHAMPE,

The Inscription cut in a plate of Brasse fixed on the Coffyn of Edward Vicount Conway, whose body lyeth buried in this Church.

Here is the right honourable Edward Lord Viscount Conway and Kilultagh, lord president of his Majesties most hon^ble privy Councell, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton, and Captain and Governour of the Ile of Wight; who discharged w^th much honour and fidelity great offices of trust: At home principall Secretary of State, Abroad Ambassadour extraordinary into Germany. His Strength was exercised in honourable atchievements of warr in the time of Queen Elizabeth; His age employed in Councell of State vnder K. Iames and K. Charles: And having received the desert of virtue (Honour) to himselfe and his family, departed this life the 3^th of Ianuary, in the yeare of his redemption by Christ, 1630.

Ragley.

OF this Village situate in the Parish of **Arrow**, whereof there is no more than the Mannour house now left, there is not in the Conquerour's Survey any mention, forasmuch as it was then involved with **Arrow**; whence I conclude, that with it *Marmion* became possest thereof, and afterwards *Camvile*, though *Raph Boteler* of **Overley**, upon his foundation of the Priorie at **Alcester**, whereby he gave [p] two Sheafs of his Tithe here, mentions the same to be *de Dominio suo de* **Raggelet**: For as those Monks of **Alcester** had little benefit of that grant, so doth it appear by sundry [q] authorities in after-times, that **Ragley** was held of the Lords of **Arrow**; which argues that the possessors thereof were first enfeoft by some of them, though when or how that was I am yet to learn: For till 5 *H.* 3. I have not seen any farther mention of this place; but then did one *Stephen de* **Raggeleg** pass [r] away one messuage lying therein, to the Monks of **Evesham**, together with *CL.* acres of land lying in **Kingle**.

But after this it came to the family of *Rous*; the first of which name, that directly appears to me to have been owner of it, being [s] *John Rufus* in *H.* 3. time; and it is not unlike but that *Thomas le Rous*, who in 15 *E.* 2. was appointed [t] one of the Commissioners for making choice of one thousand and eight hundred foot souldiers within this Countie and **Leicestershire**, and to conduct them to **Newcastle** upon **Tine** to march against the Scots, being at that time Shiriff [u] of these Counties, had his seat here, and was son to the same *John*.

To which *Thomas* succeeded another *John*, who being a man of the superior rank amongst the Gentry here, as may seem by his eminent employments, was in 46 *E.* 3. in [w] Commission for levying

p Cart. 14. E.3.n.12. per Insp.

q Esc.4. H.5.n. 41. Esc.16. E.4.n. 51.

r F.levat.& Oct. Mich. 5.H.3.

s Ex autog. penes Edw. Vic. Conway.

t Clauſ. 15. E.2.in d. m.6.

u Rot.F. 15.E.2.m. 22.

w Rot.F. 46.E.3. m.10.

ing and collecting a *xv*th and *x*th then granted to the King in Parl. So likewise in [x] 48 *E.* 3. And in [y] 51 *E.* 3. as also in [z] 1 *R.* 2. was in Commission for arraying of men in this Shire: In [a] 2 *R.* 2. for assessing of a Subsidie. In 3 *R.* 2. he served in [b] the Parliament held at **Westm.** as one of the Knights for this Shire: and the same year he was made [c] a Justice of Peace in this County, as also a Commissioner [d] for arraying of men for the King's service: Nay so eminent he grew for his wealth and authority, that he built a stately Gatehouse of stone here at **Ragley**, and imbattailed it like a Castle; for which, being done without the King's License, he had, not only a speciall pardon [e] in 5 *R.* 2. but a Commission to build the rest of his dwelling House here answerably, and to fortifie it with strong walls of lime and stone, in like sort embattailed. To which *John* succeeded *Robert* his son and heir, of whom there is little memorable: but *John* his grandchild, who came of age [g] in 9 *H.* 6. was an active man in the world; for in 15 *H.* 6. he underwent the office of Eschaetor [h] for this County and **Leicestershire**: In 28 he was in Commission [i] for levying of a Subsidie; then granted to the K. in Parl. As also from [l] 22 to 38 *H.* 6. inclusive, a Justice of Peace in this County; and dyed in [m] 16 *E.* 4. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 28 years of age. Which *Thomas* departed [n] this world *ult. Apr. An.* 1499 (15 *H.* 7.) and lyeth buried in the Chancell at **Quinton** in **Gloucestershire**.

x *Rot. F.* 48. *E.* 3. *m.* 11.
y *Pat.* 51. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 11.
z *Pat.* 1. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 28.
a *Rot. F.* 2. *R.* 2. *m.* 10.
b *Claus.* 3. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 18.
c *Pat.* 3. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *in d. m.* 13.
d *Pat.* 3. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 5.
e *Pat.* 5. *R.* 2. *p. m.* 5
f *Claus.* 9. *H.* 6. *m.* 4.
g *Rot. F.* 15. *H.* 6. *m.* 28.
h *Rot. F.* 28. *H.* 6. *m.* 6.
i *Pat. de d. an in d.*
l *Esc.* 16. *E.* 4. *n.* 51.
m *Inscrip. tumuli.*
n *Esc.* 4. *H.* 7. *n.* 41.

Thomas le Rous 15 E. 2.

Joh. le Rous de Cristiana Raglei 37 E. 3.

b	c	d
Baldw. Rous habuit Manerium de Stanley juxta Winchcombe in com. Glouc. 3 H. 4.	Henr. Rous habuit Manerium de Leneh-Randolf in Com. Wigorn.	Rob. Rous frater & hæres Joh. æt. 25 an. 20 E. 2.

Joh. Rous obiit sine prole 20 R. 2.

Ex autog. penes Thom. Rous Bar.

e	f
Will. Rous obiit 8 H. 5. s. prole.	Joh. Rous frater & hæres, obiit 16 E. 4.

Matilda.

Thomas Rous fil. & hæres obiit 15 H. 7.	Joh. Rous junior 49 H. 6.

Thomas Rous obiit s. prole.	Margareta soror & hæres uxor Joh. Brome de Halton militis.

Christopherus Brome miles obiit 31 Eliz.

Georgius Brome plenæ æt. 31 Eliz.

Esc. 4. *H.* 7. *n.* 41.
Ex autog. penes Thom. Rous Bar.
Esc. 20. *R.* 2. *n.* 45.
Esc. 13. *E.* 6. *n.* 13.
Pat. 49. *E.* 6. *in d.* 23.

But *Maud* his wife had sepulture in the Chapell of our Lady within the Church at **Alcester**, as by her Testament [o] appears, whereby she appointed a Tombe-stone of Marble to be layd upon her grave, with the portraitures of her husband and her self, with 5. sons and 5 daughters to be cut thereon.

Penes Dom. vic. de Conway.

From whom descended [p] another *Tho.* who dyed issuelesse, so that *Margaret* his sister, the wife to Sir *John Brome* of **Halton** in **Oxfordshire** (not *Brown* as *Leland** calls him) became [q] his heir: which Sir *John* had issue Sir *Christopher Brome* Knight, that dyed [r] seized of this Mannour 31 *Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and heir of full age, who by his Deed [s] bearing date 12 *Aug.* 33 *Eliz.* sold it to Sir *John Conway* of **Arrow** Knight, grandfather to *Edward* Vicount *Conway* the present owner thereof.

p } *Ex Coll.* H. Ferq } ers. *ar.*
* Leland *Itin. vol. 4. f.* 168.
r *Lib. 5. cedul.*
s *Ex autog. penès p æf. vic.* Conway.

Oversley.

THis is also in the parish of **Arrow**, but stands on the other side the River, on a notable ascent, which gave occasion, at first, to its name, **Over** signifying the same in our English as *super* or *suprà* in Latine doth. Having been [t] the inheritance of one *Britmar* before the Norman Invasion, it was after the Conquest of **England**, with other lands of a vast extent, in this as well as other Counties, given [u] to the Earl of **Pellent** (whom K. *H.* 1. advanced to the Earldome of **Leic.**) and by the general Survey then made, wherein it is written **Overley**, certified [w] to contain 3 hides, being then held of the said Earl by one *Fulke*, who had a Mill here at that time, valued at iiii *s.* and Woods belonging to this place, extending to three furlongs in length and one in breadth; which, with all the rest, were prized at xl *s.* Of this great Earl I find, that he had a Butler called *Raph*, *Radulfus Pincerna de Legreceſtria* he is writtten [x]; who having obtained lands of good value here, and in **Leicestershire**, by the grant of his said Lord, and finding this place so eminent for its situation, partly by reason of the Woods and Water, but most of all in regard of the naturall high and steep ascent of the ground so near the bank of **Arrow**, made choise thereof for his principall seat, and built a fair Castle thereon, by whose ruines the strength & compasse it was of, may seem to have been of no mean consideration; and within lesse than a mile distant thereof (*viz.* on the Northside of **Alcester**) founded a Monastery for *Benedictine* Monks (of which I have already spoke) whereunto, amongst other his ample concessions for its endowment, he added [y] the Chapell of this his Castle.

t } Dom. esd. u } *lib.* w }
x *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 144.
y *Cart.* 14. *E.* 3. *n.* 12. *per. Inſp.*

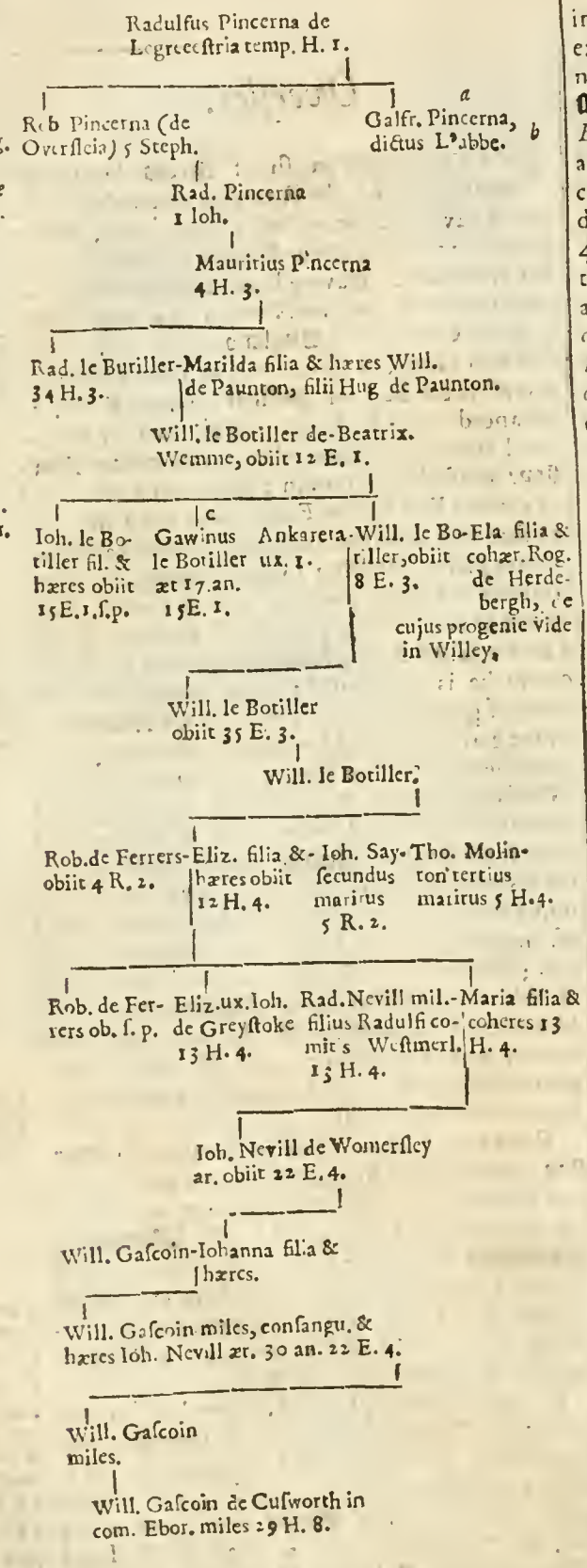
From this *Raph* is it that the *Botelers* of **Overley** (no lesse than Barons) did deduce their descent and had here their seat, till by marriage with *Maud* the daughter and heir of *Pantolf*, **Wemme** in **Shropshire** with other large possessions divolved to them: After which it was not long ere that, by an heir female, this came to *Ferrers*, and so afterwards to *Nevill*, and *Gascoine*, as the Pedegree inserted in the next page sheweth.

To which *Raph* succeeded *Robert* his son and heir, called [z] *Robertus Pincerna de Overſleia*, who joyned with his Father in [a] founding the Monastery of **Alcester** before specified, and confirmed [b] to the Nuns of **Pinley** that grant which *Joh. de Pillardinton* made to them of the Land whereupon that Religious House was situate, it being of his Fee. Which *Robert* had issue another *Raph*, who gave [c] the Chapell of **Stocton**, with the Tithes, to the Canons of **Leicester**, and made head against King *John*, with the rest of the Barons; for which

z *Ex autog. penès* .... Cookes *de* Pinley.
a *Ad calcem MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*G.* 7. 2. *Th.*]
b *Ex autog. penès præf.* .... Cookes
c *Regist. de Leic. in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 19. *b.*

which his lands were seized and committed [d] unto *Will. de Cantilupe*: but in 1 *H.* 3. the King gave command [e], that in case he did pay *xl.* marks for his redemption, that then the said *Will.* should re-invest him with the possession of his lands again; as it seems he did, and grew into so fair an esteem with the King, that he became imployed in some affaires of trust: for I find that in 9 and 10 *H.* 3. he was constituted [f] a Commissioner for collecting a Fifteenth in this and **Leicesterhire**, as also a Justice of Assize in this County.

d *Clauſ.* 1. *H.* 3. *m.* 19.
e
f *Pat. de ijſd. an. in d.*



a *Monaſt. Anglic. p.* 470. *l.* 28.
b *Ex autog. penes ... Cookes de Pinley*
c *Eſc* 15. *E.* 1. *n.* 31.

To whom succeeded *Maurice* his son and heir, one [g] of the Justices of Assize likewise in this Countie in 13 *H.* 3. and in 16 *H.* 3. a Commissioner [h] for assessing and collecting the fourtieth part of all mens movable goods, according to the forme and order then appointed. In 21 and 25 *H.* 3. again [i] one of the Justices of Assize; and in 19. 22, and 30 *H.* 3. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**.

g *Pat.* 13. *H.* 3. *in d.*
h *Clauſ.* 16. *H.* 3. *in d.*
i
k

Which *Maurice* had issue [l] *Raph*, who wedded *Maud* [m] the daughter and heir to *Will. de Pantolf*, by whom that great Lordship of **Wemme** in **Shropshire**, with other fair possessions, came to this Family, and was also one [n] of the Justices for Gaol delivery at **Warwick** in 34 and 41 *H.* 3. in the last of which years he was [o] in the Welch expedition; and the next year following summoned [p], amongst others of the Peers, to be at **Chester** on Munday next after the Feast of S. *John Bapt.* well furnisht with Horse and Armes to march against *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales** and his complices. The like Summons, and to be so furnisht, did he receive the several [q] ensuing years; *scil.* in 44 *H.* 3. to be at **Chester** on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of the blessed Virgin: In 45 *H.* 3. at **London** on the morrow after *Simon* and *Jude*'s day. In 47 at **Worcester** on the Feast day of St. *Peter ad Vincula*; and at **Ludlow** on the *Octaves* of the *Purification* of our Lady. In 48 he had command; with other of the Peers, to attend the K. at **Oxford** in Mid-Lent, there to yeild him Councell, and thence to advance against the before specified Prince of **Wales** and his adherents. But immediately hereupon was it that the Barons put themselves in Armes against the King (as our Annals do manifest) whose power afterwards being finally quelled in the battail of **Evesham**, and their estates confiscate (as I have elsewhere shewed) this *Raph*, as a reward for his loyall services, then performed, had the Lordship of **Lineton** in his Shire, which belong'd to *Nich. de Segrave*, bestowed [r] upon him, to hold during life, upon the same termes as *Segrave* held it: and by [s] another Pat. bearing date but 3. dayes after, had the inheritance thereof granted to him.

l *Plac. de Banco. term. M.* 4. *E.* 1. *rot.* 12. *in d.*
m *Plac. apud. Album monaſt.* 6. *E.* 1 *rot.* 4. *in d.*
n
o
p *Clauſ.* 42. *H.* 3. *in d.*
q *Clauſ. de ijſd. an. in d.*
r *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 3.
s *Ib.*

Nay so far was he in the King's favour, that upon redemption [t] of the lands (according to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**) by those which had forfeited them, whereby *Segrave* came to repossesse this Mannour again, the King in recompence thereof gave [u] him the summe of CCCC *li.* to be received ut of the Fines and amerciaments coming into his Exchequer: But the posterity of this *Raph*, had heir residence for the most part at **Wemme**, so that I have therefore the lesse to say of them. Of these, *William* his son and heir was a munificent Benefactor to the Monks of **Alcester**; for he gave [w] them Ly. acres of land (*viz.* of his Waste) lying at **Hynestoke** in **Shropshire**, with power to inclose the same; as also the advouson of the Church, and Common of pasture for 8 Oxen, 6 Kine, and *CC.* Sheep in his Woods and Wasts belonging to that Lordship. Upon his death, which hapned [x] in 12 *E.* 1. I find it certified [y] that he held this Mannour of **Oversley** of divers Lords by several services; and that there was then a Mannour House with two Gardens, two water Mills, *xii* acres of meadow, *xxi* acres of arable land, *ii s. vi d.* Rent from two Freeholders, four Cottages and three messuages held by Tenants in Villenage of the Honour of **Leicester**, by the service of half a Knights Fee, doing Scutage to the Earl of **Leicester** for half a Knights Fee upon occasion. As also

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u *Pat.* 55. *H.* 3. *m.* 20.
w *Ex autog. in Offic. Arm.*
x
y *Eſc.* 12. *E.* 1. *n.* 21.

also that within this Mannour of **Overley** there was [a] at that time a certain Messuage, with a Dovehouse, two Gardens, Cxxvi. acres of land in two fields, and six acres of meadow of the Abbot of **Evesham**'s Fee; and likewise x. Villains who held ten yard land, paying yearly x. marks xi*s.* iiii *d.* And moreover a free Rent service therein of two Arrows; with vi. Cottagers paying yearly vii *s.* vi *d.* and two marks yearly by way of Tallage, but doing service to the Abbot of **Evesham** yearly for the whole vi. marks; and for four acres lying here, to *Hugh Aguilon* i *d.*

This is at which afterard exeft to be in Whitlaxrd. *vide* C. 15. E. n. 21.

And besides all this, that there was of the Abbot of **Bordsley**'s Fee seven yard land, a Mess. and xix Cottages, with vi *s.* viii *d.* being a Rent service from two Freeholders: That there was also a Park, with two Gardens, paying to the said Abbot v *s. per an.* in recompence for Housebote which he had used to have there, as belonging to his Mannour of **Budsord**. And lastly of the E. of **Warwick**'s Fee a Rent of xx *d.* issuing yearly out of a certain Mill.

Unto which *William* succeeded *John* [b] his son and heir, then but xvi. years of age, a grant [c] of whose marriage *Walter de Beauchamp* (of **Alcester**) the same year obtained, in the behalf of *Elianore* his daughter; and in case the said *Elianore* should die before the accomplishment of that intended marriage, that then he might marry some other of his daughters. And [d] moreover, that if the same *John* should depart this life before such marriage, that then the said *Walter* might have the like benefit of his next heir; and so from heir to heir till one of his daughters were wedded to one of those *Butlers*; or in case that such one should take a wife of his own choise otherwise, then to have the forfeiture due to the King thereupon. But this *John* died [e] within 3 years following, so that whether the said marriage were compleated by him, or his brother *Gawine* (who was his heir) I make a question, so that the inheritance came to *Will.* the third brother, as the Descent sheweth. Which *Will.* in 25 *E.* 1. had Summons [f], with other great men, to be at **London** on Sunday next after the *Octaves* of S. *John Bapt.* well furnisht with Horse and Armes to attend the K. in his expedition beyond the Seas; whose service was so gratefull, that the next year following the K. in recompence thereof, acquitted [g] to him the debt due by his Father for the Scutage of 3 Knights Fees, which Scutage ought to have been performed by *Maud* his grandmother in the service of **Wales**, in the tenth year of the same K. *Edward's* reign.

b Esc. 12. 1. *ut su.*
c Pat. 12 E. 1. m. 8.
e Esc. 15. E. n. 31.
f Clauf. 25. 1. m 6. m.
g Clauf. 26. 1. m. 2.

This last mentioned *William* died [h] in 8 *E.* 3. leaving *Will.* his son and heir; who in 18 *E.* 3. by the solicitation of *Will. de Clinton*, then Earl of **Huntingdon**, obtained a special discharge [i] from the K. that he should not be compelled to bear Armes in respect of his impotencie, nor to take upon him the Order of Knighthood, against his own good will. And departed [k] this life in 35 *E.* 3. leaving *Will.* his son and heir 32 years of age, and another son called *William* (as it seems) but whether by one wife or not, I cannot affirm. Which *Will.* the younger son, I take to be him that married *Joan* the sister and coheir of Sir *John Sudley* Knight, from whom the *Butlers* Barons of **Sudley** descended (as in **Griffe** is manifested) For it is evident that [l] *Will.* the grandchild to *William* and *Ankaret*, left issue *Eliz.* his only daughter and heir, who being wedded to *Robert de Ferrers* (a younger son to the Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**) brought this place, with **Wemme** and other lands of a fair extent, to her said husband, who was thereupon summoned [m] to Parliament by the name of *Rob. Ferrers de Wemme Chivalier*; which Lordships (*viz.* of **Overley** and **Wemme**) with other, of her inheritance, lying in the Counties of **Salop. Leicester.** and **Warwick**, were after her said marriage in 44 *E.* 3. entailed [n] upon the heirs of the body of them the said *Robert* and *Elizabeth*, with remainder to her right heirs.

Rot. F. 8. 3. m 6. &
Pat. 18. 3. p. 2. 30.
Esc. 35. 3. p. 1. n. 8.
Orig. 50. 3. rot. 41.

But in 4 *R.* 2. this *Robert* died [o], leaving by the same *Eliz. Robert* his son and heir 4 years of age: which *Elizabeth* continued not long a widow; for I find, that the next year following, she was the wife [p] of *John Say*, and surviving him, afterwards became wedded to *Thomas Molinton*, who wrote [q] himself Baron of **Wemme**, in her right: and that by her Testament [r] bearing date 6 *Jan.* 1410 (12 *H.* 4.) whereby she bequeathed her body to be buried in the Church of the *Crouched Friers* near the Tower of **London**, she stiles her self *Elizabetha Ferrers Baroniſſa de* **Wemme**, retaining the name of that husband, who was of the greatest dignity, a custome which I find that women have long used, and not yet left: and departed [s] this life the same year, leaving *Elizabeth* the wife of *John Greistoke*, son to *Raph* Lord *Greistoke* and *Mary* the wife of *Raph Nevill*, a younger son to *Raph Nevill* Earl of **Westmerland**, her cosyns and heirs (as saith the Inquis.) *viz.* daughters of *Robert*, son to her the said *Eliz.* But I think it mistaken; For the Fine [t] Roll of 13 *H.* 4. whereby this Mannour of **Overley**, with **Perkton-Boteler** in this County, and the Mannour of **Tirley** *in Com. Staff.* are assigned to the said *Raph Nevill* and *Mary*, for her purpart, she having at that time issue by him, directly calls her *una filiarum & hæredum prædictæ Elizabethæ*: Neither is it very likely, that she should be her grandchild, as the Inquis. imports; for *Robert* the son of *Rob. Ferrers*, by her, was but 4 years of age in 4 *R.* 2. so that had he been then living, he could have been but 34 years of age: And to fortifie my opinion the *Clause Roll* [u] of 9 *H.* 5. expresses as much.

m Clauſ. 49. & 50. E. 3. Et de an. 1. 2. & 3. R. 2. in dorſo.
n F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. J. Bapt. 44. E. 3.
o Eſc. 4. R. 2. n. 25.
p Clauſ. 5. R. 2. m. 28.
q Cliff. f. 84 a.
r March 18.
s Eſc. 12. H. 4 n. 21.
t Rot. F. 13. H. 4. m. 14.
u Clauſ. 9. H. 6. m. 26.

To which Sir *Raph Nevill* (for he was a Kt.[w]) succeeded *John Nevill* Esq. his son [x] and heir by the same *Mary*, who dyed [y] seized of this Mannour in 22 *E.* 4. leaving Sr. *Will. Gascoin*, Knight his cosyn and next heir (*viz.* [z] son of *Joane* his daughter) then 30 years of age. Which said Sir *Will.* (being great grandchild to Sir *Will. Gascoin*, who served [a] under the renowned *H.* 5. King of **England** in his French Warrs, and he son to that sometime famous Lawyer *Will. Gascoin* of **Gauthorpe** in **Yorkshire**, chief Justice of the Kings bench *temp. H.* 4.) was made [b] Kt of the Bath at the Queens Coronation in 1 *H.* 7. From whom descended Sr *Will. Gascoin jun.* of **Cusworth** in the same County of **York**, who in 29 *H.* 8 past [c] away the inheritance of this Lordship (with all other his lands in **Warwickshire**) to Sir *Thomas Cromwell* Knight then Lord *Cromwell*: which eschaeting to the Crown by his attainder [d] in 31 *H.* 8. was in exchange for certain lands in **Bedfordshire**, and the summe of 774 *li.* 09 *s.* 02 *d.* granted [e] unto Sir *George Throkmorton* Knight and his heirs 30 *Maii* 33 *H.* 8. From which sir *George* is Sr *Robert Throknorton* Baronet (of whom in **Coughton** I have spoke) lineally descended, who in 7 *Caroli* obtained a special Charter [f], for himself and his

w, x, y, z Clauſ. 37. H. 6. m. 31. Eſc. 22. E. 4. n. 26.
a T. Walſ. f. 402 n. 40.
b Ex vet. Rot. penes S. Archer eq. aur.
c F. levat. T. Trin. 29. H 8.
d Pat. 33. H. 8. p. 2.
e
f Pat. 7. Car.

heirs, to hold a **Court Leet** here, and to have **Free-warren**, with certain other priviledges.

But here, before I procced farther, I may not omit to obſerve, that though the poſſeſſion of this Lordſhip went thus from the line of *Gaſcoine*, yet is the honorary title thereof revived in his poſterity: for in 4 *Caroli*, the King taking notice of Sir *Thomas Wentworth* of *Wentworth-***Woodhouſe** in **Yorkſhire** Knight and Baronet, deſcended by an heir female from the ſaid Sir *William*, to be a man of ſingular prudence, and eminent worth; and therefore reſolving to employ him in the higheſt affairs of State, advanced him to the dignity of Baron *Wentworth*, of the ſame *Wentworth-***Woodhouſe**, *Newmarch*, as alſo of this **Overſley**; and afterwards to the Lieutenancy of **Ireland**, and Earldome of **Stratford**. Nor muſt I forget, that likewiſe from the ſame ſtock, *viz.* from *Nicholas* a younger brother to the Chief Juſtice *Gaſcoin* before ſpoken of, is alſo ſprung my ſpecial friend *Richard Gaſcoine*, late of **Bramham-Biggin** in the ſaid County of **York** Eſq; a gentleman well worthy of the beſt reſpects from all lovers of Antiquities; to whoſe good affections and abilities in thoſe ſtudies, his own Family, and ſeveral others of much eminency allied thereto, are not a little obliged.

How long the Tithes of this Lordſhip were enjoyed by the Monks of **Alceſter**, in order to the grant made by *Raph Boteler*, Founder of that Monaſtrie, I am not certain; but in 26 *H.* 8. it doth not appear that they had them: And, by what I have otherwiſe ſeen, it is evident, that the Church of **Arrow** (within the precincts of which Pariſh this place is) poſſeſt them, till that *Mich. Clerke*, Parſon there in Q. *Eliz.* time, grew to a [g] Compoſition with Sir *Rob. Throkmorton* Knight, then Lord of **Overſley**, for the ſame; whereby it was concluded, that the ſaid Sir *Rob.* his heirs and aſſignes, owners of this Mannour, ſhould be exempt from payment of any Tithes whatſoever, ariſing within the compaſſe thereof; in conſideration of which immunity they ſhould pay to the ſaid *Michaell* and his ſucceſſors the ſumme of vi *li.* of current Engliſh money, at the Feaſts of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, S. *John Bapt.* S. *Mich.* th'Archangell, and the *Nativity* of our Lord, by even portions; but that the Parſon of **Arrow** for the time being, ſhou'd receive all perſonal Tithes from the Inhabitants of the Hamlet called **Overſley-greene**, and alſo the Tithe of certain parcells of medowing there particularly expreſſed.

g Bull. f. 17. a.

Exhall.

THis in *Edw.* the Confeſſor's days, having been the Freehold of one *Suain*, but after the Norman Invaſion, with divers lands of a great extent in this and other Counties, beſtowed by the Conqueror on *Will. fil. Corbucion*, was by the generall Survey [h], wherein 'tis written **Ecclesheile**, certified to contain one hide and a half, valued at v *s.* and then held of the ſame *William*, by *Turchill*. To the poſterity of which *Corbucion* it continued till King *John*'s time, or thereabouts; but then *Will. de Cantilupe* obtained [i] it from *Ric. Corbicun* (a younger ſon to *Peter*, as I gueſſe, of whom in **Studley** I have ſpoke) which *Will.* beſtowed [k] it on *Sibill* his ſiſter and *Geffrey Pancefot* her husband, and the heirs of their two bodies: Howbeit there is little elſe that I have ſeen relating to the Mannour; which makes me ſuppoſe, that it was parcell'd out to Freeholders, and no Courts kept, whereunto they did any ſuit or ſervice. But I find that *Walter Pykerell* in 26 *E.* 1. died ſeized [l] of one Meſſuage and two yard land here, being of the Fee of **Budford**: And that *Peter de Leiceſter* in 32, *E.* 1. held [m] *Lxxx.* acres of land, lying here alſo, leaving *Julian* his ſiſter and heir, then married to *Walter de Bernthorpe*: As alſo that in 10 *H.* 6. *John Ippewell* yeoman poſſeſt two Meſſuages and three yard land here, which he held by the fifth part of a Knights Fee. And that in 37 *H.* 8. *Eliz. Walſingham* widow died [o] ſeized of two Meſſuages and Lxii acres of land, lying in this place, leaving *John Walſingham* her coſin and next heir. But farther, I have not ſeen any thing of much note relating thereto, other than that the heirs of *Corbiſon* have been certified [p] to hold the fourth part of a Knights Fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**, it being now reputed a member of **Overſley**, the Lord of that Mannour having the Roialty thereof.

h Domeſd. fol.

i Ex autog. penes W. Sheldon ar.

k Ex autog. penes W. Sheldon ar.

l Eſc. 26. E. 1. n. 11.

m Eſc. 32. E. 1. n. 42.

n Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.

o Eſc 37. H. 8.

p Clauſ. 9 E. 2. m. 13. Eſc. 2. H. 4.

Touching the Church, originally a Chapell [q] belonging to **Saltford**, and therewith given [r] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, I find that it was dedicated [ſ] (to S. *Giles*) by *Simon* Biſhop of **Worceſter** in *H.* 1. time, as alſo then endowed with Glebe and Tithes, as by his confirmation [t], which I have thought fit here to tranſcribe, appeareth.

q r ſ t u Reg. de Kenil. p. 85.

Univerſis (*&c.*) Simon *Dei gratia Wigornienſis Eccleſiæ miniſter humilis in Domino ſalutem. Confirmo, præſenti pagina, donationem quam probi homines de Eccleſhala donaverunt Eccleſiæ prædicti Manerii, in die qua eam dedicavi, Sciendum eſt autem, quod* Robertus Corbuſceon *& ejus uxor donaverunt eidem Eccleſiæ imperpetuum, unam virgatam terræ, cum prato ad tantum terræ pertinente, & totam ſuam partem ejuſdem Croſti, exceptis duabus acris, quas* Wido *erga eum excambiavit ad opus ejuſdem Eccleſiæ, & cum moro ſub croſto.* Wido *verò ex ſua parte quatuor aeras in campo & dimidium in prato*; & Robertus *ſimiliter duas acras. Hanc donationem ſimiliter omnes fecerunt cum Decimis ſuis plenariis eidem Eccleſiæ liberam & quietam ab omni ſeculari ſervicio. Et ego ex mea parte volo & præcipio ut libera ſit & quieta ab omni Epiſcopali conſuetudine. Qui autem aliquid inde ſubtraxerit, ſive minuere vel perturbare præſumpſerit, Anathematis gladio feriatur. Teſtibus* Gervaſio *Archidiacono*, Radulpho *Priore de* **Stanes**. *Pagano Capellano* (*&c.*)

And as it was a Chapelry to **Saltford**, ſo had the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth** a ratification [u] thereof, to them, by the before ſpecified Biſhop, with Releaſes [w] from *Raph de Budiford*, and Sr *Ric. de Eccleſhale* Kt. of their right in the advouſon thereof; which Sir *Richard* was the ſame man (as I take it) who in the grant to *Will. de Cantilupe*, formerly ſpoke of, is called *Richard Corbuſceon*. Howbeit the fruits thereof were never appropriated to that Monaſtery; but continued ſtill to the Parſon ſerving the Cure therein. In *An.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) this Rectory was valued [x] at x. marks, but in 26 *H.* 8. at x *li.* at which time it appeareth [y], that there was a *Penſion* of xiii *s.* iiii *d. per an.* yearly paid out of it to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; and ix *s.* v *d. ob.* for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*.

u *Ib.*

w *Ib.* p. 153.

x *MS. in Scac.*

y *MS. penes* S. Archer *eq. aur. ſ.* 21. *H.*

Patroni

	Patroni Ecclesiæ	Incumbentes, &c.
ff.352.		Rob. de Ceſtenſlod..... 1292.
f.471.b.		Petrus de Eſton Accol. Cal. Julii 1301.
ym.f.30. b.		Will. de Eſton Pbr. 16 Cal. Oct. 1305.
rl.vol.1. f.b.		Joh. Oweyn Pbr. 6 Id. Maii 1328.
ll.vol. 1.10.a.		Thomas de Hampton Accol. 3 Apr. 1338.
f.14.b.		Rog. Mayel Pbr. 28 Junii 1339.
Tr.f.26. a		Ric. de Hertyndon 18 Sept. 1351.
Bvol.1.f. 3b.		Rob. Daunſtre Pbr. 13 Oct. 1361.
W.f.84. b.		D. Rad. Haywarde ult. Oct. 1391.
Ll.88.b.		Rob. Flage penult. Jan. 1391.
Sterm.f. 2.a.		D. Will. Sly 6 Oct. 1401.
Pt.f.55.b.		D. Joh. Aſton 7 Junii 1413.
Ib 57.b.	Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	D. Ric. Wrygth 28 Oct. 1413.
Mg.vol. 2.f.a.		Joh. Chalow 10 Oct. 1419.
Ib 22.b.		D. Rad. Philippe 21 Dec. 1420.
Sterm.f. 24.a.		D. Thom. Faucumberge 29 Nov. 1433.
Pt.f.141. b.		D. Will. Chapman Cap. 18 Feb. 1432.
Bocb.f. 25.		D. Will. Glover 10 Julii 1436.
Ib.25.b.		D. Rog. Coton 15 Aug. 1436.
Ib.32.b.		Joh. Witgrove 10 Apr. 1437.
Ca.vol.1. f.4.a.		D. Henr. Faukus 16 Nov. 1446.
Ib.137.a.		Thomas Wyeth Cler. 26 Apr. 1456.
Ib.150.b.		D. Will. Wilcocks 16 Julii 1460.
Gy.vol.1. f.1.		D. Ric. Caſtenell Pbr. 27 Junii 1498.
Gy.vol.2. f.6 b.		D. Ric. Goldſmyth 21 Junii 1510.
Jen.f. 50.		D. Thomas Rawlins monachus 9 Dec. 1531.
Hth.f. 27.	Ric. Hoo &c. ratione Conceſſ. Abb. & Conv. de Kenilw.	D. Edw. Pipe Accol. 22 Dec. 1557.
Bk.5.a.	Eliz. Angl. Regina.	Rob. Barker Cler. 6. Nov. 1571.
Ib 79.a.	Jacobus Rex Angl. &c.	Joh. Williams Cler. 8 Martii 1603.

In a plate of Braſſe, upon a raiſed Monument of free-ſtone, adjoyning to the North wall of the Church, this Epitaph.

Here lyeth buried the bodies of John Walſingham late of Erhall in the County of Warw. Eſq; and Elenor his wife, one of the daughters of Humfrey Aſhefield of Heythropp in the County of Oxford Eſquier: the ſame John deceſſed the xx of Jan. 1566 and the ſaid Elenor deceſſed the.....

Wicksford (& More-hall.)

THis place being part of the poſſeſſions belonging [z] to thoſe which were reputed Earls of Warw. in the Saxons time, was by *Ulfa*, one of that number (whom my Author [a] calls *potens homo, & Vicecomes ſuper* Warwykeſchire) gave [b] to the Monaſtery of Evesham, together with his body to be there buried, about the year of Chriſt, 974. (*ſcil.* 17 *Edgari*) but it ſo hapned that thoſe Prieſts which [d] were placed therein, upon the expulſion of the Monks by *Godwine*, a powerfull man, who had purchaſed [e] of K. *Ethelred* (brother to K. *Edw.* the Martyr) for CCC. mancs of gold the inheritance of that Abby, granted [f] it to *Wulfgeat* ſon and ſucceſſor to the before ſpecified *Ulfa* for life; upon condition, that it ſhould afterwards return unto them with all the ſtock upon it: yet, notwithſtanding this plain Agreement, did the ſucceſſors to the ſaid *Wulfgeat* detain [g] it untill the days of K. *Edw.* the Conf. that Abbot *Agelwyne* purchaſed [h] it again from *Wygod* a potent Baron, and ſucceſſor to the ſame *Wulfgeat*, for a valuable price. Being therefore thus repoſſeſt by thoſe Monks, it was under the title of the lands belonging to the Monaſtery of Evesham, by the Conq. Survey [i] certified to contain 5 hides; having at that time a Mill, prized at x*s.* and xx ſticks of Eeles, with Woods of one furlong in length, and half a furlong in breadth, the whole being rated at *L*[s]. But there it is written Wiſtelavesforo, which ſhews that the originall denomination proceeded from ſome antient poſſeſſor thereof called *Witelaf*, a name not unuſuall in thoſe elder times.

After which, ere long, *viz.* about the beginning of K. *Will. Rufus* his reign, I find [k] that Abbot *Robert*, without his Covent, paſt it away in Fee Ferme for 4 *li. per an.* unto *Raph Butler* (of whom in Overley I have made mention and that in 4 *E.* 1. it was certified [l] to the Juſtices Itinerant, that the Abbot of Evesham held the Hundred of Wytlarford by grant from K. *H.* 3. for xv *s. per an.* and that the Hamlet had heretofore been of that Hundred, but was aliened from it about 30 years ſithence; as alſo that the ſaid Abbot had Aſſize of Bread and Beer, with a Gallows within the ſame Hundred. Which Abbot in 13 *E.* 1. challenged a Court Leet here, with divers other priviledges by Preſcription; but for the better juſtifyng his claim exhibited [m] the grant of K. H. 3. being an *Inſpeximus* of a Charter made by K. H. 1. whereby the ſaid K. confirm'd to the Monks of Evesham the Hundred of Blackhurſt, with all that thereto belonged: which Hundred of Blackhurſt I ſuppoſe to be the ſame that afterwards was called the Hundred of Wytlarford, as aboveſaid; and 'tis like, did contain all the lands belonging to the ſaid Monks of Evesham in this County. But that which then had the reputation of a Hundred, and was called the Hundred of Wytlarford, being a Royalty which the K. reſolved to keep, he demanded [n] of the Abbot of Evesham in the ſame 13th year of his reign; whereupon the Abbot diſclaimed it to be an Hundred, alledging [o] that Wytlarford was only a Mannour ſcituate within the Hundred of Barlichway, of which Hundred he acknowledged the ſaid K. to be in poſſeſſion.

Touching the extent of this Lordſhip in 15 *E.* 1. upon the death of *John le Boteler* of Overley,

z Ex Reg. de Eveſh. penes W. Pitt. point a. p. 78.
a Rot. I. Rous.
b Regiſt. de Eveſh. penes id. p. 164.
c
d
e
f Ib p. 78.
g Ib. p. 79.
h
i Domeſd. lib.
k Regiſt. de Eveſh. penes Cotton. f. 8. a.
l Inq per. Hundr.
m Rot. de Quo. W.
n Ib.
o

p *Esc.* 15. *E* 1. *n.* 31. I find it thus certified [p]; *viz.* that the Mannour House here, with a Dovehouse, Lx. acres of land, xii acres of meadow, two groves of Wood, and the Rent from the Freeholders, was valued at xxx *s.* and that there were xii. yard land held in Villenage, yeilding Cx *s. per an.* all being held of the Abbot of **Evesham** in free Socage, paying iiii *li.* iiii *s.* iiii *d. ob. per. an.* which differs not much from what is recorded [q] in 19 *E.* 1. *viz. Coquinarius Abbatis de* **Evesham** *percipit apud* **Withlackford** *de Reditu Assis.* 4 *li. Et habet unum Molendinum quod valet* vi *s* viii *d.* Which Mannour is it that is now called **Pozehall**: The next mention whereof that I have met with, is in 2 *R.* 2. where *Robert*, Parson of the Church of **Eccleshale**, grants it to *John de Morehalle* and *Agnes* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to *Thomas de Morehall*, with remainder to *John de Clopton* and his heirs. By which entail it should seeme that it came to the same *John de Clopton*; for it appears [r] that *Thomas de Crewe* had to do here, in right of *Julian* his wife, mother to Sir *Will. Clopton* Kt. and widow (as I gues) to the same *John de Clopton*. Of which *Thomas*, in respect of his residence here, and relations to this County, I may not omit to declare what I find memorable.

q *MS. in Scac.*

r *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Throkmorton *Bar.*

In 2 *H.* 4. he was Atturney [s] to *Margaret Beauchamp* Countess of **Warwick**, mother to Earl *Richard*. In [t] 6 one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Coventre**. In 7 a Commissioner [u] for enquiry touching the King's debts. In 8 *H.* 4. and 1 *H.* 5. one [w] of the Justices of Peace in this Shire. In the same first year of *H.* 5. Shriff [x] of this Countie and **Leicestershire**; and in 3 *H.* 5. chief [y] Steward to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and one of his Councell. This *John* by his Testament [z] bearing date 5 *Sept.* 6 *H.* 5. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell of S. *John Bapt.* adjoyning to the Church of St. *Milburge* the Virgin here at **Wittlarford**, giving to certain Priests to celebrate divine Service for the health of his soul C. marks, as also to poor people to pray for his soul the like summe, constituting *Elizabeth* his sister, then Prioresse at **Chester** (to whom he also gave C. marks) together with *Will. Clopton*, and *Joane* his wife, his Executors; and departing [a] this life the same year, lyeth buried under a very fair Monument of gray Marble, raised about 18 Inches from the ground, in the midst of that Chapell, whereon are the portraitures in brasse of himself and his wife, as when I come to speak particularly thereof shall be shewed.

s *Pat.* 2. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 5.

t *Clauf.* 6. *H.* 4. *in d. m.* 5.

u *Rot. F.* 7. *H.* 4 *in d. m.* 8.

w *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

x *Rot. F.* 1. *H.* 5. *p.* 1. *m.* 9.

y *Ex autog. penès* T. Puckring *mil. & Bar.*

z March *p.* 153.

a *Clauf.* 6. *H.* 5. *m.* 14.

But the interest which he had here, was [b] only for terme of life, by the assignation of Sir *Will. Clopton* before specified, in whom the inheritance rested: which *Will.* having by a certain Feoffment [c], bearing date 7 *Maii* 7 *H.* 5. declared his intentions for the setling of his estate, dyed [d], leaving only two daughters his heirs; *viz. Agnes* the wife of *Thomas Herberd*, and *Joane* married to *John Burgh*; betwixt whom the inheritance, descending to them, was by Indenture [e] dated 22 *Febr.* 22 *H.* 6. divided, and this Mannour of **Pozehall**, with **Wickford** (*inter alia*) allotted to *Joane*, who left [f] issue by her said husband, four daughters and heirs; *sc. Eliz.* married to ..... *Newport*, *Ankaret* to *John Leighton*, *Isabell* to Sir *John Lyngen* Kt. and *Sibill* to *Thomas Mitton* Esq.

b, c, d, e *Ex vet. Excmpl. in bibl.* Hatton

f *Clauf.* 11. *E.* 4. *m.* 2.

The Chapell (dedicated to S. *Milburge*) now reputed a Parish Church, was originally belonging to **Saltford**, and therewith given [g] by K. *H.* 1. to the Canons of **Kenilw.** shortly after the Foundation of that Monastery, and confirmed [h] by several Arch-Bishops of **Canterbury**: but after that; *viz.* in 5 *Steph. Raph Boteler* upon his foundation of the Priory at **Alcester**, gave [i] the Tithes of this place to that Religious house, though by what colour of right I find not. Which grants occasioned the Monks of **Evesham** to look about them, who being Lords of the Mannour, conceived that they had a good title to the patronage of the Chapell, whereunto they made their claim [k]: but at last they came to this Agreement [l] with the Canons of **Kenilworth**, *viz.* that the said Canons should yearly have the summe of viii *s.* which they had wont to receive for the Tithes of this Village, and whatsoever Parochial benefit they had used to have therein, excepting the Tithes of those lands, which particularly belonged to the said Monks of **Evesham**: In consideration whereof the same Canons of **Kenilworth** were yearly to pay to the Monks of **Evesham** X *s.* at the Feasts of S. *Mich.* th'Archangell, and the *Annuntiation* of our Lady by equall portions, and to cause divine Service to be celebrated three days a week in the said Chapell, *sc.* Sundays, Wednsdays, and Fridays: which Agreement was confirm'd * by *Roger* Bishop of **Worcester** in *H.* 2. time.

g *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 85.

h *Ib. p.* 109. & 110.

i *Cart.* 14. *E.* 3. *n.* 12.

k, l *Reg. de Kenilw. p.* 153. 154.

* *Regist. de Evesh. f.* 11. *b.*

But thereof had not the Monks of **Alcester** any benefit; wherefore insisting upon their right in this Chapell, there was at length, a fair conclusion made betwixt the said Canons of **Kenilworth** and them, in the presence [m] of *John de Constantiis* Bishop of **Worcester** and others, at the appointment of the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, whereby it was concluded, that the Monks of **Alcester** should thenceforth receive the whole Tithes of the demesns of this Lordship for ever, and the Canons of **Kenilworth** the Tithes of that held in Villenage. And in like sort, that the Monks should receive all the Tithes of **Budeley** (now called **Pozehall**) except of those lands which belong'd by inheritance unto *Ric. de Eccleshale*, *Godfrey de Budiford*, as also to *Norman* and *Will. Parmentier* at the time when this Agreement was made: Of which lands the said Monks and Canons should divide the Tithe-Corn betwixt them; but the parochiall right, with the small Tithes of those 4 persons, and their successors, in the said lands, to belong to the Canons for ever.

m *circa an. ult. Regis* Ric. II.

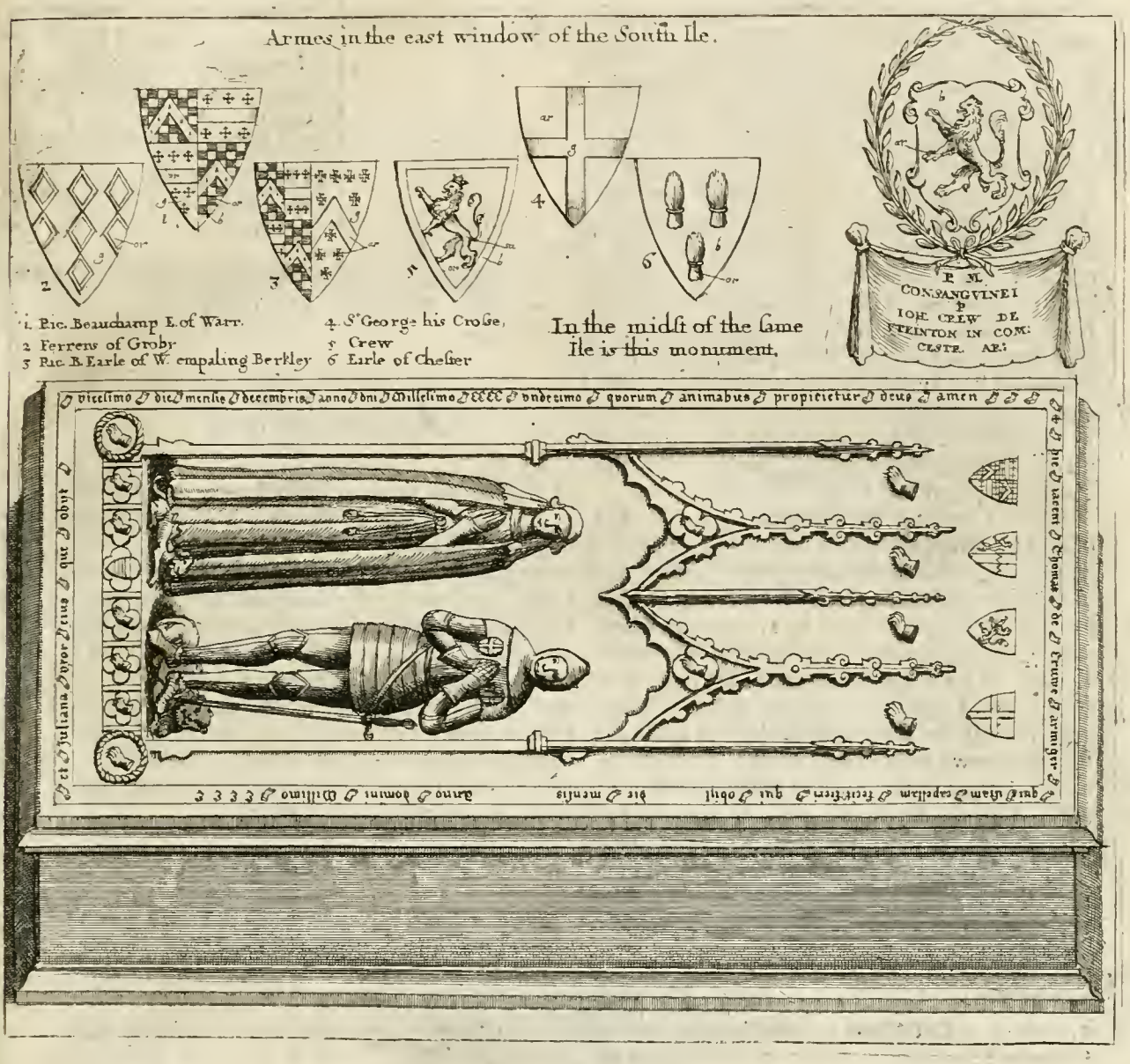
The Chantrie.

In 26 *H.* 6. one *Will. Wolashull*, obtaining License [n] from the King, founded a *Chantry* here, for one Priest, perpetually to celebrate divine Service to the honour of our Lady and S. *John Baptist*, in the Chapell annext to this Parish Church, for the good estate of the said King, with *Margaret* his Queen, and of the said *Will.* during their lives in this World: as also for their soules after their departure hence, together with the souls of *Thomas Crewe* Esq; and *Julian* his wife, Sir *William Clopton* Knight and *Joane* his wife, their parents and friends; unto whose maintenance he gave in pure Almes, a certain dwelling House situate here in **Wykeford**, called **Prests-place**, with a Close adjoyning thereto, containing two acres. But by the Survey [o] taken in 37 *H.* 8. I find it certified, that this

n *Pat.* 26. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.

o *MS. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur. f.* 18.

this *Chantrie* had no foundation at all; and that the Prieſt ſerving there was Chaplain to one Dame *Sibill Mytton*, who in her life time had made inſtant labour unto *Richard Mytton*, her ſon and heir, to grant him an annuity of Cvi *s.* viii *d.* out of his lands for terme of life: at whoſe requeſt the ſaid *Richard* was contented; it being at his the ſaid *Richard's* pleaſure, whether he would grant more Annuities to any other after the death of one *Richard Eliot*, at that time *Chantrie* Prieſt.



Aſpley juxta Wicksford.

THis is a depopulated place, and not mentioned in any Record, that I have ſeen, till 18 *E.* 3. that *Gilbert Chaſteleyn* releaſeth, [p] to Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight, all his right and title therein: nor afterwards till after the death of *Thomas Crew* (of whom in **Wicksford** I have ſpoke) at which time it was found [q] that he held it during his life by the aſſignation of Sir *William Clopton* Knight, together with **Wicksford** and **Wolvehall**: ſince which time it hath accompanied thoſe places in point of ſucceſſion; and is now poſſeſt with them, by the *Throkmorton's* of **Coughton**.

[p] *Clauſ.* 18. *E.* 1. *p.* 1. *in m.* 15.

[q] *Clauſ.* 6. *E.* 5. *m.* 14.

Salford-Priors.

HAving thus taken notice of all on this ſide **Arrow**, I muſt paſſe over that River to **Salford**, which is the laſt and only Pariſh whereof I am now to ſpeak, in this Hundred. This containeth the Hamlets of Abbots-**Salford**, **Wood-Bevington**, **Cock-Bevington**, and **Dunnington**; and had its name originally from a Salt ſpring that hath been there, as the Inhabitants doe obſerve from the acceſſe of Pidgeons to the place where it was, which is now choakt up.

Upon the Foundation of the Abby at **Evesham** in the year of Chriſt DCCxiiii. this place, by the name of **Salford** *major*, was given [r] to that Monaſtery by S. *Ecgwyn* Biſhop of **Worceſter**: but it continued not long to the Monks; for it [ſ] appears that in K. *E.* the Confeſſor's days, *odeva* wife to Earl *Leofrike* (of whom in **Coventre** I have ſpoke) poſſeſt it; and that after the Norman Conqueſt *Leveve*, a Nun, had it of the King's gift, in whoſe hands it was at the time of the generall Survey; and certified to contain three hides, there being then a Church, with a Mill rated at v *s.* and Woods containing two furlong in length, and half a furlong in breadth; in which Record it is written **Salford**, and valued at vi *li.* But upon

[r] *Monaſt. Anglic. p.* 146. *b. l.* 27

[ſ] *Domeſd. lib.*

on the advancement of *Henry de Neuburgh* to the Earldome of **Warwick**, this Lordship was (*inter alia*) given to him, as it seems; for it appears that [t] Earl *Roger*, his son and successor, possest it; and thereof enfeoft *Geffrey de Clinton*, to hold by the service of a Kts. Fee: Howbeit, *Livitha* the Nun, being thus outed, commenced her suit in K. *Henrie*'s Court, and recovered [u] it; whereupon the said *Geffrey* came to some agreement with her, and by her consent, with the good liking of the said Earl, gave [w] it to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, upon his foundation of that Monastery: in Confirmation [x] whereof, the same Earl, whose consent therein he had, acquitted to them the said Kts. service, and ratified the grant in the King's presence. And to the intent that no farther Challenge should be made by those that might pretend thereto, *Margaret* the Countesse (mother to Earl *Roger*) by the full consent of the said Earl and the rest of her sons, *viz.* *Rotroc* Bishop of **Eureux**, *Rob. de Newburgh*, *Geffrey*, and *Henry*, for the health of *Henry* her late husband's soul, as also of her own, and her sons, added her Charter [y] of confirmation, in regard of the interest she had in the moytie of it: In consideration whereof, *Bernard* the first Prior there, gave her xx marks of silver.

t *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 143.

u *Ib. p.* 18. *vide etiam Cart.* 8 *E.* 2. *n.* 4. *per. Insp.*

w *Ib. p.* 18. *vide etiam Cart.* 8 *E.* 2. *n.* 4. *per. Insp.*

x *Ib. p.* 18. *vide etiam Cart.* 8 *E.* 2. *n.* 4. *per. Insp.*

y *Ib. p.* 19.

Which Canons of **Kenilworth**, being so possest of this Lordship, had divers liberties and priviledges therein; *viz.* **Court Leet**, Assize of bread and beer, Gallows, and Weyfs, for all which they pleaded [z] Prescription in 13 *E.* 1. and had allowance of them; having therein, as it appears by the Record [a] of 19 *E.* 1. four Carucates of Land, rated at xx *s.* the Carucate; xvi *li.* in Rent of Assise, together with the Ferm of the Mill, & in Pleas and Perquisites two marks: in the demesn lands whereof they obtained a Charter [b] of **Free warren** in 11 *K.* 2. After the dissolution of which Monastery, it continued in the Crown, till that K. *James* (*inter alia*) past it to certain persons in trust for payment of his debts; who accordingly sold it unto Sir *Simon Clarke* Baronet, now owner thereof *An. scil.* 1640.

z *Rot. de Quo. w*

a *MS. in Scac. penes Rem R*

b *Cart.* 11. *E.* 2. *n.* 26.

The Church being confirm'd [c] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Simon* Bishop of **Worcester** in *H.* 1. time, with **Eccleshale** and **Withlakesford** (then Chapells belonging thereto) and said to be of the same King *Henry*'s grant; was also ratified [d] by *Thomas* Arch Bishop of **Canterbury** in *H.* 2. time; by whose Instrument [e] there is mention of a Chapell also at Little **Salford** (*id est* **Abbots Salford**) belonging thereto, and of a piece of glebe called **Littleham** (being a meadow) with Tithe of Salt; which shews that there hath been antiently a Salt Spring, there, that yeilded good benefit. In *An.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [f] at xvi. marks, the Vicar then having a portion of x. marks, and the Abbot of **Evesham** xxx *s.* But in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was rated at [g] x *l.* out of which the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then issuing, were xs. vd. ob.

c *Regist. de Kenilw. p.* 85.

d *Ib. p.* 109.

e *Ib. p.* 109.

f *MS. in Scac.*

g *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	*D. Ric. de Mycham* 10 *Cal. Maii* 1322.	*Cob. f.* 28. *b.*
	Will. de Warmynton Pbr. 28 *Oct.* 1331.	*Horl. vol.* 1. *f.* 29. *a.*
	Will. fil. Rad. de Thurstborp 4 *Dec.* 1381.	*Wak. f.* 24. *a.*
	Joh. Wyte 21 *Febr.* 1384.	*Ib. f.* 40. *b.*
	D. Will. Gerard Pbr. 23 *Sept.* 1401.	*S. Germ. f.* 221. *b.*
	D. Will. Grenehull Cap. 4 *Nov.* 1437.	*Bourch. f.* 36. *a.*
	Ric. Freman Cap. ult. Aug. 1448.	*Carp. vol.* 1. *f.* 62. *b.*
	Ric. Bonifaunt Art. Magr. 2 *Maii* 1475.	*Carp. vol.* 2. *f.* 70. *a.*
Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	*Hugo Laytho Cap.* 24 *Apr.* 1481.	*Alc. f.* 84 *b.*
	Nich. Snede Cap. 11 *Sept.* 1499.	*Gyg. 2. f.* 8. *a.*
	Nich. Walshe Art. Magr. 14 *Maii* 1510.	*Ib. f.* 64. *a.*
	Joh. Faux Cap. 12 *Jan.* 1520.	*Jeron. f.* 1. *b.*
Edw. Brooke de Evesham Yeoman, ratione assign. Willielmi Gower ar.	*D. Will. Scollowe Pbr.* 9 *Oct.* 1546.	*Heath f.* 12. *a.*

Abbots Salford.

THis, by the name of **Salford** *minor*, was given to [h] the Abbey of **Evesham**, at the foundation thereof by S. *Ecgwyne* in the year DCCxiiii. And being possest by the Monks of that House in the Conqueror's time, was then certified [i] to contain two hides, having a Mill rated at x^s and *xx* sticks of Eeles, all valued at *Lx*^s. Which Monks in 13 *E.* 1. claimed [k] a **Court Leet** here, and divers other priviledges by Prescription, and had allowance of them: But further of this Lordship, other than the description of its boundaries, which are here added [l], I have not seen any thing memorable whilst it continued to those Monks.

h *Monast. Anglic. p.* 146.

i *Domesd. lib.*

k *Rot. de Quo w.*

l *Ex Regist. de Evesh. f.* 65. *a.*

Limites in Salford Abbatis.

Hi sunt limites terræ de parva **Salford**, *quæ de jure communi, & à tempore quo non exist at memoria, pertinent ad matricem Ecclesiam, & parochiam Evesbamensis Ecclesiæ. Ex opposito parochiæ de* **Offenham**, *descendendo quo sichetus qui vocatur* **Smalemeresuche** *qui cadit in Avenam, & dividit parochiam* **Salford** *Evesbamens. & parochiam de* **Herberton**; *& inde contra decursum fluminis ascendendo usq; in* **Offepole**; *de* **Offepole** *usq; ad vadum quod vocatur* **Heneford**.

Till the dissolution of which Monastery this Lordship continued thereto; but then, coming to the Crown, was by the K. 9 *Julii* 38 *H.* 8. past [m] (*inter alia*) to Sir *Philip Hobby* Knight and his heirs: which Sir *Philip*, the next year following, alienated [n] it to *Anthony Littleton* Gent. After which it was not long ere it came to *John Alderford* Esq; (by purchase as I have heard) who left two daughters and coheirs; *scil.* *Margaret* the wife of Sir *Sim. Clarke* Baronet, and *Elianor* of *Charles Stanford*, grandchild to Sir *Will. Stanford* Kt. (sometime one of the Justices of the King's Bench) by Sir *Rob. Stanford* Kt. his second son: Which *Charles* had issue *John*, and he *William*, the present owner thereof.

m *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8. *p.* 5.

n *Pat.* 38. *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

About the time of K. *H.* 2. reign, there was an Agreement [o] made betwixt the Monks of **Evesham**, and the Canons of **Kenilworth** touching the Chapell of this **Little Salford**; whereby it appeareth that the said Canons released to those Monks

o *Ex Reg. de Evesh. f.* 12. *a.*

Monks all the land which had been given to maintain divine Service in that Chapell, preſerving always the firſt Compoſition made betwixt the Monaſteries of **Evesham** and **Kenilworth** before the building of that Chapell. And as for the meadow which was given to this Chapell, the Monks by this Agreement granted, that the Church of great **Salford** ſhould have that part of it, which lyeth betwixt the Water and the Foot-path leading from **Salford** Mill to **Clive** Mill, by the upper Foarde; but the other part of the meadow to continue as the demeſn of the Abbot, upon condition that it might not be grazed or mowed before the whole meadow ſhould be cut.

Wood-Bevinton & Cock-Bevinton.

THeſe two petty Hamlets, being originally members of **Salford**-*Priors*, were involved therewith, both in the Conqueror's Survey, and in the grant to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, as appears by that Certificate [p] made in 9 *E.* 2, wherein by the name of **Bevinton** *major*, and **Bevinton** *minor* they were ſo reputed. Of which **Wood Bevinton** the ſaid Canons did make a Leaſe [q] to *Will. Grey* the elder, in *H.* 7. time; who in 21 of that King's reign, depopulated [r] here, 6 Meſſuages and one Cottage, *xxx* acres of arable land belonging to each Meſſuage, which he converted unto paſture. To whom ſucceeded [s] *Will.* his ſon and heire, who, ſurrendring that Leaſe, purchaſed [t] the inheritance thereof from thoſe Canons, for a Fee-ferm Rent of *xiiii*li *xiis iiid per an.* and in 10 *H.* 8. when the Statute of Incloſures was looked into, reedifyed [u] four of the ſaid Meſſuages. Which *Will.* had iſſue *Eliz.* his daughter and heire, wife [w] to *Edward Ferrers*, ſecond [x] ſon to Sir *Edw. Ferrers* of **Badſley**-*Clinton* in this County Kt. who left only daughters, whereof *Elizabeth*, the eldeſt, was married [y] to *Thomas Randolph*, ſon [z] and heir to *Thomas Randolph* of **Codington** *in Com. Buck.* who purchaſing the intereſt of the other Siſters, became intirely Lord of this Mannour, and left iſſue *Ferrers Randolph* his ſon and heir, now owner thereof.

Of **Cock Bevynton** I can ſay no more, than that it is now poſſeſt by Sir *Simon Clerke* Baronet, together with **Salford**, wherewith, I ſuppoſe, it hath paſt ever ſince it was in the Crown.

Dunnington.

THis is alſo a member of Prior's **Salford**, and involved therewith in all grants; by which means it is now poſſeſt by the before ſpecified Sir *Sim. Clarke.*



HEMLINGFORD HVNDRED.

THe place whence this Hundred takes its appellation, is the Foard or passage over **Tame**, somewhat more than a Flight shoot Southwards from **Kingsbury** Church; of which likewise the Mill, near unto it, is still called **Hemlingford Mill**: but antiently **Colshill** (that stands about the midst of the Hundred) gave name thereto, as appears by the Conquerors Survey[a]; and to this day the Three-weeks Court held for the same Hundred is kept there. 'Tis very like that the original occasion of calling the Inhabitants to this place, whereupon the name came to be changed, was, for that some of the *Ardens*, whose seat **Kingsbury** long since was, being Shiriffs of the Countie, caused the meeting of the Hundreders there, in regard of their Vicinitie to it; but leaving this as a conjecture I come to its antiquity, the first mention that I find of its name, being in 8 *H.* 2. Where *Raph. Baset*, the then Shiriff, accompts[b] for certain money by way of Amercement for Murther, payd out of it: and after this *scil.* in[c] 16 *H.* 2. two marks were answered into the Exchequer for it *pro placitis concelatis*; yet there it is written *Sipesocha de* **Humelifozd**, and so are **Cnuchtelaw**, and **Chinton**, all which had the title of Hundreds soon after: But, doubtlesse, it should have been *Sithesoca* (the old Saxon þ being mistaken for a **p**, as in **Knightlow** I have already intimated) which importeth as much as the Fraunchise, Libertie, or Jurisdiction of a certain company of men, suppose an hundred or the like number, coming from the Saxon ſiþ or ſiþþe, signifying a number, multitude, or company, and ſoce a privilege, Libertie, or Jurisdiction.

a *Domesd. lib.*

b *Rot. P. 8. H. 2.*

c *Rot. P. 16. H. 2.*

And in[d] 21 *H.* 2. *xv.* marks was accounted to the King for three Murthers, whereat it had been amerced, but there it is written *Sibbesocha* de **Humilifozd** the þ being mistaken for a **b**. as before it was for a **p**. So also in[e] 24 *H.* 2. Howbeit in 29 *H.* 2. & [f] 1 *R.* 1. upon the like amerciament for Murther, it is called **Humelifozd** Hundred, which manifests that the word *Sithesoca* and *Hundredus* do intend one and the same thing: After which it is constantly termed *Hundredus de* **Humelifozd**. But in K. *John's* time the Ferm thereof was[g] *xx* marks, the profits of the **Leet** xl *s.* the Shiriffs Aid xvii *li.* xviii *s.* and the *Warth* money v *s.* Which *Warth silver* (now by corruption of speech called *Wharfe money*) I take to have been, at first, a certain payment for service of warding the King's Castles in this County, for antiently it is written *Ward peny* as by sundry authorities I could manifest.

d *Rot. P. 21. H. 2.*

e *Rot. P. 24. H. 2.*

f *Rot. P. 1. R. 1.*

g *Lib. rub. f. 233. b.*

In 21 *H.* 3. *Will. de Lusey* being then Shiriff accounted[h],

For { The Ferme thereof *xx* marks. / The Shiriffs Aid vi *li.* / The Leet xli *s.* iiii *d.* / Warth silver v *s.* }

h *Rot. in baga de Inquis. penès Camer. Scac.*

i *Rot. in baga de* Ragman *ibid.*

In 4 *E.* 1. by Inquisition[i] taken before the Justices Itinerant, it was found that the profits of this Hundred, besides perquisites, amounted to xiiii *li.* iii *s.* ii *d. ob. per an.* and the perquisites xx *li.* it being then in the King's hand. In 11 *E.* 2. the Bayliwick thereof was committed[k] to one *Will. Reymond*, to hold during the Kings pleasure, paying yearly to the Shiriff of this County for the time being, as much as others had used to doe, so that he should keep the same Bailywick according to the forme of the Statute of **Lincolne**. Nor can I find that it was ever out of the Crown, untill 3 *Eliz.* that the Queen by her Letters[l] Pat. bearing date 10 *Jan.* granted it, with all the rights belonging thereto, unto *Brian Cave* Esquier and *Edw. Williams*, and their heirs, to hold in Socage of the Mannour of East **Grenewich**. To which *Brian* succeeded, in the possession thereof, Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight, who dying[m] seized of it in 10 *Eliz.* left *Margaret* his daughter and heir, then wife of *Henry Knolls* Esquier. Which *Henry* having issue by her two daughters and heirs, *viz. Mary* married to *Will.* Lord *Paget*, and *Eliz.* to Sir *Henry Willoughby* of **Risley** in **Derbyshire**, by partition betwixt them, it was allotted to *Elizabeth* and is by the same Sir *Henry* accordingly enjoyed: the Towns that now owe suit thereto (I mean to the **Leet**) being these, *viz.* **Berkswell**, the three **Bikenhills**, **Sheldon**, **Edgbaston**, **Curdworth**, **Minworth**, **Kingsbury**, **Hurley**, part of **Perkton** *juxta* **Kingsbury**, **Whateley**, **Holt**, **Slateley**, half **Wilnecote** *juxta* **Tamworth**, the half of **Sekinton**; in **Austrey** the Mannour sometime belonging to **Burton** Abby, **Badsley-Endesoure**, **Ansley**, **Hartshill**, and **Whitacre** *superior*.

k *Rot. F. 11. E. 2. m. 11.*

l *Pat. 3. Eliz. p. 3.*

m *Esc. 10 Eliz.*

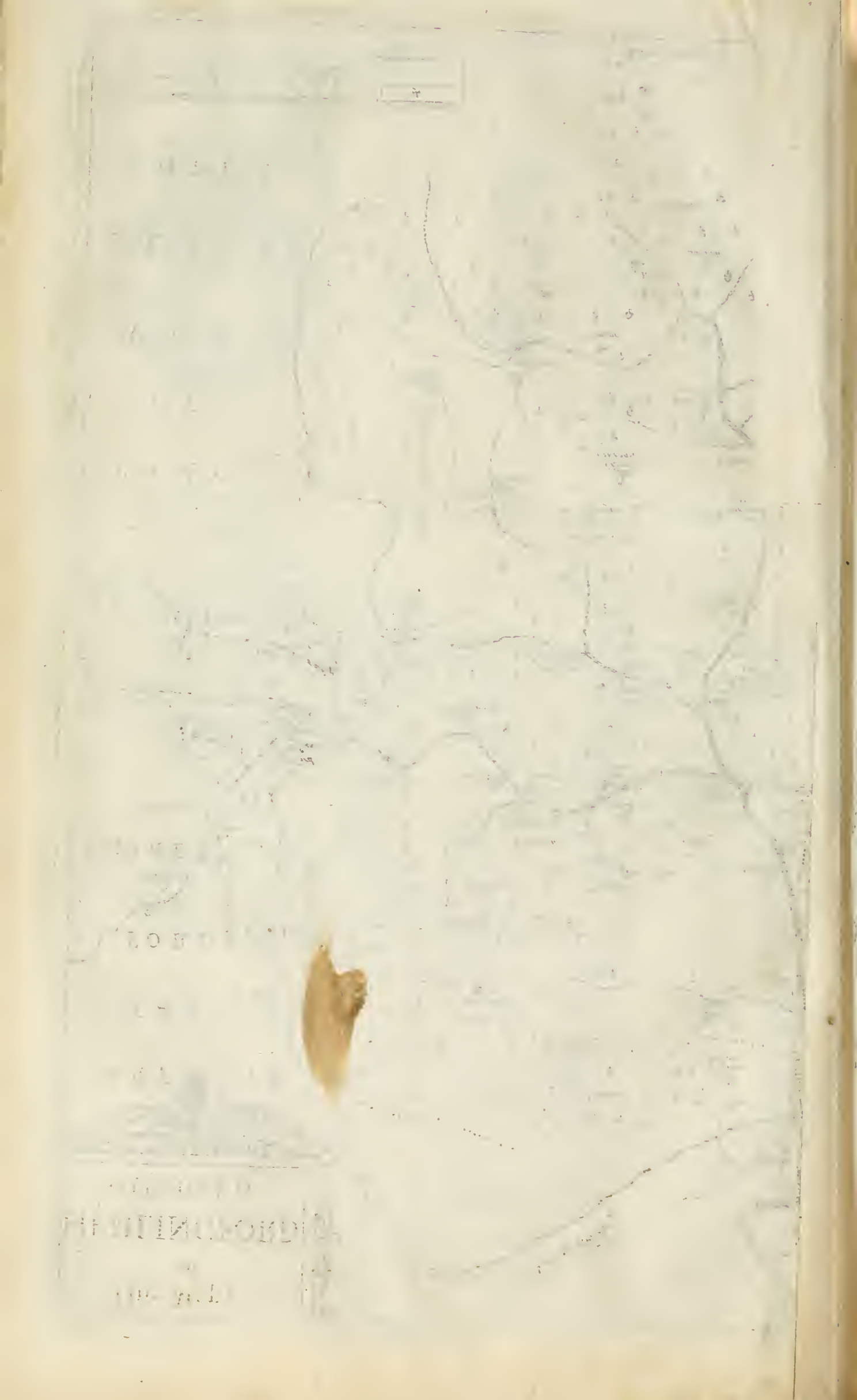
Tame fluv.

BEing now to speak of the particular places within this Hundred of **Hemlingford**, according to my accustomed method in the rest, I must follow the course of **Tame**, which having its rise from several heads about **Dudley**, and **Walshall** in **Staffordsh.** glides along with a slow and gentle course (whence perhaps it became at first so called, as **Arrow** was by reason of its swiftnesse) and entring it at **Aston**, moveth for a while Eastwards; but being augmented by divers petty streams, in its passage, bendeth at length Northwards, leaving the same, together with the County, at **Tamworth**, whereunto, as a farewell it giveth that name.

Aston juxta Bermingham.

THis is a very large Parish, and containeth divers petty Hamlets and places of note, *scil.*

Bechels,



The Mapp of HEMLINGFORD HUNDRED.



Nechels, Dudston, Derpatend, Bordsley, Heybarnes, Saltley, Wardend, Castle-Bromwich, Park-Hall, and Water-Orton, all lying on the South side of Tame, with Witton and Erdington on the North; of which in their order, and first of Aston it self.

This, for distinction from others of that name, is now commonly called Aston *juxta* Bermingham, but antiently it was written Estone, having originally had that name, perhaps, from the situation thereof Eastwards from Wedsbury in Staffordshire, a town of some note [n] in the Saxons time. Before the Norman Conquest *Edwine* Earl of Percia was Lord of this place; but upon that great distribution made by King *William* to his friends and followers, it with other vast possessions of the disherited English, lying [o] in the Counties of Surrey, Berks. Buck. Oxon. Northampt. Worcester, and Stafford, besides much more in this Shire, was bestowed [p] on *William Fitz Ausculf* (who had his principall seat at the Castle of Dudley in Staffordshire) and by the generall Survey then taken, certified [q] to contain viii. hides, valued at C *s.* there being at that time a Church, with a Mill rated at iii *s.* as also Woods extending to 3. miles in length, and half a mile in breadth, all then held of him by one *Godmund*.

To which *William Fitz Ausculf* succeeded in the Barony of Dudley, and possession hereof, *Gervase Paganell*; who, dying without [r] issue, left *Hawise* his sister and heir, wife [s] to *R. Someri*, whereby the whole Barony of Dudley divolved to that Family. Which *R. Someri* by her had issue *Raph Someri*, who being possest of this Lordship, as a member of the said Barony, gave [t] unto *Thomas* the son of *William de Erdintone* and his heirs, about the beginning of King *John's* time, his Mannour house here at Estone, with all the demesns; as also divers Tenements particularly mentioned in his Charter, to be held of him the said *Raph* and his heirs, by the service of a pair of gilt Spurs, or the price of them, *viz. vi d.* payable at *Easter* for all services and demands whatsoever: Touching which Family of *Erdington* I shall speak historically in Erdington, where I have inserted the Descent, and therefore will here take notice of what only concerns them in reference to this place.

In 2 H. 3. this Mannour (together with Erdington) was assigned [u] by the King, to *Roese de Cocfeld*, the Widow of the before specified *T. de Erdington*, for her present maintenance, till her dowry should be set out: howbeit, the next year following, the Shiriff had command [w], though for what reason appears not, to deliver possession of it unto *Philip de Ascells*, for the King's use, and that he should not permit *William Grasse* to meddle therewith, nor to make any wast or destruction in the land or woods belonging thereto. This being the utmost Lordship towards Staffordshire, and some dispute growing touching the bounds thereof; King *H.* 3. directed his Precept [x] to the Justices Itinerant, in 20. of his reign; whereby, declaring it to be his royall pleasure, that there should be speciall and certain marks set forth, for the limits of each Countie, about the parts of this Eston in Warwickshire, and Hanneworth in Staffordshire; he gave command to the Shiriff of Warwickshire, to bring into Lichfield, upon Sunday next after the Feast of S. *James* the Apostle, xii. discreet and lawfull Knights, there to make and establish such metes and divisions, upon their Oaths; and the like to the Shiriff of Staffordshire for as many out of that Countie.

To which *Thomas de Erdinton* succeeded [y] *Giles*, and unto him *Henry* [z]: which *Henry*, about the beginning of *Edw.* 1. reign, enfeoft [a] *Thomas de Maidenhach* in this Mannour, bounded by the Rivers of Tame and Burne, as his Charter [a] manifests: who being so possest of it, in 13 *E.* 1. claimed [b] by Prescription Assize of Beer; Gallows, *Infangthef*, *Utfangthef*, with a Court Leet, and *Weyfs*; As also that he and his Tenants should be free from any suit to the Countie or Hundred Courts, bounding his claim within the limits of those two Rivers before specified, and had allowance of them accordingly. After which, *viz.* the next ensuing year, did the said *Thomas de Maidenhach* obtain a Charter [c] of Free-warren for himself and his heirs in all his demein lands here. It seems he was a servant to the King; for in that grant the King calls him *dilectus Valettus nester* (our beloved Esquire) in 18 *E.* 1. he [d] impleaded *William de Bermingham* for fishing in a part of his water, called Hoplich to Scraford-bridge, within this his Libertie of Aston: And in 19 E. 1. was certified [e] to hold this Lordship, together with Dudston, of *Roger de Someri*, as of his Mannour of Bordesley *juxta* Burmingham, by the Rent of *ii s. viii d.* payable yearly at the Feast of S. *Michael* for all services.

But all that I find farther of this *Thomas de Maidenhach* is, that being to attend the King in his voyage beyond Sea 14 *E.* 1. he had speciall Letters [f] of protection granted to him; as also that he was a Benefactor to the *Hospitall* of S. *Thomas* the Apostle in Bermingham, by giving [g] thereto ten Acres of Heath lying within this his Lordship of Aston; and that he departed this life without issue male; for by an Inquis. [h] taken after the death of *Isabel* his widow in 12 *E.* 2. *Joane*, *Sibill*, *Isabell*, and *Margaret* were found to be his daughters and heirs, the youngest then being above xxi. years of age. Of which, *Joane*, shortly after, died issuelesse, so that by Partition [i] made in 12 *E.* 2. the possessions of the said *Thomas* were divided betwixt the other three; *viz.* this Mannour of Aston, with the Mannours of Gerkindon in Oxfordshire, Wikes, and Sonde in Sussex, and Bergholtes in Suffolk; besides other lands and Rents lying in the Countie of Southampton: whereof *Sibill*, then the wife of *Adam de Grymesarwe*, had this Lordship for her share. Which *Adam* and *Sibill* had issue [k] *John*, unto whom the said *Sibill* his mother, by her Deed [l] bearing date on the day of S. *Lambert* the Bishop and Martyr 31 *E.* 3. gave the inheritance thereof; whereby it descended [m], after the decease of the said *John*, who dyed [n] childlesse, unto his Cosin *Maud Grymesarwe*, daughter of *John*, brother to the before specified *Adam*: which *Maud* in 40 *E.* 3. past it unto *John atte Holt* of Bermingham, as her Charter [o] dated here at Aston on the Sunday next before the Feast of S. *Agapite* the Martyr, testifieth; whose posterity (whereof I have inserted the Descent in the following page) do enjoy it to this day.

Which *John Holt* dyed [p] childlesse, so that *Walter* his uncle became heir to the estate; who in [q] 40 *E.* 3. and [r] 1 *R.* 2. underwent the office of Eschaetor to the King, for this Countie and Leicester shire; a service in those days of great trust, and wherein none but persons of eminent worth and quality were imployed. In the later of which

n *Hist. MS.* Mariani Scori *in bibl. Bodl. in an.* 917.

o, p, q *Domesd. lib.*

r *Rot. Assis.* 25. H. 3. *penès Camer. scac. in baga. de Placit. Com. Ebor.*

s *Ex Carul. de Erlington penes T. Holt eq. aur. & B.*

t *Claus.* 2. 3. *m.* 8.

u *Rot. F.* 3. 3. *m.* 11.

w *Rot. F.* 3. H. 3. *in n.* 8.

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y, z, a *Ex autog. penès præf. T. Holt.*

b *Rot. de Quo W.*

c *Cart.* 14. E. 1. *n.* 47.

d *Plac. coram R. term Trin.* 18. E. 1. *rot.* 59.

e *Esc.* 19. E. 1 *n.* 45.

f *Pat.* 14. *R.* 1. *in d.*

g *Esc.* 13. E. 1. *n.* 128.

h *Esc.* 12 E. 2. *n.* 37.

i *Ex autog. penès præf.* T. Holt.

k, l *Ibid.*

m, n *Ex vet. membr. penès eund.* T. H.

o *Penès dictum* T. H.

p *Ex præf. vet. membr.*

q *Rot. F.* 49. E. 3. *m.* 17.

r *Rot. F.* 1. *R.* 2. *m.* 14.

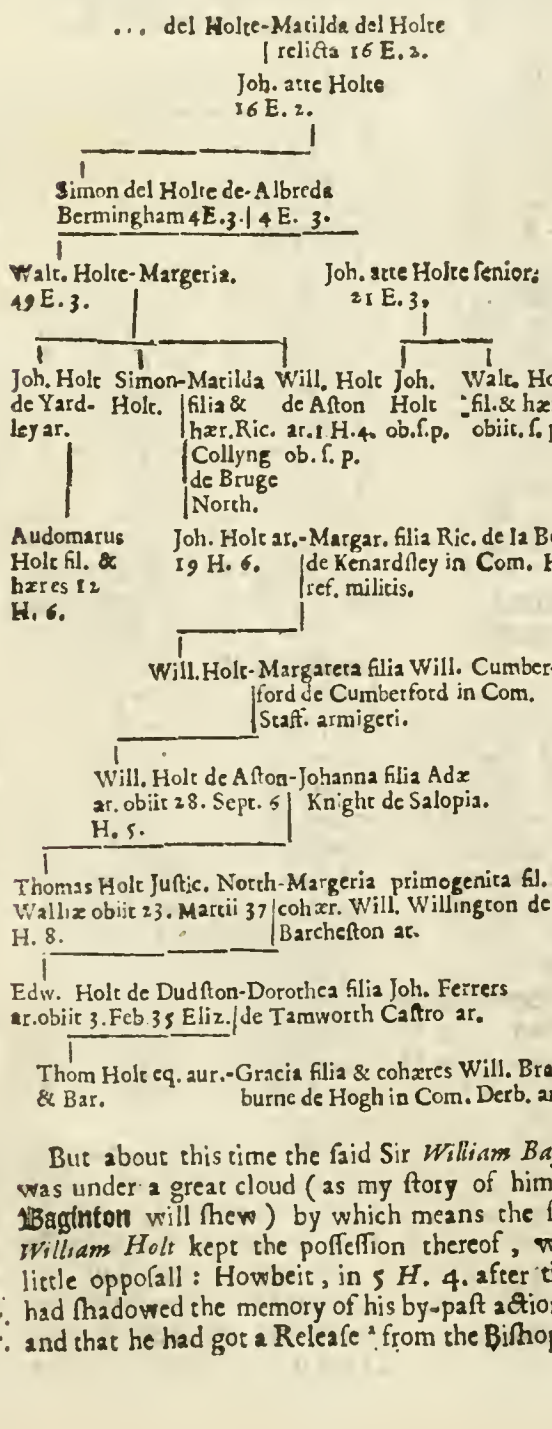
years he was the principall Commissioner assigned in this Countie for levying and collecting a Fifteenth and Tenth, then granted to the King in Parliament. Of this *Walter* I find, that by a Feoffment [f] to one *William Whetele* and other persons in trust, he setled this Mannour to the use of himself, and *Margerie* his wife, as also to his own right heirs; and that he departed [t] this life, the said *Margerie* surviving; who the better to secure her estate, enfeoft [u] *John of Gaunt* Duke of **Lancaster**, Sir *William Bagot* of **Baginton**, and other persons of qualitie, therein: And that he left issue [w] *John* and *William*; which *John*, being heir apparent, made another Feoffment [x] in Fee simple thereof, to the said Sir *William Bagot*: But *William* the younger brother, having great favour and countenance from King *H.* 4. in consideration of his good service done and to be done, as the words of the [y] Patent import, obtained a grant of it from the said King, for life, in 1 *H.* 4. who challenged [z] a legall title thereto, as son and heir to *John* Duke of **Lancaster** above mentioned, one of the Feoffees unto the before recited *Margerie*; in which Patent, the King calls him, *Dilectus Armiger noster*; whence I guesse that he was his servant before he attained the Crown.

f Ex præs. t Ex præs. vet. memb.

u Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 1. m. 32.

w Ex præs. x Ex præs. vet. memb.

y Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 1. m. 32. z



But about this time the said Sir *William Bagot* was under a great cloud (as my story of him in **Baginton** will shew) by which means the said *William Holt* kept the possession thereof, with little opposall: Howbeit, in 5 *H.* 4. after time had shadowed the memory of his by-past actions, and that he had got a Release [a] from the Bishop of S. **Davids**, and other his Feoffees, of the interest they [b] had to all his lands, he set afoot his title to this Mannour: but in conclusion there was a reference [c] betwixt them, made unto *Edward* Duke of **Yorke**, and *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, unto whose arbitrement they were contented to submit; and to that end bound themselves in CC *li.* bonds a piece. The particulars of their Award I have not seen; but by what afterwards appears, it is evident, that the said *William Holt* kept the possession thereof; for in 14 *H.* 6. he released [d] unto *John Warde* of **Little Bromwych** and *John Shyngler*, all his right therein; which *John* and *John* had been his Feoffees [e] together with the said Earl of **Warwick** and others; and so, it seems, still stood, the possession continuing in himself; for the better corroborating of whose title, the next year after, did *Audomare* his nephew (who in truth was the right heir) release [f] unto him all the right and claim he had thereto.

a Ex autog. penès Herv. Bagot Bar.

b Clauſ. 1. H. 4. m. 22.

c Clauſ. 8. H. 4. in d. m. 13.

d Clauſ. 14. H. 6. in d. m. 21.

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f Clauſ. 15. H. 6. in d. m. 23.

This *William* in 12 *H.* 6. was [g] one of the chief persons in this County, chosen to make Oath for performance of divers Articles concluded of in the Parliament then held, having the title of *William Holt de* **Aston** *armiger*: but for ought yet appeareth, the estate which he had by grant from King *H.* 4. was but for terme of life, so that the inheritance resting in the Crown, occasioned *John Holt* his nephew (*scil.* son to his brother *Simon*) in 19 *H.* 6. to procure a Patent [h] thereof, with all the Liberties and priviledges thereto belonging (and therein particularly expresst) for himself and his heirs, to be held of the chief Lord of the Fee, and not of the King in *Capite*. Which *John* being so vested therein, and taking notice of a certain Act of [i] Reassumption made in the Parliament held at **Westminster** 29 *H.* 6. exhibited [k] his Petition to the King, that the same Act might not be prejudiciall to him, nor unto *Margaret* his wife, nor the heirs or assignes of the said *John*, in respect of the Patent before mentioned, considering that it had been duly recovered (as the said Petition alledged) according to the course of Law before the Justices of the Common Pleas, in the tenth year of the same King's reign, by the said *Aymer Holt*, cosin and heir to the before specified *Walter*, against *Will. Holt* Esquire, then tenant thereof, by vertue of certain Letters Patent to him made, as aforesaid; which Petition was accordingly [l] granted.

g Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.

h Pat. 19. H. 6 p. 2.

i Rot. F. 29. H. 6 m 4. k & 6. pet. l Inſp.

Of this *John Holt* I further find, that he was constituted [m] Eschaetor for this County, and **Leicestershire** in 16 *H.* 6. and became afterwards a meniall servant to the same King; who by way of reward for his fidelity and diligence, made him Ranger of **Sutton** Chase; the words of which grant [n] being memorable, I shall here transcribe. *Rex, &c. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali, ac consideratione diutini & continui servicii, quod humilis servitor noster* Joh. Holt, *Armiger de Hospicio nostro, nobis impendit, & impendere proponit in futuro, Concessimus ei Officium de Riderſhip infra Chaceam de* **Sutton** *in Comitatu nostro Warwici, quod per rebellionem* Ricardi *nuper Comitis* Warwici *vacat, & de dono nostro existit. Habendum & occupandum dictum Officium præfato* Johanni *seu deputato suo sufficienti, pro termino vitæ suæ, cum omnimodis vadiis, feodis &c. ab antiquo debitis &c. Teste Rege apud* **Coventre** *xxiii. Maii.* To him succeeded [o] *William*, and likewise to that *William* another [p] *William*; and to him [q] *Thomas*; who being a learned Lawyer, and Justice [r] of

m Rot. F. 16 H. 6. m. 17.

n Pat. 38. H. 6. p. 2. m. 13.

o Ex autog. penès præf. T. Holt.

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r Inscrip. Tumuli.

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North-Wales in *H.* 8. time, as also in Commission [f] for the Peace in this Shire the greatest part of that King's reign, wedded [t] *Margerie* the eldest of the seven daughters and coheirs to *William Willington* of **Barcheston** Esquire (a wealthy Merchant of the Staple) who survived him, and afterwards became the wife [u] of Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight. And by her left issue *Edward Holt* Esquire, Which *Edw.* having had his education with Sir *John St Leger* (then of **Wroley** Castle in *Com. Wigorn.*) as by his Fathers Will appears, was in 14 *Eliz.* constituted [w] one of the Justices of Peace for this County, and in 26 *Eliz.* Shiriff [x]; and dyed [y] 3. *Febr.* 35 *Eliz.*

Unto whom succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir, then of full age, being made Shiriff [z] of this County, in 42 *Eliz.* and Knighted by King *James*, at his first coming into **England**; but afterwards, *viz.* 25. *Novemb.* 10. *Jac.* advanced [a] to the dignity of a Baronet; Of whom I may not omit to take this further notice; *viz.* that by him there was a fair Parke inclosed here, and a noble Fabrick therein erected, which for beauty and state much exceedeth any in these parts; the building whereof was begun in *Aprill Anno* 1618. (16 *Jac.*) and finished in *Aprill* 11° *Caroli*: As also that by his last Will and Testament he assigned CCC *li.* for the building of an *Hospitall* here at **Aston**, for five men & five women, appointing a Rent charge out of his Mannour of **Erdington** of LXXXV III *li. per ann.* for their support: And lastly that he departed this life . . . . *Anno* 1654. being then about LXXXIII. years of age.

[f] *Pat. ab an.* 16. *H.* 8. *in d.*
[t] *Sampf.* f. 43. a.
[u] *Sampf.* f. 43. a.
[w] *Pat.* 14. Eliz. *in d.*
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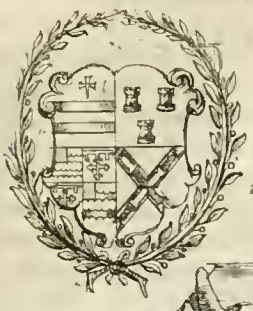


The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter* & *Paul*) being given [b] to the Monastery of **Newport**-*Paganell* in **Buckinghamshire** (commonly called **Tickford**-*Priorie*) by *Gervase Paganell* Baron of **Dudley**, and Lord of this Mannour in H. 2. time, was appropriated [c] to them by *Ric. Peche* then Bishop of this Dioces; which appropriation *Hubert* Archbishop of **Canterbury** shortly afterwards confirmed [d]. But the Monks of that House thought not their title very secure, till they had got a ratification [e] thereof from *Giles de Erdington* in 15 *H.* 3. for which he and his heirs were made partakers of all the prayers and pious works to be performed in that Monastery for ever. After which, *viz.* in 38 *H.* 3. there was an Ordination [f] of the Vicaridge, here, by *Roger de Weseham* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, with the consent of the Monks of **Newport**-*Painell* and *William de Kilkenny* the then Rector: By which Ordination, bearing date at **Brewood** on the morrow after the Feast of S. *Cecily* the Virgin, it appears, that the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield** were thenceforth to receive out of the fruits of the Rectory, the sum of *xx.* marks yearly, at the Feasts of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, and S. *Andrew* th' Apostle, by even portions: Howbeit, after this, *scil.* about six years, there was something more done as to the before specified Ordination [g], by *Roger de Molend* the succeeding Bishop.

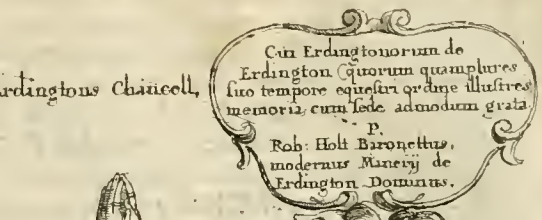
In *Anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) the Rectory was valued [h] at *xl.* marks, over and above the same *Pension* of *xx.* marks payable yearly to the Canons of **Lichfield**; and the Vicaridge [i] at *vii.* marks and a half. About the later end of *E.* 2. time, I find that the Nuns of **Catesby** *in Com. Northampt.* made some title [k] to the third part of the Tithes belonging to this Church; but the Monks of **Tickford** by a Writ of Right recovered [l] against them, and had a confirmation [m] of those Tithes accordingly, made by King *Edw.* 3. in 5. of his reign. Upon the dissolution of which Priory of **Tickford** in 17 *H.* 8. this Rectory, with a certain Mannour here, belonging thereto, as the words of the Patent do import, were with that Religious House, and divers other small Monasteries (at that time likewise suppressed) given [n] to Cardinall *Woolsey*, for the endowing of his Colledges in **Oxford** and **Ipswich**, then begun to be erected. Which Cardinall did accordingly confer [o] what he had here at **Aston**, upon the Dean and Canons of his said Colledge in **Oxford**, then called *Woolsey's Colledge*. But that Foundation of the Cardinall, was soon after altered by the King, who not only assumed the honour thereof to himself, but made great alteration in the endowment; yet what was so given here at **Aston** continued, though not without a new [p] grant from the King, to *John* then Bishop of **Lincolne** and others, to the use of the same Colledge. Of the before specified Vicaridge I further find, that it, with the Chapell of **Bromwich** of *xiv s. per an.* value, was in 26 *H.* 8. rated [q] at *xxi li. iv s. viii d.* over and above *iii s.* payd yearly to the Dean and

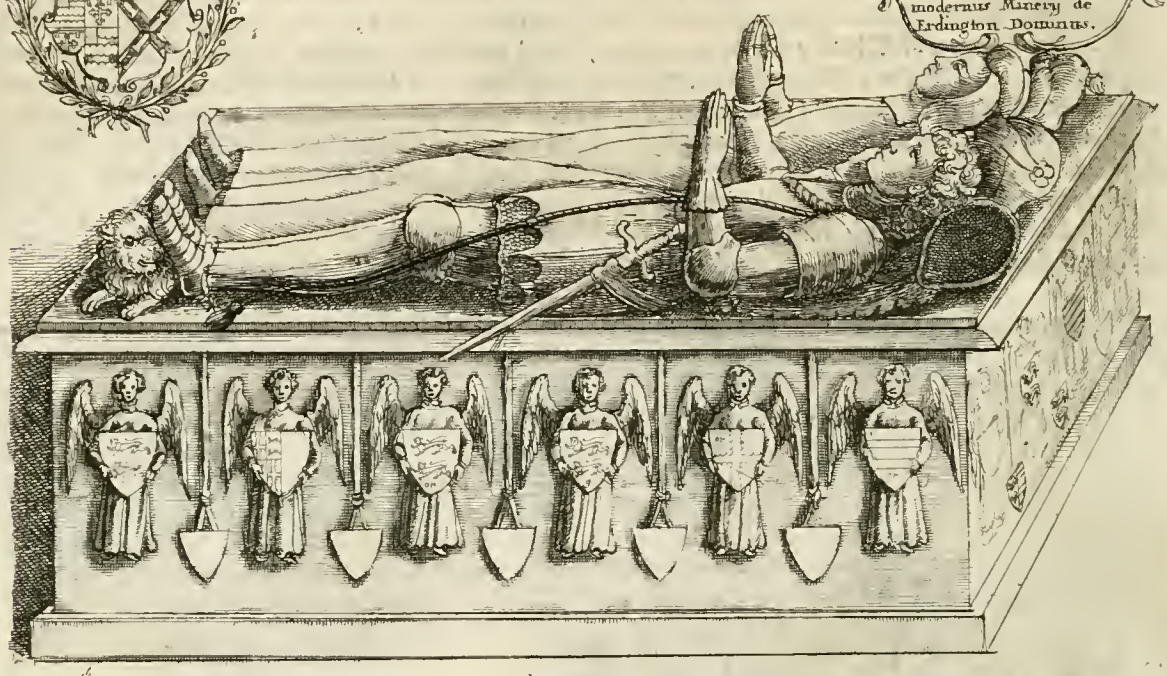
[b] *Ex autog. penes praef.* T. Holt.
[c] *Levat.* 1 *Mich.* 3 *H.* 3.
[d] *Regist. Carti pe. S. D. & C. Lich.* 19.
[e] *Rot. Holend.* m. 1.
[f] *Regist. Carti pe. S. D. & C. Lich.* 19.
[g] *Rot. Holend.* m. 1.
[h] *M.S in Scac.*
[i] *M.S in Scac.*
[k] *Pat.* 5 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 4.
[l] *Pat.* 5 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 4.
[m] *Pat.* 5 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 4.
[n] *Pat.* 17. *H.* 8 *p.* 1.
[o] *Pat.* 18. *H* 8. *p.* 1.
[p] *Pat.* 24. *H.* 8. *p.* 2.
[q] *MS. penes S.* Archer *eq. aur. f.* 57. *b.*

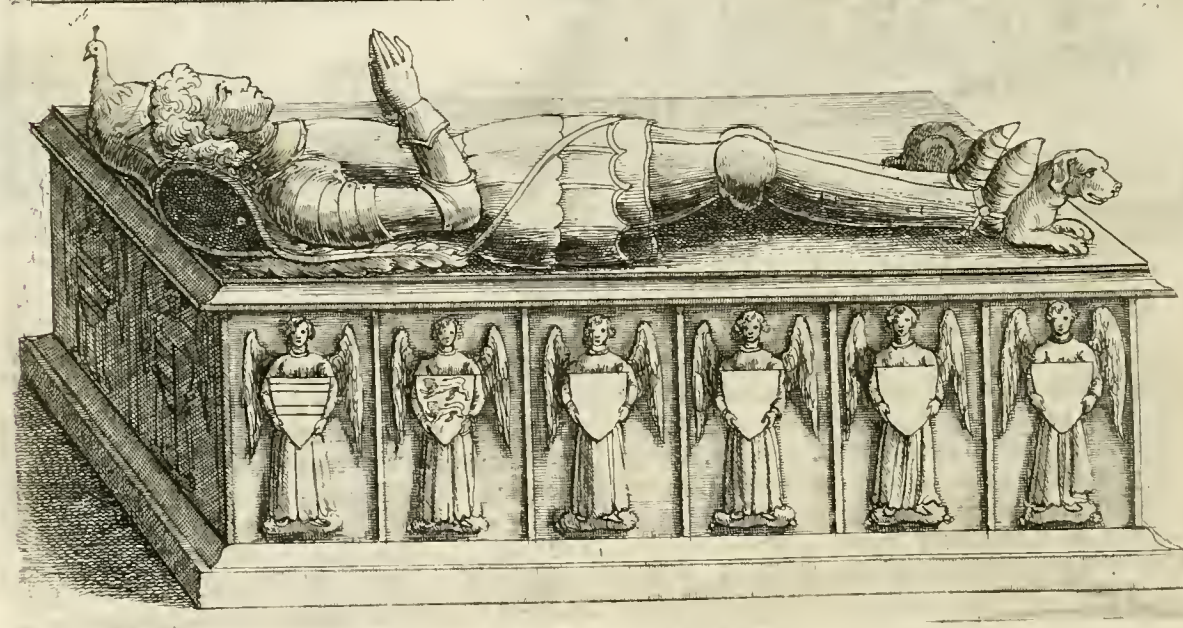
Chapter of **Lichfield**, *iii s. viii d.* to the Biſhop for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*, and *iv d.* chief Rent of a Garden to *Thomas Holt*.



In the South Ile called Erdingtons Chancell.







	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Langt. f. 6. b. Northb. f. 20. b. Ib. f. 48. b. Ib. f. 51. b. Ib. f. 59. a. Stret. f. 31. a. Sk. f. 6. b. Burgh. f. 13. a.	*Prior & Conv. de Tykford.*	*Galſr. de Wenrich Pbr.* 2. *Cal. Nov.* 1303. *Henr. de Schirington Pbr.* 16. *Cal. Martii* 1326.	
	D. Rex ratione temporal. Priorat. de Tykford in manu ſua exiſtentium.	*Joh. Draper Cap.* 15. *Cal. Aug.* 1349. *Petrus Boterell* 2. *Non. Nov.* 1349. *Ric. de Tykenhale Cap.* 2. *Cal. Apr.* 1355. *Thomas Skyll Pbr.* 5. *Nov.* 1383. *Thomas atte Cruche* 14. *Oct.* 1391. *Will. Pollard* 10. *Maii* 1404.	*Prior & Conv. de Tykford*
		Will. Tonge Cap. 22. *Oct.* 1405.	*Ib. f.* 19. *b.*
		Rob. Hunte Cap. penult. Oct. 1425.	*Heyw. f.* 16. *b.*
		Ric. Hancocks Pbr. ult. Dec. 1433.	*Ib. f.* 31. *b.*
		Ric. Bryan 6. *Julii* 1440.	*Ib. f.* 39. *a.*
		Thomas Gayton Pbr. 25. *Jan.* 1440.	*Ib. b.*
		D. Joh. Dron Pbr. 3. *Nov.* 1441.	*Ib. f.* 40. *b.*
		Ric. Grove Pbr. 25. *Aug.* 1449.	*Bo. f.* 8. *b.*
		Will. Muſſelwyke 2. *Dec.* 1451.	*Ib. f.* 12. *b.*
		David Styward Cap. 9. *Sept.* 1453.	*Rowl. f.* 29. *a.*

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Ib.f.24.a. Ib.f.29.b.	Idem Prior & Conv.	Joh. Albod. Cap. 5. Oct. 1456. Thomas Baker Cap. 8. Nov. 1458.
Sampf.f.43.a. Sampf.& B. f.30.a.	Ambr.Cave miles, ratione dotis Margeriæ ux. ſuæ nuper ux. T. Holt are	D. Thomas Byrde Cler. 25. Maii 1552. Laur. Blakeway 30. Maii 1561.
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Morton bund. in cert.	Thomas Holt miles & bar.	Joh. Grent art. Magr. 12. Dec. 1621.

Erdington's Chantrie.

IN 27 *H.6.* *Sir Thomas Erdington* Knight founded [r] a *Chantrie* in this Church, for one Prieſt to celebrate divine ſervice daily at the Altar of the bleſſed Virgin perpetually, for the good eſtate of King *Henry* the ſixt, and of him the ſaid Sir *Thomas* and *Joyce* his wife, during their lives in this world: and for the health of their ſoules, as alſo the ſouls of their Progenitors, Parents, and Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceaſed: The revevenues whereof, in 26 *H.*8. were certified [s] to be *vii li. xix s. ob.* over and above *iii s. iv d.* for the Anniverſarie of the Founder, and *xvi s. ob.* in Rents to the Lord of the Fee: Howbeit, in 37 *H.* 8. conſidering an Annuitie of *xl s.* granted out of the lands belonging thereto, unto *John Throkmorton* gentleman for life, the cleer yearly value amounted [t] to no more than *vi li.* But after the generall diſſolution of the *Chantries*, this, with the lands belonging to it, was by Letters [u] Patent, bearing date 9. *Sept.* 2 *E.*6. (*inter alia*) granted to *Ric. Pallady* gentleman, and *Francis Foxall* Citizen and Mercer of **London**, and their heirs; and the next year following, another Patent [w] thereof made to *Thomas Hawkyns, alis Fyſher* of **Warwick**, and his heirs.

r Pat.27. H.6.p.2. m.18.

s MS. penès S.A.eq.aur. f.57.b.

t Ex alio MS. penès eund.S. A. f.12.a.

u Pat.2.E. 6.p 5.

w Pat.3.E. 6.p.1.

In the utmoſt window (on the South ſide) towards the Weſt, of thoſe that perteine to the body of the Church, is this inſcription.

Orate pro bono ſtatu fratrum de Bromwich, qui hanc feneſtram fieri fecerunt.

In the next window is this coat of Armes; *viz. Argent a Cheveron gules between 3. lozenges ſable:* And under it, the portraiture of a man kneeling in a ſurcoat of the ſame Armes, with 4. ſonns behind him, over whoſe heads is this in a ſcroule **Pater Dei memento mei.**

Behind them is the portraiture of a woman in a ſcarlet gown, with 4. daughters, having a ſcroule, over her head, in which is written: **Fili Dei miſerere mei.**

And under them all this Inſcriptoin:

Orate pro bono ſtatu Roberti Pallay & Eliſabethe uxoris ſue.

In the fourth window on the ſame South ſide, is this coat; *viz. Argent a Lyon rampant ſable* [*Stapleton*] empaling *Maſſy*, and under it the following Inſcription.

Orate pro bono ſtatu Roberti Pallay & Elizabethe ejus ux. qui hanc feneſtram fieri fecerunt.

In one of the like windows on the North ſide are the portraitures of the ſame *Walter Ardern* and *Alianore* his wife, kneeling, whoſe monument is in the Chancell; and in the ſame ſurcoats of Armes as thereupon are expreſt. Over his head is this ſcroule, **Jeſu Fili Dei miſerere mei.** Over hers **Pater Dei memento mei.** And under them both, this written: **Orate pro bono ſtatu Walteri Arderne armigeri & Elianoræ uxoris ejus.**

On a ſtone fixed in the North Wall of the Chancell, is this Inſcription.

Henry Williams Vicar once of this Church, and Parſon of Aberfro in Anglicey, lyeth here under, who died Anno 1603. *Febr.* 14.

Quod ſibi quiſq; ſerit præſentis tempore vitæ,
Hoc ſibi meſſis erit cum dicitur Ite, Venite.

On another ſtone in the ſame Wall.

Memoriæ Sacrum.

Pientiſſimi atq; optimi juvenis Olliphi Boys, ex antiquâ & generoſa Boyſiorum in Cantio ſtirpe oriundi: patre Antonio Boys verbi divini Miniſtro apud Culleſden in Surria nati, in celeberrimâ Wichamicorum ſocietate Wintoniæ primùm, dein Oxoniæ educati: bonis literis egregiè inſtructi, gradu Magiſterii in artibus ornati; ſacriſq; ordinibus initiati; Qui cum una & altera Concione ad populum habitâ, magnam apud omnes ſpem ſui, & expectationem feciſſit, graviſſimis calculi doloribus interceptus, ac demum oppreſſus, hic apud affines ſuos expiravit die 5. *Auguſti An.D.* 1630. *ætatis ſuæ* 31.

Monumentum hoc Dorothea Gilmin mater amantiſſima L. M. Q. Poſuit.

On the ſame ſide of this Chancell, there is a very noble Monument for Sir *Edward Devereux* Kt. and Baronet (grandfather to the now Vicount *Hereford*) erected by his Lady, who ſurvived him; the Figure whereof I have here omitted, for the reaſons expreſt in my Preface, but have added the Epitaph.

Here lyeth Sir Edward Devereux of Caſtle-Bromwich Knight and Baronet, youngeſt ſon of Walter Lord Ferrers of Chartley, and Viſcount Hereford, by Margaret his ſecond wife, daughter of Robert Garniſh of Kenton Hall in Com. Suff. Eſquire; who married Katherine eldeſt daughter of Edward Arden of Park-Hall Eſquire, by whom he had iſſue five ſons and four daughters, Sir Walter Knight and Baronet, William, George, Edward, and Henry; Margaret, Anne, Howard and Grace. Sir Walter married Eliz. daughter and heir of Robert Bayſpoole of

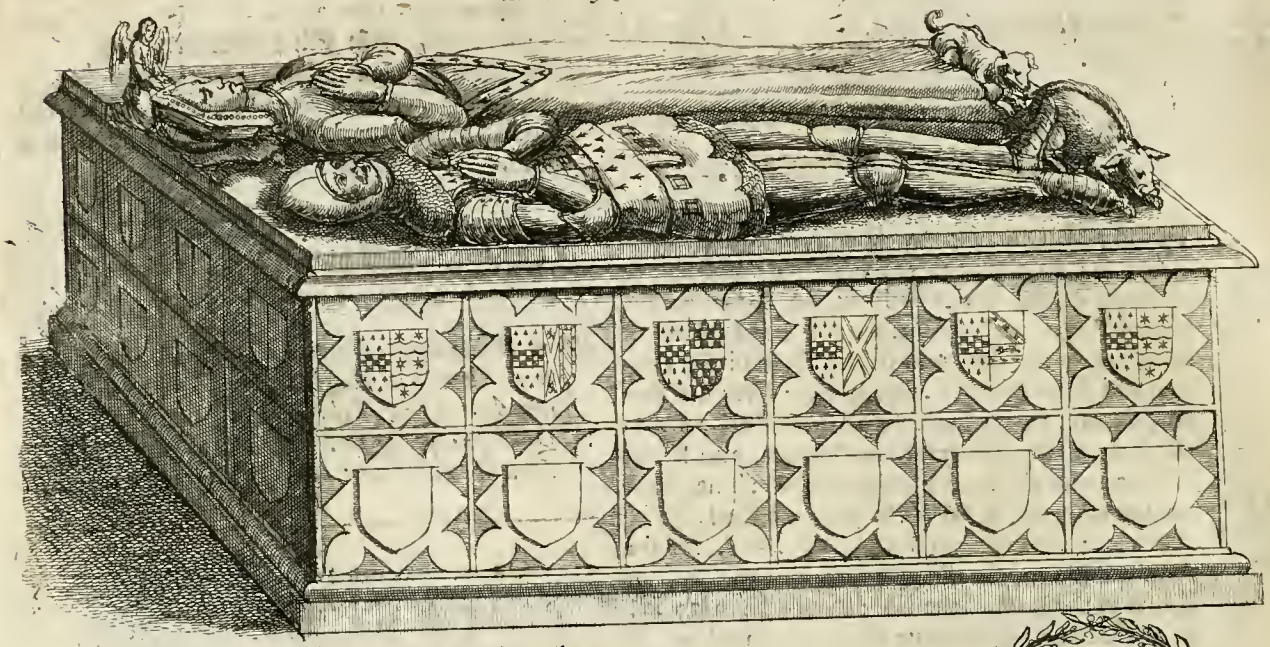
Aldeby in Com. Norff. Eſquire, who died without iſſue. Secondly, he married Elizabeth ſecond daughter of Thomas Knightley of Broughall in Com. Staff. Eſquire, brother to Sir Richard Knightly of Fauſley in Com. Northampt. Kt. George married Blanch, daughter and heire of John Ridge in Com. Salop. gent. Henry married Barbara daughter and heir of Robert Smallbrook of Yardley Gent. William and Edward died unmarried. Margaret married Sir Hugh Wrotteſley of Wrotteſley in Com. Staff. Kt. Anne married Robert Leighton of Wattelsborow in Com. Salop. Eſquire. Howard married Thomas ſon and heir of Sir Thomas Dilke of Maxſtoke Caſtle in Com. Warr. Eſquire. Grace the youngeſt.

Which Sir Edward died the 22th of Sept. An. D. 1622.

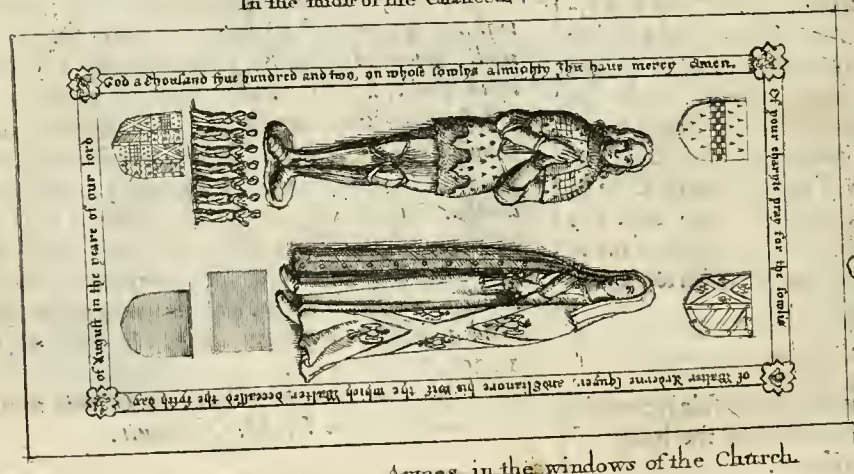
Here lieth Lady Katherine wife to Sir Edward Devereux, who died the ſecond of November 1627. To whoſe memorie Sir George Devereux her ſecond ſon, cauſed this part of this Monument to be erected, according to her command.

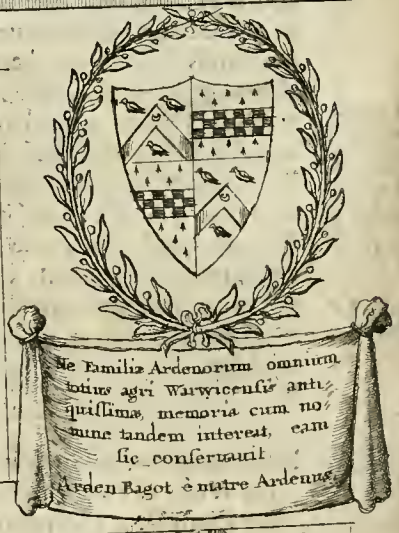
Aston juxta Birmingham.

In the body of the Church.

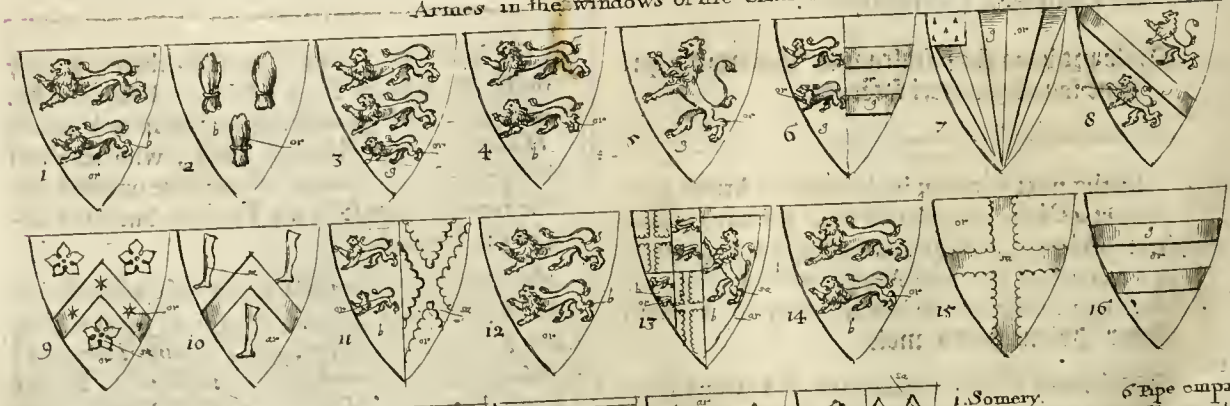


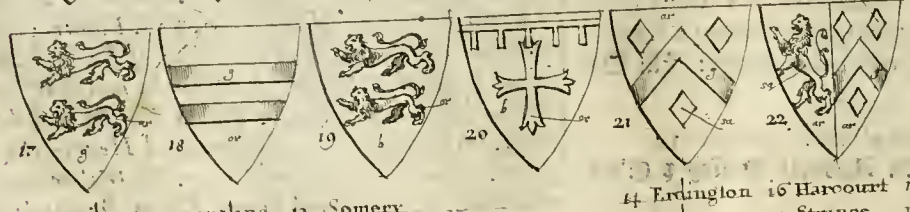
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Armes in the windows of the Church.

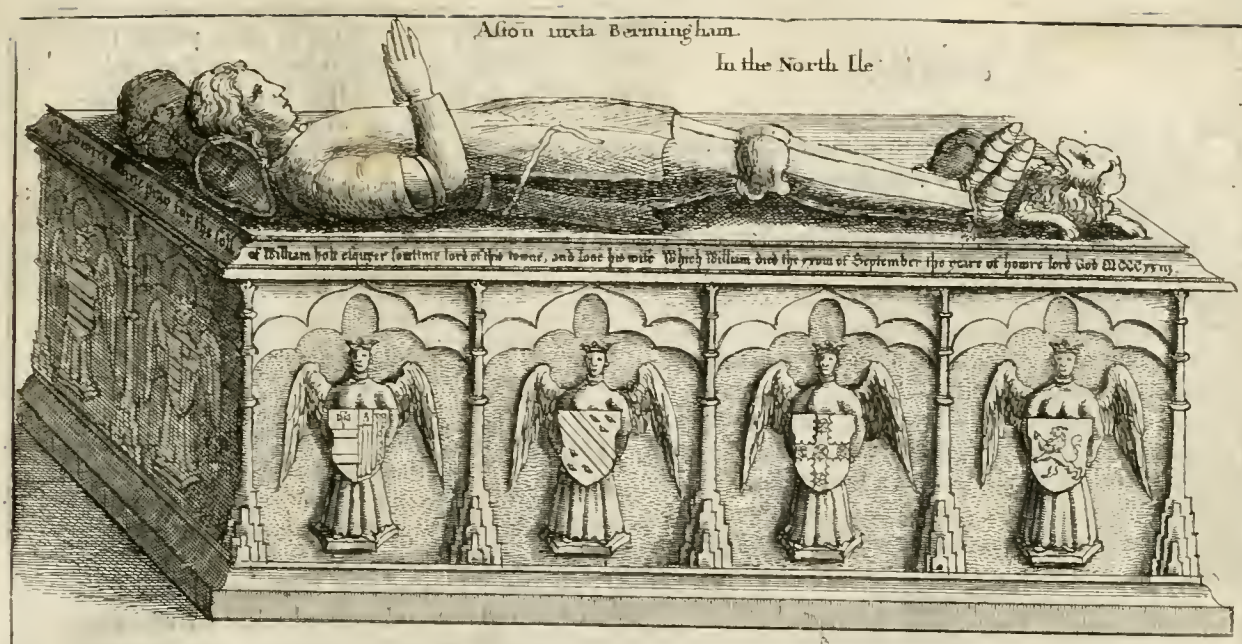


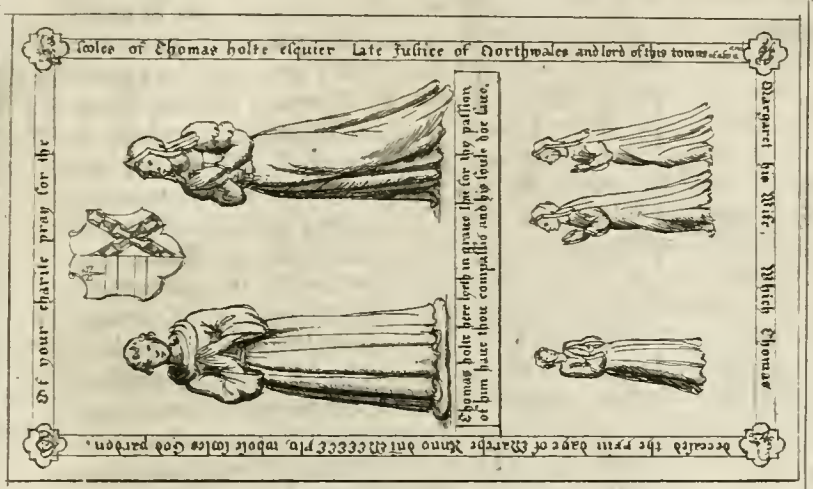


1 Somery.
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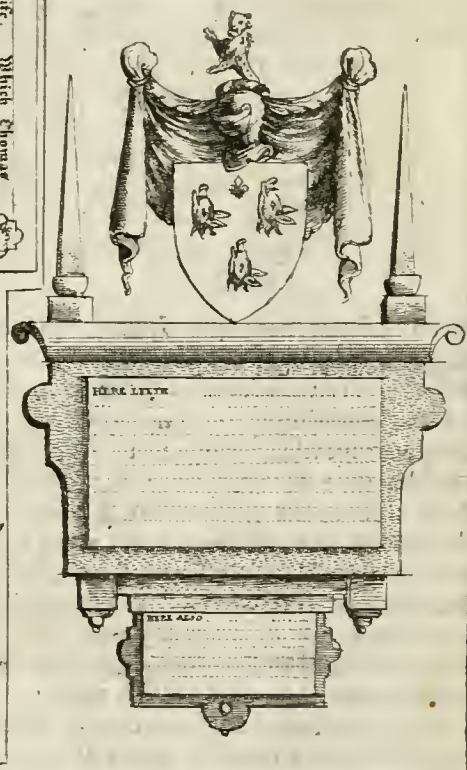
Aston iuxta Birmingham.

In the North Ile





On the North wall of the Chancell.





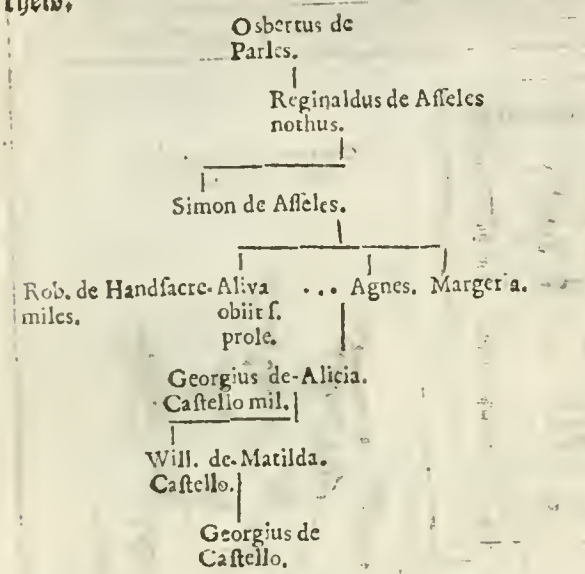
HERE LYETH WILL: BOOTH OF WITTON IN COM: WARR: GENT; WHO HAD 3 WIVES; THE FIRST DOROTHE DAVGH: OF RICH: DILKE OF FIRBY MALORY IN COM: LEIC: ESQVIER BY WHOME HE HAD ISSVE 6 SONS AND 4 DA: WILL: RICH: EDW: THOMAS PERCIVAL AND GEORGE; ANNE, MARY DORO, THE AND IONE. THE SECOND MARTHA THE WIDOW OF WILL: PEPSON OF BICKNELL IN COM: WARR: GENT:, BY WHOME HE HAD ISSVE WILLIAM. THIRDLY HE MARRIED DOROTHE DAVGH: OF EDWARD SANDERS OF FLOWER IN COM NORT: ESQ: WHICH WILL: WAS BVRIED Apr: 18 1610

HERE ALSO LYETH WILL: BOOTH OF WITTON IN COM. WARR: ESQ, SONNE AND HEIRE OF THE ABOVESAID WILLIAM WHO MARIED ALICE DAV: OF RICH FOX OF MOSELEY IN COM WIGORN GENT. AND HAD BYRIED 5 SONS AND 3 DAVGH: WILL: RICH: IOSEPH SAM: BENIAM: IOHN AND THOMAS ELINOR, MARY AND SARAH W: WILL DYED THE 25 OF NOV: 1637.

Nechells.

OF this place there is no mention at all in the Conqueror's Survey, forasmuch as it was then involved with **Aston**; but the name thereof, *scil.* **Nechels**, or **Echels**, (for it is indifferently written) discovereth it to have been a Wood at first, **Echel** signifying the same in the German language (whereof our Saxon is a branch) as *Quercus* in the Latine. I am of opinion that one of the old Barons of **Dudley** granted it, originally, unto one of the Family of *Parles*, together with **Hannewoyth** (now called **Hanslwoyth**) *in Com. Staff.* For I find [x] that *Osbert de Parles* had a Bastard son called *Reynald de Asseles*, on whom he conferred the inheritance of all his lands here in **Aston**, or **Nechels**.

x *Ex vet. membr. penès* T. Holt. *eq. aur. & Bar.*



Which *Reynald* had issue *Simon*, and he three daughters that were his heirs, with the eldest of whom he gave these lands of **Nechels** to Sir *Robert de Handsacre* Knight, in frank marriage; but she dying without issue, they came to *Alice* her neice, then the wife of Sir *George de Castell* Knight; which *Alice* in her widowhood, *sc.* 4 E. 3. in consideration of xl *li.* of silver, past [y] away all her interest in this Mannour unto *Simon del Holt* of **Bermingham**, and his heirs, whose posteritie have continued Lords thereof ever since; Sir *Thomas Holt* now of **Aston** Knight and Baronet, being the present owner thereof *Anno scil.* 1640.

y *Ex autog. penès cund.* T. H.

But it hath been long since totally depopulated, though antiently it was a pretty Village, as by severall instances might be shewed: for in 34 E. 3. Sir *Thomas de Arden* Knight, had a mansion here, as appears by a License [z] granted to him from *Robert de Stretton* then Bishop of this Dioces, to have a private Oratorie or Chapell, therein, for himself and his own Family. It seems that the same *Philip de Aylesbury*, of whom I have made mention in **Dudston**, had also some interest here in R. 2. time; for he then wrote [a] himself *'Dominus de* **Dudston** *& de* **Nechells**; but of what extent it was, I cannot say: all which was [b] passed by Sir *William de Bishopsdon* in 2 H. 5. unto *Rich. de Clodshale* (of **Saltley**) and his heirs, being said to have sometime belong'd unto the same *Philip de Aylesbury*. In 33. H. 6. there was a [c] Fine levied betwixt *Thomas Waldeyve*, and *William Leycroft*, Plantiffs, and *Robert Danvers*, *Henry Fillongley*, and *John Holt* Esquire, deforciants, of this Mannour (for by that name it then passed) by which it seemeth, that the inheritance thereof became vested in the before specified *Thomas Waldeyve*; perhaps to the use of the same *John Holt* and his heirs; for in 20 H. 8. *Thomas Holt*, who then wrote himself *de medio Templo* **London** *generosus*, was [d] owner thereof, which *Thomas* was grandfather to Sir *Thomas* above mentioned.

z *Stret. f. 5. b.*

a *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden. *ar.*

b

c *Fin. levat. Oct. Trin.* 33 H. 6.

d *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

Dudston.

OF this Hamlet there is now no more left than the Mannour-house; but by the name, I should judge it to be a Village of great antiquitie, and so called from *Dodo* or *Dud*, whence **Dudley** (doubtlesse) had the appellation. But till E. 1. time, I have not found any mention of it in Record, in regard it was involved with **Aston**, and so came to Sir *Thomas de Erdington*, as a member thereof, though it be not particularly named: for it is evident [e] that *Henry de Erdington* (great grandchild to the said Sir *Thomas*) did his fealtie to *Joane Botetourt* Lady of **Weoley**, as coheir to *Someri* Baron of **Dudley**, on S. *Mark's* day 17 E. 2. for this place, together with **Aston**; mention being made of their tenure by a pair of gilt Spurs, or six pence, as in the originall grant of **Aston** may be seen, which Sir *Henry* (for he was afterwards a Knight) granted [f] it by the name of *Manerium de* **Dudeston** to *Thomas de Maidenhache* and his heirs, about the beginning of E. 1. time, who had **Free warren** [g] in all his demesn lands here, together with **Aston**, as by the King's grant thereof in 14 E. 1. appeareth: but having severall daughters and heirs (as in **Aston** is shewed) this, *inter alia*, was allotted [h], as a member of **Aston**, unto *Sibill* the wife of *Adam de Grymesarwe*; by means whereof it came [i] to *John de Grymesarwe* their son and heir, who [k] sold it unto *John atte Holt* in 38 E. 3. for xl. marks: From which *John* it is descended, as the Pedegree in **Aston** manifesteth, unto Sir *Thomas Holt* now of **Aston**, Knight and Baronet, the present Lord thereof; and was his principall seat, till he had built **Aston** house.

e *Ex Cartul. de* Erdington *f.* 55. *b. & 148. b.*

f *Ex autog. penès præf.* T. Holt.

g *Cart.* 14. E. 1. *n.* 47.

h *Ex vet. membr. penès cund.* T. H.

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But notwithstanding the Mannour thus fixed in the Familie of *Holt*, there was a considerable part of this Village antiently possest by the *Aylesburyes* (of whom I have spoke in **Edston**) for I finde [l] that *Roger de Aylesbury* stiled himself *Dominus de* **Dodestone** in 5 E. 2. so also did [m] *Philip de Aylesbury* in 10 R. 2. yet when or how it past from *Aylesbury*, I have not seen: but in 2 H. 5. Sir *William de Bishopsden* Knight, granted to *Richard de Clodshale* all the lands and tenements lying here, which had formerly belong'd to the before specified *Philip de Aylesbury*; after which I have not met with farther mention of them.

l *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden. *ar.*

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Deretend.

THis place (antiently written [n] **Dury-yate-hend**) though it be within the Parish of **Aston**, is parcell of the Lordship of **Bermingham**; so that of it self there is nothing farther memorable than a certain Chapell, erected [o] about the beginning of King *Ric.* the second's time; wherein by an Agreement

n *Ex autog. penès* Will. Booth *ar.*

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ment [p] made 13. *Junii Anno* 1381. (4 *R.* 2.) betwixt the Monks of **Tykford** in right of their Rectorie of **Alcon** before specified, *Richard Shobenhale* then Vicar of **Alcon**, and Sir *John Botetort* Knight, Patron of the said Priorie of **Tykford**, on the one part: And Sir *John Birmingham* Kt. Lord of this Hamler, *Geffrey Boteler*, *Robert Greene*, and others, Inhabitants here and in **Bordsley**, on the other part; by the consent of *Robert de Stretton* then Bishop of **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, the said Inhabitants of these two Hamlets, partly in respect of the danger by flouds, especially in Winter-time, and their great distance from the said mother-Church of **Alcon**; and partly that their Children might not want Baptisme, in case of necessity, there should be a Font in the said Chapell, and that they might have libertie to find at their own proper costs, a fitting Priest to celebrate divine Service therein, as also for Churching of women. Provided that the same Inhabitants should repaire to the said Mother-Church of **Alcon**, on *Easter-day*, *Christmasse-day*, *All-Hallown-day*, and the days of the *Dedication* of the said Church, *scil.* S. *Peter* & S. *Paul*, hapning next after the Feasts of the *Nativity* of S. *John Baptist*, and *Purification* of the blessed Virgin; then and there to render and pay to God and the said Parish Church, all their Tithes, great and small, with Oblations, in such sort as they had antiently used, and were of right to do to the same Church. Which Priest so serving in this Chapell, was by the before specified Agreement in [q] case the Vicar of **Alcon** for the time being, or his Parochiall Priest could not attend it, to visit the sicke of these two Hamlets, and to administer unto them, as also to confesse and absolve them, so as they should shrive themselves once a yeare to the said Vicar of **Alcon**, or his Parochiall Priest, as of right they ought.

After which, *viz.* in 6 *R.* 2. did *William Geffen*, *Thoms Holden*, *Robert of the Greene*, *Richard Rene*, *Thomas de Belne*, and *John Smyth* obtain License [r] of the King to give certain lands of *x.* marks yearly value, and lying within the said Parish of **Alcon**, for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine Service daily in this Chapell. But in 37 *H.* 8. were the possessions, lying in **Bordsley**, **Dunston**, **Saltley**, and **Bermingham**, which belong'd thereunto, seized [s] upon as *Chantrie* lands, and then valued [t] at *xiii li. xix d. per annum*, out of which two Priests, officiating in the said Parish Church of **Alcon**, had [u] *x li. per an.* betwixt them.



Bordsley.

THis being originally a member of **Alcon**, and therewith involved at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, descended to the *Someries*, Barons of **Dudley**, by the heir female of *Paganell*, as the Castle of **Dudley** (which was part of *William fitz Ausculf's* possessions, together with **Alcon**) did: yet have I not seen it particularly mentioned in any Record till *H.* 3. time; but then was it certified [w] to be in the Earl of **Chester's** hands, who had obtained [x], the Wardship of the son and heir to *William Percival de* **Somerl** (whose posterity were onely sirnamed *Someri*) And afterwards *scil.* in 1 *E.* 1. being assigned [y] to *Anabill* the widow of *Roger de Someri*, as part of her Dower, was valued [z] at *xviii li. xvii s. v d. q.* having a **Leet**, which the Barons of **Dudley** antiently held here, extending into **Bromwych** *parva*, **Bromwych** *magna*, **Dodeston**, **Saluthley**, **Echells**, **Overton**, and **Erdington**, as by the Claim [a] of *Roger de Someri* in 13 E. 1. appears: At which time it was also found, that three *Rodmen* of **Milton** (a Hamlet likewise in the same Parish) did usually, by turnes, do suit to the King's Hundred-Court of **Hemlingford**, from three weeks to three weeks, for all those Hamlets except **Erdington**; but that all the Freeholders of **Erdington** did personally perform their suit to the said Hundred from three weeks to three weeks, or pay a Fine of *xix d.* And that all the said Hamlets before specified, together with **Erdington**, used to pay for the Shiriffs Aid *xxxiv s.* To the **Leet** a mark; and for *Warthe xi d. q.* but that the King was in possession of the *Weyfs*.

Which *Roger de Someri* had issue *Roger*, upon whose death in 19 *E.* 1. the extent of what he had here, was thus certified [b]; *viz.* a certain Grange, with an Oxe-house, *Lxi.* acres of land in demesn; three Meadows, *scil.* one lying here, another in **Dodeston**, and the third at **Olton**; as also a certain proportion of pasture ground: That he had likewise *xvi.* Customarie Tenants, which held in Villenage six yard land and a half, with a fourth part, and ten Acres, paying *Lx s. xi d. ob. per an.* And four Freeholders, who held in Socage four Messuages, and four half yard lands, paying yearly *xxxvi s. x d. q.* doing suit of Court, as also giving Heriot and Relief, as it should happen. And moreover, that besides these, there were *Lxxviii.* Freeholders, that held lands, without Houses, newly reduced to tillage, paying yearly *xii li. xv s. iii d. q.* and performing two appearances in the year, unto the Court held at this place. All which being put together, amounted [c] to *xxvii li. xii s. ii d. per annum*, whereof *iv li. viii s. v d. ob.* was assigned [d] towards the Dower of *Agnes* his widow.

But by the constant possession, which the Barons of **Dudley** had of this Lordship, it came, at length, to be reputed [e] as a member of **Dudley**; and was therefore after the death of *John de Someri* in 16 *E.* 2. certified [f] to be held of the King *in Capite*, as part of that Baronie, and so came to *Joane* one [g] of his two sisters and coheirs, then the wife of *Thomas de Botetort*; and by her death in 12 *E.* 3. to [h] *John de Botetourt* her son and heir, a great Baron [i] in those dayes (together with **Weoley** *in Com. Wigorn.* a Castle scarce three miles distance from

p Examing. pecunes Will. Booth cler.
q MS. ut supra.
r Pat. 6. R.
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w Testa de N.
x Clauf. 7. H. 3. m. 20.
y Clauf. 1. E. 1. m. 1.
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a Rot de Quo. W.
b Esc. 19 E. 1. n. 15.
c Pat. 20. E. 1. m. 27.
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e Rot. F. 16. E. 2. m. 14.
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g Esc. 16. E. 2.
h Esc. 12. E. 3. n. 40.
i Summon. ad Parl. ab. an. 16. E. 3. usq. 9. R. 2. Clauf de iisd. an. in d.

from hence, built [k] by *Rog. de Somerie* in *H.* 3. time) which afterwards was his principall seat. Howbeit, these, with the rest of his lands, for want of issue male, came [l] to *Joyce* his grandchild (*scil.* daughter unto the said *John*) who brought them in marriage to [m] Sir *Hugh Burnell* Knight. Which *Joyce*, dying [n] without issue, 1. *Jan.* 7. *H.* 4. *Maud* and *Agnes Botetourt*, *Maurice de Berkley*, *Agnes Wykes*, and *Joice Wykes* became her cosins [o] and heirs (of which, *Maud* and *Agnes Botetourt* were Nuns [p], the first at **Polesworth** in this Countie, and the second at **Elnestow** in **Bedfordshire**) *viz.* [q] *Maurice Berkley*, son of *Maurice*, son of *Katherine*, sister of *John Botetourt*, father of the said *Joyce*; *Agnes* and *Joyce Wikes* being daughters of *Joane*, daughter of *Alice* the other sister to the said *John Botetourt*.

The estate of which coheirs came by purchase in *H.* 5. time to *Joane Beauchamp* Lady *Bergavenny*, as at large may appear by these [r] Records: Which *Joane*, by her last Will [s] setled it upon *James* of *Ormund*, her eldest son by *James* Earl of *Ormund* her last husband; so that by the attainder [t] of the same *James* in 1 *E.* 4. (he being then Earl of **Wiltshire**) it eschaeted to the King; who the next year following, in [u] consideration of the good and acceptable service, which Sir *Thomas Erdington* Knight, had performed to him in his adversitie, confer'd [w] it upon the said Sir *Thomas* and *Joyce* his wife, to hold during the life of the longer liver of them, without any Rent or other thing to be given in lieu thereof: And by his [x] Letters Patent, bearing date at **Westminster** 10. *Dec.* in the sixt year of his reign, in consideration of the great and memorable services, which Sir *John Dudley* Knight, Lord *Dudley*, had likewise performed, granted the reversion thereof to the said Lord *Dudley* and the heirs male of his body.

But whether the said Lord *Dudley* survived them, and so became actually possest of it, I cannot tell; for in 11 *H.* 7. there was a Fine [y] levied thereof by *Edward*, Bishop of **Chichester**, Sir *Thomas Ormund* Knight, with dives others, Plaintiffs, and Sir *William Berkley* Knight, and *Anne* his wife Defore. by which Fine the inheritance thereof became vested in the before specified Sir *Thomas Ormund*, with Warrantie against the heirs of the same *Anne*. Which Sir *Thomas Ormund* was brother to *James* Earl of **Wiltshire**, formerly attainted, as hath been shewed; and left issue two daughters his heirs; *viz.* [z] *Margaret* the wife of Sir *William Bullein*, and *Anne* married to Sir *James* S^t *Leger* Knight; which *Anne* in 11 *H.* 8. wrote [a] her self *Domina de* **Bordesley**. To whom succeeded Sir *John* S^t *Leger* Knight her grandson and heir, that sold [b] it to *Edward Arden* of **Park-Hall** Esquire, about the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* time, whose posteritie do still enjoy it.

Heybarnes.

HAving thus traced down the succession of **Bordesley**, I shall not need to say much of **Heybarnes**, it being only a member [c] of the other; and by the Inquis. taken after the death of Sir *John Beteourt* Knight, certified [d] to contain one Messuage, and three Carucates of land; all which hath been, and is to this day still possest by the owners of **Bordsley**.

Saltley.

THis place also having been originally a member of **Aston**, is involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey; and was soon after granted, by the then possessor of **Dudley**-Castle, unto the Ancestor of *Henry de Rokeby*, to hold by the fift part of a Knight's fee, as the Confirmation [e] thereof made unto the same *Henry* and his heirs by *Gervase Paganell* Lord of **Dudley**, in *H.* 2. time, doth manifest; wherein it is written **Salutley**. From which *Henry* descended *Randulph de Rokeby*, whose daughter and heir *Annabill* marryed unto Sir *John Goband* Knight, as in **Rokeby** appeareth, whereby the inheritance hereof came to the same Sir *John Goband*, who in 16 *E.* 2. was certified [f] to hold it of *John de Someri* (Baron of **Dudley**) then newly deceased, by the said service of the fift part of a Knight's Fee. Which Sir *John Goband* and *Annabill* in 5 *E.* 3. granted [g] it unto *Walter de Clodshale*, and *Richard* his son, to hold during the lives of them the said *Walter* and *Richard*, for the Rent of *x li. per annum* sterling; but afterwards to returne unto the said Sir *John* and *Annabil*, and the heirs of *Annabill*.

Of this *Annabill* I find, that surviving her said husband, and afterwards being wedded [h] to *John Brown* of **Burbach** *in Com.* **Leic.** she past away the inheritance thereof to the before specified *Walter* and *Richard de Clodshale* in 17 *E.* 3. For the better confirmation of which title, *John* the son and heir to the above mentioned Sir *John Goband* and *Annabill*, released unto them the said *Walter* and *Richard*, and the heirs of *Richard*, all the right and claim that he could pretend thereto, as by the same [i], bearing date at **Bermingham** in 20 *E.* 3. sealed with his Armes, *viz. Gules two barrs Or*, *with* 3. *Besants in Chief*, appeareth. Which *Walter de Clodshale*, and his descendants in the male line, so long as it continued, had their seat here; and increasing their estate by the marriage of severall heirs, were reckoned amongst the Gentlemen of the superior rank in this Countie.

Agnes- Walt. de Clodshale-Alicia filia & hæres Rog. de
5 E. 2. 5 E. 2. | Bishopesden 19 E. 3.

Ric. de Clod- Iohanna relicta Ro-
shale 24 E. 3. | berti de Ribsford.

Ioh. de Clodshale-Beatrix soror & hæres Will.
47 E. 3. | Golofte, 47 E. 3.

Ric. Clodshale-Isabella filia & hæres Ric. de
3 H. 5. | Edgbaston, relicta Thomæ Midlemore.

Eliz. filia & hæres uxor Roberti
Ardern de Park-Hall ar. 4 H. 6.

But from what originall his Ancestors were, other than Townsmen of **Bermingham**, wherein they had lands of good worth, as by a multitude of antient Deeds [k] appeareth, I cannot expresse: Of which lands, out of the good affection by him born to that place, in 3 *E.* 3. he obtained License from [l] Sir *William de Burmingham* (then Lord of **Burmingham**) of whom they were held, to amortize four Messuages, and *xx.* acres, as also a Rent of *xviii d.* for the foundation of a *Chantrie* at the Altar of the blessed Virgin in the Church of S. *Martin*

k *Pat.* 48. H 3.
l *Esc.* 9. *R.* 2. *n.* 4.
m *Esc.* 9. *R.* 2. *n.* 4.
n *Esc.* 7. *H* 4. *n.* 64.
o *Esc.* 7. *H* 4. *n.* 64.
p *Esc.* 7. *H* 4. *n.* 64.
q *Esc.* 7. *H* 4. *n.* 64.
r *Clauſ.* 8. *H.* 5. *m.* 9. *Pat.* 8 *H.* 5. *m.* 11.
s Chichley *f.* 455.
t *Esc.* 1 *E.* 4. *n.* 29.
u *Pat.* 2. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 15
w *Pat.* 2. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 15
x *Pat.* 6. *E.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 12.
y *F. de div. com. levat. Oct. Hill.* 11. *H.* 7.
z *Clauſ.* 5. *H.* 8. *in d. m.* 15.
a *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*
b Cokes *Entries f.* 39. *b.*
c *Esc.* 9. *R.* 2. *n.* 4.
d *Esc.* 9. *R.* 2. *n.* 4.
e *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*
f *Clauſ.* 16. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.
g *F. levat.* 3. *Sept. Paſch.* 5. *E.* 3.
h *F. levat.* xv. *Mich.* 17. *E.* 3.
i *Ex autog. penès præf.* R. Arden.
k *Ex autog. penès præf.* R. Arden.
l *Pat.* 4 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 20

Martin, there in **Bermingham**, for one Priest to celebrate divine Service daily thereat, for the souls of him the said *Walter*, and *Agnes* his wife, their Ancestors and successors, with all the faithfull deceased.

Of the same *Walter*, and *Richard* his son, I further find [m], that being, by the Commissioners of Array in this Countie 21 *E.* 3. charged with two Archers, they were abated one of them, paying *xl s.* for the expences of that one: as also that the said *Richard*, for the health of his soul and the soul of *Alice* his wife, about the same time, [n] added five Messuages, *x.* acres of land, and *x s.* Rent to the *Chantrie* before specified: and moreover, that in 32 *E.* 3. he payd a Fine [o] of *x li.* for his Pardon, in respect he came not in, to receive the Order of Knighthood, upon Proclamation made that all such as were possest of lands or Rents to the value of *xl s.* should appear for that purpose. And likewise, that in 34 E. 3. he was in Commission [p] for the assessing and collecting of a xv^th. and Tenth then granted to the King in Parliament, and the same year had a speciall License [q] granted to him from *Robert de Stretton*, then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, dated 3. *Cal. Jan.* for an Oratorie or Chapell in his House here at **Saltley**: and lastly that he bore for his Armes..... *per pale indented, with certain Martlets in the place of a borborder, on the dexter part of his shield*, as appears by his Seal [r]; which (doubtlesse) was in reference to the tenure of his antient lands from the *Berminghams*, whose coat it did so nearly resemble.

But the last of the male line, that had to do here, was *Richard* (grandchild to the said *Ric.*) who in 4 *H.* 4. had the title of Esquire; for so he writes [s] himself in a Bond for payment of 500 *li.* to *William de Bermingham* Esquire. Betwixt this *Richard* and the same *William de Bermingham* was there a suit [t] at Law touching the advouson of the *Chantrie*, before specified, founded by *Walter de Clodshale*, his Ancestor, in the Church of **Bermingham**; in which suit he prevailed [u] and accordingly presented thereto in 5 *H.* 4. In 7 *H.* 4. he was one [w] of those gentlemen of note in this Countie *Arma portantibus de Armis antiquis* (as the words of the Writ are) who had summons to attend the King in their proper persons for defence of the Realm: and in 4 *H.* 6. underwent the office of Shiriff [x] for this Countie and **Leicestershire**. By his Testament [y] bearing date at **Egebaston** 7 *Maii Anno* 1428. (6 *H.* 6.) he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of **Bermingham**, within his own proper Chapell of our Lady, constituting the Duke of **Bedford** (whom he there termes his honourable Lord) one of his Executors, and departed this life the same year, as appears by the Probate thereof. The Armes which this *Richard* bore, did much differ from his Grandfathers, being *two Barrs nebulè betwixt six Estoiles*, as his Seal [z] manifesteth; which coat (I believe) he assumed for the allusion that it hath to his name, *scil.* the representation of *Clouds* to *Clodshale*; for it was a common usage in antient time, where they could hit upon any thing, that sounded neer or like to the name, to bear it in their Armes, as by a multitude of instances might be demonstrated. But dying without issue male, *Elizabeth* [a] his daughter became heir to this Mannour, as also to that of **Pebmore** *in Com. Wigorn.* and other lands, who being wedded [b] to *Robert Ardern* of **Park-Hall** Esquire, brought them to that Family wherein they continue till this present, *Anno scil.* 1640.

m *Rot. F.* 21 *E.* 3. *m.* 32.

n *Rot. F.* 21. *E.* 3 *m.* 2.

o *Pat.* 32. *E.* 3 *p.* 2. *m.* 25.

p *Pat.* 34. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 24.

q *Stret. f.* 4.

Penès und. R. Arden.

Clauf. 4. *I.* 4. *in d.* n. 11.

§ *Burgh.* § *f.* 14. *a.*

r *Rot. penès Camer. cac.*

Rot. F. 4. *I.* 5. *m.* 10. Luffnam 9.

Penès ef. R. rden.

§ *Clauf.* § 32. *H.* 6. *m.* 11.

Ward end, alias Little Bromwich.

THis place, heretofore called **Little-Bromwich**, was at first, either a member of **Castle-Bromwich**, or of **Aston**, which contained both: But the antientest mention I finde of it, is in 13 E. 1. where it appears [c] that one *John de Bradewell* had a suit for lands therein, with *Walter de Eylesbury* Steward to *Roger de Someri*, Baron of **Dudley**, and recovered them; forasmuch as it appeared, that the said *Walter* was born before matrimony betwixt his Father and mother. Which *John* in 19 *E.* 1. was certified [d] to hold three yard land here, of the said Baron, by the x^th. part of a Knight's fee. But from that time till 3 *H.* 8. that there was a [e] Fine levied thereof, betwixt *Edward Belknap* Esquire, and others plantiffs; and *Richard Wodshawe* and others Deforc. I have seen little of this Mannour. After which it was not long, ere that one *John Bonde* [f], a wealthy Clothier in **Coventre** and Merchant of the Staple, possest it; who bearing a good affection thereto, by the consent of *Geffrey Blythe* then Bishop of the Dioces, as also of the Prior and Covent of **Tikford**, Rectors of the Parish Church of **Aston**, and *Richard Stich* then Vicar there, [g] built a Chapell here, to the honour of the blessed Virgin and S^t *Margaret*, for the benefit of the Inhabitants of this Hamlet; in respect that the distance from hence to the said parish Church was such, as that many times, by reason of flouds they could not repaire unto it.

And for the maintenance of a Priest to perform divine Service therein, and likewise support of the ornaments belonging thereto, obtained a grant from the said Vicar, with the consent of the before specified Monks of **Tikford**, and the Bishop, of all Oblations, aswell in money as others things, which should happen to be there made: as also that it should be lawfull for him the said *John Bonde*, his heirs and assignes, to retain all his own Tithes, aswell arising out of his Park here at **Ward end**, as out of a certain meadow commonly called **Irish meadow**, and belonging of right to the Vicars of **Aston**, paying unto the said Vicar and his successors, in the same Church of **Aston**, the summe of *vi s. viii d.* of lawfull English money for ever, as by the publique Instrument of the said Vicar, bearing date at **Aston** aforesaid 23. *Feb. Anno* 1516. (8 *H.* 8.) appeareth. Which *John Bonde* [h] made a small Park here, of xxx. acres, in 6 *H.* 8. and stored it with Deer; and left issue [i] *Thomas Bonde*, and he severall daughters and coheirs, whereof *Margaret*, being the wife [k] of *Edward Kynardesley*, son [l] to *John Kynardesley* of **Wallesford** *in Com. Derb.* brought this Mannour to that Family, wherein it still continues.

c *Plac. de Jur. & Ass. apud. Warr. in baga de* Ragm.

d *Esc.* 19 *E.* 1 *n.* 45. *Clauf.* 16. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.

e *Term. Mich.*

f § *Blithe f.* g § 9. *b.*

h *Inq. super Depop.* 9. *H.* 8.

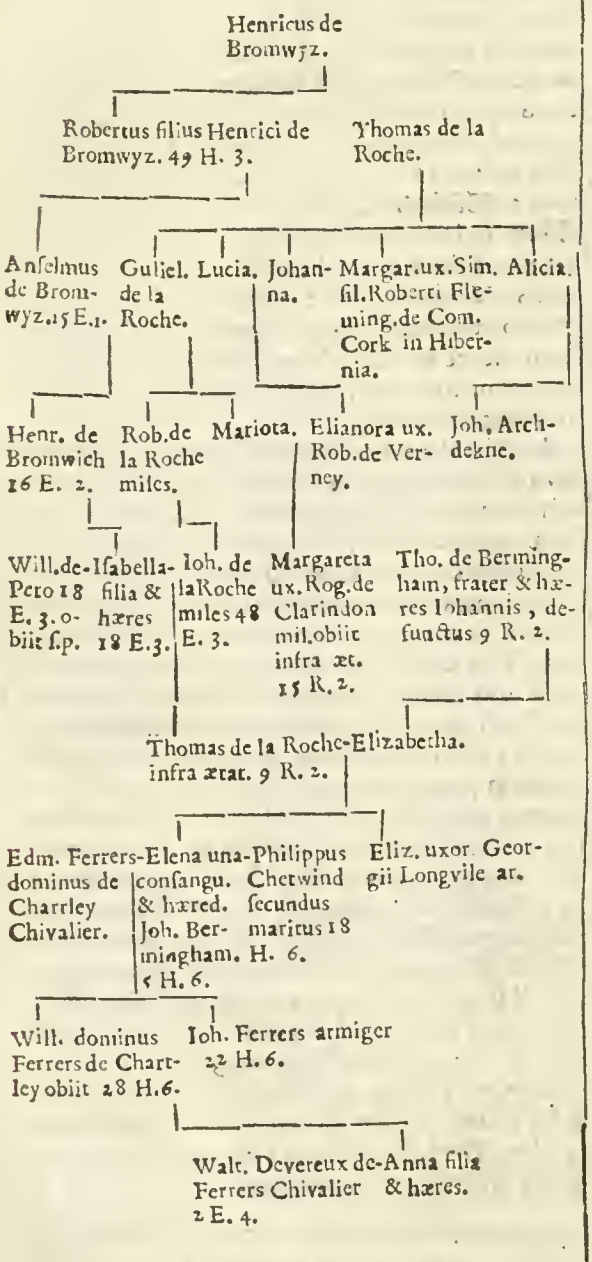
i § *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Kinard- k § sley *gen.* l §

Castle Bromwich.

THat this place had its first denomination from the Broome, that the soile (being of a sandy disposition) naturally produceth, and the crooke

of the River, which our Anceſtors uſed to call a **Wich**, or **Wik**, there is likelyhood enough. Neither do I doubt, but that originally it was a member of **Aſton**, and ſo diſpoſed of by ſome one of the old Barons of **Dudley** unto him, who in reſpect of his reſidence here, had the ſirname of *Bromwich*. Of theſe, the firſt I find mentioned in Record, [m] is *Wido de Bramewic* in 15 *H.* 2. and next unto him *Alan de Bromwich* in [n] 31 *H.* 2. whoſe ſon *Thomas* granted [o] to the Canons of **Leiceſter** certain Common of Paſture in **Berwode**, on the other ſide the River. Beſides which *Thomas* there was one *Henry de Bromwich*; but whether he was alſo ſon to *Alan*, I am not ſure. I am of opinion that this *Henry* is he, who in 54 *H.* 3. is called [p] *Henricus del Chaſtel de* **Bromwych**, by reaſon that he had his reſidence at a little Pile or Caſtle here, ſituate upon the brow of the Hill on the Southern bank of **Tame**, as by the *Veſtigia* thereof, yet remaining, may appear: from which Caſtle I ſuppoſe that the Family ſirnamed *de Caſtello*, whereof I have ſpoke in **Withyford**, took their ſirname.

m *Rot. P.* 15. *H.* 2.
n *Rot. P.* 31. *H.* 2.
o *Regiſt. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f.* 18. *a.*
p *Pat.* 54. *H.* 3. *in d.*



q *Ex MS. vet. penès T. Willington gen.*

Of *Robert* ſon to the ſame *Henry de Bromwiz*, I find [q], that in 49 *H.* 3. he was one of the Collectors of the revenues ariſing out of thoſe lands within this Hundred of **Hemlingford**, which eſchaeted to the King by the overthrow of them that were vanquiſht in the battail of **Eveſham**, fighting on the Barons part; and that he had iſſue *Anſelm de Bromwich*, who in 19 *E.* 1. was certified [r] to hold of *Roger de Someri* (then Baron of **Dudley**) one hide of land in **Wody-Bromwich** by the ſixt part of a Knights fee; for at that time the ſeverall parts of this Hamlet were diſtinguiſht by the name of **Wody-Bromwich**, **Little-Bromwich**, and **Caſtle-Bromwich**, *Henry de Caſtello* then holding in **Caſtel-Bromwich**, one yard land by the xxxiith part of a Knights fee. As alſo that *John Lovell*, at that time, held [s] of the ſaid *Roger de Someri*, a certain Park here at **Bromwich**, paying *ii s. per annum* at *Michaelmaſſe*, for all ſervices: And [t] that *Thomas de Bromwich* held likewiſe one yard land by the ſervice of the xxiith part of a Knights fee; both which I preſume to be meant of **Caſtle-Bromwich**.

r *Eſc.* 19. *E.* 1. *n.* 45. *Et Clauſ.* 16. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.
s } *Ib.*
t }

To this *Anſelm* ſucceeded *Iſabell* his grandchild and heir, who in 18 *E.* 3. was wedded to *William de Peto*, a younger ſon of *William de Peto*; at which time this Mannour of **Caſtle-Bromwich**, wherein the ſaid *Anſelm* reſerved [u] an eſtate to himſelf for terme of life, was ſetled upon the ſame *William* and *Iſabell*, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten: but ſhe, having no iſſue by him, afterwards married to Sir *John de la Roche* Knight, by whom ſhe had divers Children; whereupon, being deſirous that this Mannour, of her ſo antient inheritance, might remain to her poſterity, ſhe joyned with her ſaid husband in the levying of a Fine [w] in 48 *E.* 3. whereby, reſerving their own lives therein, they entailed it upon *John* their ſon, and the iſſue male of his body, with remainder to *Roger*, *Thomas*, and *William*, their younger children, ſucceſſively; and for default of iſſue by them, to the heirs generall of their two bodies, and for lack of ſuch iſſue to the right heirs of the ſame *Iſabell*.

u *F. levat.* xv. *Mich.*
w *F. levat.* xv. *Paſch.* 48. *E.* 3.

Of which ſons, *John* and *Roger* died young, ſo that the inheritance divolved to *Thomas*, who by the death of *Margaret* wife of Sir *Roger de Clarindon* Knight, without iſſue, came to poſſeſſe a [x] fair part of the Barony of **Tyllaghlarg** in **Ireland**, by righfull deſcent (as the Pedegree * before inſerted ſheweth.) Which *Thomas* had iſſue onely two daughters, betwixt whom his lands were divided, this Mannour falling to *Elene* the wife [z] of Sir *Edmund Ferrers* of **Chartley** Knight, and ſo deſcended unto *William* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley** her ſon and heir, who died [a] ſeized thereof in 28 *H.* 6. leaving *Anne* his daughter and heir then the wife [b] of *Walter Devereux* Eſquire; which *Walter* in 2 *E.* 4. (and ſo afterwards during that King's regn, and in 1 *R.* 3.) was ſummoned [c] to Parliament amongſt the Barons, by the name of *Walter Devereux de Ferrers Chivalier*: whoſe grandchild *Walter* Vicount *Hereford*, ſetled it upon *Edward* his ſon by a ſecond wife, and his heires: which *Edward* built a fair Houſe of brick, here, wherein he reſided; and being created Baronet 25. *Nov.* 10° *Jac.* departed this life 22. *Sept.* in 20° of that King's reign, leaving Sir *Walter Devereux* his ſon and heir, now Lord of this Mannour, *Anno ſcil.* 1640.

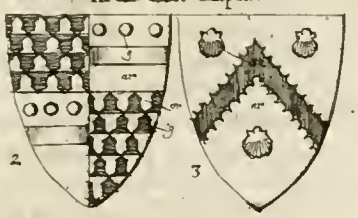
x *Rot. F.* 9. *R.* 2. *m.* 7.
y } *Eſc.* 15. *R.* 2. *n.* 59.
* *Eſc.* 15. *R.* 2. *n.* 59. *Heref.*
z *Clauſ.* 14. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.
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c *Clauſ. de iiſd. an. in d.*

Park-Hall.



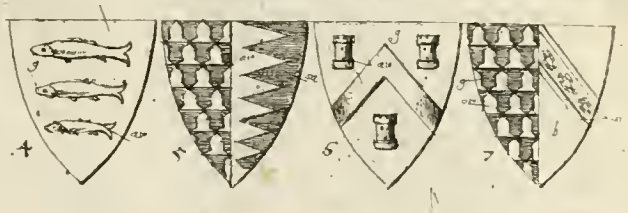
In a North window of the Chapell.

Bromwich depicted on a large tablet of Wood in the same Chapell.



1. The Lord Ferres of Chartley.
2. Devereux and Ferrer quartered.

In the Window of Bromwich Hall:



3. Garnish.
4. De la Roch.
5. Ferrers and Bermingham impaled.
6. Castell.
7. Ferrers impaling Belknap.

Park-Hall.

THis having been the chief seat of the *Ardens* for neer *CCC.* years last past, had in 38 *E.* 3. the name [d] of **Park-Hall**, being situate in *haya de* **Bromwich**, the House (as it should seem by an antient moat) then standing at the top of the hill, Southwards from the River. But in 2 *H.* 5. it was called *Manerium de* **Park-Hall**. As a member of **Bromwich** it did originally belong to the old Barons of **Dudley**, for so the tenure [e] thereof implies: but when it came to the *Ardens*, or was by them impark't, I have not yet discovered. In 2 *H.* 8. I find [f] that the Park was enlarged with *C.xl.* acres of Wood and Pasture, as also with *x.* acres of arable ground, by *John Arden* Esquire; by which it seems that the extent of it before, was not great: And that afterwards, *scil.* in 32 *H.* 8. it was called [g] *Manerium de la* **Logge**, *alias* **Park-Hall**. And here should I, according to my accustomed methode, speak historically of the *Ardens*; but in regard that **Curdworth**, and **Minworth** have been of their inheritance, even from the Norman Conquest, I have thought it more proper to refer what I have to say of that antient Family, thither.

[d] *Ex autog. penès Rob. Arden ar.*

[e] *Esc. 8. H. 6. n. 85.*

[f] *Inq. super epop. 9. H.*

[g] *Ex autog. penès præf. A.*

Water Orton.

THis little village hath its name from the situation, standing neer the River, and upon such an ascent. Before 32 *H.* 6. I have not found it termed a Mannour; but then by an [h] Inquisition taken after the death of *Raph de Arden*, it was so reputed, coming to the same *Raph* by the marriage of *Eliz.* the daughter and heir of *Richard de Clodshale*; to whose posteritie it still continues. That it was originally, as a member of **Aston**, belonging to the old Barons of **Dudley**, there is no cause to doubt, considering that it hath so antiently been [i] within the view of their **Leet** held at **Bordsley**, for all the Hamlets in **Aston** parish; and that it appears to have been held [k] as **Saltley** was (the grant whereof from *Gervase Paganell* I have already vouched:) But that the *Ardens* had [l] some lands therein, long before the match with *Clodshale's* heir, is as evident.

There is, besides this, another Mannour (at least in reputation) within the precincts of this Hamlet; concerning which, there was a Fine [m] levied betwixt *Francis Morgan* and others Plantiffs, and *Richard Tate*, and others defore. in 6 *E.* 6. (before which time I have not seen any mention of it) and whereof in 43 *Eliz. Will. Tate*, son of *Barth. Tate* was possest: At which time I find it certified [n] to be held of *Ardens* Mannour before mentioned.

[h] *Clauſ. 32. 6. m. 11.*

[i] *ot. de uo W. .E. I. ib. artul. arw. n. f. 104. 105. a.*

[k] *Term. in.*

[l] *Lib. 6. ce-dul.*

The Inhabitants of this Village, being within the parish of **Aston**, did antiently [o] use to hear divine Service in the Chapell of **Bromwich**: but in 20 *E.* 3. having built one of their own, they obtained License [p] from *Roger Northburgh* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, for a Priest to performe the like service therein, for one year; provided that they should not retain any thing of their dues from the Vicar of **Aston**: which License bears date at **Heywood** 2 *Aug. Anno* 1346.

[o] *Northb. f. 117. b.*

[p]

For the antiquity of the Bridge, here, I cannot speak positively; but in 37 *H.* 6. I find, that *Reginald Bowlers*, then Bishop of this Dioces, taking into his consideration, that it was out of repair, granted a speciall Indulgence [q] of *xl.* days, bearing date 24. *Sept.* to all the Inhabitants of **Coventre**-Archdeaconry, who should within the space of three years next following, charitably contribute to the amendment thereof. But whether that Bridge was then of stone or not, I am not sure; for there is a tradition, that *John Harman* (*alias Vessy*) Bishop of **Exeter** in *H.* 8. time, built it and **Curdworth** bridge, at his own Charges; causing the stone, for that purpose, to be brought from the old Mannour-House of **Sutton**: of which Bishop I shall say more when I come to that place.

[q] *Bowl. f. 94. b.*

Witton.

THis was [r] the freehold of one *Staunchel* before the Norman invasion; but afterwards, being disposed of, with **Aston**, to *William Fitz Ausculfe*, the same *Staunchel* became Tenant to this new Lord (as generally the native English were constrain'd to do,) so that at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, it was certified [s] with the rest of *Fitz Ausculf's* lands in this Countie; and containing one hide, was valued at xx *s.* in which Record it is written **Witone**. But the next possessor thereof, afterwards, that I can yet discover, was *Andrew de Witton*, who held [t] it in 25 *H.* 3. (being the first, perhaps, that became enfeoft thereof by one of the Barons of **Dudley**) at which time there was some dispute betwixt the same *Andrew*,

[r] *Domesd. lib.*

[s]

[t] *Clauſ. 25. H. 3. in d.*

[u]

and *William de Pyrie* touching the bounds betwixt this Lordship, and that of **Pyrie** in **Staffordshire**; whereupon the King directed his Precept [u] to the Sheriff of this Countie, to bring with him twelve discreet and lawfull Knights of **Warwickshire**, having done the like to the Shiriff of **Staffordshire**; so that, upon Perambulation made, there might be certain metes and bounds exactly set forth betwixt them, which were to be certified to the King's Justices at the next Assize: and there it is written **Wicton**, which plainly shews, that though it be vulgarly pronounced **Witton**, the originall occasion of its name was from the situat on that it hath so near the bent of the River.

u *Clauſ. 25. H. 3. m. d.*

The next mention I find of it, is in 19 *E.* 1. upon the death of *Roger de Someri* Lord of **Dudley**; where it appears [w] that *John* the son of *Will. Dyxele* held it of the same *Roger* by the eighth part of a Knight's fee. Which *John* had issue *John*, who wrote [x] himself *Dominus de* **Wicton**, in 18 *E.* 2. But in these *Dixleys* it continued not much longer: for in 14 E. 3. did *Sarra* the widow of the said *John de Dixele*, and *John* the son of *John de Barre* the elder, passe [y] away the whole Mannour, excepting *C.* acres of Pasture and *xl s.* Rent, to *Richard* the son of *Richard de Pyrie*, and his heirs. To whom succeeded [z] *Philip de Pyrie*, whose widow *Marion* held [a] it in 35 *E.* 3. And in [b] 47 *E.* 3. one *William de la Hay* with *Marion* his wife: which *Marion*, was (in all probabilitie) daughter and heir to the said *Philip*: From whom, with *Marion* his daughter and heir, it divolved to [c] *Thomas East*, then Yeoman [d] of the Crown, who in 5 *H.* 6. enjoy'd [e] it. Which *Thomas* had issue [f] *Thomas*, and he *Henry East* [g] of **Hay-Hall** in **Pardley** *Com. Wigorn.* that sold [h] it to *John Bond* a rich Draper in **Coventre** (of whom in **Ward end** I have made mention) who having 3. daughters and heirs, whereof *Alice* was married to *Michaell Joyner* of **Coventre**, this by Partition [i] fell to her; and by her and her said husband was sold [k] in 15 *Eliz.* to *Edward Kynardsley* Esquire, that had marryed *Margaret* one of the other sisters. From which *Edward* it descended to *John* his son and heir; who having first past [l] away the Fermes to sundry persons, in 18 *Jac.* alienes [m] the Mannour unto *William Booth* Esquire, an utter Barister of the *Middle Temple* (descended by a younger son from the *Booths* of **Cheshire**, as I have heard) whose son and heir *William* now enjoys it, being a Gentleman so well affected to Antiquities, that by his judicious observation of sundry notable things concerning this part of the Countie, which with much freenesse he hath imparted toward this present work, he deserves a better acknowledgment from me, than by a few words can be expresst.

w *Esc. 19. E. 1. n. 45.*

x *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*

y *Fin. levat. xv. Mich. 14. E. 3.*

z *Ex autog. penès* Will. Booth *ar.*

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d *Ex autog. penès* T. East. *de* Yardley *gen.*

e *Ex autog penès eund.* W.B.

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Erdington.

BEfore the Norman Invasion, *Edwine* Earl of **Mercia** was owner of this town; but afterwards, through the Conqueror's favour, did the same *William Fitz Ausculf*, of whom I have spoke in **Acton**, possesse it. By the generall Survey [n], then taken, it was estimated at three hides, valued at *xxx s.* having a Mill rated at *iii s.* and woods containing one mile in length, & half a mile in breadth. As for the name, I am of opinion that it originally proceeded from some antient possessor of it in the Saxon's time; perhaps *Harding*, for in *Domesday-book*, it is written **Hardintone**. Till King *Stephan's*, or the beginning of *H.* 2. time, certain it is, that the successors of the above mentioned *William Fitz Ausculf*, in the Barony of **Dudley**, continued owners of this place; but then was it granted [o] to *Henry* sirnamed *de Erdinton*, in respect of his residence here, by *Gervase Paganell* (one of those Barons) to hold by the service of a Knights fee: To whose descendants, in the male line, it continued till after the beginning of *ward* the fourth's reign; and being their principall seat, was strongly fortified with a large double moat, on the front and two other sides thereof; having the River for its better defence on the back part; within which moat was also an antient Chapell peculiar to the House, as by its ruines may be seen,

n *Domesd. lib.*

o *Lib. rub. f. 95. a.*

Henricus de Erdinton 18 H. 2.
⋮
Will. de Erdinton.

Thomas de Erdinton 6 Joh. — Roesia de Cokefield relicta 2 H. 3.

Egid. de Erdinton 14 H. 3. — Maria ux. Will. filii Alani 2 H. 3.

Domina Roisia de Erdinton. — Matilda ux. Joh. de Lee fil. Thomæ fil. Joh. Lee mil. — Henr. de Erdinton miles 7 E. 1. — Matilda filia Rog. de Someri 1 E. 1. — Will. de Bifield secundus maritus.

Henricus de Erdinton 19 E. 1. — Johanna filia & una hæred. Thomæ de Wolvey militis. 35 E. 1.

Egidius de Erdinton miles 31 E. 3. — Eliz. filia Thomæ Tolthorpe de ..... in Com. Rutl. relicta 49 E. 3.

Thomas de Erdinton miles 9 R. 2. — Margareta filia Thomæ Corbet de Morton-Corbet in Com. Salop.

Sibilla ux. secunda 13 H. 6. — Thomas de Erdinton 6 H. 4. — Anna filia Thomæ de Harecourt 18 R. 2.

Thomas Erdinton miles 19 H. 6.

To which *Henry* succeeded *William* [p], and to *William*, *Thomas de Erdinton*, who in 6 *Joh.* had the Shirifalty [q] of **Salop.** and **Staffordshires**: And at that time a Chapell [r] within his Mannour-house here at **Erdington**, concerning which there grew a difference betwixt the then Parson of **Acton** and him, which was at length thus determined, *viz.* that the Parson should receive from the said *Thomas*, the Tithe of all his profit arising out of **Acton** Mill, and he the said *Thomas* to make Oath that the mother Church of **Acton** should not have any detriment in Tithes or Oblations in respect thereof; the Priest there serving, promising, faithfully as much: As also that on the principall Festivalls, he the said *Thomas*, with his wife, children and Family, should repaire thither, except there

p *Cartul. de* Erdington *penès* T. Holt *eq. aur. & Bar.*

q *Pat. 6. Joh. m. 7.*

r *Ex præf. Cartul. f. 159. a.*

there were good cause to the contrary, and especially upon the Feast day of S. *Peter* and *Paul*, bringing with him three Tapers of wax, weighing two pounds.

This *Thomas* was Chamberlain [f] to King *John*, and received many great favours from him. In the eight of his reign he had [t] the Mannours of **Kington** and **Norton**, and in 14. the Lordships of **Welinton** and **Shawbury**, in **Shropshire**, bestowed [u] on him by that King; with whom he had so much trust, that the next year following, he, with *Raph Fitz Nicholas* (of whom in **Stretton**-*Baskervile* I have made some mention) was privatly sent Embassador [w] to *Admiralius Murmelius* great King of **Aphrica**, **Marrochia**, and **Spain**, to let him know, that he would willingly deliver up this Kingdom, to hold of him by a certain Tribute, as also forsake the Christian Religion and cleave to the Law of *Mahomet*, in case he might have assistance from him; to such a desperate condition was he exposed by his rebellious Nobility. Upon his return from which Embassie, I find that he compounded [x] with *Stephen de Staunton* and *Robert de Staunton*, son and heir to the said *Stephen*, for their title to the Honour of **Montgomeri**, and the Mannours of **Badmundfeld Pulton**, **Acton**, and **Lideham**, belonging thereto; and had the King's confirmation [y] thereupon. It seems that he had some title [z] to that Honour, by descent from *Baldwin de Bollers*, unto whom King *H.* 1. gave [a] it with *Sibill de Faleise* his neice, being sprung from the said *Baldwin* by his second wife.

In 16 *Joh.* he purchased [b] the wardship and marriage of the son and heir to *William Fitz Alan* (a great Baron in **Shropshire**) with purpose to marry his daughter *Mary* unto him, which was accordingly effected [c]; in consideration whereof he was to pay [d] five thousand marks; for the performance whereof, *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester**, and severall other of the great Nobilitie became his sureties [e] And in 17. *Joh.* had command [f] from the King to hasten with some of his forces unto **Tamworth** Castle, in this Countie, to take out of it all the Prisoners, Horse, Armes, and amunition therein, and to pull it down to the ground. After which ere long, *scil.* in 2. *H.* 3. he died [g], whereupon this Lordship, together with **Acton**, was (*inter alia*) assigned [h] unto *Roese de Cokefeld* his widow, for her maintenance, untill such time as her dowrie should be set forth: leaving *Giles* [i] his son and heir, of whom in 14 *H.* 3. the King accepted [k] of *C s. per annum*, to be payd into his Exchequer, till all his Father's debts were run up, or that the said King should please to require them. From the 34. to the 51. of which King's reign, this *Giles* was a Justice [l] of Assize in this Countie: He was also a Benefactor to the Canons of S[t] *Thomas juxta* **Stafford**; for it appears by a speciall Instrument [m] under their Covent Seal, that they granted to him, the admittance of a Canon into their Monasterie, upon his Presentation, and his heirs successively; to celebrate divine service there, at the Altar of S[t] *Thomas* the Martyr, for the health of his soul, as also for the souls of his Father, Mother, and Ancestors: And likewise, that at the celebration of the Masse of our Lady, in the Collect for the dead, the name of the said *Giles* should be always remembred, and after his decease his name registred in the Martyrologe; and his Aniversary duely kept, in as ample manner as for their Patron.

To the Monks of **Ikford** in **Buckinghamshire**, had he likewise been a friend, as may appear by their assignation [n] of a Monk of that Covent, at their own proper costs, to sing for his soul, and the souls of his parents, within that Monasterie. To which *Giles* succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, who in 5 *E.* 1. was of the retinue [o] unto *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in the Warrs of **Wales**, and made a Knight in that expedition, as I think; for in 7 *E.* 1. he had that [p] title. This *Henry* married [q] *Maud* daughter of *Roger de Someri* (Baron of **Dudley**) one of the coheirs of *Nichola*, daughter and coheir to *Hugh de Albini* Earl of **Arundel**; for which respect (as 'tis most probable) he bore for his Armes [r] *Azure two Lions passant Or*, and sometimes with a *border of Besants*, having so neer a resemblance to the Coat of *Someri* (*scil. Or two Lions passant Azure.*) He also, for the health of his soul, and the soul of her the said *Maud*, gave [s] to the Nuns of **Catesby** *in Com.* **Northampt.** towards supporting the charge of their Habits, and relief of poor people, the perpetuall patronage of the Church at **Perdley** in **Worcestershire**, to the intent that the fruits of the same Church should be appropriated to their use: in consideration whereof the said Nuns covenanted with [t] him, that so soon as they could obtain an appropriation thereof, they would thenceforth appoint one of the Canons of that their Monasterie, to celebrate divine Service daily to the worlds end, for the souls of him the said *Henry* and *Maud*, and of *Giles de Erdinton* his Father, with all their Ancestors and Successors: and likewise solemnly keep the Anniversaries of him the said *Henry*, and of the Lady *Roese* his sister; and lastly, after his decease, bury his body in the Chapell of S. *Edmund* before the Altar there, within the precincts of their Monasterie.

And departed [u] this life in 10 *E.* 1. possessed of a fair estate in this County, so likewise in the Counties of **Leicester**, **Salop**, & **Staff.** then seized into [w] the King's hands by reason of the minoritie of his heir: of which lands this Mannour of **Croingston** was (*inter alia*) assigned [x] for the dowrie of the before specified *Maud* his wife; who, shortly after, married [y] to *William de Bisefild*, without License from the King; whereupon she gave [z] *C li.* Fine, for her Pardon. To this *Henry de Erdinton* succeeded [a] *Henry* his son and heir, who doing his homage in 23 *E.* 1 had liverie [b] of his Father's lands, and in 30 *E.* 1. performing the like homage, had also liverie [c] of those lands which descended to him by inheritance from his mother, then deceased. This last mentioned *Henry*, in 3 *E.* 2. [d] procured *Walter Langton* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, to ordain one *John de Hull-Lemynton*, a subdeacon, to celebrate divine Service within the private Chapell of his Mannour-house here at **Erdinton**; undertaking to settle the sum of *Lx s. per an.* for his maintenance, and to preserve the said Bishop indempnified therein. For his publique employments I find, that in 7 *E.* 2. he was constituted [e] one of the Assessors and Receivers of a Fifteenth; as also a Commissioner * for conservation of the Peace in this Countie: In [f] 8. one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**: [g] In 9. one of the Collectors of Scurage, in arrear to the King for the Warrs of **Scotland**, in 28. 31. and 34. years of his Father's reign. In which year likewise he was assigned [h] to supervise, that both Men & Armes, in this Countie, were in a fit order and readinesse,

f. 221. Ib. f. 22. b. Ib. f. 58. a. Math. Paris. in an. 1213. Ex præf. Cartul. f. 51. b. Pat. 16. Joh. m. 7. Plac. apud Westm. Oct. Mich. 9. H. 3. rot. 3. in d. Ex Cart. præfato f. 59. Clauſ. 2. H. 3. m. 8. Ex præf. Cartul. f. 59. a. Clauſ. 17. Joh. m. 12. Clauſ. 2. H. 3. m. 8. Rot. F. 14. H. 3. m. 6. Pat. de an. in Ex præ. Cartul. 1. b.

[n] Ib. f. 22. a.
[o] Pat. 5. E. 1. m. 24.
[p] Ex autog. penès Grev. Verney eq. aur.
[q] Clauſ. 1. E. 1. in d. m. 3.
[r] Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de Catesby
[s] Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.
[t] Ex præf. Cartul.
[u] Esc. F. 10 E. 1. m. 15.
[w] Ib.
[x] Clauſ. 10. E. 1. m. 4.
[y] Rot. F. 14. E. 1. m. 13.
[z] Esc. 19. E. 1. m. 45.
[a] Clauſ. 23. E. 1. m. 9.
[b] Clauſ. 30. E. 1. m. 8.
[c] Ex præf. Cartul. f. 140. b.
[d] Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 1. m. 3. in ced.
[e] Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 2. m. 6.
[f] Pat 8. E. 2. in d. m. 32.
[g] Ex præf. Cartul. f. 98 b.
[h] Pat. 9. E. 2. p. 1. m. 22.

dineſſe, according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**, for the Scotch expedition; being alſo [i] conſtituted one of the Juſtices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, and [k] conſervation of the Peace.

In 11 *E.* 2. he was in Commiſſion [l] to enquire what perſons had, or ſhould retain any ſouldiers, Horſe or Foot, or to make confederacies or private meetings within this Shire. From that time till [m] 14 *E.* 2. he was again one of the Juſtices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, and in 17. of that Kings reign, he is in the liſt [n] of thoſe Knights and other men at Armes of this Countie, whoſe names were then certified into the Chancerie. This is he (as I ſuppoſe) that built the South Ile to the Pariſh-Church of **Aſton**, commonly called *Erdingtons Chancell*; for I find that in 12 *E.* 2. he gave a [o] certain Rent ſeck of *vi d. per annum*, to the maintenance of the Gutter betwixt the Church and it, in which grant he calls it, *Nova Capella beatæ Mariæ de* **Aſton**; and by *Joane* his wife, one [p] of the daughters and heirs unto Sir *Thomas de Wolvey* of **Wolvey** in this Countie, had [q] iſſue *Giles de Erdinton*, who in 19 *E.* 3. had a [r] Pardon for not appearing to receive the honour of Knighthood before the Feaſt of S. *Laurence* the ſame year, according to the form of the King's Proclamation.

This Sir *Giles* in 20 *E.* 3. was [s] in the Warrs of **France** (the King himſelf being there in perſon) being of the retinue of *John de Montgomery* in that ſervice: and in 23 *E.* 3. in [u] Commiſſion for the levying of a *xv*th and Tenth in this Countie: So alſo in [u] 26 *E.* 3. In [w] 31 *E.* 3. he was a Knight, and bore [x] for his Armes *a bend over his Lions paſſant*; and in 33 *E.* 3. one of the Commiſſioners, in this Countie, aſſigned for the arraying of men, for defence of the Realm, in the King's abſence; which is the laſt mention I have ſeen of him. To whom ſucceeded *Thomas* his ſon and heir *xxviii.* years of age at [y] his Fathers death, *viz.* in 49 *E.* 3. who in 9 *R.* 2. ſerved [z] in the Parliament then held at **Weſtminſter**, as one of the Knights for this Shire, being then a Knight, and [a] departed this life in 18 *R.* 2. leaving iſſue *Thomas* his ſon and heir; who being [b] 30. years of age at his mothers death, in 6 *H.* 4. was in 5 *H.* 5. in Commiſſion [c] for conſervation of the Peace in this County; and in 8 *H.* 5. Shiriff [d] of this Countie, and **Leiceſterſhire**; but dyed in or before 12 *H.* 6. as appears [e] by the reſpite given to *Thomas* his ſon and heir for doing his homage, being [f] then thirty years of age. Which *Thomas* was Shiriff [g] of theſe Counties the next year following, and one of [h] the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of 18 *H.* 6. about which time he had the honour of Knighthood confer'd upon him; for in 19 *H.* 6. I find him ſo ſtiled [i], being then in Commiſſion touching a loan of money to the King.

In 24 *H.* 6. he againe underwent the Office of Shiriff [k]: In 28 *H.* 6. he was imployed as a Commiſſioner [l] for another Loan, and about [m] levying the Subſidie then granted to the King in Parliament. In [n] 31 *H.* 6. again for a Loan. In 39 *H.* 6. as alſo in 1 *E.* 4. he was conſtituted [o] one of the Juſtices of Peace in this Countie. But notwithſtanding theſe imployments of truſt by King *H.* 6. he ſtood more cordially affected to the Houſe of **Yorke**, as he manifeſted by declaring himſelf for *Edward* the fourth in his greateſt ſtraights; for which faithfull ſervice, in the ſecond year of that King's reign, he had a grant [q] of the Mannour of **Bozdley**, already ſpoke of, for his own life, and the life of *Joyce* his wife; which Mannour was then eſchaeted to the Crown by the attainder of *James* Earl of **Wiltſhire**. This is the man that founded the *Chantrie* in **Aſton** Church 27 *H.* 6. (whereof I have there ſpoke) being the laſt of his Family that poſſeſt this place. In 6 *E.* 4. he was joyn'd in [r] Commiſſion for the Peace in this Countie but what came of him I know not; for after [s] 7 *E.* 4. I have ſeen no more mention of his name.

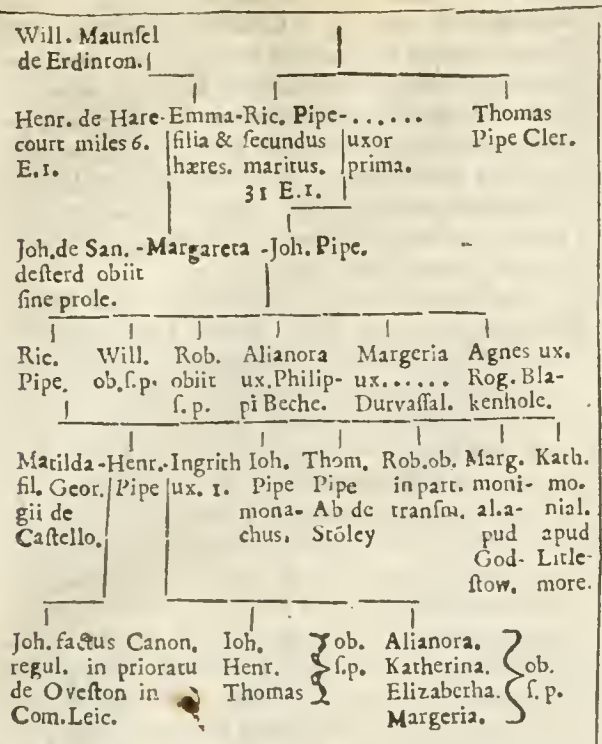
The next owner thereof (concerning whom I find any authoritie) was [t] *George* Duke of **Clarence**, Sir *William Harecourt* Knight, being his Steward [u] here in 11 *E.* 4. After which, ere long, it came to the hands of one *Robert Wright*, but by what means I know not; who in 11 *H.* 7. paſt it [w], together with the advouſon of the *Chantrie* of S. *Mary Magdalen* at **Aſton**, unto Sir *Reginald Bray* Knight, (a great favorite to that King) which Sir *Reginald* having no iſſue, gave it, with other lands of great value, by his Teſtament [x], to *Edmund* his nephew, (*ſcil.* ſon to his brother *John*) Which *Edmund* in 21 *H.* 8. being then a Knight, ſold [y] it, together with the advouſon of the ſaid *Chantrie* at **Aſton**, to *Francis Englefield* Eſquire, (afterwards Knight) from whom in 4 *E.* 6. it was purchaſed [z] by *Humphrey Dimock* Eſquire, who left iſſue *Francis* and *Henry*; after the death of which *Francis* the ſame *Henry*, as engaged for his Brothers debts, held [a] it during his life; and reſided here, being then a Knight; but dying unmarried, Sir *Walter Earle* of **Charbozow** in **Dozſetſhire** poſſeſt himſelf thereof, in right of *Anne* his wife, ſole daughter and heir to the before ſpecified *Francis Dimock*; and in 1 *Car.* ſold it to Sir *Walter Devereux* Knight and Baronet. From which Sir *Walter*, it was purchaſed, in 23 *Car.* by Sir *Thomas Holt* of **Aſton** before ſpecified.

Pipe.

THis Mannour, lying within the precincts of **Erdington**, was antiently poſſeſt [d] by one *William Maunſel*; who having his reſidence here, underwent the Office of [e] Shiriff for this Countie and **Leiceſterſhire** from 35. to the 40 *H.* 3. incluſive; and in 39 *H.* 3. was join'd in [f] Commiſſion with *William Truſſell*, and *Robert de Grendon* for the finding out of certain notorious malefactors in this Countie: as alſo in [g] 52. of the ſame King's reign for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**; and left iſſue one onely daughter and heir, called *Emme*, married to Sir *Henry de Harecourt* Knight, which Sir *Henry* had iſſue [h] by her, one ſole daughter named *Margaret*, whoſe wardſhip and marriage *Richard de Pipe* (having wedded her mother) purchaſed for an *C.* marks of *John de Biſhopſton* in 22 *E.* 1. and having ſo done, made her the wife [i] of *John de Pipe*, his ſon, by a former venter: which *John* had iſſue by her divers Children, as the Deſcent [k] in the following page ſheweth.

Will.

i *Ib. in d. m.* 25.
k *Pat. 9. E. 2. p. 2. m. 6.*
l *Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 1. in d. m. 8.*
m *Pat de iiſd. an. in d.*
n *Ex Coll. H. Ferers.*
o *Ex præf. Cartul. f.* 213 *b*
p *Ib. f. 74. b.*
q *F. levat. xv. Trin. 35. E. 1.*
r *Pat. 19. E. 3. p. 2. m. 31.*
s *Rot. Franc. 20. E. 3. in d. m.* 15.
t *Rot. F. 23. E. 3. p. 2 m.* 13.
u *Rot. F. 26. E. 3. m.* 12.
w, x *Ex autog. penès Joh. Liſle ar.*
y *Clauſ. 49. E. 3. m. 40.*
z *Clauſ. 9. R. 2. in d. m.* 22.
a *Eſc* 18. *R.* 2.
b *Eſc. 6. H. 4. n.* 27.
c *Pat. 5. H. 5. p. 1. in d. m.* 26.
d *Rot. F. 8. H. 5. m.* 10.
e *Rot. F. 12. H. 6. m.* 10.
f *Eſc. 12. H. 6. n.* 23.
g *Rot F. 13. H 6. m.* 12.
h *Rot. F. 18. H. 6. m.* 16.
i *Pat. 19. H. 6 p. 1. in d. m.* 20.
k *Rot. F 24. H. 6. m.* 19.
l *Pat. 28. H. 6. p. 1. m.* 17.
m *Rot. F. 28. H. 6. m.* 6.
n *Pat. 31. H. 6 p. 1. m.* 1.
o *Pat de iiſd. an. in d.*
q *Pat. 2. E. 4. p. 1. m. 15.*
r *Pat. 5. E. 4. p. 1. in d. m.* 30.
f *Rot. Parl. 7. E 4.* 4
t, u *Ex autog. penès præf. T. Holt*
w *F. levat. Off. Mar.*
x *Blamyr. q.* 26.
y *F. levat. term. Hill.*
z *F. levat. term. Paſch* 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.*
c *Ex autog penès præf. T. Holt.*
d *Ex vet. membr. penès* H. Ferers *ar.*
e *Rot. P. de iiſd. an.*
f *Pat. 39. H. 3. in d.*
g *Pat. 52. H. 3. in d.*
h, i, k *Ex præf. membr.*



By *Richard*, the eldest of which sons, it descended to *Henry* his son and heir; who by *Ingrith* his first wife, had many Children; all which, excepting *Margerie*, died [l] (with their mother) of the Pestilence, so that the same *Henry* afterwards wedded a second wife, *scil. Maud.* the daughter of *George de Castello*, of whom he had but little joy: for not long after the marriage, he found that she was [m] with child by one *John Boote* his Fathers servant, at which he took such grief, that he died [n] before the child was born, *viz.* on the Feast day of St. *Laurence* 36 *E.* 3. being then also seized [o] of the Mannour of **Moxton**-*Daubenie* in this Countie, as also of **Staunton** and **Sitbeston** in **Leicestershire**. Whereupon *John* D. of **Lancaster**, of whom as in right of the Honour of **Leicester** the said Mannour of **Moxton** was held, seized [p] the said *Margerie*, his surviving daughter, and *John* the son of *Maud*, so begotten as aforesaid, as his Wards; granting [q] them to *John de Stafford* his Clerk; who to prevent that ill begotten child of enjoying the inheritance, made [r] him a *Canon Regular* in the Priorie of **Duston** in **Leicestershire**, where he died; and afterwards, having procured the said *Margerie* to make a Feoffment unto one *Peter Banaster* a Priest, and others, of all her inheritance, to the use of him the said *John* and his heirs (which Feoffment bears date in 47 *E.* 3.) past [s] it away to *Will. Paylington* Vicar of **Radway** and other Feoffees for the Abbot of **Stoneley's** use: whereupon they, by virtue of the King's License, as also of Sir *John de Botetourt* Lord of **Weoley**, chief Lord of the Fee, granted [t] it to *Thomas Pipe*, then Abbot of **Stoneley**, and his successors for ever.

l q. mr. f. t. u. *Ibid.*

To which *Thomas Pipe* succeeded *John de Colshull*; who with the Covent of that House, in consideration of *CC.* marks, sold [u] it to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**; from whom descending to the succeeding Earls, it came in 3 *H.* 7. to the Crown, with the rest of their lands; as in **Warwick** I have shewed; where it rested till 36 *H.* 8. and then being past out to Sir *Will. Staunford*, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, was by him sold [w] in 37 *H.* 8. to *John Butler* a Citizen of **London**, whose widow *Catherine* (afterwards married to *Anth. Throgmorton*) and *Ric. Butler* son and heir to the said *Joh. Butler*, aliened [x] it to *Edw. Holt* Esquire in 11 *Eliz.* which *Edw.* sold it to *Francis Dimock* Esq. whose daughter and heir *Anne*, being married to Sir *Walt. Earle*, joyned with him in the sale of it, together with **Erdington** already spoke of, unto Sir *Walt. Devereux* Kt. and Baronet; from whom it was also purchased by Sir *Thomas Holt*.

x *Ex autog. penes* T. Holt *eq. aur. & Bar.*

Within the Precincts of **Erdington** there hath been a Familie of the *Massies* (descended from those of **Cheshire**) which by marriage of an heir Female of *Holden* (as I have heard) first setled here in *H.* 6. time. Of these *John* was a Justice of Peace in this Countie towards the later end of *H.* 8. time, and had issue *Hugh*, and he *John*; which last *John*, wasting his estate by excess, was the last that had to do here.

Edgbaston.

BEing past **Erdington**, **Tame** is enlarged by a Brook called **Rhea**, from the British word **Rhe**, **rheawdr**, or **rhedg**, as, I conceive, which signifieth to run or flow, and seemeth to have its originall from the Greek word ῥέω *fluo*: which torrent hath its rise from the foot of the **Lickey** hills in **Worcestershire**, whence passing on with a swift course, it enters this Countie here at **Edgbaston**, whereof I am next to take notice. In the Conqueror's Survey [y] this is certified to contain two hides, having Woods that extended to 3. furlongs in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which were valued at *xxx s.* but there it is written **Celboldestone**, (which shews that the denomination of it originally grew from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time) *Will. Fitz Ausculf* (of whom in **Aston** I have spoke) being then the chief Lord of it; but one *Drew* held it immediatly of him. Whether this *Drew* were paternall ancestor to *Henry* surnamed *de Egbaldeston*, of whom there is mention [z] in *H.* 2. time, I cannot directly affirm, but 'tis likely enough that he might so be, though *Henry* was the first, that I find, who assumed it for his surname.

y Domesd. *lib.*

z *Rot. P.* 30. *H.* 2.

From which *Henry* descended another *Henry*, who being a Knight [a] in 22 *E.* 1. gave for his Arms *per pale indented Or and Azure*, as by his Seal [b] and other authorities appeareth. Which Coat hath not onely a resemblance in the colours, but somewhat in the very charge, to the antient Armes of *Bermingham* (as in **Bermingham** may be seen) and therefore was doubtless assumed by the Family of *Eggebaston* in imitation of the other, in respect of their tenure [c] of this Mannour by military service of the *Berminghams*, who held [d] it over of the Barons of **Dudley**. To this *Henry de Eggebaston* succeeded *Richard*, whom I find intrusted with sundry great imployments; *viz.* in [e] 7. and [f] 19 *E.* 2. as a Commissioner for assessing and collecting a Fifteenth in this Countie. In [g] 11 for chooshing of six hundred Foot-souldiers for the wars in **Scotland**; as also a Commissioner [h] for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**; In [i] 15 for the choice of 1800 Foot souldiers in this County and **Leicestershire**, and likewise to conduct [k] them to **Newcastle** upon **Tine** to march against the Scots: and in 7 *E.* 3. for [l] chooshing and arraying of Foot-Souldiers for another Scotch expedition.

a { *Ex autog. penes* Ric. Midlemore *ar.*

b

c *Esc.* 19. *E.* 1. *n.* 45.

d *Claus.* 16. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.

e *Pat.* 7. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 3. *in ced.*

f *Pat.* 9. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 12.

g *Claus.* 11. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 23.

h *Pat.* 11. *E.* 2. *p.* 1 *in d. m.* 21.

i *Claus.* 15. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 6.

k *Pat.* 15. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 20.

l *Pat.* 7. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 14.

m *Levat.*
n *Pasch.* 8. *H.* 8.

Henr. de Egebaſton 30 H. 2.

Ric. de Egebaſton.

Ric. de Egebaſton miles. | Will. dominus de Egebaſton 5 E. 1. | Sibilla ux. Joh. de Parles.

Henr. de Egebaſton miles 22 E. 1.

Henr. de Egebaſton. | Joh. de Egebaſton 8 E. 3. | Alicia uxor Will. de Edbritton. | Ric. de Egebaſton miles 17 E. 3.

Joh. de Egebaſton 28 E. 3. | Henr. Midlemore 8 E. 3. | Ric. de Egebaſton 21 E. 3.

Iocoſa Midlemore Prioriſſa de Henwode 2 H. 4. | Thomas Middlemore defunctus 11 H. 4. | Iſabella filia & hæres 22 R. 2 -Ric. Clodſhale 2. maritus 3 H. 5.

Ioh. Midlemore ar. defunctus 25 H. 6. -Agnes poſtea nupta Will. Lucy ar.

Ric. Midlemore 15 H. 7. -Margeria filia Rob. Throkmorton mil.

Thomas Midlemore obiit 9 Dec. 12 H. 8. -Anna filia Ric. Litleton de Pillaton in Com. Staff. ar.

Rob. Midlemore Vicecomes Comitat. Warw. 9 Eliz. -Margeria.

Ric. Midlemore -Anna ſoror & cohæres Ric. Greſwould de Solihull ar.

Rob. Midlemore obiit an. 1631. -Priſcilla filia Joh. Brooke de Madeley in Com. Salop. ar.

Ric. Midlemore -Maria filia Anth. Morgan de Weſton in Com. Warw. ar.

Robertus Midlemore ætat. 14 an. 1638.

To him ſucceeded another *Richard*, who having in 2 *R.* 2. been imployed, together with other perſons of qualitie, for collecting a Subſidie in this Countie, left iſſue *Iſabell* his daughter and heir, by whom this Lordſhip became transferred to the line of *Midlemore*, wherein it continueth to this day: which Family before that time, had their ſeat at **Maplebozough**, in the Pariſh of **Studley**, whereof I have already ſpoke. Of *Thomas*, who wedded the ſaid *Iſabell*, it appears [n] that he founded the *Chantrie* at **Studley** in 7 *H.* 4. (as I have there declared) and that he bore for his Arms *partie per Cheveron Argent and ſable, two Moor-Cocks in chief, proper*, and for his Creſt the like *Moor-Cock upon a tuft of Reedy-graſs*, as by his Seal [o] and the Church-windows at **Studley** appeareth. To whom ſucceeded *John*, who in 12 *H.* 6. amongſt other the chief perſons of note in this Countie, made Oath [p] for the obſervance of certain Articles agreed on in the Parliament then held; and departing [q] this life in 25 *H.* 6. was buried in the Church, here, at **Eggebaſton**, leaving *Richard* [r] his ſon and heir within age, who during ſuch his minoritie, was in Ward [s] to Sir *Will. Bermingham* Kt. which *Richard* bequeathing [t] his body to be buried in the Church-yard at **Eggebaſton**, and ſix pound of waxe, in Tapers, to be burnt about it on the day of his Funerall, left *Margerie* his wife Executrix [u] of his ſaid Teſtament, who in her widowhood, vowing [w] Chaſtitie, built the fair Tower Steeple here, as the tradition is; and appointing [x] her ſepulture in this Church, directed that *xx l.* ſhould be beſtowed at her Funerall, amongſt Prieſts, Clerks, and poor people; as alſo that Sir *John Baker*, her own peculiar Prieſt, ſhould ſing therein for her, by the ſpace of one whole year next after her deceaſe, taking *xl. s.* wages, with meat, drink, and lodging.

And moreover that [y] her *Months mind* ſhould be kept, during the ſpace of one year next after her deceaſe. To *Robert Midlemore*, her God-ſon and Grandchild, ſhe likewiſe gave [z] certain lands by her purchaſed in **Hales-Owen**, upon condition, that he and his heirs ſhould find a Prieſt to be reſident at **Studley**, there to ſing for the ſoul of her late huſband, and her own ſoul, with all their conſanguinitie and affinitie, giving to the ſaid Prieſt, and to every Prieſt, for his time being, in wages and ſalary, ſeaven marks of lawfull money, yearly, for ever: After which, *viz.* in 22 *H.* 8. ſhe departed [a] this life. And now, having thus mentioned her *Vow of Chaſtitie*, to the end it may appear with what Ceremony the ſame was performed, I ſhall here exhibite the form of a Commiſſion [b] made by the Biſhop of this Dioces, for the effecting thereof.

Johannes (*&c.*) *Cov. & Lich. Epiſc. dilecto fratri noſtro N N. ſalutem, & fraternam in domino caritatem. Per partem honeſtæ mulieris* Margeriæ Midlemore *relictæ* Ricardi Midlemore *noſtræ Dioc. nobis eſt humiliter ſupplicatum; quod cum ipſa propter ipſius animæ ſalutem uberiorem, ac viduitatis ordinem ſtrictiorem, ad Dei honorem devotius ac celebrius ſervandum, votum continentiæ emittere, ac continentiam expreſsè & ſolempniter fovere; nec non in ſignum Viduitatis ſuæ hujuſmodi perpetuò, Deo dante, ſervando, Velum ſive Peplum cum habitu hujuſmodi Viduis, continentiam perpetuam expreſsè & ſolemniter profitentibus debitam & conſuetam, ſeu ab eis communiter uſitatam, ſibi ſumere, & ad vitam eâ uti in caſtitate, ut aſſerit, devotè intendat, ipſam ad hujuſmodi ſuum pium propoſitum admittere dignaremur: Noſque hujuſmodi ſupplicationem piam atque devotam, ac Deo placabilem reputantes, aliaſque multiplicis occupati, quo minus hujuſmodi intentum præfatæ* Margeriæ *ad debitum valeamus perducere effectum; ad recipiendum igitur expreſsè & ſolenniter continentiæ Votum, & Caſtitatis promiſſum dictæ* Margeriæ; *ac in ſignum hujuſmodi continentiæ & caſtitatis promiſſo perpetuo ſervando, eandem* Margeriam *Velandam ſeu Peplandam habitumq; Viduitatis hujuſmodi Viduis, ut præfertur ad Caſtitatis profeſſionem dari & uti conſuetum, cum unico Annulo aſſignandum, cæteraque omnia & ſingula faciendum, excercendum & expediendum quæ in negotio hujuſmodi de jure vel conſuetudine neceſſaria ſeu oportuna fore dinoſcuntur, vobis committimus poteſtatem per præſentes. Sigillo noſtro ſignatum* (*&c.*)

But I return to the before ſpecified *Robert*. He was a Juſtice [c] of Peace in this County, from 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.* and in 9 *Eliz.* high Shiriff [d] of this Shire, ſingle (for till then it with **Leiceſterſhire** had but one Shiriff) referring what is to be ſaid of his deſcendants, to the Pedegree before inſerted.

The advouſon of this Church (dedicated to St. *Bartholmew*) hath long apperrained to the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield**; but when firſt granted, I find

m *Rot. F. 2. R. 2. m. 9.*

n *Pat. 7. H. 4. p. 1. m. 22.*

o *Penès præf.* R. Midlemore

p *Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.*

q } *Ex autog. penès præf.*
r } R. M.

s } *Blamyr*
u } *q. 22.*

w *Ex vet. membr. penès præf.* R. M.

x Tower *q. 1.*

y } *Ibid.*
z }
a }

b *Bowl. f. 239. a.*

c *Pat. de 13 an. in d.*

d *Rot. P. de eodem an.*

find not. In 12 *E.* 1. *Henry de Egebaſton* brought an Aſſize [e] againſt them for the right of preſentation thereto, but they ſoon came to an Agreement about it; for it appears that the very ſame year, he quitted [f] to them all his right therein, in conſideration whereof they gave him *xx l.* ſterling: ſince which time they have found a Curate to officiate here.

[e] *Elevat. Pasch. Joh. apt. 12. E.*

Edgbaſton
Armes in the Windows of the Church.



1. Edgbaſton
2. Midlemore
3. Midlemore empaling Throgmorton.
4. Midlemore quartering Edgbaſton.

Armes upon ſeverall Graveſtones in the Church, as they were long ſince obſerved by Mr. *Will. Belcher.*

Upon the Tombeſtone of *John Midlemore* and *Agnes* his wife.

One Eſcocheon, wherein *Midlemore* and *Edgbaſton* are quartered.

Another with 3. *Leopards heads*, by which it ſeems that ſhe was the daughter of *Waldeive*.

Upon the Tomb-ſtone of *Ric. Midlemore*.

Midlemore impaling *Throkmorton*.

Upon that of *Rob. Midlemore*.

Midlemore impaling *Ermine a feſſe frettè*.

But of theſe Monuments, I might have given a better account, had not the Church been utterly demoliſht by the Parliament forces, in the late wars, when they Garriſon'd **Eggebaſton**-houſe.



Bermingham.

THis being a place very eminent for moſt commodities made of Iron, was in *Edw.* the Confeſſor's days, the freehold of one *Vluuine*, but after the *N*orman invaſion *Will. Fitz Auſculf* (whoſe ſeat was the Caſtle of **Dudley**) poſſeſt it, with divers other towns hereabouts. By the Conqueror's Survey [g] I find it rated for 4. hides, having Woods of half a mile in length and 4. furlongs in breadth, all being then held of the ſame *William*, by one *Richard*, and valued at *xx s.* But that its appellation was originally taken from ſome antient owner thereof, or planter here in the Saxons time, need not to be doubted, the laſt part of it, *viz.* **ham** denoting a home or dwelling, and the former manifeſting it ſelf to be a proper name. Whether the before ſpecified *Richard* were paternall anceſtor to thoſe who afterwards aſſumed this place for their ſirname, I cannot poſitively affirm; but certain it is, that the *Paganells* (who immediatly ſucceeded *W. Fitz Auſculf* in the enjoyment of **Dudley** Caſtle, and the ſubſtance of all other his lands) paſt it away, with other fair poſſeſſions, to be held by military ſervice; for in 12 *H.* 2. amongſt the Knights fees then certified [h] by *Gervaſe Paganell*, it appears, that *Peter de Bermingham* held ix of him, *de veteri feoffamento*; ſo that it is thereby clear, that the Father of the ſame *Peter*, whoſe name [i] was *William*, if not his grandfather, became firſt enfeoft thereof in *H.* 1. time.

[g] *Domeſd. b.*

[h] *Lib. rub. f. 95. a.*

[i] *Cart. antiq. T. n. 34.*

This *Peter*, being Sewer [k] to the ſaid *Gervaſe Paganell*, had a Caſtle [l] here, which ſtood ſcarce a Bow ſhoot from the Church, South-weſtwards; and by the grant [m] of K. *H.* 2. as alſo [n] of the ſame *Gervaſe*, in his preſence, a weekly **Mercate** thereat upon the Thurſday, with the Liberties of *Thol*, *Theam*, *Soch*, *Sach*, and *Infangethef*, to him and his heirs: Which **Mercate** and priviledges, K. *Ric.* 1. afterwards confirmed [o] to *Will. de Bermingham*, ſon and ſucceſſor to the ſaid *Peter*, who bore for his Arms *Azure a bend lozengè Or*, as by his ſeal [p] and other authorities appeareth. Out of this Family (doubtleſs) came the *Berminghams* of **Ireland**, who ſetled there very antiently; perhaps in *H.* 2. dayes, upon the firſt [q] Conqueſt of that Realm by *Ric. Strongbow*: for I find [r] that in 2 *H.* 3. there was a controverſie touching the title of certain lands there, betwixt *Eva de Bermingham*,

[k] [l] [m] [n] *Ibid.*

[o] *Ib. n. 35.*

[p] *Penès* Rad. Snead *de* Kneele *in Com.* Staff.

[q] *MS. de rebus Hibern. in bibl.* Bodl. [*F. 99. Tom. 4.*] *p. 85.*

[r] *Clauſ. 2. H. 3. m. 10.*

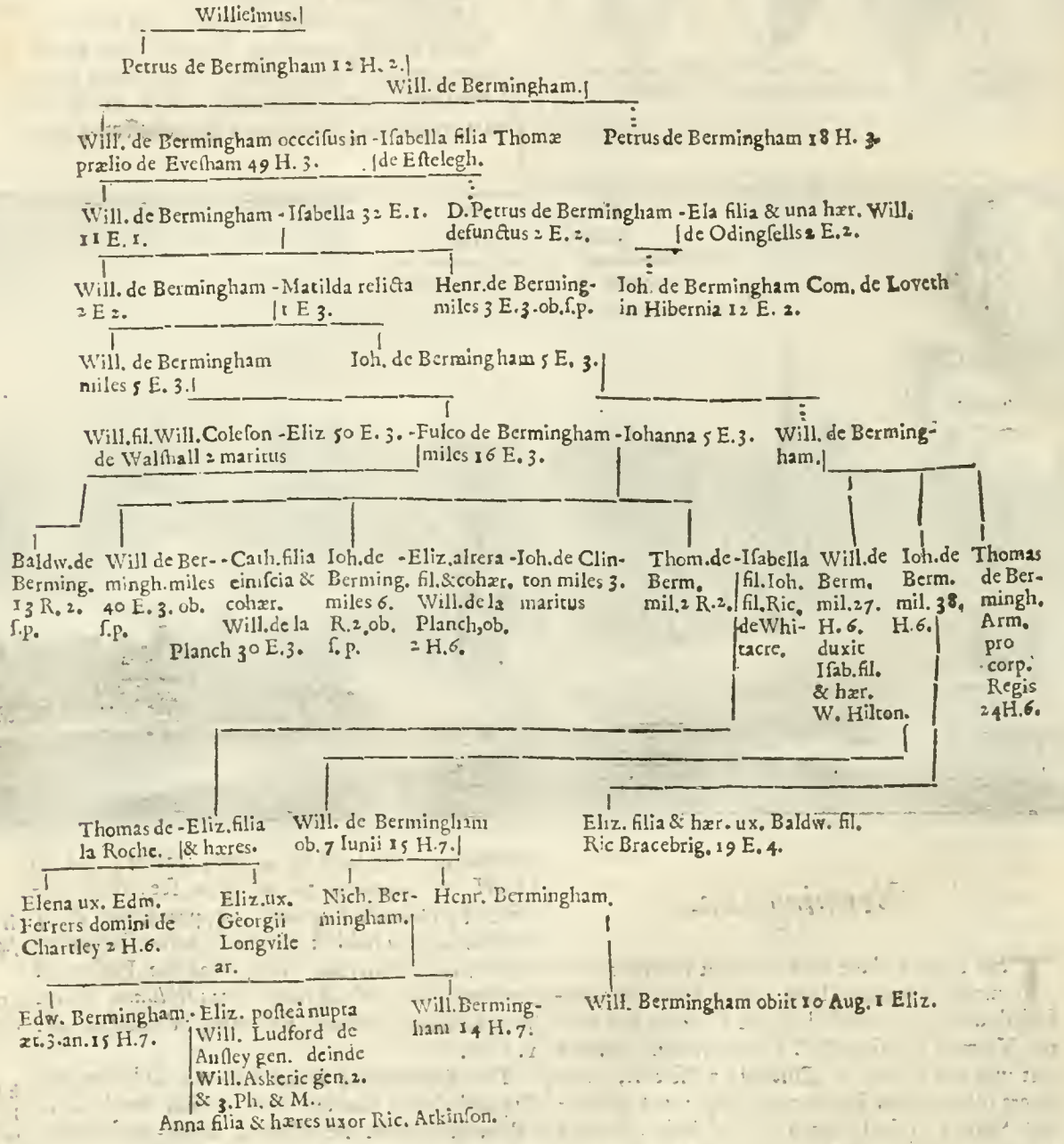
mingham, then the wife of *G. de Mariſco* Juſtice of **Ireland**, and *Reginald Talbot*; for juſtification whereof the ſaid *Reginald* pretended a Charter made to him by K. *John*, at ſuch time as he was Earl of **Pozeton**: and it is alſo manifeſt, that there was one *Peter de Bermingham*, an eminent man there, about that time, foraſmuch as K. *H.* 3. in 18. of his reign, made him a grant [f] of *xx.* marks *per an.* to be received out of the Exchequer at **Dublin**, for his ſupport in his ſervice.

[f] *Pat.* 18. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.

But I muſt not here ſtand to trace down the deſcent of that Family in **Ireland**, it being beſides my buſineſs; and therefore ſhall paſs it by, with this onely note [t], that in 12 *E.* 2. when *Edward de Brus* raiſed a rebellion in thoſe parts, and cauſed himſelf to be crowned King of **Ireland**, through the ſingular valour and prudent conduct of *John de Bermingham*, then Commander in chief for the King againſt thoſe Rebells, the ſaid *Edw. de Brus*, with a multitude of his party, were ſlain, and the reſt routed; for which ſignall ſervice, he the ſaid *John* was created [u] Earl of **Loveth**, whoſe poſteritie do continue there in great honour till this day, bearing the antient Armes of this Family before expreſt, with a *Caſtle* in the ſiniſter part of the Shield, for a diſtinction.

[t] *Cart.* 12. *E.* 2. *n.* 12.

[u]



I now come to *Will. de Bermingham*, ſon and ſucceſſor to the laſt mentioned *William*. In 25 *H.* 3. he had a ſuit [w] for certain lands, lying in this place, with *John* the ſon of *Robert de Hathewy*; for determination whereof certain Juſtices of Aſſize were then conſtituted. In 34 *H.* 3. he was by a ſpeciall Pat. [x] exempted from ſerving on Juries; and the next year following had a Charter [y] for a **Faire** to be annually held here, by the ſpace of four days, beginning on the Eve of the *Aſcenſion* (commonly called *Holy Thurſday*) as alſo [z] **Free warren** in his Mannour of **Yoggeſton** *in Com.* **Buck.** Not long after this, I find that there grew ſome diſpute [a] betwixt *Rog. de Someri* (Baron of **Dudley**) of whoſe Fee **Bermingham** was held, and this *Will. de Bermingham*, touching the ſervices due by him to the ſaid *Roger* for, this Mannour, with the members thereto belonging; for which he required that the ſame *Will.* ſhould perform the ſervice of eight Knights Fees, a half and fourth part, and alſo do ſuit to the Court at **Dudley**, for the Knights fees belonging thereto, once every three weeks: whereupon they came to an Agreement [b] in 46 *H.* 3. *viz.* that the ſame *Will.* ſhould do ſervice for ſo many Knights fees, as aforeſaid, and appear at the Court at **Dudley** onely twice every year; *ſcil.* at that held next after *Michaelmaſs*, and that likewiſe after *Eaſter*: And moreover, that whenſoever the King's *Writ of Right* ſhould be executed there, *id eſt* that when of neceſſitie

[w] *Pat.* 25. *H.* 3. *in d.*

[x] *Pat.* 34. *H.* 3. *m.* 13.

[y] *Cart.* 35. *H.* 3. *m.* 13.

[z]

[a] *F. le. vat.* xv. *Trin.*

[b] 46. *E.* 3.

ceſſitie all the Kts. and Peers of the ſame Court, holding by ſervice military, were to be called thither to give Judgement in caſes of difficultie; as alſo for triall of a Theif, upon reaſonable Summons he ſhould not neglect to make his appearance.

Upon which Agreement, the before ſpecified *Roger de Someri* releaſed to him his ſuit of Court from three weeks to three weeks. But the next thing memorable, that I find [c] of this *Will. de Bermingham* is, that he ſided with his Father in Law, *Thomas de Aſtley*, and the other Barons, in that grand Rebellion againſt King *H.* 3. and that, being ſlain in the battail of **Evesham** in 49 *H.* 3. and his lands extended, this his Mannour of **Bermingham** was rated at *xl l.* and the inheritance of it given [d] by the K. with divers Lordſhips more, forfeited by others, unto *Roger de Clifford*, for his faithfull ſervice: Howbeit, by vertue of the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, (whereof I have there ſpoke) the greateſt part of all mens lands ſo confiſcate, being liable to Compoſition, this with the reſt, upon ſatisfaction made, according to the tenor of that Decree, was repoſſeſt by *Will. de Bermingham*, ſon and heir to the Rebell; who in 11 *E.* 1. obtained a Charter [e] of **Freewarren** throughout all his demeſn lands here; as alſo within his Mannour of **Stokton** in **Worceſterſhire**, **Shetteford** *in Com. Oxon.* **Baldencote** in **Berkſhire**, **Hoggeſton** *in Com.* **Buck.** and **Criſkelton** in **Chelſhire**; which laſt (*viz.* **Criſkleton**) was given [f] by *Thomas de Eſtley*, with *Iſabell* his daughter in frank Marriage, to *Will. de Bermingham*, Father to the preſent *William*.

In 13 *E.* 1. this *Will.* upon a *Quo Warranto* [g] brought againſt him, and all others who exerciſed or claimed any Liberties, or Priviledges within their Lordſhips, exhibited K. *Henry* the 2. Charter for the Thurſday **Mercate**, *Toll, Tem, Sak, Sok*, and *Infangenthef*: And for the **Faire** and **Freewarren** K. *H.* 3. Charter, pleading Preſcription for *Weyfs*, Gallows, **Court Leet**, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer; all which were allowed. The next year following he had Letters [h] of protection, upon the King's purpoſed transfretation, whom he was to attend therein. Whether at that time he went beyond Sea, conſidering it doth not appear by our Hiſtorians, that the King himſelf was out of **England**, I am uncertain; but in 25 of the ſame King's reign, it is manifeſt [i] that he was in **Gaſcoin** in his ſervice, under the conduct [k] of the Earl of **Lincolne** and *John de S. John* of **Baſing** (a great Baron) where intending to relieve **Bellagard**, then beſieged by the Count of **Arras**, the ſaid Earl and Baron divided their forces, the Lord *S. John* leading the Van through a Wood; who being preſently encountred by the Enemy, and the Earl not ſeconding him, was over-powred with numbers and ſo routed [l], himſelf with our Sir *Will. de Bermingham* and eight more Knights, beſides Eſquires very many, taken [m] Priſoners, and carried in triumph to **Paris**.

This Sir *Will. de Bermingham* died before the 32 of *E.* 1. for in that year do I find *John de Ayleſton* Clerk preſented [n] to the Church of **Bermingham** by *Iſabell de Bermingham* his widow, in whoſe Seal are 3. Eſcocheons, *viz.* one with the *Bend lozenge*, another with a *Lion rampant*, and the third a *Lion Rampant debruiſed with a Bend*; but whoſe Armes the two laſt are, except I knew the colours, is hard to ſay. From which Sir *Will.* deſcended another *William*, and *Henry* a younger ſon, afterwards a Knight [o], who bore for his Armes *partie per pale indented Argent and Sable*, as by his Seal [p] and certain antient Rolls appeareth. Touching this laſt mentioned *William*, I find [q], that in 2 *E.* 2. his Bayliffs diſtrained divers Inhabitants of **Bromſgrove** and **Poxton** (commonly called **King's-Poxton**) *in Com Wigorn.* for Toll in the **Mercate** here at **Bermingham**; ſo that there grew a ſuit [r] betwixt them: whereupon, producing the Charters of divers King's, as alſo that of *Gervaſe Paganell*, formerly mentioned, for juſtification of his **Mercate**, he further alleadged, that his Anceſtors (for ſo the pleading calls them) had a **Mercate** here before the Norman Conqueſt: But the men of **Bromſgrove**, and **Poxton**, to this anſwered, that thoſe Lordſhips, where they ſo inhabited, were of the antient demeſn of the Crown of **England**; and that they, as all other reſident upon the like lands, ought to be freed from payment of *Toll* throughout the Realm for all petty commodities, as Victuall and the like, except it could appear that they did buy and ſell as common Merchants; and were acquitted accordingly by the Judgement of the Court, having coſts awarded them againſt the ſaid Bailiffs.

In 11 *E.* 2. this *William* was [s] a Kt. but after that, finding no more of him by that title, I have adventured to conclude the next mentioned *William* to be his ſon. VVhich *VVilliam* had many eminent imployments; *viz.* in 18 *E.* 2. for [t] chooſing of 400. Foot-ſouldiers within this Countie, excepting the towns of **Warwick** and **Coventre**, and arming them for defence of the Realm; and likewiſe the ſame year for [u] the electing of Knights, Eſquires, and other men at Armes to attend the King into **Gaſcoin**. The next enſuing year he was a Commiſſioner [w] appointed to enquire and certifie the names of all thoſe in this Shire, that having *xl l.* lands *per an.* had not received military Armes, as alſo for [x] the arraying of men according to the Statute of **Winchester**. In 20 *E.* 2. he had [y] the cuſtodie of **Dudley** Caſtle, with the appurtenances; but this was ſo granted to him by thoſe that then excerciſed Regall power in the King's name (for the King was then a Priſoner [z], and ſhortly after depoſed and murthered.) The Record [a] ſays that it was upon the forfeiture of *Hugh le Deſpenſer* the younger: perhaps that upon the death of *John de Someri*, which hapned [b] about 4. years before, leaving none but Female heirs, the ſame *Hugh* had the truſt thereof (as the King's ſpeciall Favourite) committed to his charge.

In 1 *E.* 3. this *VVilliam* was in Commiſſion [c] with *John de Murdak*, for conſervation of the Peace in this Countie, as alſo to put the Statute of **Winchester** in execution; ſo likewiſe in [d] 5. *E.* 3. being at that time a [e] Knight. I do not directly find how long he had the cuſtodie of **Dudley** Caſtle; but in 7 *E.* 3. 'tis evident that it was not out of his hands; for by his Patent [f], being to anſwer for the profits thence ariſing, unto the King's Exchequer, and then complaining [g] that the Treaſurer and Barons there, did refuſe to admit of his Accompt, whereby he had made defalcation of ſuch wages as had been paid to the Porter and VVatchman of the ſaid Caſtle, and to the Forreſters and Keepers of the Chaſe of **Penſened**; as alſo of the Parks of **Dudley**, **Seggeley**, and the old Park, pertaining to the ſame

[c] Esc. 50. H. 3.
[d] Pat. 50. l. 3. m. 34.
[e] Cart. 11. l. 1. n. 42.
[f] Ex autog. penès præf. R. Sneade.
[g] Penès amer. cac.
[h] Pat. 14. l. 1. in d.
[i] Clauſ. 25. l. 1. in d. 24.
[k] T. Walſ. p. 35. n. 10.
[l] Ex autog. penès R. Arden.
[m] Ex autog. penès præf. & Cap. ich.
[n] Ex Rot. Cap. penès præf.
[o] Ex autog. penès R. Arden.
[p] Rob. Arden ar.
[q] Plac. coram R. term. Mich. 2. E. 2. rot. 94.
[r] 1
[s] Ex autog. penès præf. R. Arden.
[t] Pat. 18. E. 2. p. 1. m. 21.
[u] Ib. m. 6.
[w] Clauſ. 19. E. 2. in d. m. 13.
[x] Pat. 19. E. 2. p. 1. m. 4.
[y] Pat. 20. E. 2 m. 2.
[z] vide T. Walſ.
[a] Pat. 20. E. 2. m. 2.
[b] Rot. F. 16. E. 2. m. 14.
[c] Pat. 1. E. 3. in d. m. 10.
[d] Pat. 5. E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 24.
[e] Ex Rot. vet. penès T. Lucie eq. aur.
[f] Pat. 20. E. 2. m. 2.
[g] Clauſ. 7. E. 3. p. 2. m. 14.
[h]

same Castle; there was a speciall *Mandamus* [h] directed by the King to the said Treasurer and Barons, commanding them to let it pass. In 9 *E.* 3. he was in Commission [i] for arraying of men, as well Knights, as others, according to their severall states and degrees, in order to the Statute of **Winchester**; to the end that they might be in readiness for the defence of the Realm, whensoever they should be called upon: In which Commission he is called *William de Bermingham senior*; so also in two others the same year, the one [k] for conservation of the Peace and the Statute of **Northampton**, and the other [l] of Array.

To this last Sir *William* succeeded Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight; of whom the first mention [m], that I find, is in 16 *E.* 3. he having then lent 48. marks to Sir *Baldw. Frevill* of **Tamworth** Castle, for which he had five Mills at **Tamworth**, (*viz.* 3. in **Warwickshire** and two in **Staffordshire**) in Lease for one year. In 20 *E.* 3. he was retained [n] by *Thomas* Bishop of **Durham** to attend the King in his French expedition. 'Tis probable that in this voyage he used the Coat, which Sir *Henry de Bermingham* his uncle, bore, *viz. partie per pale indented Arg. and Sable*; for the next year following it appears, that he sealed [o] with it; though in 16 *E.* 3. with [p] the *Bend lozengè* (the antient Coat of his Family) and *a Label of* 5. *points*. In [q] 25 *E.* 3. he was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster** So also in [r] the Parliament of 35 *E.* 3. The same year was he first a Commissioner [s] for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. In [t] 36 he served again in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, as one of the Knights for this Shire: so likewise in [u] 39 and 40 [w] *E.* 3. In the same 40th year he was [x] one of the Commissioners of Array in this Countie, and likewise in [y] 41 *E.* 3. and lastly in [z] 47 *E.* 3. one of the Kts. for the Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster**.

To him succeeded *John* his son and heir, who in 50 *E.* 3. was [a] a Knight and in 2 *R.* 2. Shiriff [b] of this Countie and **Leicestershire**. This *John* bore [c] for his Armes *partie per pale Arg. and Sable*, as his Father last did; and in 4 *R.* 2. served [d] in the Parliament at **Northampton**, as one of the Knights for this Shire, being the same year Shiriff [e] for the Counties of **Buck.** and **Bedf.** In 5 *R.* 2. he was again one [f] of the Knights for this Countie, in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, and a Commissioner [g] for raising power against the Rebells (*id est* the followers of *John Wicleff*) So likewise [h] the year next ensuing. In 8 *R.* 2. he served [i] again in the Parliament at **Westminster**; was also a Commissioner [k] for the assessing a xv^th^. and Tenth then granted to the King; and the same year constituted Shiriff [l] for this Countie and **Leicestershire**: but the certain time of his death, I cannot discover. After which, *Elizabeth* his widow, one of the daughters and heirs [m] to *William de la Plaunch*, by whom he had no issue, married [n] to the Lord *Clinton*, as in **Marstoke** shall be shewed, and held this Lordship of **Bermingham**, in dower, till her death, which hapned not till 2 *H.* 6.

But before I proceed further, it will not be incongruous (I hope) to say something of Sir *Thomas de Bermingham* Knight (brother to the before mentioned Sir *John*) especially because he had his residence in this Countie, and very likely here at **Bermingham**, though he was not Lord of the Mannour. In the Parliament held at **Westminster** 51 *E.* 3. he was one [o] of the Knights for this Shire: The same year, and in 1 *R.* 2. a Commissioner [p] of Array. In 2 *R.* 2. he served [q] again as a Knight for this Shire, in the Parliament then held at **Glouc**ester; and in another [r] at **Westminster**. In 3 *R.* 2. he was in Commission [s] for arraying of men, and for assessing [t] a Subsidie in this Countie; and wedded [u] *Isabell* the daughter of *John de Whitacre*, grandchild and heir to *Richard*, son of *Richard*, son of *Simon de Whitacre* (an antient Family in this Countie, as in **Whitacre** shall be shewed.) Which *Isabell*, in her widowhood, had [w] the custodie of the lands in **Wales**, belonging to *Thomas* son and heir to Sr *John de la Roche* Knight deceased, committed to her during the minoritie of the said *Thomas*; unto whom she afterwards gave her daughter and heir *Elizabeth* in [x] marriage. Which *Elizabeth* by the same *Thomas de la Roche*, left issue [y] *Elene* the wife of *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, and *Elizabeth* of *George Longvile* Esquire; who were found [z] to be Cosins and heirs to the before specified Sir *John de Bermingham*.

Howbeit, the inheritance of this Lordship, was by some Entail (as it seems) setled upon the heir male of the Family, *viz.* another *William de Bermingham*, son of *William*, son (if I mistake not) to *John*, uncle to the before mentioned Sir *Fouk*: for it appears [a], that in 20 *Ric.* 2. he confirm'd unto certain Feoffees, to the use of the Lady *Elizabeth*, then the wife of Sir *John de Clinton* (but formerly of Sir *John de Bermingham*) an estate for life in this Mannour; saving the reversion to himself and his heirs; and yet stiled himself *Dominus de Bermingham*, before her death, as is evident by his presentation [b] of a Priest in 4. *H.* 4. to *Clodshales* Chantrie, in the Church of Saint *Martin*, here at **Bermingham**: And so (for ought I know) was reputed, notwithstanding the intereste that *Edm.* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley** had therein, in right of *Elene* his wife, as by the Inquis. [c] taken after his death may seem. This *William Burmyncham* was not much inferiour to any of his Ancestors, for publick employments in this Countie. In 1 *H.* 5. he served [d] as one of the Knights for this Shire, in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**: yet afterwards till 17. *H.* 6. he lived retired, as it seems, but then he was first put in Commission [f] for conservation of the Peace, and the same year had a speciall exemption, that no Purveyor, or Victualler should take any provision within this his Lordship, for the expences of the King's Household; in which Patent [g] the King calls him *dilectus Armiger noster*. In this mans time; *viz.* in 19 *H.* 6. I find it certified [h] that this Lordship of **Bermingham** was held of Sir *John Sutton* of **Dudley** Knight, as of his Castle of **Dudley**, by military service, *scil.* by Homage, Fealtie, and Escuage, that is to say when Escuage runneth at *xl s.* so much, and when more, more, and when less, less; and by suit to his Court at **Segesley**, called **Knygton-Court**, as also by *Castleward*.

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i *Claus.* 9. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 33.
k *Pat.* 9. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 24.
l *Pat.* 9. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 32.
m *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Ferrers *ar.*
n *Rot.* Franc. 20. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 14.
o *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*
p *Ex autog. penès præs.* I. Ferrers.
q *Claus.* 25. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 27.
r *Claus.* 35. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 38.
s *Pat.* 35. *E.* 3. *p.* 2 *in d. m.* 33.
t *Claus.* 36. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 3.
u, w *Claus. de ijsd. an. in d.*
x *Pat.* 40. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 16.
y *Pat.* 41. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 32.
z *Claus.* 47. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 1.
a *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Hill.* 50. *E.* 3.
b *Rot. F.* 2. *R.* 2. *m.* 24.
c *Ex autog. penès* W. Sheldon *ar.*
d *Claus.* 4. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 20.
e *Rot. F.* 4. *R.* 2. *m.* 23.
f *Claus.* 5. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 22.
g, h *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*
i *Claus.* 8. *R* 2. *in d. m.* 27.
k *Rot. F.* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 19.
l *Ib. m.* 16.
m *Claus.* 35. *E.* 3. *m.* 4.
n *Esc.* 2. *H.* 6.

o *Claus.* 51. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 12.
p *Pat de ijsd. an in d.*
q *Claus.* 2. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 22.
r *Ib. m.* 3.
s *Pat.* 3. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 5.
t *Rot. F.* 3. *R.* 2. *m.* 29.
u *Rot. Assis.* 1. *& 2. R.* 2. *warr. Leic. rot.* 13.
w *Rot. F.* 9. *R.* 2. *m.* 8.
x *Pasch. F.* 5. *H.* 6. Warw. Leic. *f.* 105.
y, z *Claus.* 14. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.
a *Claus.* 20. *R.* 2. *in d. m.* 7.
b *Burgh. f* 11. *b.*
c *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6.
d *Claus.* 1. *H.* 5. *in d. m.* 12.
f *Pat.* 17. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 36.
g *Pat.* 17. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 13.
h *Pat.* 19. *H.* 6. *in d. m.* 21.

In 21 *H.* 6. he underwent the Office of Shiriff [i] for this Countie and **Leicesterſhire**. In 27. he was a Knight [k]. In 28 he was a Commiſſioner [l] for aſſeſſing a Subſidie then granted to the King in Parliament; as alſo for treating [m] with the people about lending money to the King: but after *H.* 6. time, I do not find him made uſe of, for any publick ſervice, whereby I conclude that he adhered to the Houſe of **Lancaſter**; for he died not till [n] 18 *E.* 4. leaving *VVilliam* his ſon and heir then thirty years of age; I am of opinion that *Thomas Bermingham*, whom King *H.* 6. made one of the Eſquires for his Body, was Brother to this Sir *VVilliam*: Which *Thomas* in 24 *H.* 6. had the grant [o] of an Annuitie of *L.* marks to receive during life, for his daily attendance upon the ſame King's perſon, as Eſquire of his Body; and within two years after was made Maſter of the King's Hawks, having a grant of the Mannour called the **Mews**, with the appurtenances, in reverſion after the death of Sir *Raph Cromwell* Knight, to hold for his life, with all the Fees belonging to that Office. But paſſing from him, I come to the laſt Sir *William Bermingham* of this Family; of whom I can ſay no more, than that he wedded [p] *Iſabell* the daughter and heir of *William Hilton*, and by her had iſſue *VVilliam*, who departed [q] this life 7 *Junii* 15 *H.* 7. leaving *Edward* his grandchild and heir, not much above three years old; whoſe Wardſhip, being in 17 *H.* 7. granted [r] by the King, to *Edw.* Lord *Dudley*, together with the cuſtody of the lands of his inheritance; *viz.* the Mannours of **Over-Wozton**, **Netherwozton**, **Woch Tewe**, **Lytil Tewe**, and **Shuttozd** *in Com. Oxon.* **Hogſton** *in Com.* **Buck.** **Bylleſley** *in Com.* **Wigozn**: and this of **Bermyngham**, was purchaſed, it ſeems, by *Elizabeth Bermyngham* his mother; for I find that ſhe afterwards ſold [s] it to *William Coningsby* Sergeant at Law.

This *Edward* hapned to be the laſt of the Family, that had to do here; For, being contemporary with that ambitious man *John Dudley*, afterwards Vicount *L'iſle* (more commonly known by thoſe greater titles, which he ſometime had, *viz.* Earl of **Warwick** and Duke of **Northumberland**) he was ſtrangely wreſted out of this Lordſhip: For the ſaid *John*, having poſſeſt himſelf of **Dudley** Caſtle, (as in **Warwick** I have ſhewed) and obſerving **Bermingham** a fit ornament for ſo noble a ſeat, but being the principall reſidence of ſuch a Family, as had for ſome Hundreds of years enjoy'd it, not likely to be purchaſed from the then rightfull owner, conſpired by a wicked ſtratagem, to work him out of it, which he ſoon put in practiſe; the Story whereof is in ſubſtance thus, as by tradition from divers diſcreet perſons I have heard; *viz.* that *Dudley* did ſet on ſome of his Agents to lodge in **Bermingham**, and to learn when Maſter *Bermingham* was to ride out from home; which being accordingly done, they ſo contrived their buſineſs, that one of their plot ſhould ride leiſurely before, ſo that they might ſoon, keeping but an ordinary pace, overtake him; whereupon they watcht an opportunity to ſtrike into Maſter *Bermingham*'s company, as Travailers, with whom they ſoberly rode for a while; but being come up to their confederate, forthwith ſet upon him for his Purſe, ſo that the villain thus ſeemingly rob'd, makes purſuit after them, and likewiſe after Maſter *Bermingham*, as one of the pack; who being thereupon apprehended and proſecuted, apparently ſaw his danger. The buſineſs therefore now working according to *Dudley's* firſt deſign, there were others imployed to Mr. *Bermingham* with overture, how he might ſave his Life, *viz.* to make the Vicount *L'iſle* his friend, in giving up this Lordſhip of **Bermingham** to him; which, that it might bear the better colour, and be the more valid, was performed by yeilding it to the King, and ratified by a ſpeciall Act [t] of Parliament, the tenor whereof was as followeth.

Where Edward Byrmingham, *late of* Byrmingham *in the Countie of* Warwick *Eſquire, otherwiſe callid* Edward Byrmingham *Eſquire, ys and ſtandyth lawfully indettid to our ſovereing Lord the Kynge in diverſe grete ſummes of money; Aud alſo ſtandyth at the mercy of his Highneſs, for that the ſame* Edward *ys at this preſent convicted of Felony; our ſeide ſovereign Lord the Kyng, ys contentid and pleaſed, that for and in recompence and ſatisfaction to his grace of the ſeyde ſummes of money, to accept and take of the ſeyde* Edwarde, *the Mannour and Lordſhip of* Byrmingham, *otherwiſe callid* Byrmincham, *with the appurtenances, lying and being in the Countie of* Warwick, *and all and ſingular other lands and tenements, reverſions, Rents, Services, and hereditaments of the ſame* Edward Byrmingham, *ſet lying and beyng in the Countie of* Warwick *afforeſeyde. Be yt therefore ordeyned and enacted, by the authorite of this preſent Parliament, that our ſaide ſovereine Lord the Kynge, ſhall have hold and enjoy to him his heirs and aſſignes, for ever, the ſeide Mannour and Lordſhip of* Byrmingham (*&c.*) In which Act there is a reſervation of *xl l. per an.* to the ſaid *Edward*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, during their lives.

Howbeit, after this, it was no leſs than nine years, ere the grant [u] of it from the Crown, to the ſaid Vicount *L'iſle*, was made; for it bears not date till *December* 21 37 *H.* 8. (perhaps on purpoſe, ſo deferred, that the world might the leſs cenſure him for this hard dealing) at which time the inheritance thereof, together with the Burgh of **Bermingham** and patronage of the Rectorie, late belonging unto the before ſpecified *Edward Bermingham*, were paſt unto him, with other lands lying in the Counties of **Salop**, **Heref.** and **Worceſter**. But how ſhort a time he enjoy'd it, my Story of him as Earl of **Warwick** will further ſhew; for being attainted, and loſing his head in 1 *M.* whereby all, that he had, eſchaeted to the Crown, the ſame Queen in

[i] *Rot. F. 21. H. 6. m. 19.*
[k] *Pat. 27. H. 6. in d. m. 32.*
[l] *Rot. F. 28. H. 6. m. 6.*
[m] *Pat. 18. H. 6. p. 1. m. 17.*
[n] *Eſc. 18. E. 4 n. 7.*
[o] *Pat. 24. H. 6. p. 2. m. 2.*
[p] *Rot. F. 31. H. 6. m. 1.*
[q] *Eſc. 17. H. 7.*
[r] *Pat. 17. H. 8. p. 1.*
[s] *Ex autog. penès Grev. Verney eq. aur.*
[t] *Rot. Parl. 28. H. 8. n. 23.*
[u] *Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 16.*

w Pat. 3. & 4. Ph & M. p. 12. in 3. and 4. of her reign, by her Letters [w] Pat. dated 9 *Apr.* granted the inheritance thereof to *Thomas Marrow* Esq. whose posteritie (seated at **Berkswell** in this Countie) continue Lords of it till this day.

Other particulars memorable, relating to this place, are as followeth; *viz.* in 35 *H.* 3. a grant [x] that another **Faire** should be yearly kept here, for three days; *sc.* on the Eve of St. *John Bapt.* and the two days next following, the Shiriff of **Worcestershire** having then command to proclaim it accordingly throughout his Liberties. And that in 12 *E.* 2. the Inhabitants, at the instance of *Audomare de Valence* Earl of **Pembroke**, obtained a License [y] to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities brought hither to be sold for the space of three years; *viz.* for every Quarter of Corn a farthing, *&c.* towards paving the town: But this work was not perfectly compleated within that time, nor of xv. years after; for in 7 *E.* 3. I find that they had another [z] Pat. to take *Toll*, in like manner, for the space of 3. years more.

x Clauſ. 35. H. 3. m. 25.

y Pat. 12. E. 2 p. 2. m. 9.

z Pat. 7. E. 3. p. 1. m. 7.

The Hospitall of St. Thomas the Apostle.

THis was situate at that end of the town towards **Wolverhampton**, and on the right hand the road, almost opposite to the sign of the Bull: but touching the originall Foundation thereof, I have not seen any farther testimony, than that Certificate [a] made by the Commissioners upon their Survey in 37 *H.* 8. where it is said they were informed, that the Ancestors of the *Berminghams*, Lords of **Bermingham**, erected it for one Priest to sing Mass daylie therein, for the souls of the Founders for ever; as also that the late Lord of **Bermingham** (*viz. Edw. Bermingham* Esq.) did, *inter alia*, grant the patronage of it to one *John Prettye* for *XCIX.* years, which said *John* past away his title therein, to Mr. *Clem. Throkmorton* Gentleman. And the first mention of it, that I find, is in 13 *E.* 1. where it appeareth [b], that *Thomas de Maidenhache* (of whom I have spoke in **Aston**) gave unto it ten acres of Heath in **Aston**, *Will. de Bermingham* x. acres likewise, and *Ranulph de Rokeby* 3. acres of land in **Saluteley**. About that time were divers Cottages and lands, lying also in **Bermingham** and the adjacent Villages, given to it by sundry others; *viz. xxii.* acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, by the same *Will. de Bermingham*, and the rest by a number of ordinary persons; for all which the Prior and Brethren thereof, obtained the King's speciall pardon [c] in 4 *E.* 2. in regard they had been given thereto after publication of the Statute of *Mortmain* made in 7 *E.* 1.

In 24 *E.* 3. *Fouk de Bermingham* and *Ric. Spenser* gave [d] thereunto two Messuages and an hundred acres of land lying in **Aston**, and **Bermyngham**, to find a Priest to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of our Blessed Lady in the Church of the same *Hospitall*, for the souls of *Will. le Mercer* and *Margerie* his wife, and of certain others. The clear yearly value of all which lands and tenements belonging thereto, over and above reprises, were in 26 *H.* 8. certified [e] to be *viii l. v s. iii d.* at which time Sir *Edw. Tofte* was *Chantrie* Priest there; but in 37 *H.* 8. the value, above reprises, was rated [f] at *viii l. viii s. ix d.*

a MS. penes S. A. eq. aur f. 14. b.

b Esc. de Ad quod Dampn. 13. E. 1. n. 128.

c Pat. 4. E. 2 p. 1 m. 3.

d Esc. Ad quod D. 24. E. 3. n. 18.

e MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 58.

f Ex alio MS. penès eund. S. A. f. 14. a.

Patroni.	Custodes sive Guardiani ejusdem Hospitalis.	
D. Episcopus.	*Frater Rob. Marmion* 16. *Cal. Oct.* 1326.	*Northb. f. 20. b.*
	Joh Nevill confrater Non. Nov. 1353.	*Ib. f. 57. a.*
D. Fulco de Bermyncham miles.	*Rob. Cappe Cap.* 6. *Cal. Junii* 1361.	*Stret. f. 8. a.*
	Thomas Edmund Pbr. 2 *Non. Aug.* 1369.	*Ib. f. 18. a.*
D. Joh. de Clinton miles.	*Joh. Frotheward Pbr.* 15. *Nov.* 1390.	*Sk. f. 12. a.*
	Joh. Cheyne 5. *Sept.* 1393.	*Ib. f. 9. a.*
Domina Eliz. de Clinton.	*Henr. Bradley Pbr.* 22 *Oct.* 1398.	*Burgh. f. 4. a.*
D. Joh. Russell miles.	*Tho. Salpyn* 24 *Sept.* 1403.	*Ib. f. 12. b.*
D. Eliz. Domina de Clinton.	*Rob. Browe Cap.* 7. *Martii* 1407.	*Ib. f. 19. b.*
	Ioh. Port. 5 *Aug.* 1412.	*Ib. f. 31. a.*
	Will. Prestwood Cap. 26. *Oct.* 1416.	*Bull. f. 5. a.*
	D. Henr. Drayton 16 *Maii* 1421.	*Heyw. f. 5. a.*
Edw. Bermyngham.	*D. Edw. Tofte ult. Ian.* 1521.	*Bl. f. 8. a.*
Dominus Rex.	*Henr. Hody Cler.* 6 *Oct.* 1538.	*Str. & P. f. 16. a.*

The *Gild* of the *Holy Cross*

The Hall whereof, standing in *New-street*, is now the *Free-School.*

The originall hereof grew thus; In 6 *R.* 2. *Thomas de Sheldon, John Colshill, John Goldsmyth*, and *Will. atte Slowe*, having obtained License [g] to grant lands of *xx.* marks *per an.* value, lying in **Bermyngham** and **Eggebaston**, for the maintenance of two Priests, to celebrate divine Service daily, to the honour of God, our blessed Lady his Mother, the *Holy Cross*, S. *Thomas* the Martyr and S. *Katherine*, in the Church of S. *Martin* here at **Bermingham**; within ten years after, the Inhabitants of this town, by the name of the Bailiffs and Communaltie of **Bermingham**, procured a Patent [h] from the same King, to found a *Gild* or perpetuall Fraternitie, amongst themselves, to the honour of the *Holy Cross*, consisting not onely of men and women of **Bermingham**, but other adjacent places; and to constitute a Master, with certain Wardens thereof: as also to erect a *Chantrie* of Priests, to celebrate divine Service in the said Church, for the souls of the Founders, and all the Fraternitie: for whose support and all other charges incumbent, there were *Xviii.* messuages *iii* tofts, six acres of land, and *Xl. s.* Rent lying in the above specified towns of **Bermingham** and **Eggebaston** then given thereto. The lands belonging to which *Gild* were in 37 *H.* 8. valued [i] at *xxxi l. ii s. x d.* out of which, three Priests that sung Mass in the Church here, had *Cvi s. viii d.* a piece; An Organist *Lxxiii s. iiii. d.* The Common Midwife *iiii s. per an.* and the Bell-man *vi s. viii d.* but other reprises for brevitie, I omit.

g Pat. 6. R. 2. p. 1. m. 9.

h Pat. 16. R. 2. m. 15. Esc. de Ad quod D. 16. R. 2. n. 139.

i MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 13. b.

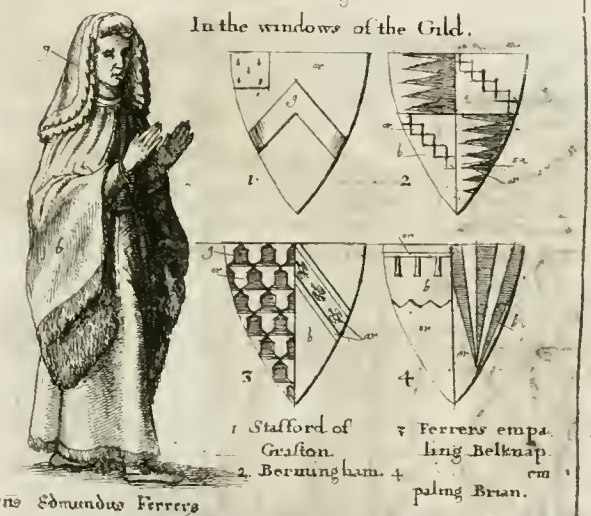
Which lands, at the humble suit of the Inhabitants, in 5 *E.* 6. were assigned [k] by the King unto *Will.*

k Pat. 5. E. 6. p. 1.

Will. Symons Gentleman, *Richard Smalbroke* then Bayliff of the town, *John Shilton*, *Richard Swifte*, *Will. Colemore* the elder, *Thomas Marſhall*, *Henry Foxoll*, *John Veyſy*, *Will. Bogee*, *John Kinge*, *Thomas Cowper*, *John Wylles*, *Will. Paynton*, *John Elyat*, *Will. Aſcherig*, *Thomas Smith*, *Rob. Raſtell*, *Will. Colemore* the younger, *Thomas Snodon*, and *VVill. Mychell*, Inhabitants of this place, and to their ſucceſſors, to be choſen in, upon the death or departure out of the town of any of the before recited perſons, for the ſupport and maintenance of a *Free Grammar School*, within **Bermingham**, to be called *the Free Grammar School of K.* Edw. *the ſixt*, for the education and inſtruction of Children in Grammar for ever, with one School-maſter and an Uſher under him: And extending to the value of *xx l. per an.* were by the ſaid Letters Pat. to continue unto the perſons above ſpecified and their ſucceſſors, to be held of the ſaid King his heirs and ſucceſſors, as of his Caſtle of **Kenilworth**, in free and common Socage, paying *xx s.* yearly into the Court of Augmentation, at the Feaſt of S. *Michael* the Arch-Angell, for all demands and ſervices whatſoever.

Bermingham.

In the windows of the Gild.



1 Stafford of Graſton. 2 Bermingham. 3 Ferrers empaling Belknap. 4 Bermingham empaling Brian.

Dns Edmundus Ferrers

The Church of **Bermingham** (dedicated to St. *Martin*) was *in an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [l] at *vii* marks and a half; but in [m] 26 *H.* 8. at *xix l. iii s. vi. d.* at which time the *Procurations* and *Synodalls* amounted to *xii s. vi d. per an.*

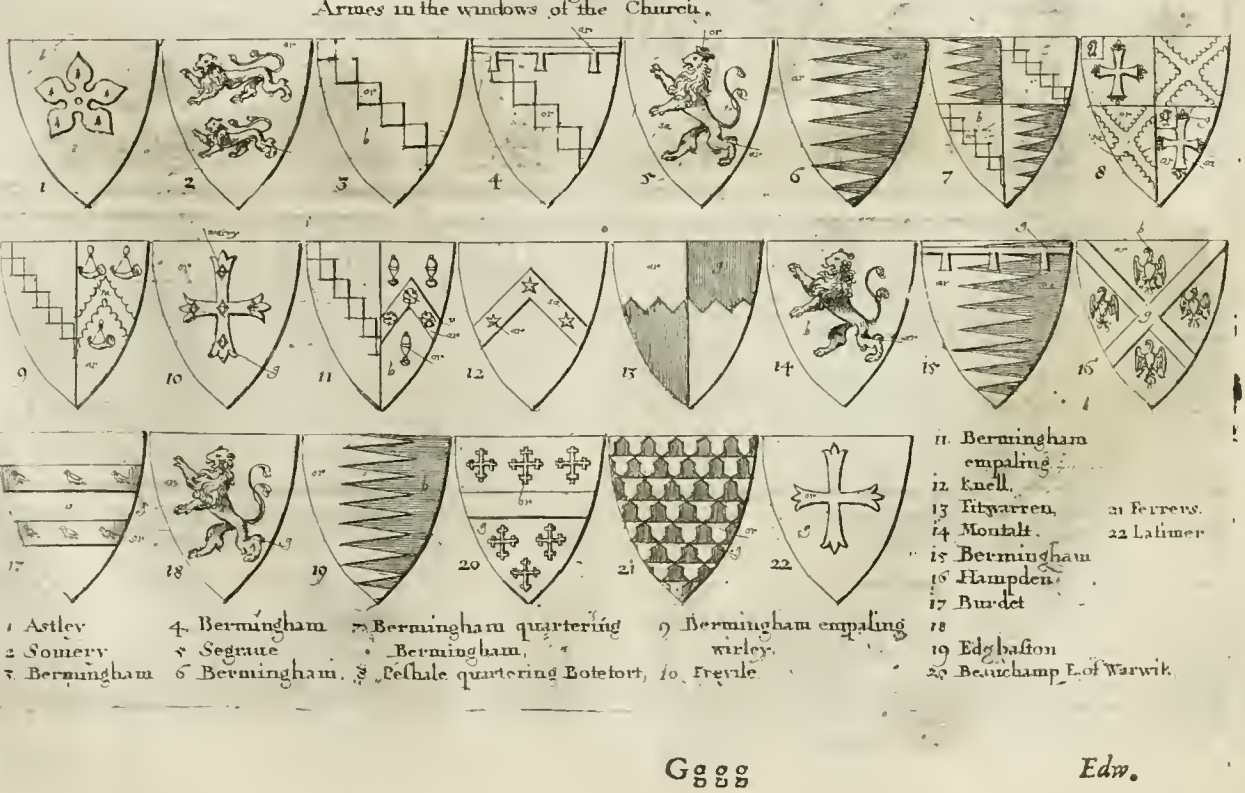
Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Iſabella quondam ux. domini Will. de Bermingham.	*Thomas de Hinkelgh Accol.* 16 *Cal. Martii* 1300.	*Langt. f. 6. a.*
	Steph. de Segrave Pbr. 4 *Cal. Maii* 1304.	*Ib. f. 7. a.*
	Joh. de Ayleſton Pbr. 9 *Cal. Nov.* 1304.	*Ib.*
D. Will. de Barmyncham miles.	*Rob. de Shuteford Pbr.* 5 *Id. Febr.* 1336.	*Northb. f. 30. a.*
Fulco de Bermyncham.	*Will. de Seggeley* 17 *Cal. Julii* 1349.	*Ib. f. 48. a.*
Fulco de Permyncham miles.	*Thomas de Dumbleton Pbr. Non Nov.* 1354.	*Ib. f. 59. a.*
	Hugo de Wolveſey Pbr. 5 *Cal. Aug.* 1369.	*Strett. f. 18. a.*
Joh. de Clinton mil. jure Eliz. ux.	*Thomas Darnall Pbr.* 15 *Nov.* 1396.	*Sk. f. 12. a.*
Nobilis domina Eliz. D. de Clinton.	*Will. Thomes Cap.* 10 *Nov.* 1412.	*Burgh f. 32. a.*
	Ric. Slowthur 4 *Oct.* 1414.	*Arund. f. 145. a.*
Edmundus Ferrers miles D. de Chartley.	*Joh. Waryn* 8 *Julii* 1428.	*Heyw f. 21. b.*
	Will. Hyde 16 *Sept.* 1432.	*Ib. f. 28. b.*
	J. Armſtrong ult. Aug. 1433.	*Ib. f. 32. a.*
	Joh. Wardale utriuſq; jur. B.	*Ib. f. 34. a.*
Elena relicta D. Edm. Ferrers.	*Henr. Symon Pbr.* 21 *Aug.* 1436.	*Ib. f. 34. b.*
W. Bermynchã ar.	*Humf. Jurdan Pb.* 9 *Oct.* 1444.	
Edw. Sutton D. de Dudley, ratione cuſtod. terr. D. de Bermingham.	*Ric. Sutton Art. Magr.* 8 *Maii* 1504.	*Ib. f. 42. b.*
Edw. Litleton ar. ex conceſs. Ed. Bermingham ar.	*Ric. Myddlylmore Cler.* 7. *Julii* 1536.	*Bl. f. 3. b.*
D. Regina Eliz.	*Will. Wraxam Cler.* 16 *Iunii* 1544.	*Str. & T. f. 14 a.*
Thom. Smyth de Bermingham ex conceſſ. Sam. Marrowe.	*Lucas Smith Cler.* 8. *Sep.* 1578.	*Sampſ. & B. f. 1. b.*

[l] *MS. in Scac.*

[m] *MS. penès S. A eq. aur.*

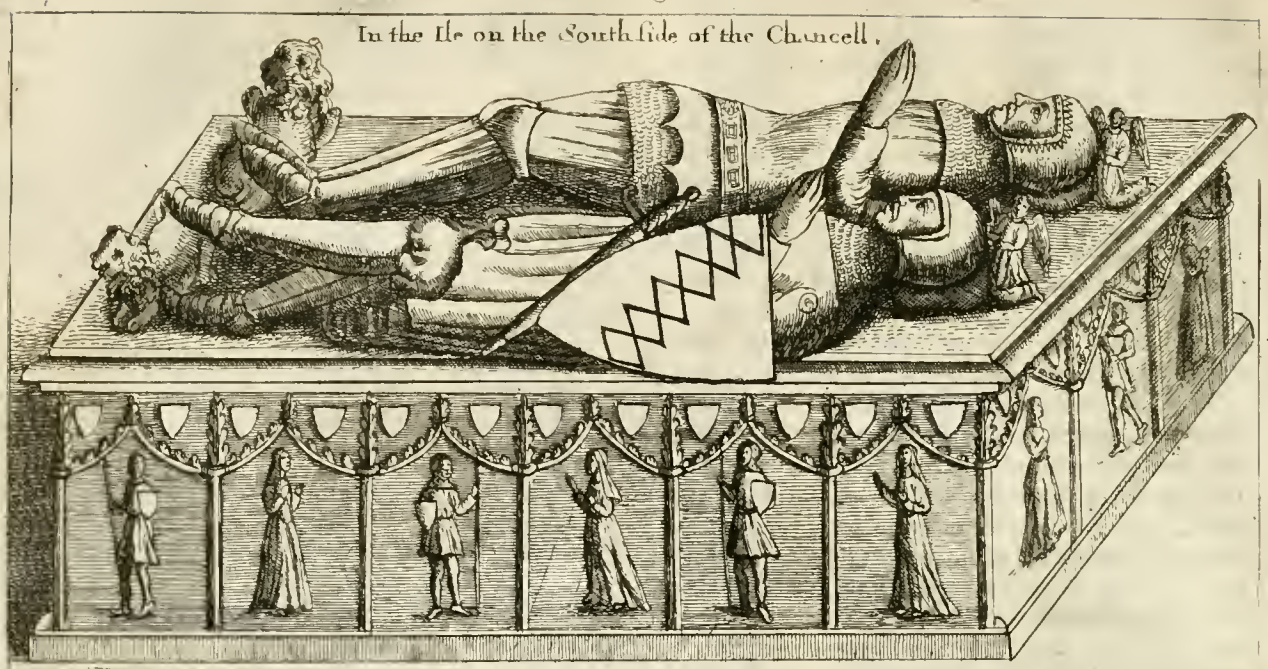
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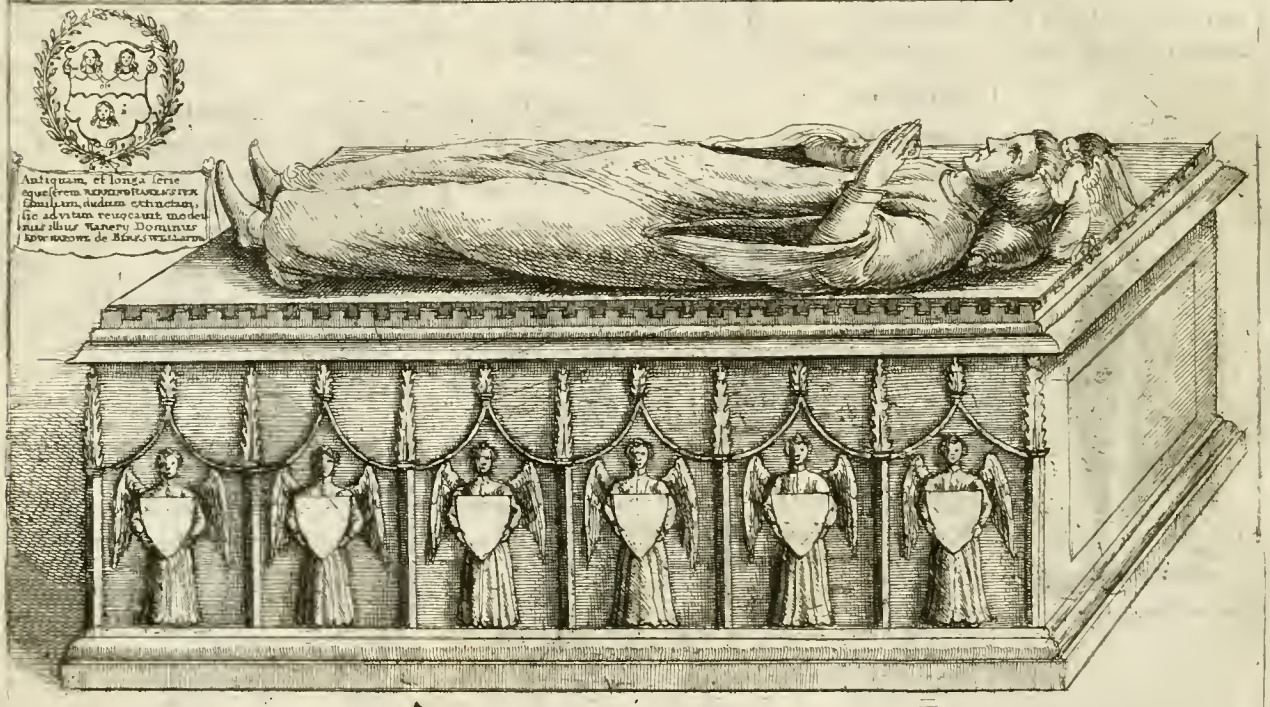
Armes in the windows of the Church.

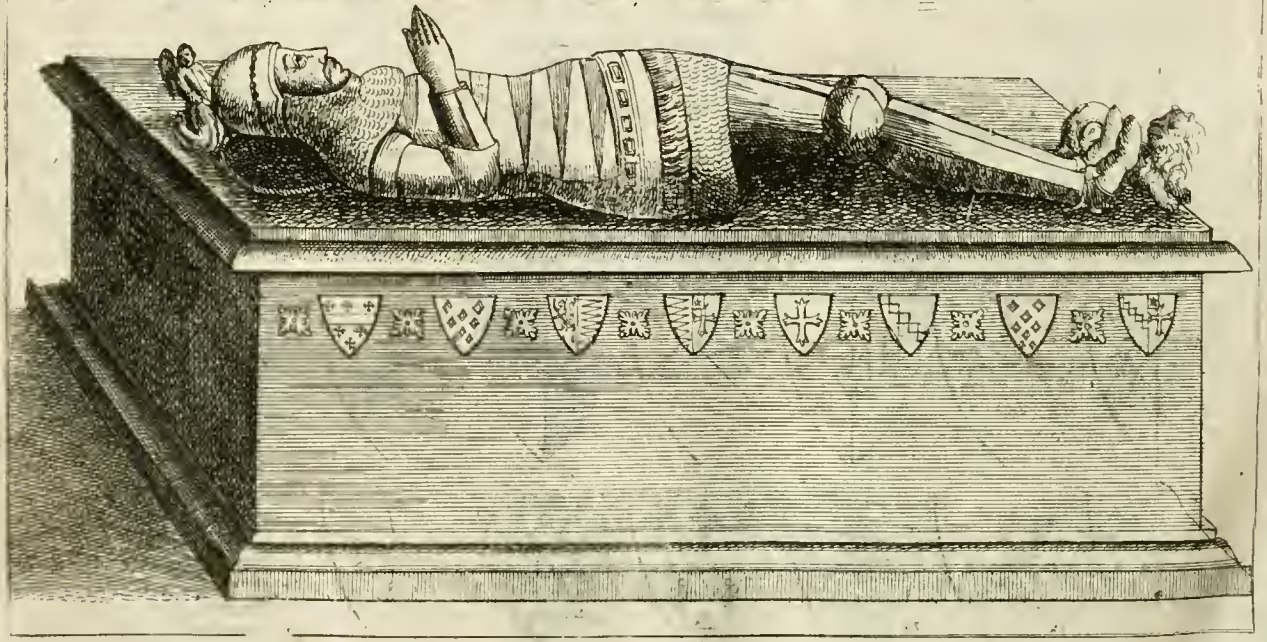


1 Astley
2 Somery
3 Bermingham
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7 Bermingham quartering Bermingham.
8 Peſhale quartering Botetort,
9 Bermingham empaling wirley.
10 Freyle
11 Bermingham empaling
12 Knell.
13 Fitzwarren,
14 Montalt.
15 Bermingham
16 Hampden.
17 Burdet
18
19 Edgbaſton
20 Beauchamp E. of Warwik.
21 Ferrers.
22 Latimer

In the Ile on the South side of the Chancell.







Clodshal's Chantrie.

IN 4 E. 3. *Walter de Clodshale* (of **Saltley**) having obtained Licenſe [n] from *Will. de Bermyngham*, chief Lord of the Fee, as alſo [o] of the King, for the founding a *Chantrie* at the Altar of our Lady in this Church, gave 4. Meſſuages, xx. acres of land and xviii. *d.* Rent, all lying in the town of **Bermingham**, for the maintenance of one Prieſt to celebrate divine Service there, for the ſouls of him the ſaid *Walter* and *Agnes* his wife, their anceſtors, and all the faithfull deceaſed. And in 21 *E.* 3. did *Ric. de Clodſhale*, (ſon and heir of the ſame *Walter*) give [p] 5. meſſuages, ten acres of land, and *x s.* yearly Rent, lying alſo in **Bermingham**, for the ſupport of another Prieſt to celebrate divine Service at the ſame Altar, for the good eſtate of him the ſaid *Richard* and *Alice* his wife, during their lives in this world; and for their ſouls after their departure hence: as alſo for the ſouls of his Father and Mother; and likewiſe of *Fouk de Bermingham* and *Joan* his wife, and all the faithfull deceaſed; an Inventorie of the Ornaments belonging to which Altar and *Chantries*, taken in *An.* 1424. (3 *H.* 6.) I have thought fit here to inſert, as I find them by an Indenture [q] of that date.

Inpr. one old Miſall prec. vi s. one Portvos prec. xl s. A peyre veſtments the Cheſypell of red Tartry, price of the veſtments holl xxvi s. viii d. Item an Auter cloth with a front of blew ynde wyrket with I. and B. prec. x s. A Corporas prec. xii d. A Cas therefore with red ſilk with ſterrs and Mones prec. xx d. An other Veſtment feriall, of Fuſtian, the Cheſibill, prec. in toto x s. Two other Corporaſſes prec. ii s. A cas for hem of ray ſilk prec. xii d. An other Auter cloth with a Front bordally-ſaunder prec. xl d. Another Auter cloth ſteynet prec. xvi d. Three Twayles prec. xviii d. Four other Auter cloths without fronts; one prec. xx d. a picce, Another prec. xii d. the third prec. vi d. the fourth prec. iiii d. Two Cruets prec vi. d. Two Paxbredes prec. iiii d. Three pieces of old ſilk for the Images prec. xl d. A Cofer in the Chapel prec. v s. Another Cofer in Sir Thomas Bromley's *Chamber prec. ii s. A folet of thrid; alſo a gret portvos prec. C s. A veſtment of the Cheyſpel of purple ſilk prec. xxxiii s. iiii d. A Chalice with patyn and Spone prec. xxvi s. viii d. and this Boke veſtment and Chalice were yeoven by Sire* Henry Waſtneys *Prieſt: And alſo a new Miſſale prec. ix marks yeven by Sire* Roger Bugge *Prieſt.*

In 26 *H.* 8. the value [r] of the lands and tenements belonging thereto, was eſteemed at *Ci s.* Sir *Thomas Allen*, and Sir *John Grene* Prieſts being then Wardens thereof: But in 37 *H.* 8. the value of theſe *Chantries* was divided [s]; that of the firſt by the name of *Prima Cantaria beatæ Mariæ in parochia S. Martini*, rated at *Cxv s. xi. d. ob.* over and above all repriſes: and the other by the name of *Secunda Cantaria in prædicta parochia* at *vi li. iiii d. ob.* And after the diſſolution of them, by the Statute of 1 *E.* 6. the lands belonging to the later, were in 4 *E.* 6. granted [t] out of the Crown to *Will. Morice* of **Cheping-Angre** in **Eſſex** Eſquire, and *Edw. Iſaak* of **Welle** in **Kent**, and their heirs: And in 7 *E.* 6. thoſe appertaining to the other, ſold [u] to *Kenelm* and *John Throkmorton* Eſquires.

n *Ex autog. penès* S.A. *eq. aur.*

o *Pat.* 4. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 20.

p *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 19.

q *Penès* Rob. Arden. *ar.*

r *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 8. *b.*

s *Ex alio MS. penès* eund. S. A. 13. *a.*

t *Pat.* 4. *E.* 6. *p.* 4.

u *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *p.* 2.

Sutton.

HAving now done with **Bermingham**, and tracing **Rhea** through the Pariſh of **Aſton**, I come to its confluence with **Tame**; following which River about two miles lower, I find the acceſſion of a pretty torrent from the North weſt, at the head whereof ſtands **Sutton**, being a large Pariſh, but a barren ſoil, and containeth divers Hamlets and places of note; *viz.* **Wiggenhill**, **Maney**, **Hill**, **Little Sutton**, **Warmley**, **Langley**, **Newhall**, and **Pedmore**; of all which in their order.

That this **Sutton** was originally ſo called from its ſituation, there is no doubt; and therefore as it ſtands South to **Litchfield**, I am inclin'd to believe that the name at firſt aroſe. In *Edw.* the Confeſſor's days *Edwine* Earl of **Mercia** was owner [w] of it; but after the Norman invaſion the Conqueror held it in his own hands, as appeareth by the generall Survey [x] ſhortly after made, wherein it is rated at *viii* hides, the Woods extending to two miles in length and one in breadth, and all valued at 4 *l.* But it continued not long in the Crown; for I find [y] that K. *H.* 1. paſt it away in exchange unto *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, for the Mannours of **Oacham** and **Langham** in **Rutland**; *Haberdum & tenendum dictum Manerium de* **Sutton** (ſaith my authoritie) *dicto Rogero Comiti & hæredibus ejus, cum omni libertate & regalitate, ſine ſectis ad Hundredum, ſine ſolutione Scutagii, vel alicuius forinſeci ſervitii, cum libero Chaceo inter* **Thame** & **Bourne**, *quæ dividunt libertatem dicti Manerii ab aliis. Et habeat dictus Rogerus & hæredes ſui unum Parcum & unam liberam Hayam in defenſione. Et habeant liberam Curiam ſuam ad voluntatem in omnibus liberis conſuetudinibus cum viſu Franci plegii. Item habeant boſcum forinſecum, communem libere tenentibus, ſine Riparia. Item habeant in dominico duas Carucatas terræ, & unum molendinum aquaticum cum ſectis. Item habeant Octodecem Cervos non nobiles.*

But it doth not appear by this that any yearly Rent was reſerved to the King, his heirs, and ſucceſſors, upon the ſaid Exchange; therefore 'tis probable that by ſome other Agreement with that King, or King *H.* 2. it might be; For in the Shiriffs Accompt [z] of 23. 24. and 25. *H.* 2. there is *xxxix s. per an.* anſwered to the King *de Firma de* **Sutton**. In 26 *H.* 2. *xvii s. x d. de perquiſitis*; In 30 *H.* 2. *xxxix s. de Firma*: In 31 *H.* 2. *Lii s. de Firma*; and in 1 *R.* 1. *iiii l. de Firma*: howbeit, in theſe two laſt 'tis like ſome arrears are accounted, in regard that *xxxix s.* was the ſtanding Rent or Ferm formerly due.

The next thing, in order, to be ſpoke of, is the *Chaſe*, whereof the bounds extended (as by the before recited authoritie is evident) to the banks of **Thame** and **Bourne** (which Rivers are deſcribed by the Map) and ſo conſequently out of the bounds of this Countie, aſwell as into other Lordſhips within it, that are no members of **Sutton**: To give ſome reaſon therefore for this, I have look't further into the antiquitie thereof; and do find, that whilſt this Lordſhip continued in the King's hand, that which afterwards bore the name of the *Chaſe*, was then a Foreſt; and this appears by a ſpeciall Inquiſition [a] taken in 3 *E.* 2. where the Jury ſay upon their Oaths, that they had heard

w Domeſd. lib.

x Domeſd. lib.

y *Ex perveuſto Cod. MS.* penès Rob. Arden. *ar. Vide Eſc.* 26. *E.* 1. *n.* 41.

z *Rot. P. de iiſd. an.*

a *Ex vet. exempl. penès præf.* R. Arden.

their Anceſtors affirm the ſame: For, that the antient King's of **England**, before they limited themſelves by *Carta de Foreſta* in 9 *H.* 3. might and did make Foreſts where they pleaſed, *Manwood*, in his treatiſe of *Foreſt Laws* (whereunto I refer my Reader) doth ſufficiently declare. And here, before I proceed further, I have thought fit to inſert a Copie of the bounds of this *Chaſe*, as by the before-ſpecified Inquiſition they are ſet down: *Ces ſount lez boundes trovez de la Chace de* **Soltone** *en* **Colfelde**, *& ſe commencez à la teſte de* **Bourne**; *dekes à la* **Boltesstile**; *& dekes tank à la* **Tindithoc**; *& dekes tank à* **Moſewall**; *& dekes tank à le* **Holebrok**; *& dekes tank à le* **Thame**; *& dekes tank a* **Wolfordbrugge**; *& dekes tank a* **Schaffordbrugge**; *& dekes tank a* **Wyford**; *& dekes tank a la teſte de* **Bourne**. Moſt of which places, if not all, are (I am ſure) very well known at this day.

That the Earl of **Warwick** ſo held it, with all privileges thereto antiently belonging, may appear by ſundry teſtimonies, ſome of which I ſhall here point at. About the beginning of K. *John*'s time, the Lord *Baſſet* of **Drayton** (a great Baron in theſe parts) erected a Park at **Drayton-***Baſſet*, which being within the precincts of this *Chaſe*, and queſtioned by *Waleran* then Earl of **Warwick**, neceſſitated the ſaid Lord *Baſſet*, rather than he would pull down his pales again, to come to an Agreement with the Earl; which accord [b] was in 3 *Joh.* and becauſe 'tis very memorable, I will here recite it.

[b] *Penès Camer. Scac.*

Hæc eſt finalis concordia inter Comitem Waleranum *de* **Warewic** *querentem*, *&* Radulfum Baſſet *tenentem de una ſepe in* **Drayton**, *quam idem Comes dixit fuiſſe levatam ad nocumentum Foreſtæ ſuæ de* **Colmesfeld**, *unde placitum conventionis ſummonitum eſt inter eos coram Juſticiariis domini Regis apud Covintriam; viz. Magiſtro* Williel-mo de Kilkenny *& dominis* Henrico de Barton & Nicholao de Trye; *ſcilicet quod prædictus Comes conceſſit, & quietum clamavit, de ſe & hæredibus ſuis, prædicto* Radulfo *& hæredibus ſuis, prædictam ſepem & totum Parcum de* **Drayton** *infra illam ſepem incluſum. Et pro hac conceſſione & in pace dimiſſione, & quieta clamatione, prædictus* Radulfus *pro ſe & hæredibus ſuis conceſſit eidem Comiti & hæredibus ſuis, duos Damos idoneos quolibet anno de prædicto Pareo, captos inter Aſſumptionem & Nativitatem beatæ Mariæ Virginis; ſcil. de utroque Damo quatuor membra, & Capud, corio, & furcheto; ita quod prædictus* Radulphus *vel hæredes ſui, per ſeipſos vel per nuncios ſuos, faciant habere Ballivis prædicti Comitis, vel hæredum ſuorum, ad Manerium ipſius Comitis de* **Sutton**, *prædictos duos Damos, ſicut prædictum eſt, inter prædicta duo Feſta. Et ſciendum quod prædictum Parcum de* **Drayton** *ita clauſum erit, quod totum erit integrum verſus Foreſtam prædicti Comitis de* **Colmesfeld**, *& ſine* Bukeſtall.

To this Agreement were witneſſes [c] *Thomas de Erdinton*, then Shiriff of **Staffordſhire**, *Geffrey Sauvage*, *Hugh fil. Willielmi* (*id eſt de* **Hatton**) *Thomas de Ardern*, *Raph de Mutton*, *Will. de Arderne*, *Rob. fil. Willielmi*, *Henr. fil. Sewalli* (progenitor to the *Shirleys*) *Hugh de Cuilli*, *Henr. de Ullenhale*, *Alex. de Mildecumbe*, *Jordan de Whitacre*, and divers other. And that the ſucceeding Earls of **Warwick** ſtill held it as their free *Chaſe*, the ſeverall Licenſes [d] that they granted to ſundry perſons in their own peculiar lands and Woods, lying within the precincts thereof, do ſufficiently manifeſt; *viz.* to *Raph de Limeſi*, by *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, to make a Park at **Wefford** of his Wood called **Alhehay**, in 17 *E.* 1. In 18 *E.* 1. to *Raph* Lord *Baſſet* to hunt in his Woods at **Drayton**. In 21 *E.* 1. to *Will. de Odingſells* to hunt in the Woods and feilds of **Wolford**, **Thickbrome**, and **Hynts**: So alſo to *Will. Meignill* and *Rob. de la Ward* in their lands and Woods at **Hynts**, *&c.* And that this *Chaſe* was of high eſteem with thoſe great Earls (who had here a very goodly Mannour Houſe, with fair Pools near unto it) is evident, as I ſhall now further manifeſt.

[c] *Cartul. warw. Com. f.* 100. *b.*

[d] *Ex præſ. vet. cod. MS. penes* R. Arden *ar.*

In 17 *E.* 1, the laſt recited Earl obtained a ſpeciall Patent [e] of the King, that during his life he might have free libertie to follow and purſue ſuch of his Deer as, being hunted within this *Chaſe*, fled into the Foreſt of **Kane**, and there to kill and bring them away, without any diſturbance of the ſaid King's Verderers or other Officers of the Foreſt: Nay the Earl was ſo tender in preſerving his game, that though he had given libertie to the Lord *Baſſet* for hunting in his own Woods at **Drayton**; yet to the end it might appear that he excluded not himſelf, he queſtioned the ſame Lord *Baſſet* for his Keepers over-boldneſs in thoſe Woods; So that *Baſſet* coming to an agreement [f] with him; it was concluded, that from thenceforth his Foreſter for **Drayton**-woods, for the time being, ſhould make Oath to the ſaid Earl and his heirs, for his faithfull cuſtodie of the Veniſon, and to make Attachments, and Preſentments in the ſaid Earl's Court at **Sutton**, touching the ſame: And that the Ranger to the ſaid Earl and his heirs, for the time being, ſhould overſee the Keepership of the Deer in thoſe Woods, at his own pleaſure, and make attachments for the ſame: As alſo that the Earl ſhould have the one half of all Amerciaments, and recompence for Treſpaſſes done to the Deer in thoſe Woods, to be received by his Bayliff of **Sutton**. Which Accord was made at **Sutton** on the Eve of *Holy Rood* day, in the preſence of Sir *John Clinton* the younger Kt, *Thomas Prior* of **Canwell**, *Anketill de L'iſle*, *Rob. de Scheldon*, *Henr. de Mabely*, *Will. de Lee*, *John Ruſſell*, and others.

[e] *Pat.* 17. *E.* 1. *m.* 9.

[f] *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.* 101. *a.*

In 21 *E.* 1. there being a complaint [g] made to the King, by the before ſpecified Earl, that ſome miſdemeanours had been committed by certain lewd perſons in killing of Deer within this *Chaſe*, a ſpeciall Commiſſion was directed to *Roger* Lord *Strange*, to find them out, and to puniſh them according to their demerits. And in 25 *E.* 1. *John* Lord of **Little Barre** came to an Accord [h] with the before ſpecified Earl, for licenſe to incloſe his Woods at **Little Barre**; as alſo to improve them by aſſarting, and for cutting of under-wood there, they being within the bounds of this *Chaſe*: for which libertie ſo granted he covenanted for himſelf and his heirs to pay yearly to the ſaid Earl and his heirs ſix barbed Arrows on the Feaſt day of St. *Michaell*, at his Mannour of **Sutton**.

[g] *Pat.* 21. *E.* 1. *m.* 2.

[h] *Ex præſ. cod. MS. penes* R. Arden.

I now come to the Mannour. After the death of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** in 26 *H.* 3. it was, *inter alia*, aſſigned [i] to *Ela* his Counteſs in dower: and in 31 *H.* 3. upon the Agreement [k] made betwixt *John de Pleſſets*, who had wedded *Margerie Mareſchall*, heir to the Earldome of **Warwick** (as in **Warwick** is fully ſhewed) and *Will. Mauduit* and *Alice* his wife (Aunt and afterwards heir to the

[i] *Clauſ.* 2 *H.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 7.

[k] *F. de div. Com levat.* 3. *ſept. Hil* 31 *H.* 3.

the ſame *Margerie*) it was accorded, that the ſame *John de Pleſſets*, in caſe he ſurvived his ſaid wife, ſhould enjoy this, *inter alia*, during his naturall life. But the Counteſs *Ela* was then living and a long time after; for in 32 *H.* 3. *Philip Marmiun* (Lord of **Tamworth** Caſtle) brought an Aſſiſe
l *Pat.32. H.3.in d.* against her for Common of paſture within this Lordſhip; and in 36 *H.* 3. had a ſpeciall Charter
m *Cart.36. H.3.m.27.* of **Free warren** granted to her, for life, in all her demeſn lands here, as alſo in divers other Mannours of her dower. After which, *viz.* in 13 *E.* 1. *VVill. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, then
n *Rot.de Quo W.* Lord thereof, claymed [n] by Preſcription a *Court Leet* here, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer, *Free Chaſe*, *Infangthef*, *Tumbrell*, *Thewe*, *VVeyf*, and *Gallows*; and it being found that he and his anceſtors had excerciſed all theſe Liberties and Privileges time out of mind, they were allowed.

To the laſt *William* ſucceeded *Guy de Beauchamp* in the Earldome of **Warwick**, and poſſeſſion of this Lordſhip; who in 28 *E.* 1. obtained a Charter
o *Cartul. Warw. Com.f.100. t.* [o] for a weekly **Mercate** here, upon the Tueſday, and a **Faire** yearly, to begin on the Eve of the *holy Trinity*, and to continue for three days following: In the time of which Earl, *viz.* in 35 *E.* 1. the K. having received information, that the free *Chaſe* here at **Sutton**, had been antiently a Foreſt, *ſc.* in the time of the King's progenitors, before it came to the ſame Earl's Anceſtors, made
p *Ib.b.* [p] *Henry de Spigurnell* and *Will. de Mortimer*, Commiſſioners to enquire, whether it were ſo or not; and in caſe it ſhould be found accordingly, then to certifie when it was ſo diſafforeſted, by whom, and for what reaſon; as alſo, how it paſt from the Crown: And the Shiriff of this Countie and **Staffordſhire**, had thereupon command, to ſummon ſo many honeſt and lawfull men, to trie the ſame, as in their diſcretions they ſhould think meet: But what return was made thereupon, I have not ſeen. Shortly after this, *viz.* in 3 *E.* 2. at a **Court Leet** and Court Baron, held for this Mannour, the antient Cuſtomes thereof, were certified by the Jury upon their Oaths; which, in regard they are very
q *E pervetuſto excm. penès Æt.R. Arden.* memorable, I have here [q] tranſcribed.

Inquiſitio xii Juratorũ capta ad hunc Viſum coram Galfrido de Okenham *Seneſchallo, per Sacramentũ* Ancelmi de Cliftona, *&c. iuratorũ oneratorum de antiquis conſuetudinibus iſtius Dominii tam de libertate quã de bondagio, quales conſuetudines ſolebant facere & habere, ante Coronationem domini* Henrici *Regis, avi domini Regis nunc, à tempore* Athelſtani *quondam Regis Angliæ, per quem prius uſum antiqui dominii & conſuetudines fuerunt factæ & ordinatæ.*

Qui dicunt ſuper Sacramentum ſuum; Quod unuſquiſque liber homo de Sutton *prædicta, ſolebat terras & tenementa ſua, vi & effectu Cartæ ſuæ originalis, tenere: Et ſi aliquod Placitum terræ fuerit inter aliquos liberos homines de iſto Dominio ſolebant implacitari & terminari per Breve domini Regis ſecundùm Legem Angliæ, coram Juſticiariis. Et illi homines de Bondagii tenura, qui tenuerunt integram virgatam terræ vel plus, ſolebant eſſe officiarii Regis, vel Domini, dum Domino placuerit, quicunque fuerint electi ad illud Officium.*

Item illi qui tenuerunt dimidiam virgatam terræ, vel nocatam terræ, vel Cotagium de Bondagii tenura, ſolebant eſſe Bedellum Manerii & Decennarium. Et etiam omnes illi qui tenuerunt in Bondagii tenura, ſolebant vocari Cuſtumarii. Et quotieſcunque Dominus ad venandum venerit illi Caſtumarii ſolebant fugare Waulaſſum & Stabulum in fugatione ferarum beſtiarum ſecundùm quantitatem tenuræ ſuæ; ut illi qui tenuerunt integram virgatam terræ, per duos dies, & ſic de aliis. Et ſolebant habere inter eos dimidiam partem feodi Woodwardi de venatione capta.

Item ſolebant eſſe Cuſtodes bruerę de **Colfeld**, *quotieſcunque fuerint electi per vicinos ad Curiam; & ſolebant emere & vendere liberè tam infra dominium de* **Sutton** *& extra, ſine calumpnia; Et etiam ſolebant facere ſectam ad Curiam de* **Sutton** *de tribus ſeptimanis ad tres ſeptimanas, & ſolvere redditum Aſſiſæ cum Tallagio ſecundùm quantitatem hujuſmodi Cuſtumariorum ad quatuor anni terminos uſuales, &c. Et ſolebant habere Houſebote & Haybote ſecundùm quantitatem tenuræ, per viſum Foreſtariorum & Woodwardorum tempore Quadrageſimæ, ſufficienter pro haiis & domibus emendandis ſuper Bondagii tenura.*

Et poſt deceſſum hujuſmodi Cuſtumariorum, Dominus ſolebat habere nomine Herioti melius animal, & non plus: Nec bona, nec catalla, nec in vita, nec poſt mortem hujuſmodi Cuſtumarii, niſi ea de cauſa quod primogenitus filius Domini vel filia fuerit maritandus; & tunc Dominus ſolebat habere, ad voluntatem ſuam, de hiis qui fuerunt mortui ante adminiſtrationem Executorum, tertiam partem omniorum bonorum hujuſmodi Cuſtumarii mortui. Et de vivis hujuſmodi Cuſtumarii, Dominus ſolebat ſimiliter dimidiam partem habere omnium bonorum ſuorum, ſalvis ſufficienter bobus pro carucis, & juvencis lactandis, ad primogenitum filium vel filiã maritandam. Et ſi aliqui hujuſmodi Cuſtumariorum fecerint alienationem Bondagii tenuræ ſuæ alicui, ſolebant ſurſum reddere in Curia coram Seneſchallo illam tenuram, & levare, & finem facere ad voluntatem Domini.

Et etiam ſi aliqui de hujuſmodi Cuſtumariis exierint de Dominio, & noluerint plus trahere moram ibidem, ſolebant venire in Curiã & ſurſum reddere in manũ Domini tenurã ſuam Bondagii, cum omnibas equis ſuis maſculis, & pullis maſculis, & carectam ferro ligatam, porcis maſculis, Panna ſua integra, Lanea non formata, & meliorem Ollam ſuam eneam & exire & trahere moram ubicunqvoluerit, ſine calumpnia Domini, & ipſe cum omni ſequela ſua eſſe Liber imperpetuum. Et etiam omnes tenentes tam Liberi quam Cuſtumarii, ſolebant habere communem paſturam cum omnibus animalibus, infra Dominium de **Sutton** *in omnibus forinſecis boſcis, & aliis communibus locis, omni tempore anni, & etiam in omnibus ſeparalibus locis à feſto S. Mich. Archangeli, uſque ad feſtum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ, exceptis Dominicis terris & Parco Domini, & etiam exceptis gardinis Vicinorum.*

Item nullus hujuſmodi Cuſtumariorum ſolebat molare bladum ſuum, niſi ad Molendinum Domini aquæticum, dum Molendinum fuerit reparatum ad molandum, niſi ſolverint totum bladum ſuum Molendinario Domini prius; ſub pœna forisfacturæ totius bladi, exceptis Tenentibus de **Maney**, **Windeley**, & **Wigula**, *qui molabant ad Molendinum Domini ventile de* **Maney**. *Et etiam dicunt quod audierunt anteceſſores dicere, quod tempore quo Manerium de* **Sutton** *prædicta, fuit in manibus Regum Angliæ, tota* Chacea *fuit afforeſtata, & omnes Canes infra Foreſtam ſolebant eſſe impediati & ampututi ſiniſtro orello: Et poſtquam devenerunt in manum Comitis Warwici . . . . licentiam habere & tenere Canes opertias ex omni genere Canum,*

num, & non impediati. Et etiam omnes Tenentes, tam Cuſtumarii, quam Liberi, ſolebant habere mortuum boſcum in omnibus boſcis ubicunque fuerit inventum ad focale.

Et etiam omnes Liberè tenentes ſolebant ſummoniri ad apparendum per tres dies ante Curiam; & Cuſtumarii ſimiliter. Et ſi placitum debiti vel tranſgreſſionis, vel aliquod placitum fuerit inter vicinos; & Defendentes negaverint, & vadierint Legem verſus Querentem, ſolebant facere Legem cum tertia manu, & ſolebant ſe eſſoiniare de Communi ſecta Curiæ, bina vice; & tertia comparere, & warantizare eſſoinium: Et ſimiliter de placito tam Querentis quam Defendentis, bis de Placito, & bis de Lege eſſoiniari, & tertia vice venire, ſeu habere conſiderationem Curiæ. Et Cuſtumarii ſolebant bis amerciari in Curia per domos inventas ſuper Bondagii tenura; & tertia, ſi non fuerit emendatus, ſolebant incurrere pœnam ad voluntatem Domini.

Et prædicti Cuſtumarii ſolebant reparare vadum circa Stagnum Molendini Domini de **Sutton**, *in opere terreno, quotieſcunq; neceſſe fuerit per rationabilem præmonitionē præmoniti: Et ſi non venerint ſolebant amerciari ad proximam Curiam ſequentem: Et ſolebant amerciari ſimiliter, ſi non venerint ad VVaulaſſum, quoties Dominus ad venandum venerit. Et omnes Cuſtumarii, qui tenuerunt integram virgatam terræ de Bondagio, ſolebant operari cum Domino in Autumpno, per duos dies; & ſimiliter omnes alii Cuſtumarii ad quantitatem tenuræ per rationabilem præmonitionem Præpoſiti; pro quo ſolebant habere unum Multonem pingue & iiii d. Panem album, & xii lagenas ceruſiæ; Et ſi non venerint, tunc ſolebant amerciari ad proximam Curiam ſequentem.*

Et dicunt, quod omnes prædictæ Conſuetudines ſolebant fieri, & à tempore Regis Athelſtani, *& tempore Regis* Johannis, *& ante Coronationem* Henrici *Regis: Et prædeceſſores prædictorum Juratorum ..... & dicebant. Et dicunt quod* Waleranus *quondam Comes VVarwici conceſſit, quod omnes prædictæ conſuetudines, & omnes aliæ antiquæ conſuetudines, pro ſe & hared. ſuis, durabunt imperpetuum.*

The next things of note that I have obſerved concerning this Lordſhip, are theſe, *viz.* that in 9 *E.* 2. upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, it was [r] valued at *xxiiii l. iii d. ob. q. per an.* as alſo the next enſuing year, in reſpect of the minority of his heir, committed [s] to the cuſtody of *John de Someri*. And that in 17 *E.* 2. there was a notable Robberie [t] committed upon a certain Road, thwarting that part of the *Chaſe* called **Colfeild**, then, and yet known by the name of **Rugeley**, the partie rob'd being one *Elias le Collier*, and the ſumme of money taken from him *CCC l.* about nine of the Clock in the morning: whereupon he commenced his ſuit againſt the Inhabitants of this Hundred of **Hemlingford**, and thoſe of the Hundred of **Offlow** in **Staffordſhire**, according to the Statute of **Wincheſter**, for not proſecuting the Felons; in regard that the ſame Way, as the Record ſaith, divideth the Counties of **Warwick** and **Stafford**, *viz.* leaving **Sutton** and **Aſton** *juxta* **Bermingham**, on the one ſide of it (of this Countie) and **Barre**, **Aldrewich**, with part of **Shenſton** *in Com. Staff.* on the other ſide; and had Judgment to recover the money accordingly: whereupon Writts being directed to the Shiriffs of both Shires, to levie the ſaid ſumme, return was made, that the people were ſo much indebted to the King, and impoveriſht by Murrein of their Cattell, dearth of Corn and other accidents, that they were not able to pay it. Nevertheleſs, it ſeems that the Shiriff preſſing hard upon them, by virtue of ſeverall Writts to him directed, at the procurement of the partie rob'd, levied *xl.* marks of it. Much ado there was about this Money, the Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** pleading, for himſelf and his Tenants, immunitie from ſuch charges; and the Countie ſtill ſhifting the payment; ſo that at length, they procured a *Superſedeas* from the King to ſtop any farther proceeding therein.

Over part of this *Chaſe* there is another antient Way called **Ykenild-ſtreet** (though not now much noted) being one of thoſe four eminent ones made by the Romans, concerning which I have ſaid ſomething in my diſcourſe of **Watling-ſtreet**; the tract whereof is yet to be ſeen in divers places within this Countie, eſpecially here, and over a corner of **Sutton** Park; where, going over low grounds, it appeareth to be firm and high ridged up with Gravell. This Way coming from **Tinemouth** in **Northumberland**, through **Yorkſhire**, to **Boleſover**, and thence by **Cheſterfeild**, through **Scareſdale**, comes over **Hozley-mooze** to Little **Cheſter** near **Derby**, and ſo over **Eggington** Heath, c ſſeth the River **Dove**, at **Monks-bridge**, then over **Burton-mooze**; and paſſing **Trent** at **Whichnour-bridge**, ſtretcheth through **Alderwas-Hays**; thence to **Street-hey**, and ſo to **Wall** (antiently called *Etocetum*) where it thwarts **Watling-ſtreet**: thence over **Radley-mooze**, leaving **Little Aſton** on the right hand, entreth this Lordſhip of **Sutton** (as the Map ſheweth) and ſo extendeth it ſelf to **Alceſter** in this Countie. Thence over **Witford-Bridge** (leaving **Camden** in **Glouceſterſhire** a little on the left hand) to **Stow** on **the Woulds** (where it croſſeth the **Foſſe**) and from **Stow** to **Burford** and over **Iſis** at **Newbridge**, directly to **Wallingford**; and ſo through **Wincheſter** to **Southampton**.

But I return. Perhaps the Tueſday **Mercate**, formerly granted (as is before expreſt) grew to be diſcontinued; for in 27 *E.* 3. *Thomas de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick** (and Lord of this Mannour) obtained another Charter [u] for it upon the ſame day: by which he had likewiſe a grant of two **Faires** to be yearly kept here; *ſc.* the one on the Eve of the *Holy Trinitie* and two days after, the other on the Eve and day of St. *Martin*. With the other lands belonging to theſe great Earls this Mannour, at length, came to *Ric. Nevill* in right of *Anne* his wife (as in **Warwick** is ſhewed) but towards the later end of *H.* 6. reign, when this haughty ſpirited Earl, ſided with the Houſe of **York**, it was ſeized by the King, and demiſed [w] to Sir *Edm. Mountfort* Knight, one of his Carvers, for the terme of x. years; and the Rangerſhip of the *Chaſe* diſpoſed [x] of by the ſame King, to *John Holt* Eſq. one of his Houſehold ſervants, to hold for terme of life, with the Fees and profits thereof antiently due and payable. How it was afterwards (*ſc.* in 14 E. 4.) taken from the ſaid *Anne*, with the reſt of the lands of her inheritance, and ſetled by Act of Parliament upon *Iſabell* and *Anne* her Daughters, I have in **Warwick** fully ſhewed; as alſo how by a ſpeciall grant, and Act of Parl. likewiſe, to ſtrengthen the ſame, it came to the Crown: It now therefore remains to ſhew the courſe of it ſince: in which diſquiſition I find, that K. *H.* 7. in 5. of his reign, aſſigned [y] it to the before ſpecified

r *Rot. F. 9. E. 2. m. 11.*
s *Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 2.*
t *Plac. coram. R. 17. E. 2. rot. 107.*
u *Cart de an. 25. 26, & 27. E. 3. n. 11.*
w *Pat. 36. H. 6 p. 2. m. 14.*
x *Ib. m. 13.*
y *Pat. 5. H. 7. m. 24.*

specified *Anne*, to hold during her life.

After which, ere long, the Mercate being utterly forsaken [z] the Town fell much to ruin; and the Mannour place was totally pulled [a] down by one *Wingston*, who being imployed as an Officer there for the King, made use of most of the timber for himself, selling the intire fabrick of the Hall unto the Marq. *Dorset*, which was set [b] up at Bradgate in Leicestershire. And in this decayed condition did Sutton continue, till [c] that *John Harman, alias Veisy* Bishop of Exeter, bearing a great affection thereto, in respect it was the place of his birth, having obtained [d] of the King in 19 *H.* 8. certain parcells of Inclosure here, called Moze crofts, and Hethe yards, and more than xl. acres of waste, with Licence to inclose it, the next year ensuing procured Letters Pat. [e] dated 16 *Dec.* for the making it a Corporation, by the name of a *Warden and Societie*, to consist of xxiiii. persons besides the Warden: As also another yearly Faire on *Simon* and *Jude's* day, with a weekly Mercate upon the Munday (the Tuesday Mercate being discontinued) together with a Common Hall or *Moote Hall*, for their assemblies, a Clerk of the Mercate, and a Steward, and one or two Sergeants at Mace; the VVarden for the time being, to be Coroner within the same Corporation; and that no Shiriff nor Bailiff shall medle within their Liberties: Granting besides unto them the whole town and Mannour of Sutton-Colfeild; as also the *Chase* and Park, to hold to them and their successors for ever in Fee ferm, at the Rent of *Lviii. l. per an.* in which sort it continueth till this day.

Concerning the parentage of this *John Harman*, I find [f] that he was born in this Lordship, and of a Family residing [g] here, his Father's name being [h] *Will. Harman*, and his mother's *Joane*, daughter unto *Henry Squier* of Handsworth in Staffordshire (from which *Henry* is also descended my singular friend M[r]. *Scipio Squyer* now one of the Vice-Chamberlains in the Exchequer, a Gentleman of great knowledge in Antiquities, and a special furtherer of this worke) The first mention that I have seen of the said *John Harman*, is [i] in 11 *H.* 7. Where the King grants unto him, by the name of *John Harmon* D[r]. of Law, the free Chapell of S. *Thom.* situate within this his Mannour of Sutton in Colfield, with all the lands and possessions thereunto belonging, for life: By which Pat. recitall is made, that the same Chapell, *&c.* was formerly granted also for life, unto one *John Hermon* Priest in 20 *H.* 6. to celebrate Divine Service therein according to the Ordination of the Founders thereof; and confirm'd to him by *George* Duke of Clarence (in right of his Earldome of Warwick) 12 *Oct.* 11 *E.* 4. and then, *viz.* 11 *H.* 7. surrendred to the King and cancell'd to make way for this grant: Of which Chapell, all I have seen else, is only, that in 2 *E.* 3. the King in respect of the then Earl of Warwick's minoritie confer'd [k] it upon *Thomas de Hampton* Clerk, as a Donative.

But I return to *John Hermon*. He was afterwards; *viz.* in 22 *H.* 7. Vicar [l] of St. *Michael's* Church in Coventre: Next Dean [m] of the Royall Chapell at Windsor to K. *H.* 8. *Homo cui nec eruditio deerat, nec prudentia; morum porro comitate insignis perhibetur* (saith *Godwyn* [n]) For which his abilities, being highly esteemed of the King, he was imployed on sundry Embassies, made Tutor to the Lady *Marie* (then the King's onely Daughter) and President of Wales; and after the death of *Hugh Oldham* Bishop of Exeter, advanced to that See, being consecrated 6 *Dec. an.* 1519 (11 *H.* 8.) To this town he bore a speciall affection; and besides the procuring it to be incorporate (as I have said) bestow'd very great cost, aswell for ornament as inriching thereof; *&c.* [o] The Moot Hall, with a Prison under it, and a Mercate place, he built, at the charge of *xxxvi l. v s. vi d.* Inclosed all the Coppices called the seaven Heys, and set up Gates and Locks to them, at *xliii l. ii s. vi d.* Paved the whole Town, at xl. *l.* Iii *s* viii *d.* Stored the Park with Mares, Colts, and Horses at xl l. Gave to the ditching and Quickfetting thereof at one time xvi *l.* viii *s.* x. *d.* And at another x *l.* xvi *s.* viii *d.* Paid for weights and Balances, and the VVarden's expences at the first Leet xl i s. For the Organs in the Church (*an.* 22 *H.* 8.) xiii l. ii s. viii d. For building of two Iles to the Church (*an.* 25 *H.* 8.) XCii l. xii s. ii d. Besides the finishing of them iiii l. vi s. xi d. Built the School and endow'd it, as I shall further shew anon. Destroy'd the *Chase* for the benefit of the Poor, who for *xx d. per an.* had keeping for their Cows; and gave a meadow for Hay to the poor Widows, appointing the Coppices to be for Fewell to the Inhabitants.

Nay so great a desire had he, that it should increase in people and wealth; not doubting but that the barrennes of the soil would give an edge unto Industrie, that building [p] *Li.* stone Houses within the precincts of the Lordship, he began [q] to set up a trade of Cloathing there, in making *Kerseys*, in imitation of Devonshire, which he saw had much inricht that County: But so much did he impoverish his Bishoprick, to do these things, that (as *Godwyn* observes) what was so founded upon Sacriledge, thrived but little: for this Cloathing trade being soon neglected, his design therein came to nothing: Neither had that better success wherewith he advanced his kindred, which continued not to them for three generations. The later part of his days, he spent [r] here at Sutton, having built [s] from the ground, a very fair House (North East near a mile from the Town) called Moze Hall; where he lived very hospitably, having of his retinue [t] *Cxl.* men in Scarlet Caps and Gowns, his Household expences then amounting to 1500 *l. per an.* (which was no small summe at that time.) To Bulloin he sent [u] xx. able men with K. *H.* 8. and *C l.* with them; and twice as many to Norwich feild, giving also money extraordinary with them, for their support, in case any fell sick by the way: and afterwards, in recompence of their service, bestowed [w] on them lands and livings.

And for prevention of Robberies, which were in those days frequent upon the Road over *Bassets-Heath* (leading from Litchfeild towards London) he erected [x] a House, upon a piece of Waste called Cotysmore, containing nine acres of ground, lying in a kind of desert place, near to Canwell-*yate*; which place, as by an Autograph [y] I have seen, was deservedly called *Latronum spelunca & receptaculum*, wherein he placed one of his own domestique Servants, to reside, paying ii s. yearly at *Michaelmas* to himself and his heirs, and xviii d. to the Warden and Fellowship of Sutton, and their Successors. At his own proper costs he also built [z] two Stone Bridges within 3. miles of Sutton; *viz.* at Curdworth, and Water-Orton: and for that purpose (as the tradition is) pulled down

*Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 187.

Pat. 19. H. p. 1.

Pat. 20. H. p. 2.

The MS. Copies L. Smith her Extorem. de Smull.

Pat. Bail. Warw. Co. Inscrip. Small

Pat. 11. H. 7. p. 1. m. 11.

Pat. 2. E. 6. p. 1. m. 5.

Blf. S. A. Recup. T. Mich. 1. H. 8. f. 430. Clerk.

Godw. de Præsul. 474.

o Ex cod MS. penes præf. L. Smith.

p q r s t u w f Ib.

x Ex autog. penes Will. Perihale Aur.

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z Ex præf. MS. penes L. S.

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down the remainder of the antient Mannour Houſe (which ſtood about a furlong Weſtwards from the Church.) And departing this world at the age [a] of *Ciii* years, lyeth buried on the North ſide of the Chancell here at **Sutton**, having a fair Monument there, with his ſtatue mitred and veſted for the Altar, as I ſhall ſhew anon.

Of the before ſpecified Mannour Houſe, I may not omit to obſerve, that it ſtood very delightfully, having not onely the *Chaſe* for pleaſure of hunting, but divers large Pools near at hand; as alſo a Chapell [b] within it (that of St. *Blaſe* before ſpoke of, as I take it) wherein the Prieſt that celebrated divine ſervice in 24 *H.*6. had *xxxiii s. iiii d. per an.* for his Stipend. Concerning which Pools, being in number four, I have obſerved, that Sir *Raph Bracebrigge* of **Kingsbury** Kt. having a Leaſe [c] of them for terme of life, from 7 *H.* 5. covenanted to pay the yearly Rent of x *l.* or *Cxx.* Bremes, the price of each Breme reckoned at *xx d.* but if they ſhould happen to be at a greater rate, then to be allowed back proportionably. Whereunto I ſhall adde part of an Accompt [d] made by the before recited Earl of **Warwick's** Bayliff in 32 *H.* 6. that the price of ſuch Fiſh in thoſe days, compared with other things, may the better appear.

Item John Burbage *and* Will. Lempe *for fyſching on Wenſday nexte befor the Exaltacion of the Cros, and dyde take xi Brems, and were lade to my Lorde to* **Lychefelde**, *be* Will. Alyn; *And to the ſeyde Fychers hyre and for her coſts, mans mete and horſmete* iii s. x d.

Item the ſame Fychers were ſend for again, on Thurſday nexte after the Exaltacion, and was ther Thurſday, Frydaie, and Setyrday, and tok four Brems, ther hyre and ther coſts iiii s. viii d. *Item the coſts of bakyng the ſeyde* iiii. *Brems in flowre* xii d. *Item in Spys, Peppr, Safurn, Clows and Synamun* vi d. *Item the coſts of caryng the ſeyd* iiii. *Brems to* **Mydlam** *to my Lord in the North Contrey, be* Thomas Harys *of* **Sutton**, x s.

Item for the Swans, four quarter Otes, and a buſhell, two quarter of hem a ſtreke ii d. ob. *and two quarter and a buſhell a ſtreke* iii d. (vii s. x d.)

The Church (dedicated to the *Holy Trinitie*) was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [d] at *xx* marks; and in [e] 26 *H.* 8. at *xxxiii l. ix s.* over and above *xii s.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls.*

Here was in this Church a certain *Chantrie* founded [f] by one *Thomas Broadmeadow* (but the time when appears not) for one Prieſt to ſing Maſs and to pray for the ſoul of the ſaid *Thomas* and his Parents; the value of the Lands and Rents belonging thereto, being in 26 *H.* 8. rated [g] at Cvi *s.* viii *d.* and in 37 *H.* 8. at C *s.*

b *Ex Comp. Ball. Warw. Com. penès S. Archer eq. aur.*

c } *Ib.*
d }

d *MS. in Scac.*

e *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 59. a.*

f *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S. A. f. 14. b.*

g *Ex penult. MS.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Edwardus Rex Angl. & hac vice Patronus.	*Rob. Hilari 7 Id. Maii* 1317.	*Langt. f. 78. a.*
Thomas de Bellocampo Comes Warwici.	*Joh. de Bukkingham Accol. 4 Non. Jan.* 1345.	*Northb. f. 53. b.*
	Will. de Sharneburne Cap. 2 Id. Jan. 1348.	*Ib. f. 47. b.*
	Sim. Baſſet de Sapcote Cler. 3. Cal. Sept. 1349.	*Ib. f. 50. a.*
	Will. de Barton Cler 15 Cal. Aug. 1361.	*Strett. f. 8. b.*
	Rad. de Friſeby Pbr. 12 Cal. Sept. 1361.	*Ib. f. 9. a.*
	Rog. de Tangley Pbr. 3 Sept. 1382.	*Ib. f. 29. b.*
	Nich. Stokes 5 Junii 1389.	*Sk. f. 4. a.*
	Rad. Bromley Cler. 13 Sept. 1391.	*Ib. f. 6. b.*
	Thomas Henſter Pbr. penult. Jan. 1391.	*Ib.*
	Ric. Penne 16 Apr. 1397.	*Ib. f. 13. a.*
Thom. Dux Surr. Co. Cantii.	*Joh. de Malverne Pbr. 4 Jan.* 1397.	*Ib. b.*
Henr. Rex Angl. ratione minoris æt. Ric. Comitis Warw.	*Ric Penne Cap.* ..... 1401.	*Burgh. f. 9. a.*
Ric. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.	*Ludov. Beelte 15 Maii* 1412.	*Burgh. f. 30. a.*
Joh. Verney, & alii, Ric. Comite Warw. in part. tranſmar. exiſtente.	*Joh. Arundell 8 Apr.* 1431.	*Heyw. f. 25. b.*
Ric. de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Joh. Adams Pbr. 2 Martii* 1433.	*Ib. f. 30. a.*
	Thomas Hill Cler. 12 Dec. 1436.	*Ib. f. 25. a.*
Henr. 7 Rex Angl.	*Edw. Scot Legum Dr. 24 Apr.* 1499.	*Bowl. f. 102 b.*
	Magr. Joh. Taylour Decret. Dr. 4 Feb. 1504.	*Bl. f. 3. b.*
Henr. 8 Rex. Angl.	*D. Georgius Henege 15 Jan.* 1516.	*Ib. f. 7. b.*
	Joh. Burges S. Theol. Bac. 27 Maii 1521.	*Ib.*
	Rad. Wendon 29 Martii 1527.	*Ib. f. 12. b.*
Thomas Gybbons ar.	*Joh Fodon Cler. 2 Nov.* 1563.	*Bentl. bund. H.*
Eliz. Angl. Regina.	*Petrus Sankey in Art. Magr. 28 Nov.* 1583.	*Bund. b.*
Eliz. Elyot vidua.	*Roger Elyot Cler. 5 Oct.* 1595.	*Overton bund. C.*
Rob. Shilton Gen.	*Joh. Burges in Art. Magr. Medicinæ Dr. 14 Julii* 1617.	*Overall bund. A.*

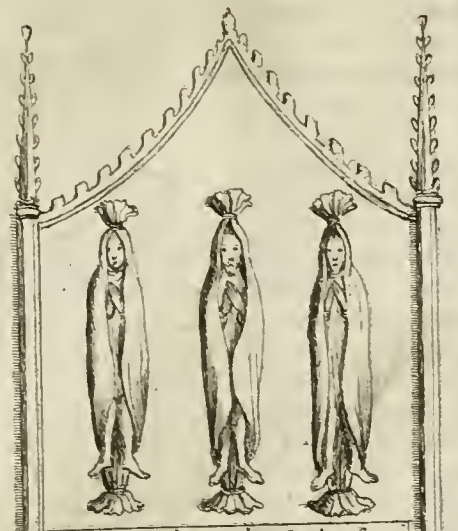
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Orate pro animabus Johannis Lebeſon & Amicie uxoris ſue, qui habuerunt exitum Willielmum Cancellarium eccleſie cathedralis Exon. & Eliz. nuptam Thome Yard armigero comitatus Devonie, ac Annam nuptam Georgio Robinſon Mercatori Londinenſi.

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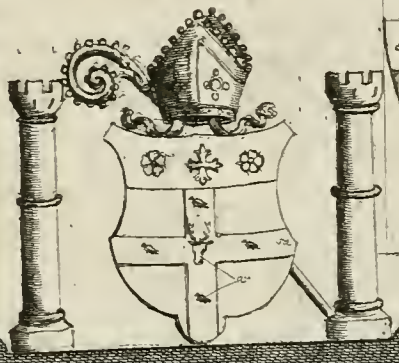


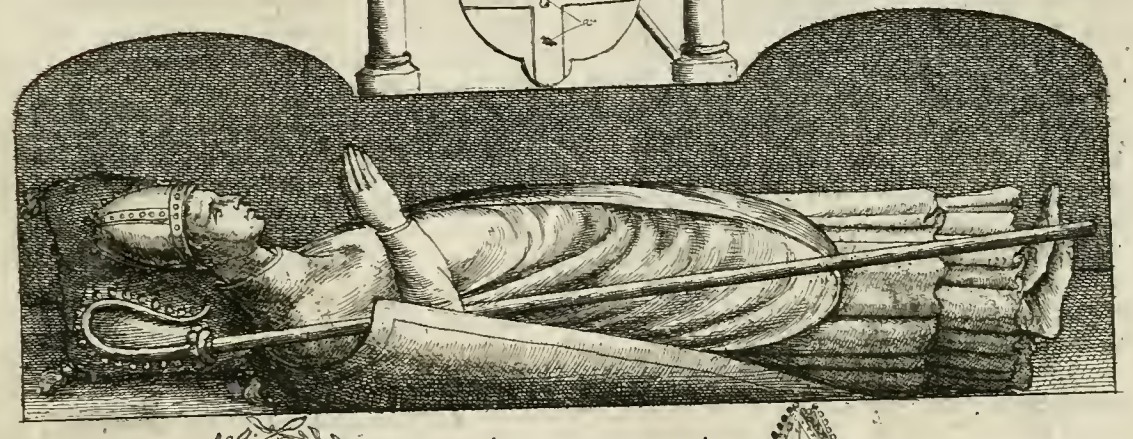
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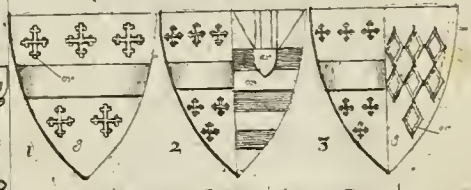
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On the North side of the Chancell.



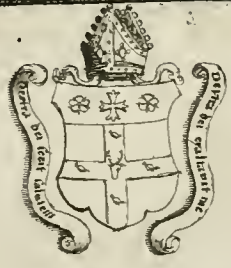


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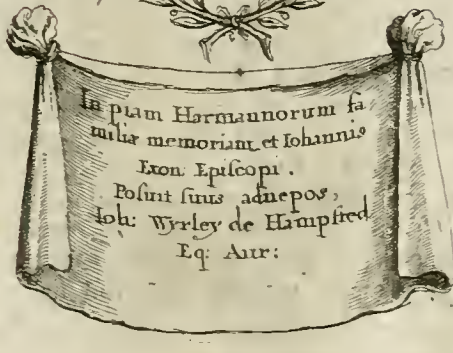


1. Beauchamp E. of Warwick 2. Beauchamp empaling Mortimer, 3 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers





In a window on the North side of the Chancell.





Orate pro anima Johis Harman nuper prelatis Exonie.

The *Grammar School*, here, founded by the before mentioned Bishop of *Exeter*, after this [h] sort.

h *Ex au. tog. penès Gardian & Societ. de* Sutton.

FIrst whereas the annuall Rent of vii *l.* formerly, by vertue of a certain Feoffment, had been reserved to the disposall of the same Bishop, either for the maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service thrice every week in the Parish Church of **Sutton**, or else of an honest Lay-man, sufficiently learned and skilfull to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique* within the said town, was by him appointed to be allowed and payd for the support of a fit man to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique*, as abovesaid; and that together with his Scholars, should dayly say the Psalm of *De profundis* for their Benefactors: And in case such a meet person should not be found, then to be imployed in the providing of certain Lay-Artificers to teach their trades within this town of **Sutton**, there living well and honestly, or else to other pious uses ordained and declared by the said Bishop. And whereas for performance thereof, he appointed, that whensoever it hapned that ix. of the xxi. Feoffees by him constituted, should be departed this life, that then the xii. surviving, ought, within one month after, to enter off other nine of the most substantiall Inhabitants, from time to time, for ever.

And whereas by the said Feoffees not performance of what was so ordained, and for certain other causes, the said settlement thereof became void in Law, he being in full power to dispose otherwise of the same; out of his wonted pious regard to the publick benefit of the Common-wealth, and this his native Countrey, made a Feoffment of divers lands, lying within the precincts of this Parish, unto the Warden and Fellowship of **Sutton**, bearing date the first day of *October* in 35 *H.* 8. to the intent that the said Warden and Fellowship, and their successors, with the profits thence arising, should find a certain learned Lay-man fit and skilfull to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique*, within the same Parish; who together with his Scholars ought daily to say the Psalm of *De Profundis* for the souls of their Benefactors: and if such person could not be found, then to provide certaine skilfull Artificers to teach their trades as abovesaid, or to distribute the Rents and profits of those Lands, for the discharge of *Tallage*, *Taxes*, or other impositions made by the King's authoritie, upon the poor people of the Parish; or else to be imployed for the marriage of poor Maidens, or Orphans, or to some other charitable secular use, within this Lordship of **Sutton**.

i *Penès* T. Holt *eq. aur. & Bar.*

Whereupon the said Warden and Fellowship, by their publick Instrument [i] dated 6 *Apr.* the year ensuing, constituted one *John Savage* Schoolmaster there for life, granting him an Annuitie of x *l. per an.* issuing out of those lands: And on the first of *October* in 38 *H.* 8. conferred [k] the same again upon *Laurence Noel* in like sort; the memory of whom, is still famous for his singular learning, as Master *Cambden* [l] observes, *Vir rarâ doctrinâ insignis* (saith he) *& qui Saxonicam Majorum nostrorum linguam desuetudine intermortuam, & oblivione sepultam, primus nostra ætate resuscitavit.* But though he was a man so eminent in that kind, it seems that his dexterie and diligence in teaching Scholars, fell far short of what they expected; For it appears [m] that soon after his setling here, the Corporation took great exceptions at him for the neglect of his School, and exhibited Articles against him in the Chancery; whereupon, after the sitting of a Commission, and sundry depositions taken, he procured Letters from the Councell Table, admonishing them that they should not go about his removall, except any notable crime could be proved against him; so that in conclusion, finding such slender esteem amongst them, he accepted of his arrears, and a gratuitie of ten pounds, whereof the said Bishop of **Exeter** gave five marks; and in 1 *Edw.* 6. resigned; so that his stay in this place, was not much more than a year.

k *Ib.*

l *Cambd. Brit. in Cornwall p.* 88.

m *Ex exct Script. Penès præf. G. & Societ. de Sutton.*

But how long these Trustees continued so zealous for the good of the School, and faithfull in disposing the profits of the lands before specified, to the designed uses, I cannot affirm: perhaps whilst the Bishop lived, which was till towards the end of Queen *Maries* reign: Sure I am, that to such an height of covetousness they did in time grow, that to prevent the Schoolmasters from enjoying what was justly due unto them, they contrived to elect them of their Societie (I mean of the Corporation) before they could be acquainted with their right; so that having made Leases of their Lands to their Children or friends, for small Rents reserved, it should not be in the Schoolmaster's power, being so bound up, as one of that Body politique, to question the same. Thus was the pious intent of the well-meaning Founder abused, till that within these few years, the fraud being discovered, some remedie was had by a Chancerie Decree, at the prosecution of *John Michaell* the then Schoolmaster, that famous man the Lord *Coventre*, being Lord Keeper of the great Seal.

Hill, and Little Sutton.

THese two petty Hamlets I now joyn together, because I find, that a good part of them antiently belong'd to the Little Priorie of **Canwell**, situate on the borders of this Countie (but within **Staffordshire.**) Which lands, as part of **Sutton**, were first given thereto by one of the antient Earls of **Warwick**, as I guess; for it appears that *Waleran* Earl of **Warwick** made a confirmation [n] to the Monks of that House, of three yard land lying in **Hulle** (which is this **Hill**) given to them by Earl *Roger* his Father. To which Monasterie they continued till the dissolution thereof in. 17 *H.* 8. but then, by the name of the Mannours of **Hull** and **Little Sutton**, were they granted, together with the site of that Religious

n *Ex autog. penès* Will. Pershale *eq. aur.*

Religious house and other its possessions, by the King's Letters [o] Pat. dated 20 *Jan.* the same year, unto Cardinall *Wolsey*, who soon after conferr'd [p] them on the Dean and Canons of his Colledge, then called **Cardinall-Colledg**, in **Oxford**.

[o] *Pat.* 17. *H.* 8. *p.* 1.
[p] *F. levat. T. Hill.* 18. *H.* 8.

Maney, and *Warmley*.

THese Hamlets are parcell of the Lordship of **Sutton**, and therefore not to be farther spoke of.

Wigginshill.

THis being possest by *Turchill de Warwick*, in the Conqueror's time, was by the generall Survey certified [q] to contain 3 yard land, having Woods of two furlongs in length and as much in breadth, one *Bruning* being then his Tenant thereto, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion, but in that Record it is written **Winchicelle** and valued at v *s.* With the rest of *Turchill's* lands it came to the Earls of **Warwick**, as is evident by the Certificate [r] of their Fees in 20 *H.* 3. at which time one *Will. Bonchivaler* enjoyed it: but afterwards, *sc.* in 36 *H.* 3. *Raph de Wylinton* held [s] it, together with **Chirlton**, of the same Earls by the service of a Knights Fee: To whom succeeded *John de Wylinton* in 9 *E.* 2. who held [t] it single for the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, and there it is written **Wyginghull**.

[q] Domesd. *ib.*
[r] *Testa. de N.*
[s] *Ib.*
[t] *Cartul. Warw. com. f.* 176.

The next possessor thereof, that I find, was *Will. de Lucy*; who in 20 *E.* 3. held [u] it by the same fourth part of a Knights Fee, of *John de Hull*; and he of the before specified *John de Wylinton*, and he of the Earl. But by a Court Roll [w] of 35 *E.* 3. *Baldw. de Bereford* (owner of **Langley**, hard by) is said to be Lord of it, whose Ancestor *Osbert de Bereford*, had [x] lands here in *E.* 1. time. And in [y] 10 *H.* 6. *John Hore* of **Withalw** Esq; (descendant of the same *Baldwin*) yet not by the name of a Mannour, but three Messuages; and that he held them by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee. Which Messuages were in Q. *Eliz.* time sold to *Thomas Gibons* (then of **New Hall**) by *Rob. Pudsey* Esq; (heir to the same *T. Hore*, as in **Langley** appeareth) reserving the antient Rent, *viz.* xlvi *s.* ii *d. ob. per an.* to himself and his heirs.

[u] *Rot. penès S. Clarke B.*
[w] *Penès Will. Sonerville ar.*
[x] *Plac. coram R. T. Pasch.* 16. E. 1. *rot.* 2.
[y] *Rot. in Cuc. penès Tem. R.*

There was antiently a suit [z] betwixt the Abbot of **Leicester**, as Rector of the Church of **Curdworth**, and the Parson of **Sutton**, for certain Tithes arising out of nine yard land lying in this Hamlet; whereof six were of the Earl of **Warwick**'s Fee, and the other three of the Fee of *Thomas le Arden*, and pertaining to the Church of **Curdworth**. And because it was a hard matter to distinguish betwixt these Fees, at length, by authority from the Pope, certain Judges were appointed to determine, the businesse; who decreed, that two parts of the Tithe Corn of the said nine yard land, should be payd to the Church of **Sutton**, and the third to **Curdworth**: And also, that the Inhabitants upon the same six yard land of the Earls Fee, should repair to the Mother-Church of **Sutton**, on the Feast days of the *Assumption* of our Lady, and *Easter*, and there communicate; and that the Priest of **Sutton** should shrive them in Lent, and on their Death-beds: And moreover that at **Sutton** they should bury their dead, and pay to that Church all their small Tithes throughout the year: But because of their great distance from the said Mother-Church, they could not without much inconvenience go thither, that they should pay all their Oblations and Obventions to the Priest ministring at **Curdworth**, from whom they might receive spiritual comfort as occasion should require: As also that the Priest of **Sutton** should yearly pay to the Church of **Curdworth** iiii *d.* to buy Frankincense. And lastly that the Inhabitants upon the other three yard land of *Arden's* Fee, should be answerable to the Mother-Church of **Curdworth** for all Obventions and Oblations.

[z] *Regist. de Leic. in Bibl. Bodl.* 52. *a.*

Langley.

THat this was originally a member of **Sutton** (in which parish it lyes) I incline to believe for in 37 *H.* 3. which is the first mention that ever saw of it, *Walter de Bereford* did (*inter alia*) grant [a] to *Walter* his son *L.* acres of land lying in **Lonkeleye**, **Blackmore** and **Brockhurst**, all which are said to be within the territory of **Sutton**: So that hence I conclude, that the same *Walter*, or his ancestors, first had it from one of the antient Earls of **Warwick**; adding thereto, that by a multitude of [b] Inquisitions it appeareth to have been of their Fee. But all the farther mention that I find of this *Walter*, is in the Shiriffs Accompt [c] of 23 *H.* 3. and that in 36 *H.* 3. he brought an Assise [d] of *Novell disseisin* against *Nich. L'ile* for certain Common of pasture in **Norhull**. To whom succeeded *Walter* his son and heir; and to him *Osbert de Bereford*, who in 2 *E.* 1. was constituted Shiriff [e] of this Countie and **Leicestershire**; as also the next year ensuing, a Commissioner [f] for levying a Fifteenth; and in 8 *E.* 1. Shiriff [g] again of these Counties: And to him *William* his brother; for he and his descendants went away with this **Langley**, and certain lands in **Withalw**, **Sutton**, **Curdworth**, **Minworth**, **Middleton** and **Wigginshill** in this Countie; as also **Stapleford** in **Leicestershire**.

[a] *Ex autog. penès G. Pudsey gen.*
[b] *Esc.* 20. *E.* 2. *n.* 45. *Esc.* 3. *E.* 3. *n* 63. *Esc.* 20. *E.* 4. *n.* 48.
[c] *Rot. P.* 23. *H.* 3.
[d] *Pat.* 36. *H.* 3. *in d.*
[e] *Rot. F.* 2. *E.* 1. *m.* 34.
[f] *Claus.* 3. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 3
[g] *Rot. F.* 8. *E.* 1. *m.* 11.

Which *Will.* was in 16 *E.* 1. a [h] Kt. and being learned in the Laws, in 2 *E.* 2. had the Chief-Justiceship of the Common Pleas conferred [i] upon him. But about three years after such his advancement to that eminent place, there was an high Complaint [k] made against him to the King, by *John de Someri* (a great Baron in these parts) for words of defamation; *viz.* that he did so domineere in **Staffordshire**, that no man could enjoy the benefit of Law or reason, taking upon him more authoritie than a King; as also that it was no abiding for any thereabouts, unlesse they did bribe him in contributing largely towards the building of his Castle (at **Dudley**) And moreover that the said *John* did use to beset mens Houses in that Countrey, threatning to murther them, except they gave him what he would demand. Whereupon the King issued a Commission [l] to *Alan la Zouche* and *Will. Trussell*, to enquire thereof; and in case the words were proved, then to find out whether the before specified *John* were really guilty of those misdemeanours, and to certifie the truth therein.

[h] *Plac. coram. R. term. P.* 16. *E.* 1. *rot.* 2.
[i] *Pat.* 2 *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 9.
[k] *Pat.* 4. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 23.
[l] *Ibid.*

How he answered this businesse, appears not; but

in 8 *E.* 2. I find [m] that he was one of the Justices of Assize in this County; so likewise [n] in 13 *E.* 2. As also a Benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by granting [o] to them *Lx.* acres of land and two acres of meadow, lying in **Radford**-*Simelie*; and that he departed [p] this world in 20 *E.* 2. leaving *Edmund* his son and heir 28 years of age, who did his homage the same year, and had livery [q] of his lands. Which *Edmund* in 1 *E.* 3. obtained License [r] from the King, to fortifie his Mannour House here at **Langley**, with a wall of lime and stone, and to embattle it. In that Record the K. calls him *dilectus Clericus noster*, yet was he then a Knight; for in a Release [s] bearing date at **Chaucumbe** the same year, whereby *Henry de Bereford* Parson of the Church of **Coxton**, gave up unto him all his right in this Mannour, as also in **Whathaw**, he is so stiled; the sealing whereof was somewhat observable. *In cujus rei testimonium* (saith the Parson) *Sigillum meum apposui*; *Et quia Sigillum meum plurimis est incognitum, Sigillum* Rogeri Hillari *nepotis mei apponi procuravi.* Whereunto were witnesses Sir *Gilbert de Elsefield*, Sir *Sim. de Bereford*, Sir *Miles de Beauchamp*, Sir *James de Audley*, and Sir *John de Broughton*, Kts. *Rog. Hillari*, *John Dimock* and others. Which instance, as it shews of what regard *Seals* were antiently, so doth it give me an oportunitie to say something as to the original use of them in this Realm, and of the great esteem, wherein they have continued ever since.

m *Claus.* 8. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 24.
n *Pat.* 13. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 19.
o *Pat.* 11. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 11.
p *Esc.* 20. *E.* 2. *n.* 45.
q *Rot. F.* 20. *E* 2. *m.* 7.
r *Pat* 1. *E.* 3 *p.* 3 *m.* 16.
s *Ex autog. penès præs. G P.*

Of Seals.

That K. *Edw.* the Confessor, was the first here in **England**, that ever put *Seal* to his Charters, is very evident; and that he did so in imitation of the Normans, amongst whom he had been educated, is not to be doubted; but till after the Conquest, we have no testimony that they were used here by any Subject, as *Ingulphus* [t] manifesteth. ——*Nam Chirographorũ confectionem Anglicanam* (saith he) *quæ antea, usq; ad* Edv. *Regis tempora fidelium præsentium subscriptionibus, cum Crucibus aureis, aliisq; sacris signaculis firma fuerunt, Normanni condemnantes, Chirographa Cartas vocabant, & Chartarum firmitatem cum cerea impressione, per unius cujusq; speciale* Sigillum, *sub instillatione trium vel quatuor testium astantium conficere constituebant. Conferebantur enim primò multa prædia nudo verbo absq; scripto vel Charta; tantùm cum Domini Gladio, vel Galea, vel Cornu, vel Cratera, & plurima tenementa cum Calcari, cum Strigili, cum Arcu, & nonnulli cum Sagitta; Sed hæc initio Regni sui* (speaking of Will. the Conq.) *posterioribus annis immutatus est iste modus.*

t *Ingul. hist. f.* 512. *b. n.* 20.

But that this use of *Sealing* was of greater antiquity, with the French, I shall exhibite the testimony of a learned [u] person, from whom I have abstracted what follows. *Karolus dei gratia Rex Francorum &c. Notum sit omnibus &c. qualiter vir illustris* Rogerus *Comes fidelis noster &c. Monasterium &c. in loco nuncupato Karrosum &c. in pago Pictavense construxit &c. Et ut hæc præsens auctoritas nostris & futuris temporibus inviolata perdurare valeat, manus nostræ signaculis eam decrevimus roborari, & de Annulo nostro jussimus* Sigillari (*circa An. D. DCClxix.*)

u *Preuue de le Hist. des Contes de Poictou &c. Imp. Paris.* 1647. *p.* 155.

w *Ib. p.* 18.

In [w] *nomine domini Dei &c.* Hludovicus *divina ordinante clementia Imperator Augustus, Notum sit &c. Hæc verò authoritas, ut nostris futurisq; temporibus melius credatur &c. manu propria subscripsimus, & de Annulo nostro subter jussimus* Sigillari. *Dat. &c. An. D. DCCCxiii.*

But I return to **England**. That our Kings, and all great persons, antiently used their own pictures in the impressions of their *Seales*, is very evident; Militarie men allways on Horsback, and in the same kind of Armour that they wore, which in the elder times was Male, for the most part, with a Shield on the left Arme and in the right hand a naked Sword: upon which Shields 'tis rare before K. *Ric.* 1. time, to see any distinct charge, at least such as became hereditary; but after that, it was held a great honour for those whose Ancestors had served in the *Holy Warrs*, to retain the same Badges and Marks, which they there bore; so that then they did not only continue them upon their Shields, but to be the better known, had the like depicted upon surcoats of silke, behind and before, which they wore over their Male, as in those excellent observations [x] made upon *Upton* by that learned gentleman, and my singular Friend *Edw. Bisshe* Esq; is made most evident; and as is farther testified by *John Rous* [y] ——*Tempore Regis Joh.* (saith he) *erant in Sigillis Dominorum, tunicæ super loricis, non autem ante: erant autem tunicæ longæ ad talos.* But after this, ere long, divers bore their Armes on fair, large, and deep Shields, in their Seales; and some on the reverse, where the picture on Horsback was on the other side; of which the same Author saith [z] ——*Circiter annum MCCxviii, Domini, qui in Sigillis more solito habebant Equites armatos cum gladiis, nunc in dorso sigillorum Arma sua posuerunt de novo in Scutis.* Howbeit, in *Edw.* 1. days and after, most men began to leave of their pictures on Horsback in their *Seals*; which custome by degrees declining, was utterly given over in *Edw.* 3. time; So that our Historian observes ——*Post* [a] *captionem* Johannis *Regis Franciæ* (*an. sc.* 1356) *Domini at q; Generosi, relictis imaginibus Equitum in Sigillis, posuerant Arma sua in parvis Scutis.*

x *Imp. Lond.* 1654.
y *Hist. MS. de Reg. in bibl. Cotton.*
z *Ib.*
a *Ib. p.* 253

Now in what reverend esteem this practise of *Sealing* hath antiently been, may be observed from these testimonies. *sc.* Of a Charter made by K. *H.* 1. unto the Abby of **Evesham**, touching the Hundred of **Blackherst**, and divers Liberties, it appeareth, that being exhibited to K. *H.* 3. and through rude handling, the *Seal* cloven in sunder, that the validity thereof might not be lessened, the K. forthwith caused it to be confirmed (3 *Maii* 25 *H.* 3.) with this [b] clause ——*Ne igitur præfata Carta, occasione fissuræ prædictæ, processu temporis ab aliquo possit haberi vitiosa, hanc præsenti Chartæ nostræ duximus testificandum, quod prædictum* Sigillum *sanum & integrum recepimus: Statuentes per hanc Cartam nostram, & pro nobis & hæredibus nostris firmiter percipientes, quod prædicta Carta avi præfati* Henrici *avi nostri, nichilominus esse idem robur, & omnem eandem efficaciam habeat imperpetuum, quod haberet si* Sigillum *integrum esset & indivisum, sicut fuit quando præfatus Abbas eam nobis liberavit.*

b *Comun. de T. Mich.* 33. *E.* 1. *rot.* 9. *in d.*

And for counterfaiting another man's *Seal* observe what punishment was antiently used. *Rex Vicecomiti Oxon: Mandamus tibi quod Anketillum Manvers, qui captus fuit pro falsina* Sigilli *Roberti de Veteri ponte, abjurare facias terram nostram; & ipsum postea sine dilatione mittas ad mare, per aliquos de tuis, qui videant quod exeat à terra nostra &c. T. Rege apud Clipston 27 Martii.* Nay so tender was every man in those times, of his *Seal*, that in case he accidentally had lost it, care was taken to publish the same, least another might make

c *Pat.* 16. *Joh. p.* 1. *m.* 5.

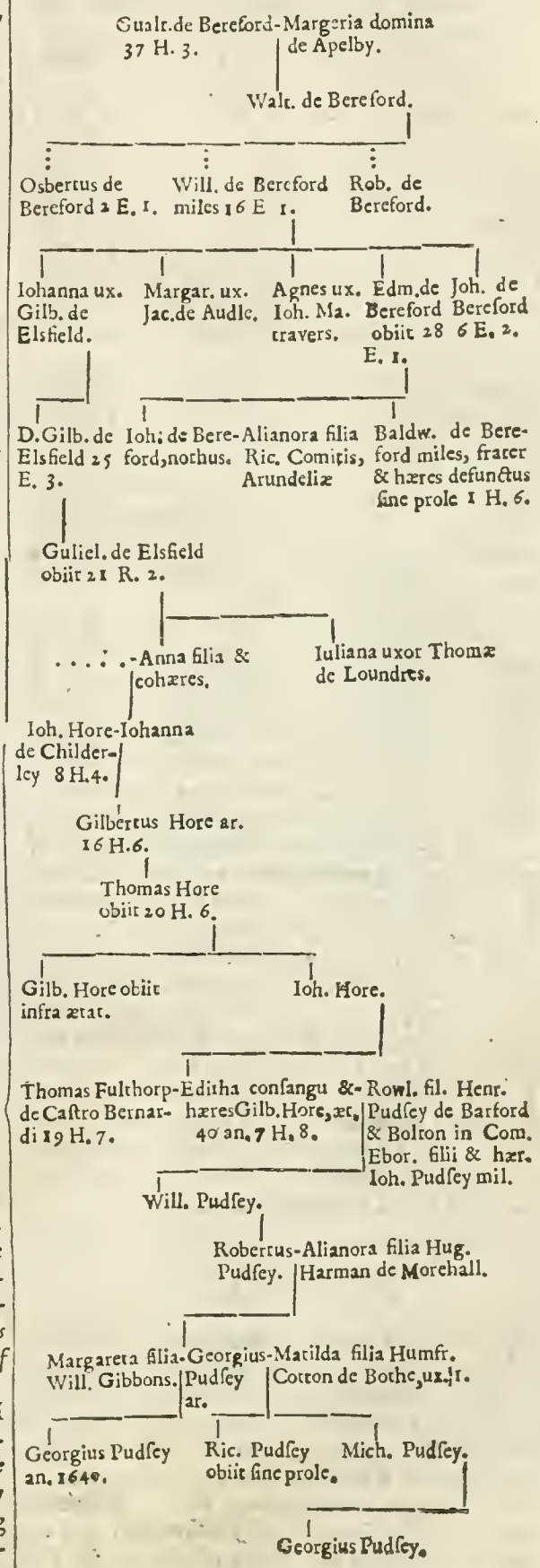
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use of it to his detriment, as is manifest in the case of *Benedict de Hagham* in 54 *H.* 3. Where the Record [a] runs thus, *Memorandum quod publicè clamatum est in Banco, quod* Sigillum *Benedicti de Hagham, cum uno capite in medio sub nomine suo, in quacunq; manu fuerit, de cætero nullum robur optineat.* And not much unlike to this is that of *Henry de Perpount*, a person of great quality, in 8 *E.* 1. [c] *Memorandum quod Henricus de Perpount die Lune in crast. Octab. beati Mich. venit in Cancellaria apud Lincolniam, & publicè dixit quod* Sigillum *amisit, & protestabatur, quod si aliquod instrumentum cum* Sigillo *illo post tempus illud inveniretur consignatum, illud nullius esse valoris vel momenti.* As also, that in 7 E. 2. [f] *Johannes E. recognovit in Cancellaria Regis se amisisse* Sigillum *suum, & petit quod dicto* Sigillo *deinceps non habeatur fides.*

Nay by a Pleading [s] in 9 *H.* 3. I find, that *CC.* marks damages was recovered against *Henry de Grendon*, and *Will. de Grendon* by Sir *Raph de Crophull* Knight, for forcibly breaking a *Seal* from a Deed. And in 13 *E.* 3. when by misfortune a Deed, then shewed in the Chancerie, was severed from the *Seal*, in the presence of the Lord Chancelour, and other noble persons, command [h] was not only given, for the affixing it again thereto, but an Exemplification made thereof under the great Seal of **England**, with a recitall of the premises. Nor is that publication [i] made by *John de Greseley* of **Drakelow** *in Com. Derb.* 18 *R.* 2. upon the losse of his *Seal*, lesse considerable *Notum sit omnibus Christianis, quod ego Joh. Greseley non habui potestatem* Sigilli *mei per unum annum integrum ultimo præteritum, jam notifico in bona memoria & sana mente; & Scripta* Sigillo *meo contradico & denego in omnibus à tempore prædicto usq; in diem restaurationis* Sigilli *prædicti. In cujus rei testimonium* Sigillum *Decanatus de* **Repindon** *apposui. Testibus domino Thoma Stafford milite, Joh. Arderne, Joh Corsoun de* **Ketleston**, *& Rog. de Montgomeri. Dat. apud* **Drakelow** *xviii R.* 2.

And here we see, that as *Henry de Bereford* procured his nephew *Roger Hillari*, to affix his Seal to that Instrument before mentioned, in regard it was more known (which hath occasioned this digression) so doth *John de Greseley* now cause the *Seal* of the Deanry of **Repindon** to be put to his Deed. A multitude of Examples in the like kind I could produce; some of the *Seals* of Bishops, some of Deans and Chapters, some of Corporations, and some of sundry eminent persons, whose *Seals* were most notable, but for brevities sake I forbear; concluding my discourse of this matter with that which is very observable; *viz.* that King *John*, whilst he was Earl of **Mozeton**, to his grant of the Church of **Hope** in **Dezbyshire** made unto the Canons of **Lichfield**, affixed his *gold Ring*, with a Turky stone in it, to the silk string whereunto the *Seal* was put, with this expression [k] ——*non solum* Sigilli *mei impressione, sed proprii Annuli appositione roboravi.* But further concerning *Seales* I refer my Reader to the learned *Selden's Titles of Honour, Part* 2. *Cap.* 5. *Sect.* 37.

And so returning to Sir *Edmund de Bereford*, I find, that in 9 *E.* 3. his *Seal* [l] of Armes was *Crusulè fichè and three flowre de lices*, the colour *sable* and the field *Arg.* which coat hath a good affinity with *Hillaries* before mentioned; that differing from this in nothing but a border, as the Seal [m] also sheweth. In 25 *E.* 3. this Sir *Edmund*, having by his Testament [n], made at **Brightwell** in **Oxfordshire**, bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priory of **Chaucumbe**, betwixt the steps and the Altar, in the midst of the floor, if with conveniency it might be: and to his poor Tenants of **Chaulgrave** in **Oxfordshire**; **Shottwell**, **Derset**, **Withaw**, **Wiginhill**, **Maney**, **Sutton**, **Bikemershe**, and **Thorpe**, all in this County, given liberall Legacies, died [o] in 28 *E.* 3. leaving *John* his son, possest of most of his lands, by vertue of a special [p] entail in 22 *E.* 3. For it seems he was [q] illegitimate.



[a] *Plac. apud Westm. Oct. Trin. 54. H. 3. rot. 30.*

[c] *Claus. 8. E. 1. in d. m.*

[f] *Claus. 7. E. 2. m. d. 21.*

[s] *Plac. de Term. & Assis. apud Westm. 9 E. 3. rot. 73.*

[h] *Pat. 13. E. 3. p. 2. m. 5.*

[i] *Ex autog. penès Georg. Pudsey ar. & Laur. & Thom. Pudsey ar.*

[k] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

[l] *Ex autog. penès Ioh. Lisle ar.*

[m] *Penès S. Archer eq. aur.*

[n] *Inquis. p. m. 105.*

[o] *Claus. 28 E. 3. m. 11.*

[p] *F. de div. com. levat. xv. Pasch. 22 E. 3.*

[q] *Esc. 30. E. 3. n. 47.*

Which *John* wedded [r] *Alianore* daughter to *Ric.* Earl of **Arundell**, and after that, another wife; but dying [s] in **Gascoin** 30 *E.* 3. left *Baldwin* his brother and heir *xxiiii* years of age. This *Baldwin* was a Knight [t] in 36 *E.* 3. and in 1 *R.* 2. constituted by *Thomas de Holland* (half brother to the K.) chief Guardian [u] of all the Forests on this side **Trent**, his Lievtenant in that Office. In 4 *R.* 2. he had **Free warren** [w] granted to him in all his demesn lands and Woods of **Brightwell**, **Chalgrave**, **Newnham** and **Ruffold** *in Com. Oxon.* **Stene** and **Fernyngho** *in Com. Northampt.* **Bykmersh**, **Shotswell**, and **Wyshaw** in this County, with **Sutton** and **Meysham** in **Derbyshire**: And in the same year was made Keeper [x] of the King's Park at **Eltham**, for life; with a Fee of iii *d. per diem*, to be received out of the Rents of that Mannour. He was a speciall favourite and a powerfull man with K. *Ric.* 2. For besides the discharge [y] of an C *li.* due by him for the Wardship and Marriage of *John* the son and heir of *John de Odingsells*, he is noted [z] to be one of those, who had the Character of an evill Councelier, given him by that tumultuous Parliament, held in 11 *R.* 2. and thereupon, with the Lord *Zouch*, and divers other great men, expelled the Court.

But the affection born towards him by the King, was not without great cause, I presume; For he had been servant to his Father the Black Prince, retained [a] by Covenant for life, as well in Peace as Warr, having an Annuity of xl *li. per an.* granted unto him out of the Lordship of **Coventre**; which the said King not only confirmed, after his Father's decease, whilst he was Prince of **Wales**, but again in [b] the first year of his reign.

This Sir *Baldwin* had a *Bear* for his Crest [c], in regard it alluded so near to his name (a course very frequent in those times:) And having no issue, he setled a great part of his estate, by Fine [d], upon *John Hore* and *Joane* his wife; which *Joane* was grandchild [e] by a coheir, to *Will. de Ellesfield*, and he grandchild of *Gilb. de Ellesfield*, by *Joane* [f] e. deft sister to Sir *Edmund de Bereford* before spoken of, as the Descent doth shew. This *John* being [g] of **Childerley** in **Cambridgshire**, and likewise *Gilbert* his [h] his son, resied wholy there: After which ere long, *viz.* about the beginning of *H.* 7. time, their male line extinguished, and this Lordship with other lands came to the *Pudseys*: For *Edith* * cosyn and heir to the last *Gilbert Hore*, residing at her Mannour of **Ellesfield** near **Oxford**, having a speciall liking to *Rowland Pudsey*, a younger son to *Henry Pudsey* of **Barford** and **Bolton** in **Yorkshire**, then a Student in that University, and a Gentleman much accomplisht, took him for her husband, the posterity of which *Rowland* and *Edith*, have ever since enjoy'd it.

r *F. de div. Com. ut supra.*
s *Esc.* 30. *E.* 3 *n.* 47.
t *B. ra. f.* 19. *b.*
u *Pat.* 1. *R.* 2. *p.* 4. *m.* 23.
w *Cart.* 4 *R.* 2. *n.* 3.
x *Pat.* 4 *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 25.
y *Clauf* 8. *R.* 2. *m.* 37.
z *T. ra. f. p.* 365. *n.* 10.
a ∑ *Clauf.* 12. *R.* 2.
b ∑ *m.* 6.
c *Ex autog penès præf.* G. Pudsey.
d *Clauf.* 1. *H.* 6. *m.* 4.
e *Esc.* 21. *R.* 2. *n.* 30.
f *Esc.* 30. *E.* 3 *n.* 47.
g *F. levat.* xv. *Pasch.* 8. *H.* 4.
h *Heyw f.* 34. *b.*
* *Esc.* 7. *H.* 8.

New-Hall.

This being a member of **Sutton**, was about the beginning of *E.* 3. time, possest [i] by one *Will. de Sutton* of **Warwick**; which *Will.* or his predecessors, had it (doubtlesse) from one of the Earls of **Warwick**, and granted [k] it to one *Rob. de Sutton* a Merchant of **Coventre**, who past [l] it in 12 *E.* 3. unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and Sir *John Lizours* of **Fledborough** *in Com. Nott.* Knight, to the behoof of the said Sir *John* and his heirs, as it seems, for the next year following, the said Earl released [m] all his right therein accordingly; in which Release it is termed one Messuage called **New-Hall**. After this till 15 *H.* 6. I have seen no more of it, but then did the Homage in a Court Baron held at **Sutton**, present [n], that Sir *Ric. Stanhope* Kt. died seized thereof, by the name of the Mannour of **New-Hall**, held of the Earl of **Warw.** by the serivce of *xs. xd. per an.* a Heriot being then seized by the Bayliff. Whereupon *James Stanhope* son and heir to Sir *Richard*, exhibited a Deed, whereby it appeared, that his Father had in his life time enfeoft Sir *Thomas Aston* Knight, *Nich Gousshall* Esquier and others, in this Mannour and other lands, aswell in this County as elsewhere, and therefore required a discharge from the Heriot. But all that I have further seen thereof is [o], that *Katherine* the widow of *Will. Basset* of **Fledborough** beforementioned, demised it in 20 *H.* 6. unto *Will. Deping* of **Sutton**, and *Ric. Ley* of **Maney**, for 21 years, by the name of *Dominium Vocatum* **New-Hall**.

i k l m n o *Ex autog. penès præf.* G. Pudsey.
r *Ib f.* 102. *a.*

Pedimore.

HEre is now no more remaining of an antient Mannour place, that the *Ardens* had, than a large double moat; for after they setled in these parts, having another House on the South side of **Tame**, called **Park Hall** (whereof I have already spoke) they resided for the most part, there, and let this goe to ruine. I do not conceive this to have been the inheritance of that antient Family, so long as **Curdworth** and **Minworth**, (whereof I am next to discourse) but am of opinion, that they had it from one of the Earls of **Warwick**, after **Sutton** (within the territories whereof it lies) came to their hands: howbeit till 9 *E.* 1. I have not seen any ment on of it at all, no not so much as the name; but then was it stiled [p] the Mannour of **Pedimore**, and passed by *Thomas de Arden* of **Rotley** unto *Hugh de Vienna*, together with all his lands in **Curdworth**, **Minworth**, **Morhull** *&c.* Which grant was no other than a trust, I suppose; for very soon after, did the same *Thomas* convey [q] the inheritance of it to *Thomas de Arden* of **Hanwell** and *Rose* his wife, together with all his said lands in **Crudeworth**, **Morhull**, **Minneworth Echenours**, and **Overton**, as by his Deed, whereunto Sir *Richard de Mundevill*, *Will. de Odingsells*, *John de Clinton*, *Thomas de Hasele*, and *Ric. de Whitacre*, Kts. *Hugh de Bereford*, *Anketyl de L'ile*, and others, were witnesses, appeareth.

Who being thus in possession of it, began to exercise the like Liberty here, as he did in his other lands, not considering that it was within the compasse of **Sutton** *Chase*, where the Earl of **Warwick** had so much priviledge relating both to *Vert*, and *Venison*, as already hath been said; so that the Earl, having begun suit against him, he was glad to seek his favour, and submit to a peaceable Agreement [r]; by which it appears; that the said Earl (*sc. Will. de Beauchamp*) condiscended to grant unto them the said *Thomas* and *Roese*, and the heirs of *Thomas*, liberty to fish in that little stream, called **Ebroke**, at his coming to **Pedimore**, and during his stay there, so for as his lands lay adjacent thereto: As also that they might have liberty to agist Hoggs within their Woods of **Curdworth** and **Pedimore**, take benefit of the paunage, and beat down Acorns for their Swine; and likewise gather such Nutts as should be there growing.

p *Plac. coram R. term. Trin. 9. E. 1. rot. 13.*
q *Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 104. b. &c.*

And

And moreover to cut down wood for their Fewell and Hedges, without any assignation of the said Earl's Forester; and to make sale of twenty pounds-worth thereof, so that it were by the oversight of the said Forester, to the end that the *Chase* might have least prejudice thereby: as also timber to repair the buildings, within his said Mannour of **Curdworth** and **Pedmore**, by the like oversight of the Forester, upon warning; or at least one of the Earl's Bailiffs at **Sutton**, or in those Woods, in the presence of two neighbours.

And if upon such warning given, the Forester should absent himself, that then the said *Thomas* and his heirs, might by the view of two neighbours, enter those Woods, and cut down and carry away so much as should be necessary: but after the death of the said *Thomas* and *Rose*, neither his heirs, nor assignes to take *Estovers* for their Fewell and Hedges, nor Timber but by assignation of the said Earl's Foresters. And that their Woodward should be sworn to the said Earl and his heirs, as touching his *Venison*, carrying only a Hatchet (or Forest-Bill) without Bow and Arrows. And further the said Earl did likewise grant for himself & his heirs, that the same *Thomas* and *Rose*, and the heirs and assignes of *Thomas*, should have liberty to make improvement of their Waste, within the said Mannours, according to the **Sutton** measure, to the extent of xx. acres only, and to inclose them according to the Custome of the *Chase*, so that Does with their Fawns might leap over the Hedges; and that they might reduce the same land to Tillage, as they should think fit in severall places, to the least damage of the *Chase*, and most advantage of the said *Thomas*, his heirs and assignes; Saving to the Commoners their Common of pasture when the Corn is off. And lastly that the said *Thomas* and *Rose*, as also the heirs and assignes of *Thomas*, might peacebly hold in, and enjoy four Acres and an half of the said Waste, whereof they had received the crop before the date hereof; which was at **Minworth** the Sunday next after the Feast of the blessed Virgins *Nativity* in 16 *Edw.* 1.

Stret. f.5.

In this Mannour House at **Pedmore** was anciently a Chapell; for I find [f] that Sir *John de Arden* Knight, in 34 *E.* 3. had License from *Rob. de Stretton* then Bishop of this Dioces, to have a Priest for celebration of Divine Service therein: But now all is levell with the Earth, the site thereof, with the lands thereto belonging, continuing to the posterity of the said Sir *John* (of whom in **Curdworth** I am to speak) till this day.

Curdworth.

THis lying on the North-west side of **Tame**, and including **Minworth Berwode**, and **Dunton** in its Parish, was in the Conqueror's dayes possest by *Turchill de Warwick*, and by the general Survey [t], then taken, certified to contain 4 hides, the Woods being half a mile in length; with as much in breadth, and all valued at L *s.* In that Record it is written **Credewozde**, which makes me guess, that the name originally arose from some ancient owner of it in the Saxons time; perhaps *Crida*, for that was then a frequent appellation: but before the Norman invasion one *Ulwinus* had it.

Domesd.

In this place I have made choise to speak historically of that most antient and worthy Family, whose firname was first assumed from their residence in this part of the County, then and yet called **Arden**, by reason of its woodinesse; the old Britans and Gauls using the word in that sense, as Master *Cambden* hath observed: Not for that the same *Turchill* or his descendants lived here; for their principall seats were in other places; *viz.* **Kingsbury** and **Hampton** in **Arden**, on this side the Shire; as also **Rotley** and **Redburne** on the other, whilst some male branches lasted; but because this is the chief place, which continued longest in the Family, even till of late time (as I shall shew anon) and was near to that *, where for the greatest part of these last 300 years they have had their residence,

* Park-Hall.

Having therefore spoken so fully of the before mentioned *Turchill*, in **Warwick**, I shall now passe him by, with this only observation, that he was one of the first here in **England**, that, in imitation of the Normans, assumed a firname; for so it appears [u] that he did, and wrote himself *Turchillus de Eardene*, in the days of K. *Will. Rufus*. This *Turchill* left issue [w] *Siward* his eldest son (by the first wife) as also *Peter* a Monk in the Abby of **Thorney**; and, I think, *Raph*, of whom and his descendants, I shall speak in **Hampton** in **Arden**: and by a second wife *Osbert*, as in **Kingsbury** shall be further shewed.

u *Ex Regist. de Abend. in bibl. Cotton. f.* 122. *b.* & 137. *a.*

w *Regist. de Thorney. p.9. f.*15.

Which *Siward* was not permitted to enjoy any large proportion of his Father's lands; the Earl of **Warwick** having the greatest part assigned [x] unto him by K. *Will. Rufus*, about the beginning of his reign, *in Comitatus supplimentum* (for augmentation of his Earldome) but what he had leave to retain, was by him and his posterity held by Military service of those Earls. Some [z] say that he became Sewer to *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of the Norman race; but all that I have seen further memorable of him is, that he was a witnesse to some principall Grants made by *Geffrey de Clinton*, Founder of **Kenilworth** Priory in *H.* 1. time, upon his endowment [a] thereof; and to certain confirmations [b] of *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, [c] and others: as also a speciall Benefactor to the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridgshire**, by bestowing [d] on them his Mill at **Riton**, and certain lands in **Flekenho**, within this County: And that he left issue *Hugh* and *Henry*. Which *Hugh*, being a very pious and devout man, gave [e] a large proportion of lands, out of his Mannour of **Rotley** unto the Monks of **Stoneley**: confirm'd [f] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** the grant of **Pakinton** (which was of his Fee, and given to them by *Geffrey de Clinton*) Gave [g] to the Canons of **Leicester** his Mannour of **Berwood** with an Hermitage [h] there; as also one Messuage, one Mill, two Carucates of land, *Lx.* acres of meadow, *Lx.* acres of pasture, *CCC.* acres of Wood, and *X s.* Rent in this **Curdworth**, with the advouson of the Church: And confirm'd [i] to the Monks of **Canwell** that grant made by *Cecilie* his sister, of one yard land lying also in this Lordship, with the meadow adjoyning thereto: but it doth not appear that he left any issue, for *Henry* his brother succeeded him in the estate.

z H Ferrers.

a *Regist. de Kenilw. p.*2.

b *Ib. p.*18.

c *Ib. p.*26.

d *Reg. de Thorney ut supra.*

e *Cart.*19. *E.*2. *n.*6.

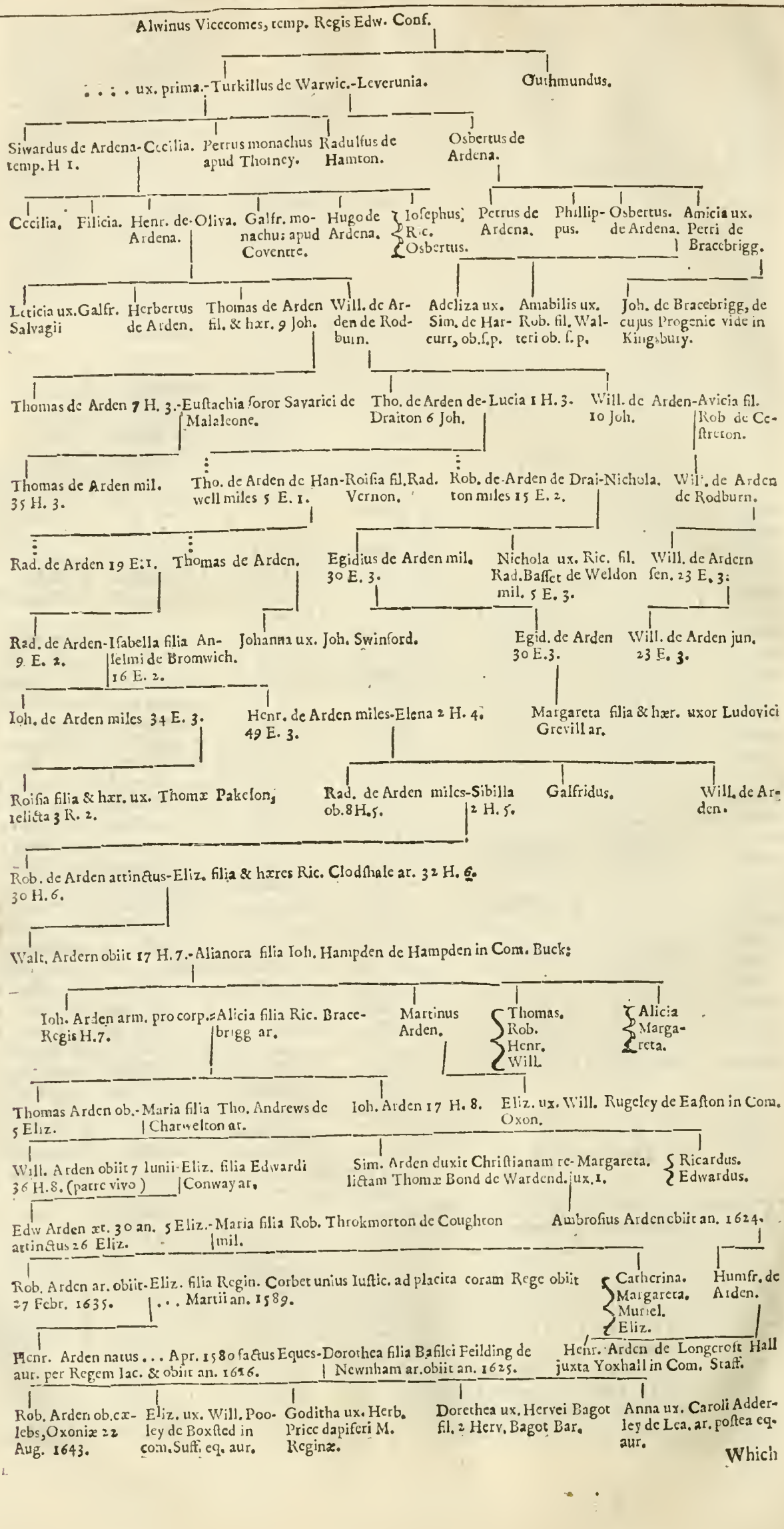
f *Reg. de Kenil. p.*29.

g *Reg. de Leic. in bibl. Cott. f.*7. *a.*

h *Cart.*11. *E.*2. *n.*10. *per. Insp.*

i *Ex autog. penes* Rob. Arden *ar.*

Alwinus


Alwinus Vicecomes, temp. Regis Edw. Conf.
. . . . ux. prima.-Turkillus de Warwic.-Leverunia.
Guthmundus.
Siwardus de Ardena-temp. H 1.
Cecilia.
Petrus monachus apud Thorney.
Radulfus de Hamton.
Osbertus de Ardena.
Cecilia.
Filicia.
Henr. de-Ardena.
Oliva.
Galfr. monachus apud Coventre.
Hugo de Ardena.
Iosephus, Ric. Osbertus.
Petrus de Ardena.
Phillippus.
Osbertus. de Ardena.
Amicia ux. Petri de Bracebrigg.
Leticia ux. Galfr. Salvagii
Herbertus de Arden.
Thomas de Arden fil. & hær. 9 Joh.
Will. de Arden de Rodburn.
Adeliza ux. Sim. de Harcurr, ob. s.p.
Amabilis ux. Rob. fil. Walteri ob. s. p.
Joh. de Bracebrigg, de cujus Progenie vide in Kingsbury.
Thomas de Arden 7 H. 3.-Eustachia soror Savarici de Malaleone.
Tho. de Arden de Draiton 6 Joh.
Lucia 1 H. 3.
Will. de Arden-10 Joh.
Avicia fil. Rob de Cestreton.
Thomas de Arden mil. 35 H. 3.
Tho. de Arden de Hanwell miles 5 E. 1.
Roisia fil. Rad. Vernon.
Rob. de-Arden de Draiton miles 15 E. 2.
Nichola.
Will. de Arden de Rodburn.
Rad. de Arden 19 E. 1.
Thomas de Arden.
Egidius de Arden mil. 30 E. 3.
Nichola ux. Ric. fil. Rad. Basset de Weldon mil. 5 E. 3.
Will. de Ardern sen. 23 E. 3.
Rad. de Arden-9 E. 2.
Isabella filia Anselmi de Bromwich. 16 E. 2.
Johanna ux. Joh. Swinford.
Egid. de Arden 30 E. 3.
Will. de Arden jun. 23 E. 3.
Joh. de Arden miles 34 E. 3.
Henr. de Arden miles-49 E. 3.
Elena 2 H. 4.
Margareta filia & hær. uxor Ludovici Grevill ar.
Roisia filia & hær. ux. Thomæ Pakeson, relicta 3 R. 2.
Rad. de Arden miles-ob. 8 H. 5.
Sibilla 2 H. 5.
Galfridus.
Will. de Arden.
Rob. de Arden attinctus-30 H. 6.
Eliz. filia & hæres Ric. Clodshale ar. 32 H. 6.
Walt. Ardern obiit 17 H. 7.-Alianora filia Joh. Hampden de Hampden in Com. Buck:
Joh. Arden arm. pro corp. Regis H. 7.
Alicia filia Ric. Bracebrigg ar.
Martinus Arden.
Thomas. Rob. Henr. Will.
Alicia Margareta.
Thomas Arden ob. 5 Eliz.-Maria filia Charwelton ar.
Tho. Andrews de
Joh. Arden 17 H. 8.
Eliz. ux. Will. Rugeley de Easton in Com. Oxon.
Will. Arden obiit 7 Junii-36 H. 8. (patre vivo)
Eliz. filia Edwardi Conway ar.
Sim. Arden duxit Christianam relictam Thomæ Bond de Wardend.
Margareta. ux. 1.
Ricardus. Edwardus.
Edw Arden æt. 30 an. 5 Eliz.-attinctus 26 Eliz.
Maria filia Rob. Throkmorton de Coughton mil.
Ambrosius Arden obiit an. 1624.
Rob. Arden ar. obiit-27 Febr. 1635.
Eliz. filia Regin. Corbet unius Justic. ad placita coram Rege obiit . . . Martii an. 1589.
Catherina. Margareta. Muriel. Eliz.
Humfr. de Arden.
Henr. Arden natus . . . Apr. 1580 factus Eques-aur. per Regem Iac. & obiit an. 1616.
Dorothea filia Basilei Feilding de Newnham ar. obiit an. 1625.
Henr. Arden de Longcroft Hall juxta Yoxhall in Com. Staff.
Rob. Arden ob. cælebs, Oxoniæ 22 Aug. 1643.
Eliz. ux. Will. Pooley de Boxsted in com. Suff. eq. aur.
Goditha ux. Herb. Price dapiferi M. Reginæ.
Dorethea ux. Hervei Bagot fil. 2 Herv. Bagot Bar.
Anna ux. Caroli Adderley de Lea, ar. postea eq. aur.

Which

Which *Henry* in 12 *H.* 2. was certified [k] to hold 5. Knights Fees of *Will.* then Earl of **Warwick**, as his brother *Hugh* did other five and a third part; and gave [l] to the Canons of **Kenilworth** a meadow in **Bathkinton**. He likewise confirmed [m] to them the Mannour of **Paxinton**, and part [n] of **Newton**: As also to [o] the Monks of **Combe** what they had in **Bilney**, and to [p] the Monks of **Pipwell**, **Caulton**; all which were of his Fee; and ratified [q] his Father's grant to the Abby of **Thorney**, adding thereto somewhat more in **Riton**, of his own bounty. To this *Henry* succeeded *Thomas* [r], as son and heir; who gave [s] likewise to the Canons of **Leicester** certain parcells of land and Woods in **Berwood**; and confirmed to the Monks of **Stonley** what they had in **Rotley** of his Uncles gift, making some enlargement [t] thereof: So likewise [u] to the Monks of **Thorney**, of what his Father, and grandfather had bestowed on them; and moreover gave [w] them all **Salbrigge** in this County. This *Thomas* was one of those who met [x] at the Tournament at **Blithe** in **Nottinghamshire**, contrary to the King's prohibition, for which his lands were seized on: but in 7 *H.* 3. he had restitution [y] of them again: and having wedded [z] *Eustachia* the widow of *Savaricus de Mauleone*, a Poictovin (one [a] of those Courtiers that much guided the K. and against whom the English Nobility took such high exception) departed this life before 17 *H.* 3. For in that year *Avicia de Arden* (wife to *Will. de Arden* of **Rodburne**) having made a great complaint [b] to the King, that whereas her said husband was gone on Pilgrimage to **Jerusalem**, and not returned, and yet there being no certainty at all of his death, the before specified *Eustachia*, had not only seized upon those lands, which the said *Avicia* had by her husband's assignation, to maintain her self in his absence, but taken away her son and heir: whereupon the King issued out his Precept to the Shirriff of this County, requiring him to put her in possession again, and restore her son.

Which last mentioned *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, who ratified [c] his Father's concessions to the Abby of **Thorney**: and in 35 *H.* 3. was [d] a Kt. In 48 *H.* 3. this *Thomas* had Summons [e], together with many others of the most eminent men in **England** to appear at **Oxford** in Midlent, there to advise with the King, and attend him in an expedition designed against *Lewellin ap Griffith* (Prince of **Wales**) and his complices, then in Rebellion: but what good affection he bore to the King, may be seen by his after-actions, for he presently took part with the rebellious Barons, and the next year following participated of their fate, being taken prisoner [g] in the battell of **Evesham**. Which unhappy enterprize, notwithstanding the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** had made him capable of redeeming his Lands by a tolerable fine, was (as I guesse) the ruine of him: For I find that in 9 *E.* 1. he past [h] away all his lands here in **Curdworth**, and divers other places unto *Hugh de Vienna*: that in 14 of that Kings reign, he quitted [i] to the Krs. *Hospitalars* the totall interest that he had in **Riton** *juxta* **Dunsmore**: in 15. sold [k] the Mannour of **Rotley** with the advouson of the Church unto *Nic. de Eton*: and about that time likewise granted [l] unto *Thomas de Arden* of **Hanwell** and *Rose* his wife, the inheritance of the Mannour of **Pedimore**, and of all his lands lying here in **Curdworth**: as also in **Morhull**, **Minworth**, **Echenours**, and **Overton**: and to shut himself out of all, made a conveyance [m] unto *Will. de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of the same Earl, of all the Fees throughout **England**, that were held of him. The Armes [n] he bore, were *Chequi Or and Azure a Cheveron gules*, which his Ancestors assumed, as it seemes, in regard that they held their lands of th Earls of **Warwick**, whose *Cheveron* was *Ermine* in the like field; but whether he left any issue, I make a question.

I now come to *Thomas de Arden* of **Hanwell**, unto whom this Lordship with other lands were past by the last mentioned Sir *Thomas*, whose seat was at **Rotley**. This *Thomas* was [o] in that Welch expedition of 5 *E.* 1. but little else have I seen of him; that is very memorable, other than the Agreement betwixt the Earl of **Warwick** and him; whereof I have spoken in **Pedimore**, and the bearing of his Armes; *viz. Ermine a Fesse Chequie*, as appeareth by his Seal [p]; as also that he married *Rose* daughter [q] unto *Raph de Vernun*, by whom (I think) he had the said Lordship of **Hanwell**; and left issue one only daughter called *Joan*, wedded to Sir *John Swinford* Knight. To whom succeeded *Robert* his brother, who living at **Wykham** near **Banbury**, became Governour [r] of **Banbury** Castle in 15 *E.* 2. and in 16 *E.* 2. was [s] in the Scotch Expedition: This *Robert* was in 3 *E.* 3. a [t] Knight: After which, *viz.* the next ensuing year, he obtained License [u] of the King, to fortifie his Mannour house at **Wykham**, with an embattelled Wall of lime and stone; and in 5 *E.* 3. departed [w] this life, seized of a very fair estate; *scil.* the Mannours [x] of **Drayton**, **Hanwell**, **Hoxne**, **Hoxynton Dunstuwe Polughbury**, **Wykham**, and **Swalweclive** in **Oxfordshire**; **Wapenham**, and **Sudburgh** in **Northamptonshire**; with **Perching**, **Adburton**, **Fulking**, **Lawike**, **Yangelton** and **Pote-Knolle** *in com. Suss.* Whose grandson *Giles*, being the last male of this branch, left an only daughter called *Margaret*, married [y] to *Lodowik Grevill* Esq; from whom the *Grevills* of this County did descend.

But the next possessor [z] of this Mannour, of whom I have seen any mention, was *Raph*, the son of *Raph*, a younger [a] son to Sir *Thomas Arden* of **Hanwell**. This *Raph* was in 17 *E.* 2. [b] certified to be one of the principal Esquires in this County, and by *Isabell* his wife daughter [c] unto *Anselme de Bromwich*, left issue [d] *John* and *Henry*. Which *John* bore for his Armes [e] *Ermine a Fesse Chequie*; and in 33 *E.* 3. being a Knight, as also a powerfull man in this County (as my Author [f] saith) impleaded the Abbot of **Leicester** for the Mannour of **Berwode**, with the advouson of this Church of **Curdworth**, given to the Canons of that House, by his Ancestors many ages before: whereupon the Abbot, fearing partiality in hearing the cause, for it was to be tryed at **Warwick**, procured the King's Letter to the Judges of this Circuit: *viz.* Sir *John de Mowbray*, and *Thomas de Hingylby*, requiring them that he might have equal right; by means whereof the Verdict past for the Abbot. This Sir *John de Arden* resided [g] at his Mannour of **Pedimore**, as it seems by a License to have divine Service celebrated in his Oratory there, but left no other than heirs female; whereof *Rose* was married [h] unto one *Thomas Pakeson*, and the rest dyed issuelesse: which *Pakeson* was outlawed [i] for Felony in 43 *E.* 3. and dyed [k] in 2 *R.* 2. leaving *John* his son, 7 years of age.

k *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *a.*

l, m *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 36.

n *Ib. p.* 30.

o *Reg. de Cumba f.* 41. *a.*

p *Reg. de Pipw. f.* 82. *b.*

q *Reg. de Thorney p.* 4. *cap.* 2. *&* 3.

r *Plac. de T. Pasch.* 9. *Iob. rot.* 9.

s *Reg. de Leic. ut supra.*

t *Ex autog. in bibl. Denys f.*

u *Reg. de Thorney ut supra.*

w *Ib.*

x, y *Clauf.* 7. *H.* 3 *m.* 11.

z *Pat.* 26. *H.* 3. *p.* 1. *n.* 7.

Math. *Westm. in a* 1215.

a *Clauf.* 17. *H.* 3. *m.* 6.

Reg. de Thorney ut. supra. p. 4. *Ex autog. penes Sr. Cap. ich.*

Clauf. 48. *H.* 3. *in d. ccd.*

Esc. 50. 3.

Plac. coram R. T. in. 9. *E.* 1. *rot.* 13. *&* 6.

Pat. 14. *E.* 1. *m.* 20.

Plac. coram R. 14. *E.* 1. *rot.*

Cartul. Warw. f. 104 *b*

n *Ex autog. penes* Rob. Arden. *Mr.*

o *Pat.* 5. *E.* 1. *m.* 8.

p *In bibl.* Hatton.

q *Ex Coll.* H Ferrers.

r *Rot. F.* 15. *E.* 2. *m.* 18.

s *Pat.* 16. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 24.

t *Pat.* 3. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.

u *Pat.* 4. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.

w *Rot. F.* 5. *E.* 3. *m.* 9

x *Cart.* 2 *E.* 3 *n.* 32.

y *Inscrip. Tum. apud* Drayton.

z *Esc.* 9. *E.* 2.

a, b, c *Ex Col.* H. Ferers

d, e *Ex autog. penes praef.* R. Arden.

f *Hist.* H. Knighton *MS. in bibl* Cotton *f.* 163. *b.*

g *Stret. f.* 5. *b.*

i, k *Claus.* 3. *R.* 2. *m.* 4.

To this Sir *John* succeeded as heir male, his brother *Henry*, who was the first of this Family that seated himself at **Park Hall**, as I think; for before his time, I have not seen any mention of it: but then, *scil.* in 47 *E.* 3. did Sir *John de Botetourt*, Lord of **Weolegh**-Castle (in **Worcestershire**) not only confirm [l] the same to him, with the appurtenances lying in **Castle Bromwich**, but released all the Services by which he held the same, reserving only a Red Rose to be yearly paid to himself and his heirs, on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of S^t *John Bapt.* for all services and demands whatsoever. After which, *viz.* in 48 *E.* 3. this *Henry* became first a Commissioner [m] for conservation of the peace in this Shire, and the next year following, a Knight [n]: And having a speciall relation to *Thomas de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, obtained from him in 1 *R.* 2. in consideration of his good and acceptable service, done and to be done, a grant [o] of the Mannours of **Crombe**-*Adam*, and **Grafton**-*Flexorth*, in **Worcestershire** to hold for life, paying only a Red Rose at the Feast of the *Nativity* of S. *John Bapt.* for all services.

The same year he served [p] in the Parl. held at **Westminster** as one of the Knights for this Shire; so likewise [q] in the Parl. of 3 *R.* 2. And in 4 *R.* 2. had a Release [r] from *Rose* the daughter and heir of Sir *John de Arden*, before specified, of all her interest to the Mannour of **Pedimore**, and the lands in **Curdworth**, **Minworth**, **Sutton** and **Morhull** of her fathers inheritance. In 5 *R.* 2. he was joined in [s] Commission with the Earl of **Warwick**, and some few other persons of the superior rank, to suppresse the Rebells then in Armes within this County, that being the time as *Jack Straw* and the plebean rout were risen in other places: And left issue *Raph*, who was one of the retinue [t] to the before specified Earl of **Warwick**; and in 7 *H.* 4. assigned [u] to *Elene* late the wife of the same Sir *Henry*, the Mannours of **Wapenham** and **Sulgrave**, in **Northamtonshire**; to hold during her life, but afterwards that of **Wapenham** to remain unto *Geffrey* his Brother, and to the heirs male of his body, and **Sulgrave** to *Will.* his brother, for life only. And having served [w] the said Earl, as one of his Esquiers at the seige of **Calais**, with one Lance, and two Archers, taking for the same Lance and one Archer xx *li. per an.* and their diet, and for the other *x.* marks without diet, was a Knight before he dyed, which fell [x] out in 8 *H.* 5. whereupon *Joan Beauchamp* Lady of **Bergavenny**, had the custody [y] of *Robert* his son and heir, then but 8 [z] years of age.

Which *Robert*, in 12 *H.* 6. was one of the chief Gentlemen of this County, who being constituted [a] by Commission, did make Oath for the observation of divers Articles determined and concluded on, in the Parl. then held: And in 16 *H.* 6. executed the Office of Shirriff [b] for this County and **Leicestershire**. After which, *viz.* in 21 *H.* 6. being designed to go along with *Henry Percie* Governour of **Barwick**, and General of the East Marches towards **Scotland**, he had for that purpose the King's speciall Letters [c] of protection to endure for one whole year: but it seems he withdrew himself from the service, and stayed in **Westminster**: whereof the King was informed, and revoked [d] his said Protection. In 29 *H.* 6. he served [e] as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westminster**. After this he sided with the Yorkists in those quarrells whereof our Historians make ample mention, and attempted the raysing forces in **Shropshire**; but being laid hold on, before their succesſe at S. **Albans** had made them so powerfull, he was attainted [f] of high Treason by *James* Earl of **Wiltshire**, *Richard Bingham* and *John Portington*, Judges appointed to try him and others of that party, and lost [g] his life for the same offence, on Saturday next after the Feast of S. *Laurence* the Martyr 30 *H.* 6. the custody of his lands being committed [h] to *Thomas Littleton* Sergeant at Law, *Thomas Greswould* and *John Gamell* Esquires.

To whom succeeded *Walter* his son and heir, by *Eliz.* daughter and heir to *Ric. Clodshale*: which *Walter*, having within two years after his Father's death, obtained the King's Precept [i] to his Eschaetor, for render of those lands, in this County of his mothers inheritance; and likewise of some other, became, ere long, possest of the residue, and wedded [k] *Elianore* the daughter to *John Hampden* of **Hampden** in **Buckinghamshire**. But little else have I seen of him that is memorable, other than that by his Testament [l], bearing date *ult. Junii An.* 1502 (17 *H.* 7.) he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of S. *Peter* and *Paul* at **Aston** *juxta* **Bermingham**; and to the Vicar of **Aston** for his *Mortuary*, and his *Tithes forgotten*, his best Oxe; Appointing likewise thereby, that at his burial xii *li.* of Wax should be spent in Lights, and six Torches born by six poor men, each of them having a black Gown for that service; As also a Trentall of Masses sung for his soul, and for the souls of his Father and Mother, and all Christen souls; constituting *Elianore* his wife Executrix, and *Edw. Belknap*, *John Bracebrigge*, with *John Boteler* of **Solihull**, Overseers thereof.

This *Walter* left issue *John Arden* his son and heir, one of the [m] Esquiers of the Body to K. *H.* 7. Which *John* wedded [n] *Alice* daughter to *Ric. Fracebrigge* of **Kingsbury** Esq; But concerning this marriage there arose no smal difference [o] betwixt the Parents on each side: *Walter Arden* (the Father) alledging that the said Richard and his servants had stolen away his son; Howbeit, at length, by a reference to Sir *Sim. Mountfort* of **Colshill** K^t and Sir *Ric. Bingham* (the Judge, who then lived at **Middleton**) it was determined [p], that the marriage should be solemnized betwixt them in *February* 13 *E.* 4. and, in consideration of *CC.* marks portion, a convenient Jointure setled: as also, that for the trespasse done by the same *Richard Bracebrigge*, in so taking away the young gentleman, he should give to the before specified *Walter Arden*, the best Horse, that could by him be chosen in **Kingsbury** Park.

Which *John Arden* bequeathed [q] also his body to be buried in **Aston** Church, beforementioned, before the glorious Image of our blessed Lady of *Pitie*; in whose Testament (bearing date 4 *Junii* 17 *H.* 8.) there being some things very memorable, I shall here recite them. —— *Item I bequethe for my* Mortuary *or* Cors presente *a black Gelding amling, that Almighty God may the rather take my soul unto his mercy and grace. Item I bequethe to the high Auter of* **Aston** *aforesaid, for Tithes and Offerings negligently forgotten,* iii *s.* iiii *d. &c. Item I bequethe my white Harneis complete to the Church of* **Aston**, *for a George to wear it, and to stand on my Pewe a place made for it: provided alway, that if the said George be not made within a year after my decease, that then I will that mine Executors do sell it, and hire a Priest to sing in the Chapell of* **Aston** *so long as*

l *Ex autog. penès præd. R. Arden.*
m *Pat. 48. E. 3. p. 1. m. 26.*
n *F. Nomi. coast Mart. 49 E. 3.*
o *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
p *Claus. 1. R. 2. in a. m. 22.*
q *Claus. 3. R. 2. in d. m. 18.*
r *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
s *Pat. 5. R. 2. p. 1. in d. m. 4.*
t *Comp. Ball. Warw. Com. penès W. P. ar.*
u *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
w *Rot. in bibl. Hatton.*
x *Claus. 8. H. 5. m. 1.*
y *Pat. 8. H. 5. p. 1. m. 10.*
z *Esc. 8. H. 5. n. 85.*
a *Pat. 12. 25 H. 6. p. 2. m.*
b *Rot. F. 16. H. 6. m. 20.*
c *Pat. 21. H. 6. p. 2. m. 24.*
d
e *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
f *Rot. F. 32. H. 6. m. 11.*
g *Esc. 32. H. 6.*
h *Rot. F. 32. H. 6. m. 15. & 16.*
i *Claus. 32. H. 6. m. 11.*
k *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
l Blamyr q. 17.
m Holgrave 19.
n
o *Ex autog. penès præf. R. A.*
p
q Porth 8.

as the money will extend. Item, *I will at the day of my buriall, that* xii. *pore women of my Tenants shall have each of them a black Gown, with a Hood, a pair of Bedes, Fourpence, and a Dinner, to bear each of them a Torch about my Herse.* Item, *I will have burning about my Herse* xxiiii. *Tapers, and each Taper of half a pound of Wax.* Item, *I will every Months day, during the year, be sung a solemne* Dirige, *and on the morrow* Masse of Requiem, *for my soule and all Christen soules by Note; and at every* Dirige *and* Masse *to be bestowed* iii *s.* iiii *d. amongst Priests, and Clerkes, Ringing, and Lights.* Item, *I will that a Priest sing at* **Dxton** *two whole Trentalls of St.* Gregorie, *with the* Diriges *belonging, that is for two years, and to have* v *l. a year,* &c. Item, *my best Gown of black Damask to my parish Church of* **Alton**, *to make a Cope with all.*

But here, before I proceed further with my historicall discourse of this Family, taking notice of the *Mortuaries* given by this *John Arden* and his Father, it will not be amiss to say somewhat, not onely touching the antiquitie, but the reason and originall occasion of such bequests; as also how in times past they were usually paid.

Of Mortuaries.

That which here is called a *Mortuarie* was by our Ancestors, the Saxons, called *Saul-ȝceat*, as is to be seen [r] in the Laws of *Canutus*, and signifies a tribute or pension payd for the safety of the Soul, the later syllable ȝceat importing the same with *census*, *vectigal*, and *pensio*, as Master *Lambert* [s] observeth: Neither is the word, with a signification not much unlike, out of use with us at this day, we commonly calling such money as Travelers pay for their entertainment, at a common Inne, the *Shot*. But ascending, as far as I can, to discover the antiquitie of this payment, I find a passage [t] in a very antient generall Councell of this Nation [*Concilium Ænhamense*] called by King *Ætheldred*, at the request of *Ælpheagus* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** and *Wulstane* Arch-Bishop of **Yorke** *An. M.ix.*] ȝaul ȝceat iȝ þihtaþ þ man ȝymble ȝelæȝte à à æt openum ȝpæce. Which words Sir *H. Spelman* thus interprets: *Sed æquissimum est ut animæ symbolum* [*quam pecuniam Sepulchralem nunc vocant*] *semper dependatur cum sepulchrum sit effossum:* the same Canon [u] being confirm'd by King *Canutus* 23. years after almost in the very same words.

r *Vide LL. Sax. Reg.* Canuti *edit. per.* A. Whelock *p.* 102.

s *In explic. vocab. Sax.*

t Spelm. *de Concil. p.* 511.

u *vide LL.* Canuti *ut supra Can.* 13.

But here we may observe, that though there be a time prefixt when this ȝaul ȝceat, or *symbolum animæ* ought to be payd; yet was it neither certain, whether it were Oxe, Cow, Horse, Money, or other Good; nor indeed any other than arbitrarie: And no less doth the old Latine *M S.* Copie of the before mentioned Synod *Cap.* 14. implie, where the Saxon Canon is thus rendred —— *Munera necnon defunctorum animabus concernentia, puteo impendantur aperto; id est* Let the gifts also which are given for the behoof of the Souls of the dead, be paid at the opening of the Grave. And further to make good what hath last been spoke, let us observe what *Glanvill* [w] (a famous Lawyer, who lived in *H.* 2. time) hath to that purpose. —— *Potest quilibet homo liber* (saith he) *majoribus debitis non involutus, de rebus suis in infirmitate sua rationabilem divisam facere, sub hac formâ, secundùm cujusdam patriæ consuetudinem; Quod Dominum suum primò de meliore re, quam habet, recognoscat; Deinde Ecclesiam; postea verò alias personas pro voluntate suâ.* And going further saith —— *Quicquid autem diversarum Patriarum consuetudines super hoc teneant, secundùm Jura regni, non tenetur quis in Testamento suo alicui personæ, nisi pro voluntate sua aliquid relinquere: libera enim dicitur esse cujuscunque ultima Voluntas secundùm has Leges, sicut & secundùm alias Leges.*

w *Glanv. in tract. de Leg. Angl. lib.* 7. *c.* 5.

Now to give some reason for the name, I shall cite what *Lindwood* * expresseth thereof, *sc. Mortuarium sic dictum quia relinquitur Ecclesiæ pro Anima defuncti*; And for this he cites the *Gloss.* upon the *Decretal* Epistle of Pope *Honorius* the third, about the year 1220, and beginning of the reign of our *Henry* the third. But S.r *Edw. Coke*, from the words of *Sim. Langham* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** (near 300 years since) in a certain Constitution of his, thus hath it, [x] *Mortuarium* (saith he) is a gift left by a man at his death *pro recompensatione subtractionis Decimarum personalium, & Oblationum*, which is a more particular definition than the former; yet is not this very consonant to the instances in these two Testaments, *viz.* of *Walter* and *John Arden* before recited: for in the first *Walter Arden* bequeaths for his *Mortuarie*, and his *Tithes forgotten*, his best Oxe, not *or his Tithes*; which *and* shews that they were not one and the same thing. And *John Arden* in his Will makes it more plain, *viz. Item I bequethe for my Mortuaries, or Cors presentè a black Geldyng amblyng, that allmighty God may the rather take my soul unto his mercy and grace:* And then, in a distinct Legacie, he saith, *Item, I bequethe to the high Aultar of* **Alton** *for Tithes and offerings negligently forgotten* iii *s.* iiii *d.*

* *Ad cap. Statut. de Consuetudine verbo* Mortuarij.

x *Cokes Inst. part.* 2. *p.* 491. *vide* Lindw. *lib.* 1 *de Constit. cap. statut.*

So that here we see *Cors presentè* is apparently the same as we call the *Mortuarie*, *id est* the Body presented or offered to the Priest; for where *Mortuaries* were used to be payd, the Body of the best Beast, or Good, was, according to the custome offered and presented to the Priest, in behalf of the Corse or person deceased. And yet, however here they are given as a Legacie, or bequest, which argues that of Custom they were not antiently payd in this place, 'tis very evident, that where they had been used to be payd, the Laws of this Realm did so settle them, that they were then recoverable as due debts; which the Statute *de Circumspectè agatis*, in 13 *E.* 1. doth manifest, in these words. *Item si Rector petat Mortuarium in partibus ubi* Mortuarium *dari consuevit, &c.* And Custome, in tract of time, did so prevail, as that they being held as due debts, the payment of them was injoyned by severall Constitutions; the first whereof, that I have met with, is that of *Robert de Winchelsie* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** *in An.* 1294. 23 *E.* 1. —— [y] *Quia inter Rectores Ecclesiarum & Parochianos suos lites cupimus extinguere, quæ frequenter oriuntur; Statuimus, quod si decedens tria ad minus vel plura cujuscunque generis in bonis animalia habuerit, optimo, cui de jure fuit debitum, reservato; Ecclesiæ suæ à quâ recepit Sacramenta dum viverit, melius post optimum reservetur: id est* the best being reserved for the Lord as an *Heriot*, the Church to have the next for a *Mortuarie*.

y Lindw. *cap.* Quia inter *de Sepulturis lib.* 3. *f.* 93.

Which Constitution was farther, and more fully explained by *Sim. Langham* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** about *Lxxx.* years after, where he alledges [z] the occasion of that payment to be *pro recompensatione subtractionis Decimarum personalium,*

z Lindw. *Cap. stat. de Consuetud.*

nalium, necnon & Oblationum, as I have already intimated; the truth whereof I somewhat doubt, for the reasons before expresst, though *Lindwood* in his *Glosse* upon that Constitution saith: *Quia non remittitur Peccatum, nisi restitutione factâ, ideo statuit quod pro compensatione sic subtractorum secundum melius animal defuncti Ecclesiæ dampnum debet applicari*; He means *ut dampnum Ecclesiæ resarciat*, to make some recompence for the Tithes and Oblations withheld.

Now, tha..he manner of their payment was antiently by ..ng, driving, or carrying the same before the Corps of the Defunct, on the day of his sepulture, I shall demonstrate by these ensuing testimonies. (1.) *William de Beauchamp* (father to the first Earl of **Warwick** of that Family) who died in 52 *H.* 3. *scil.* near 400 years since, in his Testament hath these words ——[a] *Et corpus meum terræ sepeliendum in Ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Wigorniæ; & coram corpore meo unum Equum ferro coopertum, ut decet, cum stramentis militaribus.* (2.) In 12 *E.* 1. *Roger de Clifford* (a great Baron) in his Testament hath it thus ——[b] *Et Corpus meum sepulturæ, matrici Ecclesiæ de* **Doze**, *& cum corpore meo Dextrarium meum coopertorium, vel xxx. marcas.* (3.) And in 20 *E.* 1. Sir *Hugh de Plesset* Knight thus ——[c] *Et Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Ecclesia Conventuali de* **Hussenden**, *juxta Monumentum patris mei ibidem, quondam defuncti; & cum corpore meo, nomine Principali, Palefridum meum album cum armaturâ qua decet.*

(4.) Adde to these, that of Sir *Walter Cokesey* Knight in 24 *E.* 1.[d] ——*Item lego Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Wigorniæ, & eisdem Fratribus x. marcas argenti pro omnibus Armis meis coram corpore meo venientibus, quæ quidem Arma integraliter Waltero filio meo remanebunt; & quidam Equus coram corpore meo veniens, tunc ibidem dicta Arma deferens, cum dictis Fratribus remanebit.* (5.) And that of *William de Beauchamp* the first Earl of **Warwick** of that name, in 25 *E.* 1. who bequeathing his Body to be buried in the Quire of the *Friers Minors* at **Worcester** (as his Father did) goeth on thus ——[e] *Lego etiam duos magnos Equos coram corpore meo Arma mea; secundum quod decet, portantes, ut prædicto loco ubi corpus meum sepelitur, remaneant.* (6.) As also of *Ric. de Mundevile* (of **Berkswell** in this Countie) in 27 *E.* 1.——[f] *Do, lego Corpus meum Ecclesiæ Conventuali Canonicorum de* **Chaucumbe** *humanæ tradendum sepulturæ, juxta patrem meum; & coram eodem unum Equum precii xx. marcarum, vel valorem xx. marcarum.*

And to descend unto later times, that of Sir *Robert de Legh* Knight in 9 *H.* 4. *Item*[g] *lego unum Palefridum nigrum, coram Corpore meo die sepulturæ meæ transiturum, nomine Hericti.* As also that of *John Marclefeld* Clerk in 9 *H.* 5. *Item*[h] *lego Equum meum vocatum le Bay aumbler, ut efferatur ante Corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ nomine Principali.*

By which instances that already said is not onely made good, but the originall occasion and practise of Horses being led, and Armour carried before the Corps at the Funeralls of great persons (which perhaps most men suppose to have been rather as a badge of their militarie services) sufficiently manifested. Many more of which nature I could exhibite, were it not for brevities sake: but to make the matter more cleer, I shall further observe, that in a very antient autograph[i] of no less antiquity than *Henry* 3. time, in which the Depositions of sundry persons is recorded, to prove what Priviledges the Abby of **Perhoze** had, forasmuch as their Charters and evidences had been unhappily consumed by Fire, when that Monastery was burnt; and wherein *Walter* the then Prior, sworn and examined, having declared his knowledge touching the right of Sepulture, which that Abby had unto the Bodies of the Inhabitants, not onely of **Perhoze** but of *xxxiiii.* other Villages, there named ——*Requisitus de Testamentis dictorum hominum* (saith my Authoritie) *dicit, quod Principale legatum debet deferri ante corpora defunctorum ad Ecclesiam de* **Perhoze**, *& ibi per Sacristam illius Monasterii, & Capellanos dictorum locorum estimari; & factâ estimatione, medietas debet residere penès Sacristam, & alia medietas penès Capellanos dictorum locorum*, &c.

And consonant to this, did *John Fillol* (an **Ecer** man) by his Testament[k] dated 20 *Julii An.* 1390. (14 *R.* 2.) who bequeathing his Body to be buried in the Church of **Thorpe**, saith, ——*Item lego ad fugandum ante Corpus die sepulturæ meæ unum Bovem meliorem:* Nay, that it was the Custome of those elder times so to do, observe this following instance, by *Thomas Fremband* Esquire in 8 *H.* 6.——[l] *Ac Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Cœmeterio Ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum de* **Badlesden**, *&c. & meum melius animal coram corpore meo, ut mos exigit, die sepulturæ meæ, nomine Principali.*

And now a word or two to shew, that the *Mortuarie*, and Legacie for Tithes forgotten, though at first they were different things, (as by what hath been said may appear) came at length to be thrust together, and therefore might cause that expression in the Canon of *Simon Langham* before specified. I find that *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, who died in *an.* 1369. (43 *E.* 3.) by his Testament[m] thus bequeatheth; *Item ieo devise a chescun Eglise ou ieo su Segneur, & ay per mez ministrez ma menere en mon temps, ma mellour Beste, illoques trove, en nom de* Principal, *pur gree faire de mez Dismez obliez.*

And *Thomas* his son and Successor, by his Testament[n] bearing date in 2 *H.* 4.——*Item jeo devise a chescun luy ou ie suy Seigneur ou Patron xx s. de monoie en nom de mon* Principal; *forspris si aveigne que me tollu la vie à* **Warrewyk**, *ie devise à l'esglise de nostre Dame suisdit (sc. Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Warwici) le meillour Beste que iai illoques le iour de ma moriant.* And lastly, that of *Simon Digby* Esquire in 9 *H.* 8. who bequeathing his Body to sepulture in the Chancell of the Church at **Colshill**, in this Countie hath this expression ——[o] *and my best Good to my Principal, after the use of the Countrey.*

But this kind of payment was converted into money by the Statute[p] of 21 *H.* 8. whereunto I refer my Reader. And so having herein digrest enough, by the help of that learned gentleman Master *Thomas Barlow* of *Qu. Coll. Oxon.* my singular friend, from whom I acknowledge that divers of the materialls, whereof I have here made use, were imparted to me, I return.

To this *John Arden*, who died ..... *Junii* 17 *H.* 8. succeeded[q] *Thomas*, and to him *Edward*, (son and heir to *William* that died in his Fathers

a Gift. *f.* 11. *b.*
b *Ib. f.* 251. *a.*
c *Ib. f.* 365. *b.*
d *Ib. f.* 411. *a.*
e *Ib. f.* 429. *a.*
f *Ib. f.* 445. *b.*
g March *f.* 133. *a.*
h *Ib. f.* 423. *a.*
i *In bibl.* Hatton.
k Rous *f.* 54.
l Luffnam *f.* 95. *b.*
m Wittlesey *f.* 110.
n Arund. *vol.* 1. *f.* 180.
o Ayloff *q.* 29.
p *Cap.* 6.
q Porth *q.* 8.

Ex autog. penès Edw. Conway.

Fathers life time) in ward [r] to Sir *George Throgmorton* Knight in 38 *H.* 8. whose daughter he afterwards married. Which *Edward*, though a gentleman not inferior to the rest of his Ancestors, in those virtues wherewith they were adorned, had the hard hap to come to an untimely death in 27 *Eliz.* the charge layd against him being no less than high Treason against the Queen, as privie to some foul intentions that Master *Somervile*, his son in Law, (a Roman Catholick) had towards her person: For which he was prosecuted with so great rigour and violence, by the Earl of **Leicester**'s means, whom he had irritated in some particulars (as I have credibly heard) partly in disdaining to wear his Livery, which many in this Countie of his rank, thought, in those days, no small honour to them; but chiefly for galling him by certain harsh expressions, touching his private accesses to the Countess of **Essex**, before she was his wife; that through the testimonie of one *Hall*, a Priest, he was found guiltie of the Fact, and lost his life in **Smithfield**, *Tristis hic exitus nobilis viri* (saith Master [*] *Cambden*) *qui sacerdotis insidiis illectus, & ejusdem testimonio perculsus, Leceſtrii invidiæ vulgò vertebatur. Certum enim est illum Leceſtrii invidiam, nec immeritò incurrisse, cui in omnibus quibus poterat se temerè objecerat, quasi adultero obtrectaverat, & ut homini novo detraxerat.* Upon whose attainder his lands were given [r] away to *Edward Darcy* Esquire: and his heirs: but *Robert* son and right-full heir to that inheritance, being a prudent person, and well read in the Laws; by virtue of an Entail made upon his marriage (in his Father's life time) after very long suits, recovered all again, this Manniour of **Curdworth**, and **Minworth**, excepted; and living to a great age, with no small reputation in his Countrey, left *Robert*, his grandchild, heir to the estate. Which last mentioned *Robert*, being much accomplisht with learning, and other excellent parts, died in the flower of his youth, whereby the inheritance of this antient Family resorted to his Sisters, of whose marriages I have in the Pedegree, before inserted, taken notice.

Vide. Annal. Eliz. per. Cambd. an. 1583.

Pat. 28. Eliz. p. 10.

Within this Lordship did the Abbot of **Leicester**, in 13 *E.* 1. (having a large proportion of land by the grant of *Hugh de Arden* in *H.* 2. time) claim [s] a **Court Leet**, as also *Infangthef* with Assize of Bread and Beer; and to justifie this Challenge exhibited the Charters of K. *H.* 2. and *Ric.* 1. whereby the Canons of that house had sundry generall priviledges granted to them throughout all their possessions. whereupon, the Jury finding that they had enjoy'd a **Court-Leet**, with Assize of Bread and Beer time out of mind, those Liberties were allowed. And forasmuch as it appeared, that in the time of Abbot *Henry*, a Gallows had been set up, and a Thief there taken committing Felony, adjudg'd to death, and hanged by his Bailiff, the same Priviledge was likewise allowed.

Plac. de Quo. w.

Reg. de Leic. in bibl. Cotton f. 7. a.

Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

MS. in loc.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter ad vincula*) being given [t] to the Canons of **Leicester** in *H.* 2. time, by *Hugh de Arden* before specified, was soon after appropriated [w] to them by *Ric. Peche* Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** his Successors, *Hugh Novant*, and *Geffrey Muschamp* confirming [x] the same. And in *An.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [y] at *vii.* marks and a half, but the Vicaridge at no more than two marks, having long before been endowed [z] with a certain proportion of Glebe and Tithes for maintenance of the successive Incumbents; which Vicaridge in 26 *H.* 8. was certified [a] to be worth *C s. per an.* over and above *x s.* deducted for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

z Ex Reg. Abb Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 51. a.

a MS. penès S.A. eq. aur.

Patroni Vicariæ	Incumbentes.	
Abbas & Conv. Leicestriæ.	*Mag. Rob. de Leyrcestre An.* 1283.	Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.
	Will. de Sutton Cap. 1284.	
	Joh. de Berhangre Diac. 9. Cal. Julii 1305.	Langt. f. 7. a.
	Thomas [illegible]yate Dcp. 19. Cal. Jan. 1350.	Northb. f. 54 a.
	Henr. Wyshaw Pbr. 17. Cal. Sept. 1361.	Stret. f. 8. b.
	Joh. Hamund Pbr. 5 Id. Martii 1367.	Ib. f. 23. b.
	D. Joh. Broke Cap. 5 Feb. 1404.	Burgh. f. 15. a.
	Ric. Lawrence Pbr. 5 Sept. 1493.	Bowl. f. 140. a.
	Ric. Singleton Cap. 8. Mar. 1498.	Ib. f. 202. b.
Edw. Arden ar.	*Edm. Lyngard Cler. 27 Maii* 1561.	Sampf. & B. f. 30. a.
Jac. Rex Angl. &c. ratione minoris at. Edw. Darcy ar.	*Thomas Aylesbury Cler. 4. Maii* 1618.	Overall bund. A.
	Will. Clifford in Art. Mag. 23 Julii 1619.	Morton bund. incert.
Carolus Rex, ratione ut supra.	*Josephus Clifford Cler. 20. Martii* 1625.	Ib.

In a North Window of the Church these Armes.

Gules a Cinquefoile Ermine. } Old Earls of **Leicester**.

Minworth.

THis having been the freehold of one *Godric* before the Norman invasion, and in the Conqueror's time possest by *Turchill de Warwick*, was by the generall Survey [b] certified to contain 1 hide, the woods extending to half a mile in length, and 3 furlongs in breadth: All which with the rest were then valued at *v s.* In that Record it is written **Penelworde**, the later syllable signifying an habitation or dwelling, and the former shewing of whom, though a name now out of use.

b Domesd. lib.

But farther of this Village, I have very little to say, forasmuch as it continued in the *Ardens* Family, till the attainder of *Edward* in 27 *Eliz.* and was past [c] out of the Crown therewith, in 28 of the same Queens reign, to *Edward Darcy* Esquire and his heirs. That part of the Park, which lyeth Northward of the River, was first impaled by the before specified *Edward Arden*, about the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* reign, as I have heard: but before the recoverie of it by *Robert Arden*, his son, from *Darcy*, all the Trees were cut down, and rid out of it.

c Pat. 28. Eliz. p. 10.

Berwood.

THis being involved originally with **Curdworth**, is not at all mentioned in the Conqueror's Survey, neither have I seen any thing

thereof till *H.* 2. time, that *Hugh de Arden* gave it [d] to the Canons of **Leicester**; *viz. locum de Berwda, cum exfartis & pratis* (for those are the words of the grant) *& omnibus pertinentiis suis, in bosco & in plano, & totam illam partem nemoris sui, quæ est inter filum aquæ de* **Ebroc**, *& filum aquæ de* **Tame**, *cum Insula de* **Wychecholme** *usque ad divisas de* **Erdinton**, *& cum pannagio & omnibus libertatibus*, &c. Which grant was confirm'd by *William* and *Waleran* both Earls of **Warwick**, it being of their Fee, as all the rest of *Arden's* lands were. Some small parcells, lying also here in **Berwood** did *Thomas de Arden* (nephew to the said *Hugh*) give likewise to those Canons.

Here was antiently a Chapell [e] of our Ladie belonging to the said Canons, which long since went to decay; for in the beginning of *H.* 4. time, upon an extent of what they had in this place, there was certified to be onely a Hall, with Chambers, Buttry, Bakehouse, and all other necessarie rooms. Concerning which Chapell I further find [f], that Sir *William de Arden* Knight gave to *Robert* sometime Abbot of **Leicester** and his successors, one Mess. one Mill, and a large proportion of land lying in **Curdworth**, to find two Canons to celebrate divine service therein, for the health of his soul, and of the souls of his predecessors and heirs: But this, together with the Mannour of **Berwood**, as also the Rectory of **Curdworth**, appropriated to the before specified Canons, was after the dissolution of the Abbies purchased [g] from the Crown, by *Thomas Arden* of **Park Hall**, and *Simon* his younger son, for the sum of *CCLxxii* l. *x* s. and to be held of the King his heirs and successors by the xx^th^. part of a Knight's fee, paying the yearly Rent of *xxx* s. *iiii* d. into the Exchequer. Whereupon, the next year following, by virtue of a speciall Feoffment [h] made by the above-mentioned *Thomas* and *Simon*, the inheritance thereof became vested in *William Arden* eldest son to the said *Thomas*, and the heirs male of his body.

d *Reg. de Lec. in bibl. Cotton f. 2. & f. 7.*

e § *Ib. f.* f § 18. *a.*

g *Pat. 31. H. 8. p. 5.*

h *Esc. 37. H. 8.*

Dunton.

THat the high situation of this place, did originally occasion its name, is plain enough; **Dun** in our antient English signifying a Hill: But till 36 *H.* 3. that *Hugh de Manceastre* (of whose Family I shall speak in **Manceastre**) had a Charter [i] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here, together with those at **Manceastre**, and **Drakenege** in this Countie, I have not found any ment on of it in Record. Which *Hugh* was then possest of certain lands therein; but not of the Capitall Messuage; for 'tis apparent that *Philip Lovell* in 41 *H.* 3. had the like grant [k] of **Free-warren**, from whom the Lords of this Mannour do derive their title. This *Philip* is he, (if I mistake not) who was [l] one of the King's Clerks in 34 *H.* 3. being brought into [m] his service by Sir *John Mansell*, his chief Councellor: but *Math. Paris.* gives him the Character [n] of a crafty and deceitfull man, making particular mention of his corrupt doings, for which he was removed from his imployment, and in disgrace; yet was it not long ere he got into favour again, by the intercession of *Alexander* King of **Scotland**, the King's son in Law (whose speech [o] in his behalf our Historian doth relate) and was made the King's Tresurer [p]; in which, Office he continued, till for abusing the great favours he had received, *&c.* by wasting the King's Deer in his Forrests, he was [q] outed. Which disgrace went so near to his Heart, that he retired to his Benefice at **Hamestable** (for he was a Clergie man) and there died [r] of grief the next year following; whereof so soon as the King had notice, he commanded all his possessions to be seized [s] on, till satisfaction should be made to his own content.

i *Cart 36. H. 3. m. 27.*

k *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 3.*

l *M. Paris. p. 774. 34.*

m *Ib. p. 287. l. 26. & 34.*

n *Ib.*

o *Ib. p. 830.*

p *Ib. p. 847.*

q *Ib. p. 977.*

r § *Ib. p.* s § 982.

To whom succeeded *Henry Lovell* Clerke, in the possession of this Lordship; who required suit unto [t] his Court, here, from the Abbot of **Leicester**, for a certain yard land, named **Monks-field**; As also an Oath of Fealtie, and other services: whereupon the Canons of that House, whilst the difference was thus depending, past away their title therein, unto *William* the son of *Ankitell de Bracebrigge* (of **Kingsbury**) of whom the said *Henry* required the like service: but at the intercession of friends, they came to this Agreement [u]; *viz.* that the said *William* and his heirs should pay unto them *xx* d. yearly Rent, without any suit of Court, or other service to the Lords of **Dunton** for the same.

t *Ex autog. penès* Will. Rugeley *ar.*

u *Ib.*

After this, ere long, it appears that *Raph de Gorges* became Lord of this Mannour (though by what title I have not seen) who, together with *Joane* his wife, in 22 *E.* 1. commenced suit [w] against the said *William de Bracebrigge* concerning those lands before mentioned; as also against [x] *John Lovell* of **Tichmersh**, whereby they required the said *John* to discharge them of such services as *Amice* the widow of *Hugh de Strelly* challenged of them for their estate in **Dunton**: To which Action the said *John Lovell* appeared, but after the Declaration read, he departed in contempt of the Court; whereupon the Shiriff had command to distrain him, and to compell his appearance again.

w *Pat. 22. E. 1. m. 17*

x *Plac. de Banco 22. E. 1. rot. 16.*

To this *Raph de Gorges* succeeded *Hugh*, his son; who obtained License [y], from *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, to inclose that place of Wood lying within this his Mannour of **Dunton**, called **Clapshaw**; and to make such a fence about it, as that neither Hart, Hinde, Buck, nor Doe; no nor Goat might enter therein; with this *proviso*, that if it should not be sufficiently inclosed to keep out the Earls Deer, belonging to the *Chase* of **Sutton**; and that, upon warning given by the Earls Bailiffs, the same were not made good within *xx.* days thereof, that then it should be lawfull for the Earl to lay it open again: And that if any of the said Earls Deer, being driven by hunting, did break into it, that the said Earl or his Servants might pursue them into the said Park, and there take and carry them away, without doing wilfull hurt to any of the Deer belonging to the before specified *Rause*: And for the better finding of such hunted Deer, that the Earls Hounds might likewise enter, but no Bow to be brought in with them. Which concession, being about the 28 *E.* 1. as I gues; for it hath no date, was witnessed by Sir *Bernard de Brus*, Sir *John de Clinton*, Sir *John de Beauchamp*, Sir *Ric. de Whitacre*, and others.

y *Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 103 b. &c.*

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But after this, *scil.* in 30 *E.* 1. the same Sir *Raph de Gorges* (for it seemes he was then a Knight) came to a farther Agreement [z] with the said Earl, both for cutting down his Woods in **Dunton**, and making improvement of his Waste according to the Assize of the *Chase*; *viz.* that he and his heirs should have liberty to make a Ditch of three foot and a half large, with a Hedge upon it, not a foot and a half high; in consideration whereof he and his heirs were yearly to pay to the said Earl, his heirs or assignes, at their Mannour House of **Sutton**, a Soar Sparhawk, or six pence at *Lammas*. And shortly after, past away all his right here, to *John Lovel* of **Tichmersh**, his uncle; which *John*, by his deed [a] bearing date at **Tichmersh** on the Feast day of the *Annunciation* of our Lady 3 *E.* 2. in consideration of CCC *li.* sterling, sold it to *Hugh de Quilly*, together with all his lands lying in **Lee**, **Curdworth**, **Pynworth**, and **Pokshull**, so granted to him likewise by the said *Raphe de Gorges*, his nephew.

This *Hugh de Cuilly* was [b] Lord of **Radclive** in **Leicestershire**, and being Constable [c] of **Kenilw.** Castle, under *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster**, was one of those that had a hand in the murther of *Piers de Gaveston*; for which, with the said Earl and others, he had his pardon [d] in 7 *E.* 2. It seems that he made his residence here at **Dunton** in those times; for in 8 *E.* 2. he served as a Knight for this shire in the several Parliaments, then held [e] at **Westminster**, and [f] **Yorke**: and was a Knight before his death, which hapned [g] at **Pomfret** Castle in 16 *E.* 2. he being then the King's prisoner there. To which *Hugh* succeeded *Roger*, who adhering to his Father, in that Rebellion with the Earl of **Lancaster**, became also a Prisoner [h] at **Pomfret**; but paying *C.* marks fine [i], and giving security for his future good behaviour, he was enlarged. After the last mentioned *Roger*, I find another *Roger* (his grandson I suppose) which *Roger* in 14 *E.* 3. was in Commission [k] for levying and collecting a fifteenth and tenth then granted to the King in Parliament, and likewise [l] for making sale of the ninth part of Sheaf, Wool, and Lamb in this County, given also to the King in Parl. about that time; in which imployment he continued the next ensuing year, as appeareth by a new [m] Commission.

In 19 *E.* 3. he had summons [n], amongst the other Knights of this County, to be ready with Horses and Armes at the Feast of S. *Laurence*, to attend the King in his French expedition: and in 33 *E.* 3. departed [o] this life without issue, leaving *Thomas de Cuilly* his Uncle and heir; of whom all that I find memorable is, that in 37 *E.* 3. he obtained License [p] from *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick**, to cut and fell timber in his Wood called **Clapshaw**, before specified; with *proviso* that it should be for the defence thereof till the spring were grown up according to the Custome of his *Chase*. Which *Thomas* left one only daughter, called [q] *Elizabeth* his heir, wedded [r] to *John Stanhope* of **Rampton** in **Nottinghamshire**; who had issue Sir *Ric. Stanhope* Knight. Which Sir *Richard*, by his Deed [*] bearing date the Sunday next before the Feast of S. *Laurence* the Martyr 10 *H.* 5. past away the inheritance of this Mannour to *Nich. Ruggeley* of **Hawksheard** *in com. Staff.* Esq; whose posterity do still enjoy it.

z *Ib. f.* 104. *a.*

a *Ex autog. penès præf.* W.R.

b *Ex autog. penè* Edw. Marrow. *ar.*

c *Claus.* 16. E. 2. *m.* 29.

d *Pat.* 7. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 15. *in ced.*

e *Claus.* 8. E. 2. *in d. m.* 13.

f *Ib. m.* 31.

g *Claus.* 16. E. 2. *m.* 9.

h *Rot. F.* 16. E. 2. *m.* 22. &c.

i *Pat.* 14. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 17.

k *Claus.* 14. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 1.

l *Pat.* 15. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 31.

m *Rot. Franc.* 19. E. 3. *m.* 3.

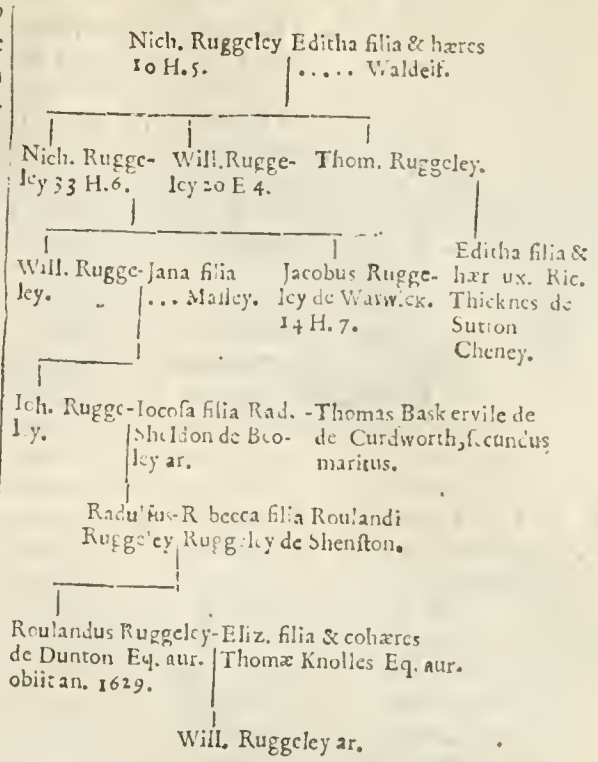
n *Claus.* 8. R. 2. *m.* 17.

o *Ex autog. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur.*

p *Claus.* 8. R. 2. *m.* 17.

q *Claus.* 8. R. 2. *m.* 17.

r *Ex autog. penès præf.* W.R.



This *Nicholas* was the first of his Family that had to do in **Warwickshire**, for ought I have seen; his Ancestors being of **Staffordshire**, and Gentlemen there of very good note: for in 26 *E.* 1. *Will. de Ryggele de Comitatu Staffordiæ*, as the [f] Record saith, being constrained to abjure the Realm, for killing one *Rob. de Biskeland*, received Pardon for that fact, which was so granted to him, for the faithfull service he had done to the said King in his Army then in **Flanders**. And in 10, 13, and 14 *E.* 3. *Simon de Ruggeley*, being Shiriff [t] of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Staff.** had the Castle of **Salop.** committed to his custody; having the title of *Valettus Regis*, which shewes that he was a servant to the King in an honourable condition. I am of opinion that the speciall affection, which the before specified *Nicholas* had to Hunting, caused him to settle here at **Dunton**; for I find [u] that he had the Rangership of **Sutton** *Chase* from 2 *H.* 4. which is xx years before he purchased this Lordship, and that he continued in that command for the space of ten years after; *sc.* till 10 *H.* 6. at which time he was an old man, and not fit for that imployment: And that in 12 *H.* 6. he is recorded [w] amongst the Knights and Esquiers of this County, who made Oath for observation of the Articles concluded on in the Parliament then held: But further of this Family I have no more to say, than what the Descent [x], before inserted, expresseth.

f *Pat.* 26. E. 1. *m.* 6.

t *Rot. P. de iisd. an.*

u *Ex Comp. Ball.* Warwici *com.*

w *Pat.* 12. H. 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.

x *Ex Visit. Com* Warwici *an.* 1619.

Wishaw.

NOrthwards from **Curdworth** lyes **Wishaw**, having been possest by one *Ordric* before the Norman Conquest, but afterwards disposed of to *Wil. fil. Corbucionis* (of whom I have made mention in **Studley**) and by the general Survey [y], where it is written **Wittsaga**, certified to contain two hides,

y *Domesd. lib.*

hides, there being then a Church, as alſo Woods that contained three furlongs in length and one in breadth, all valued at no more than x *s.* Which argueth that it then lay for the moſt part waſt, in regard it is ſaid to have been worth xxx *s.* in *Edw.* the Confeſſor's days. But there is little to be found thereof in our publike Records till *Edw.* 1. time, ſo that I am not able directly, to diſcover who poſſeſt it in the interim.

z *Rot. P. 29. H. 2.*

In 29 *H.* 2. *John de Doura* impleaded [z] *Rob. fil. Willielmi*, and *Will. de Arden*, for the fourth part of a Knight's fee lying in **Boxcote** (*juxta* **Studley**) and here in **Wittehage**: And the Knights *Templars* were antiently poſſeſt of ſome lands here, though by whoſe gift I yet know not; for about

a *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Liſle *ar.*

12 *H.* 3. it appears [a], that under their publick Seal they granted unto *Margaret de L'iſle* two yard land and a half lying therein: Which Family have been long owners of land in this Lordſhip; for in

b *Pat. 56. H. 3. in d.*

56 *H.* 3. *Helewis* the widow of *Nich. de L'iſle* brought an Aſſize [b] of *Novell diſſeiſin* againſt *Anketill de L'iſle* and others, concerning certain tenements here, and in **Morhull**. But that the *Templars*, notwithſtanding what they ſo paſt away, as aboveſaid, had ſtill ſome poſſeſſions here,

c *Inq. per. Hundr. penès Camer. Scac.*

is manifeſt by that Preſentment [c] in 4 *E.* 1. Whereby it was certified, that they had withdrawn their ſuit due to the Hundred Court for 4. yard land and a half thereof.

Of that Family of *Bereford*, which had to do in this place; whether *Osbert* were the firſt, I cannot affirm; for till 16 *E.* 1. I have not found any thing of him in relation thereto; but then I do conclude that he was Lord thereof; and that by a,

d *Plac. coram R. term. P. 16. E. 1. rot. 2.*

Deed [d] of Entail, he ſetled all his lands in this **Wiſhawe**, **Langley**, **Sutton**, and ellewhere, upon *Will. de Bereford* his Brother. It ſhould ſeem, that theſe *Berefords* had that here in **Wiſhawe**, which belong'd to the *Templars*: for in 20 *E.* 2. (which was after the acceſſion of the *Templars* lands to the *Hoſpitalars*, as in **Balſhall** ſhall be ſhewed) it was found [e], that *Will. de Bereford*, beforenamed, held a Mannour here of the ſaid *Hoſpitalars*, by the ſervice of *xvii* d. to be paid at *Michaelmas* and the Feaſt of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, by even portions, for all ſervices.

e *Eſc. 20. E. 2. n. 45.*

Touching the Deſcendants of which *Will. de Bereford*, having ſpoke in **Langley** (their principall ſeat in this Countie) I have here no more to ſay of them, than that in

f *Cart. 9. E 3. n. 44.*

19 *E.* 3. *Edmund de Bereford* had a Charter [f] of **Free warren** in all his demeſn lands here. From which Family it came to *Hore*, and from *Hore* to *Pudſey*, both by heirs female, as the Deſcent in **Langley** ſheweth, and therefore 'tis needleſſe here to give farther inſtance thereof.

g *MS. in Scac.*

In *An.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1) the Church (dedicated to S. *Chad*) was valued [g] at v. marks, and in

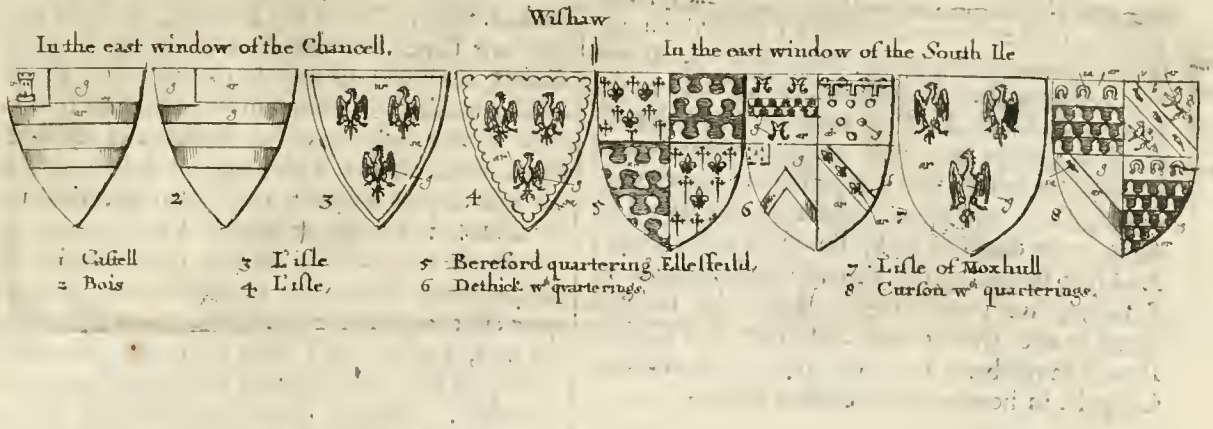
h *F. levat. menſ. Poſch. 17. E. 2.*

19 *E.* 2. the advouſon thereof granted [h] by *Will. de Caſtell* to *Will. de Bereford*: but in 26 *H.* 8. the value was certified [i] at Cv *s.* over and above ix *s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

i *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f. 59. a. Langt. f. 7. b. Ib. f. 36. a*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Will. de Caſtello mil.	*Nich. de Caſtello* 5 *Id. Dec.* 1306.	
Georgius de Caſtello miles.	*Will. de Laberton Accol.* 10 *Cal. Feb.* 1310.	
D. Edm. de Bereford miles.	*Joh. Stene Cler.* 7 *Id. Sept.* 1342.	*Northb. f. 39. b.*
	Nich. de Lichfeld Cler. 14 *Cal. Aug.* 1349.	*Ib. f. 48. b.*
	Joh. Grant Cap. 2 *Cal. Julii* 1350.	*Ib. f. 53. a.*
Baldw. de Whitenay Decan. Eccl. Coll. de Tamworth, & Tho. de Morehall, hac vice.	*Ric. de Geytingdon Cap.* 12 *Cal. Sept.* 1361.	*Stret. f. 9. a.*
	Will. de Oſmundeſton Pbr. 5 *Cal. Dec.* 1361.	*Ib. f. 10. b.*
D. Baldw. de Bereford miles.	*Steph. de Carleton Pbr. Id. Nov.* 1367.	*Ib. f. 16. b.*
	Thomas Frome Pbr. 3 *Non. Sept.* 1375.	*Ib. f. 22. b.*
	Joh. de Eton Pbr. 12 *Cal. Apr.* 1376.	*Ib. f. 23. b.*
	Thomas Haddon Pbr. 11 *Cal. Dec.* 1377.	*Ib. f. 24. a.*
	Henr. Eaytewayte Pbr. 18 *Nov.* 1383.	*Ib. f. 30. b.*
	Ric. Brewes Pbr. 14 *Martii* 1396.	*Sk. f. 12. b.*
	Joh. Romay 15 *Aug.* 1405.	*Burgh. f. 16. a.*
Eliz. relicta Baldw. de Bereford militis.	*Joh. Wermote Cap.* 2 *Oct* 1412.	*Ib. f. 31. b.*
	Nich. Braddeley 7 *Julii* 1413.	*Ib. f. 33. a.*
Cuſtos Coll. liberæ Capellæ Reg. de Windſore.	*Joh. Rolf Cap.* 27 *Aug.* 1414.	*Arund. f. 138. a.*
Eliz. relicta Balw. de Bereford mil.	*Will. Clerke Cap.* 23 *Julii* 1416.	*Bull. f. 4. a.*
Joh. Hore dominus de Wiſhaw, arm.	*Thomas Hemyngburgh* 8 *Oct.* 1425.	*Heyw. f. 16. b.*
	Joh. Harman Pbr. 9 *Oct.* 1431.	*Ib. f. 26. b.*
	Rob. Yerburgh Pbr. 19 *Martii* 1431.	*Ib. f. 27. a.*
	Rad. Horleſton Pbr. 18 *Nov.* 1433.	*Ib. f. 32. a.*
Hilb. Hore de Childerley ar.	*Thomas Spenſer Pbr.* 8 *Aug.* 1436.	*Ib. f. 34. b.*
	Joh. Gallard 3 *Sept* 1439.	*Ib. f. 37. b.*
	Ric. Sturges ult. Apr. 1441.	*Ib. f. 40. a.*
	Joh. Tamworth Canon. regul. S. Aug. 7 *Dec.* 1444.	*Ib. f. 42. b.*
Thomas Hore ar.	*Will. Beket Cap.* 15 *Jan.* 1456.	*Bowl. f. 24. a.*
Rob. Perham ratione minoris ætat. Gilb. fil. & hær. Tho. Hore.	*Thomas Dene Cap.* 19 *Junii* 1494.	*Ib. f. 141. a.*
	Will. Clayton art. Magr. 21 *Jan.* 1494.	*Ib. f. 142. a.*
Tho. Fulthorp & Editha ux. ſua, filia & hær. Joh. Hore.	*Magr. Will. Burgh in leg. Bac. penult. Martii* 1504.	*Bl. f. 3. b.*
	D. Will. Smith Cap. ult. Maii 1538.	*Str. & P. f. 15. b.*
Rob. Pudſey gen.	*D. Will. Bowes, alias Vicars* 5 *Aug.* 1552.	*Sampſ. f. 43. a.*
Joh. L'iſley ar. ex conceſs. Georgii Pudſey ar.	*Edw. Warde in art. Bac.* 21 *Jan.* 1584.	*Bund. B.*
Geo. Pudſey ar.	*Joh. Wilſton Cler.* 10 *Feb.* 1602.	*Overton bund. C.*
Geo. Pudſey de Langley gen.	*Mich. Walford Cler. in art. Magr.* 7 *Oct.* 1629.	*Morton bundincert.*

Moxhull.



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THis, though it be in the Parish of **Wishaw**, seemeth to have been originally a member of **Curdworth**; for 'tis evident [k] that the *Ardens* held it immediately of the Earls of **Warwick**: But the Ancestors of that Family, which doth still enjoy it, have possest it for more than four hundred years, and had it first from one of the *Ardens* (lord of **Curdworth**) as is cleer enough by the Tenure: for by severall [l] Inquisitions and other authorities it appeareth to be held of their posterity. The first mention that I have met with thereof, in any Record [m], is in 36 *H.* 3. Where it is written **Mukeshull**, *Walt. de Bereford* having brought an Assize of *Novell disseisin* against *Nich. de L'ile* and others, for Common of pasture there: which *Nicholas* was the son of *William*, and he of *Henry* (as I think) for I have seen antient [n] evidences, which do import as much; so that 'tis like that *Henry* was he that seated himself here: and probable enough it is, that *Herbert del Yle* (for so is his name written) might be Father to *Henry*; for I find him a witnesse [o] to severall Charters of *Geffrey de Clinton* (son to *Geffrey* the Founder of **Kenilworth** Castle and and Priory) about the beginning of *H.* 2. time.

This *William* (father of *Nich.*) was a person of the superior rank amongst the gentry in this Shire, as may seem by a speciall Commission [p] constituting him one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick** and **Kenilworth**; but all that I have farther seen of him, is, that he was a Witnesse [q] to the grant of certain assarted lands in **Pedmore**, which *Henry* Earl of **Warwick** made to *Thomas de Arden*: Neither after 10 *E.* 1. have I found any mention of the before specified *Nicholas*, he being then exempted from serving on Juries by the Kings Letters [r] Pat. To which *Nich.* succeeded *Anketil de L'ile* who wedded [s] *Julian* the daughter and heir to *Rob. de Blaggreve* of **Middleton**, and did his Homage [t] to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of **Tamworth** Castle) for the lands he had with her in frank marriage, of his Fee. Which *Anketel* had suits [u] with *Raph de Gorges*, of **Dunton**, concerning certain lands here in **Moxhull**, about 22 *E.* 1. and left issue *Henry*, who was a Servant in much trust and esteem, unto *Raph* Lord *Basset* of **Drayton** (a great man in these parts) For in the Commission [w] he had from that Baron, to treat with Sir *Rob. Marmion* concerning the Mannours of **Netherwhitacre**, **Haughton**, **Pericroft**, and **Glascote** (all in this County) in 14 *E.* 2. the Lord *Basset* calls him *nostre chiere & bien ame Vadlet*, his dear and welbeloved Esquier.

And (to manifest that he was a person eminently qualified) in 18 *E.* 2. he served [x] in the Parliament then held at **London**, as one of the Knights for this Shire, having ii *s.* vi *d.* allowed him *per diem*, for his expences during that imployment. But in 1 *E.* 3. upon a strong suspition of Heresie, suggested against him to the King, [y] a Commission to *Will. de Clinton*, bearing date 3 *Maii*, was forthwith issued out, not only to arrest and take him, but to seize on all his lands, goods, and Chattels; of which being advertised, he submitted himself to prison, and brought in sureties to stand to a lawfull triall therein; *viz. Raph. de Crophull* of **Nottinghamshire**, *Walt. de Heselarton* of **Yorkshire**, *Edm. de Shireford*, *David de Gaunton*, *Rog. le Pledour*, and *John de Alspath* of this County; whereupon he was set at liberty, and his lands and goods restored to him, as by the King's special Precept bearing [z] date at **Nottingham** 3 *Sept.* appeareth: After which, *viz.* in 5 *E.* 3. the said Lord *Basset* received his full accompt, for all the time he had served, and receined to him, and gave him a generall [a] Acquittance.

To whom succeeded *John*, who for the lands in **Blaggreve**, which sometime belong'd to *Rob. de Blaggreve* his grandmothers Father, obtained a Release [b] from Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight (heir to *Marmion*) as to the suit due to his three weeks Court at **Stiperstull**, and all other services for that land, during his own life, and the life of *Maud* his wife; saving to the said Sir *Baldwin*, his homage and a pair of gilt spurs at the Feast of S. *Edith* yearly. This *John* in 30 *E.* 3. payd [c] to Sir *John de Arden* Kt. and *Henry* his brother, Executors to *Raph de Arden* their father, the sum of vi *s.* viii *d.* for reasonable Aid due upon the marriage of *Sibill* his eldest daughter, in respect of the lands in **Moxhull**, which he held of him by military service; and at the same time *xxxiii* s. *iiii* d. for a [d] Relief due to the before specified *Raph*, for those lands: and bore for his Armes *three Eglets displayed, gules*, as by his Seal [e] and an old Glasse window in **Bentley** Chapell appeareth; which coat or part thereof, at least, was assumed by *Henry* his Father; for I have seen a Seal of [f] his with *one Eglet displaied*, within the compasse of a roundle, and not in a Shield; a course very antiently used before they put their Badges into Shields, as I have observed in the Families of *Beke* of **Eresby**, and *Darcy*; the first of which bore their *Crosse sarcilé* so; and the other their *Cinquefoile*.

Which *John*, bearing a singular reverence to the Monks of **Bercvale**, desired that his body might be there buried, as may appear by certain land and Rent that he assigned [g] to some friends in trust, for

k *Cartul. Warw. com. f.* 186.

l *Esc* 9. Eliz: *Esc.* 38 Eliz.

m *Pat.* 36. *H.* 3. *in d.*

n *Penès* Joh. Lisle *Arm.*

o *Regist. de* Kenilw. *p.* 8. 14. & 23.

p *Pat.* 21. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 7.

q *Ex autog. penès.* Rob. Arden *ar.*

r *Pat.* 10. *E.* 1. *m.* 14.

s *Ex autog. penès* t *præf.* I. L.

u *Pat.* 22. *E.* 1. *m.* 17.

w *Ex autog. penès* Will. *Vic.* Staff.

x *Clauf.* 18 *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 25.

y *Rot. F.* 1. *E.* 3. *m.* 16.

z *Clauf.* 1. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 15.

a *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. L.

b c d e *Ibid.*

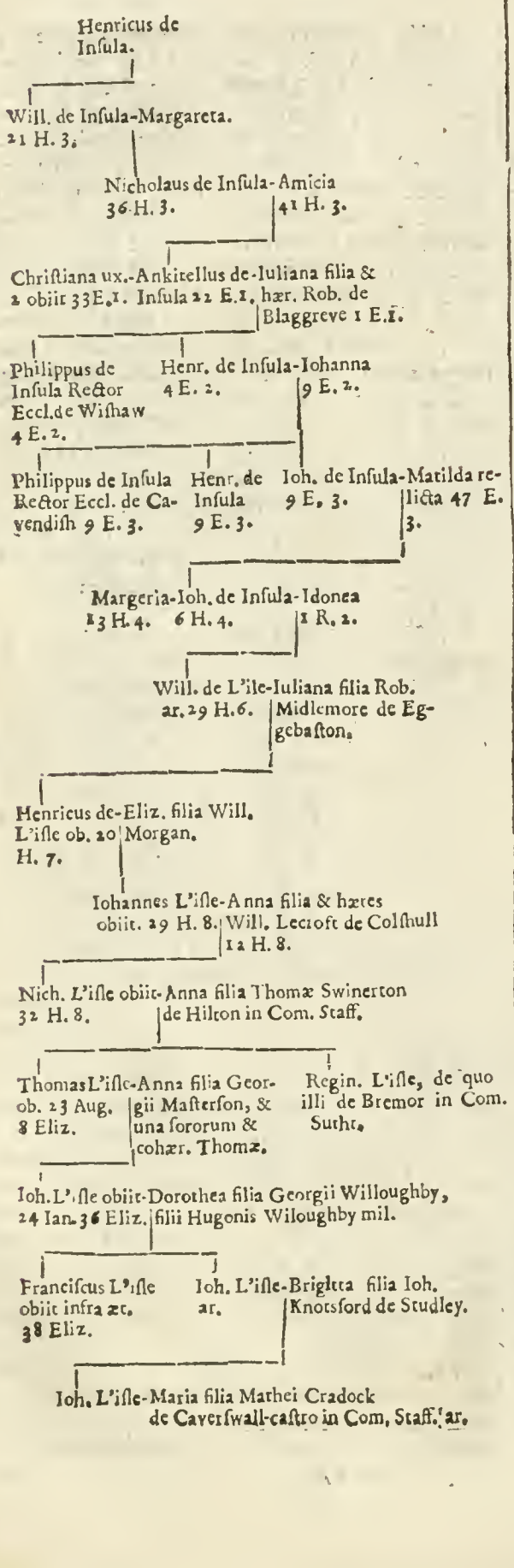
f *Penès F.* Netherfole *eq. aur.*

g *Ex Coll.* W. Burton.

the finding of divers wax Lights to burn every Sunday and Holiday in the Chapell of our Lady, adjoyning to the gate of that Abby; for which respect he had a special grant[h] from *Robert de Atherston*, Abbot of that House and his Covent, under their publick Seal, bearing date the Wednsday after Lammas 33 *E.* 3. of a certain proportion of ground, within the said Chapell of our Lady, containing seven foot square, where he and *Maud* his wife, at the death of each, should have sepulture; And that upon all great Festivall days, aswell as Sundays, five waxen Lights should be burning there; as also that he the said *John* and *Maud* should have liberty to set up Images, in the same Chapell, in honour of the blessed Virgin.

h Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

i Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.



To which *John* succeeded [l] *John* his son, who, in *H.* 5. time, was retained [k] by the Earl of **Warwick**, amongst other of his Esquires, to serve him with one Lance and one Archer, at the seige of **Calets**, for which he was to receive [l] *xx*[l] *per an.* besides his diet. And to him *William*, and to *William Henry*, who gave the Rectorie of **Wilmecote**, with all the Tithes thereto belonging, to *Thomas Clopton* Master of the *Gild* at **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, to the intent that the Priest singing the first Masse every day in the said *Gild*, should say *De profundis* before the holy Lavatorie, for the good estate of him the said *Henry* and *Elizabeth* his wife, and for their souls after their departure hence, as also for the soules of his ancestors and successors. Which *Henry* was Shiriff [m] of this County and **Leicestershire** in the second, and nineteenth years of K. *H.* 7. reign: and by his Testament [n], dated 13 *Sept.* 20 *H.* 7. bequeathing his body to be buried within his own proper Chapell in the Church of S. *Chad* at **Wishaw**, before the Image of *Henry* the sixth, sometime King of **England**, departed this life about that time; for the Probate of his Will beareth date the next month following.

k Ex Rot. in bibl. Hatton.

l Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

m Rot. P. de iisd. an.

n Holgrave q. 17.

Unto which *Henry* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who taking to wife [o] *Anne* the daughter and heir of *Will. Lecrofte*, had [p] with der divers Houses, and a great proportion of land lying in **Colshill**; and other places. Of this *John* I find, that upon the birth of *Elizabeth*, second daughter to King *H.* 8. (afterwards Qu. of **England**) he received a special Letter [q] from Qu. *Anne*, dated at **Greenwich** 7 *Sept.* 25 *H.* 8. advertising him of the good speed she had in her deliverance, and desiring his congratulation unto God for it, as also his Prayers for the good health, prosperity, and continuall preservation of the said young Princesse.

o Esc. de an. 12. & 20. H. 8

p Esc. de an. 12. & 20. H. 8

q Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

To whom succeed *Nicholas* [r], and to him *Thomas* [s], who wedded [t] *Alice* one of the sisters and coheirs to *John Masterson*. Which *Thomas* in the first year of Q. *Mary*, being one of the Justices of Peace in this County, received a speciall Precept [u] from *Francis* Earl of **Huntingdon**, the Queens Lievtenant, forthwith to muster and levy such and so many able men, well appointed for the Warrs, as he should call together, meet to serve the said Queens highnesse under that Earl, against the Duke of **Suffolk** and his complices, then proclaimed Traitors; and to bring them forthwith, both Horse and Foot to **Warwick** Castle, where the said Earl then lodg'd. In which service he was so active, that as a reward for his diligence, the Q. granted [w] him a Warrant, under her Signet, to the Marquesse of **Winchester**, then Lord Treasurer, for a grant to passe the great Seal, of the Mannour of **Hampton** in **Arden**, for xxxi years in reversion after the decease of the Lady (*Margaret*, then wife to Sir *Gawen Carew* Knight, upon the old accustomed Rent of xxx *li.* to be reserved unto the said Queen her heirs and successors: But the number of years fell short in the Patent [x]; for it was but for xxi. years, and the Rent increased to Lv *li.* As for the rest which relates to this Family, either in point of descent or matches, the Pedegree [y] before inserted, will shew all that I can say.

r Esc. 9. Eliz.

s Esc. 9. Eliz.

t Esc. 7, Eliz.

u Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

w Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

x Pat. 1. M. p. 5.

y Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.

Returning now to the banks of **Tame**, I come to **Dusthirne**, whereof, in respect it was heretofore a Grange belonging to **Merevale**, I shall reserve what

what is to be said, till I speake of that Abby, and so ascending the stream of **Blithe** (whose confluence with **Tame** is near this place, take notice next of **Solihull**, within the precincts of which Lordship it first enters this Hundred.

Solihull.

OF this, I have not seen any mention till King *John's* time; where the profit of the **Leetes** kept for the severall Hundreds and some other places, is certified [z], one Mark is accounted for it: but though the name be of no greater antiquity, yet that the place (I mean the whole territory, which of antient time and still is reputed to belong thereto) is, I will presently demonstrate, notwithstanding that it had at first another appellation: and to that end shall begin my discovery by the light of that incomparable Record, *viz. Domesday book*; Where I find, that it was heretofore called **Ulverlei**, and that *Edwine* Earl of **Mercia** possest it in *Edward* the Confessor's days, but after the Conquest one *Cristina* (then owner of **Ichinton** *longa* in this County) At which time it was certified to contain viii. hides, and that the Woods belonging thereto, were 4 miles in length and half a mile in breadth, there being then a Church. How it came to passe appears not, but certain it is, that the rate of all was much lesse at that time, than before the Norman Invasion, for then it amounted to x *li.* in value, whereas at the time of the generall Survey, but iiii *li.*

That this, with the other lands which the said *Cristina* then held, came to the Familie of *Limsie*, I have in **Long Ichinton** already manifested, here being the seat [a] of *Limsie's* Barony, I mean in that place called **Ulverle** (about a mile distant from **Solihull** Northwards) though there be now so little memory thereof, that were it not for some grounds, lying adjacent to a petty Hamlet called **Olton**, which yet retaining the name of **Hullerley**, gave me occasion of farther search, I should have been at a great losse for the discovery thereof: but looking well thereabouts, and making diligent enquiry of the Inhabitants, I found a large Moat, containing within it at least an Acre, whereon they say a Castle long since was situate, though now nothing be left thereof (a parcell of old Oaks growing where the buildings stood.) which tradition hath the more colour of truth, forasmuch as there is a Lane, near at hand, bearing the name of *Castle Lane*. Some of the neighbourhood do call this *Hoggs moat*, which I conceive is intended *Odingsells moat*, but by corrupt pronuntiation now so termed; for I have seen the name of *Odingsells* very antiently written *Hoginsells*. Which grounds being at least a mile diameter, have heretofore been a Park, as the Country people say, and is probable enough from the large bank that lieth on the out side of them, invironed with Lanes: Not far from whence, are the *Vestigia* of three very large Pooles, long ago converted to meadow ground. And 'tis not to be doubted, but that the Village now called **Olton**, was antiently this **Wolverle** above specified; which since the plantation at **Solihull**, having lost the true name, is, and hath since *Edw.* 1. time, for brevitie, been called **Olton**, *id est* the *Old town*.

In *H.* 1. time I find, that *Raphe de Limesi*, the first of this line (who was a great man in the Conqueror's days, as appears [b] by the possessions he then had, lying in divers Counties of **England**) gave [c] to the Church of **Pirlton** in **Hartfordshire** (which he had founded) two parts of the Tithes here at **Wolverle** then written **Hulferle**. From which *Raph*, the male line of these *Limesies* continued but four descents; and then, between two sisters and coheirs, the Barony became divided, as in **Ichinton** I have shewed; this upon the partition falling to *Basilia* the wife of *Hugh de Odingsells*, by whom it was disposed of to *Will. de Odingsells* his younger son; in whose time was **Solihull**, out of the ruines of **Wulverle**, grown to be a town of some note, as it seems; for in 26 *H.* 3. he had a Charter [d] bearing date 9 *Apr.* for a **Mercate** on the Wednsday every week, and a yearly **Faire**, beginning on the Eve of S. *Alphage*, and continuing for 3 days, that being the Saint to whom the Church had been dedicated; for that it was a very antient usage to have the **Faire** at that time, when the day of the Churches Dedication was yearly solemnized, I have in my discourse of **Stratford** *super* **Avon**, given a reason,

In the same 26th year of *H.* 3. was this *Will.* attendant [e] upon the King, in person, beyond the Seas; but being returned, the next year following he obtained License [f] that there should be a Perambulation made betwixt the lands in *Kings*-**Norton**, and **Bromesgrove** in **Worcestershire**, belonging to the Crown, which then were in the hands of *Henry de Hastings*, by Lease, and the lands of the above specified *Will. de Odingsells*, here at **Solihull**, by the Shiriffs of **Worcestershire** and **Warwickshire**, and *xii.* lawfull and discreet Knights of each Countie. After which, *viz.* in 33 *H.* 3. this *William* (whom my Author [g] calls *miles strenuus*) being made Governour [h] of **Montgomery** Castle in **Wales**, was the same year one of [i] those that met at the Tourneament then held at **Brackley** in **Northamptonshire**, where he had some affront offered to him by *Will. de Valence* the King's brother, who being an Alien, had got *Richard* Earl of **Gloucester** to side with him, by which means the Englisth were much insulted over.

In 34 *H.* 3. he had a Charter [k] of **Free warren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here. In 44 *H.* 3. he had Summons [l], with divers other great men, to be at **Shrewsbury**, upon the Feast day of the blessed Virgins *Nativity*, well furnisht with Horse and Armes to march against *Lewellin* Prince of **Wales** and his Complices; and the next ensuing year, he had the like command to [m] be at **London**, the morrow after the Feast of *Simon* and *Jude*. In 45 *H.* 3. he had an Annuity [n] of *xxx.* marks *per an.* granted to him by the King, out of the Exchequer, untill better provision should be made for him. In 47 H. 3. he had again Summons [o] to be at **Worcester** on the Feast of Saint *Peter ad Vincula* with Horse and Armes to resist *Lewelin ap Griffith*, above specified, with the power of the Welch, as also the like command [p] to be at **Oxford** about Midlent, the nex ensuing year: And was a Benefactor to the Friers of **Thelesford**, in this County, by the grant [q] of certain lands lying here in **Solihull**, at a place called **Hundeshale**. This *William* bore [r] for his Armes *Argent a Fesse with two Mullets in chief Gules*, and left issue *William* and *Nicholas*.

Which *William* in 47 *H.* 3. had Summons [s] to be

z *Lib. rub. f.* 233. *b.*

a *Ex vet. membr. in bibl.* Hatton.

b Domesd *lib.*

c *Regist.* S. Albani *in bibl.* Cotton.

d *Cart.* 26. *H.* 3. *m.* 5.

e *Pat.* 26. *H.* 3. *in d.*

f *Clauss.* 27. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.

g M. Paris. *p.* 769. *l.* 3.

h *Pat.* 33. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.

i M. Paris. *ut supra.*

k *Cart.* 34. *H.* 3.

l *Clauss.* 44. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 9.

m *Clauss.* 45. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 3.

n *Pat.* 45. *H.* 3. *m.* 11.

o *Clauss.* 47. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 7.

p *Pat.* 48. *H.* 3. *in d. in ced.*

q *Pat.* 3. E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 8. *per. Insp.*

r *Ex autog. penes D. & Cap.* Lich.

s *Clauss.* 47. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 13.

be at **Hereford**, upon the Munday next after the Feaſt of the *Purification* of our Lady, with Horſe and Armes to reſiſt the power of the before mentioned *Lewelin ap Griffith*; and in 5 *E.* 1. was again imployed [t] into **Wales** for the King's ſervice. In 11 *E.* 1. he was a [u] Kt. In 13 *E.* 1. he [w] claimed a **Court Leet**, Gallows, Tumbrell, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer, in this Lordſhip, by preſcription; together with a **Mercate** and **Faire**, as alſo *Toll*, for which he produced K. *H.* 3. Charter, and had allowance of them accordingly. In 16 *E.* 1. he was imployed [x] into **Ireland** upon the K's. ſervice: and having founded a *Chantrie*, here at **Solihull**, in the Chapell of S. *Alphage* (as I ſhall further ſhew anon) departed [y] this life in 23 *E.* 1. leaving *Edm.* [z] his ſon and heir, and four daughters; which *Edm.* dyed [a] within a few months after, ſo that thoſe his 4 ſiſters became his heirs to this Inheritance; whereof *Ida*, the eldeſt, married [b] to *Joh. de Clinton* (a branch of the *Clintons* of **Colſhill**) *Alice*, firſt [c] to *Maurice de Caunton* (who was ſlain [d] in **Ireland** taking part with the Rebells there) and afterwards to [e] *Raph de Perham*; *Ela*, firſt [f] to Sir *Peter de Bermingham* Kt. and next [g] to Sir *Euſtace le Poer*, and *Marg.* to [h] *John de Grey* of **Rotherfield**.

In a private grant [i] of ſome land, lying within this Town, (dated 34 *E.* 1.) it is ſaid to be *infra Burgum de* **Solihull**; but this Title of *Burgus*, attributed thereto, ſignifies no more, than that it was *Villa inſignior*, a Countrey town of more than ordinary note, and not fortified as the word *Burgus* doth commonly import. In 7 *E.* 2. upon an Agreement betwixt *Ela* the widow of Sir *Peter de Bermingham*, and *Raph de Perham*, two parts of this town were ſetled [k] upon the ſaid *Raph* for his life; but afterwards to remain to the ſaid *Ela*, and her heirs: which *Peter* and *Raph* were in 9 *E.* 2. certified [l] to be Lords thereof. But I ſuppoſe it ſhould have been *Ela* the widow of *Peter de Bermingham*, with *Raphe de Perham*, becauſe *Peter* was dead before. This *Peter* being a younger ſon (as I gueſs) to *Will. de Bermingham* (as when I come to that place ſhall be ſhewed) had iſſue, by the ſame *Ela*, *John de Bermingham* (as it ſhould ſeem) who immediatly upon his advancement to the Earldome of **Loveth** in **Ireland**, paſt [m] away this Lordſhip, with the advouſon of the Church, unto *John Hothum* Biſhop of **Ely** and his heirs; unto which Biſhop, the next year following, did *Philip Purcel* and *Ela* his wife, likewiſe [n] grant their eſtate herein (the ſame *Ela* being a daughter to *Ela de Bermingham*, by one of her husbands, as I think) whereupon the ſaid Biſhop obtained a Charter [o] from the K. bearing date at **Weſtm.** 23 *Febr.* 13 *E.* 2. for a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Wedneſday, and a **Fair** once every year for 3. days, beginning upon the Eve of S. *Peter ad Vincula*, commonly called *Lammas*. Which makes me gueſs that the **Mercate** upon the ſame day, and the **Fair** at the Feaſt of S. *Alphage*, granted to *Will. de Odingſells* in *H.* 3. time (as I have ſhewed) were by diſcontinuance, either come to nothing, or elſe that the time for keeping of that **Fair**, *viz.* 19 *Apr.* was found ſomewhat inconvient: And in 1 *E.* 3. obtained a Charter [p] for **Free warren** in all his demeſn lands here, as alſo at **Thorpe** *Conſtantine* in **Staffordſh.**

Afterwards within a ſhort time, I find [q] that the Inhabitants of this Lordſhip, joyning with the Inhabitants of *Kings-***Norton**, and **Perdy** *in com. Wigorn.* for throwing down a certain Ditch, which *Roger de Mortimer* Earl of **March** had made in *Kings-***Norton** Wood, wherein thoſe towns had Common of paſture, for all manner of Cattell throughout the whole year, were proſecuted ſharply by the ſaid Earl, who brought a Triall againſt them, by *Niſi prius*, at **Bromeſgrave**, before *Henry de Hambury*, then one of the Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas: Which ſaid Inhabitants fearing the Earls greatneſſe and power, durſt not appear to challenge the Jurie; ſo that he had *CCC*li given him for damages againſt them: But it ſo fell out, that in 3 *E.* 3. this mighty man, being ſeized upon [r] by the King at **Nottingham** Caſtle, and by a Parliament, there held, condemn'd [s] for Treaſon, was put to death, whereby all his poſſeſſions became confiſcate; inſomuch as the Inhabitants before ſpecified, petitioned the K. that he would be gracious unto them in forbearing to proceed to Judgment upon that Verdict; whereupon he was pleaſed to remit thereof [t] CCxlvi *li.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.*

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t *Pat.* 5. *E.* 1. *m.* 8.
u *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
w *Rot. de Quo. w.*
x *Pat.* 16. *E.* 1. *m.* 4.
y *Rot. F.* 23. *E.* 1. *m.* 14.
z *Eſc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 130.
a *Eſc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 130.
b *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
c *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
d *Pat.* 13. *E.* 2. *m.* 28.
e Langt.
f 33 *m.*
f *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
g *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
h *Ex autog. penès D. & cap.* Lich.
a *Eſc.* 33. *E.* 3. *n.* 38.
b *Eſc.* 33. *E.* 3. *n.* 38.
c *Eſc.* 1. *H.* 4. *n.* 62.
d *Eſc.* 12. *R.* 2. *n.* 24.
e *Eſc.* 2. *H.* 6.
f *Eſc.* 1. *H.* 4. *n.* 62.
g *Eſc.* 1. *H.* 4. *n.* 62.
h *Eſc.* 2. *H.* 6.
i *Eſc.* 2. *H.* 6.
i *Ex. autog. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur.*
k *F. levat.* 5. *ſept. Paſch.* 7. *E.* 2.
l *Nom. Vill.*
m *F. levat. Oct.* Ioh. Bapt. 12. *E.* 2.
n *F. levat. craſt. Aſcenſ.* 13. *E.* 2.
o *Cart.* 13. *E.* 2. *n.* 12.
p *Cart.* 1. *E.* 3.
q *Pat.* 6. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 10.
r *T. Walſ. p.* 112. *n.* 10.
s *T. Walſ. p.* 112. *n.* 10.
t *Pat.* 6. *E.* 3. *ut ſuprà.*

Hugo de Odingſells 15 Joh. — Baſilia ſoror & hæres Joh. de Limeſi.

Rad. de Limeſi 14 E. 1. — Iohanna — Will. de Odingſells 14 E. 1. | 26 H. 3. — Gerardus de Odingſells de Ichinton, defunctus 50 H. 3.

Nich. de Odingſells de Foſhaw 24 E. 1. — Will. de Odingſells miles, ob. 23 E. 1. — Ela filia Will. Longſpe ſecundi, Comitis Sarum.

Will. de Odingſells 6 E. 2. — Agnes fil. & hæres ... de Inſula.

Ioh. de Grey de Rotherfeld defunctus 5 E. 2. — Margareta 5 E. 2.

D. Petrus de Bermingham.

Ela, ſecundò nupta Euſtachio le Poer.

Alicia ux. Mauritii de Caunton.

Rad. de Perham maritus ſecundus.

Ioh. de Clinton defunctus 5 E. 2.

Ida primogenita filiarum & cohær. 5. E. 2.

Edm. de Odingſells ob. ſ. p.

Ioh. de Grey obiit 33 E. 3.

Ioh. de Bermingham Co. de Loveth.

David de Caunton.

Ioh. de Clinton.

Will. de Clinton Comes Huntendoniæ ob. ſ. p.

Nich. de Odingſells 10 R. 2. — Ioana.

Ioh. de Grey æt. 30 an. 33 E. 3.

Iohannes deſſ. — Wal- — Margareta fil. & hæres.

Ric. Grey miles 1 H. 4.

Rob. Grey defunctus 12 R. 2.

Eliz. (filia & una hær. Will. de la Planch) relicta Ioh. de Bermingh. mil.

Alicia ux. Ioh. Boteler.

Anna ux. Tho. Burdet.

Ioh. Deincourt miles 1 H. 4.

Iohanna propinq. hæres Ric. Grey mil. æt. 13. 1 H. 4.

Alicia filia & cohær. ux. Will. domini Lovel & de Holand 2 H. 6.

Margareta ux. Rad. Cromwell domini de Tatſhall 2 H. 6.

Whether by any conveiance from the Bishop of Ely before spoken of, it was, that *Rob. de Moreby* of Moreby in Yorkshire, had an interest here, I know not; nor what he so had: but in 7 *E.* 3. I find that the K. granted to him a Charter [u] of Free warren in all his demesn lands here at Solihull, as also at Bonnewick and Moreby in Yorkshire. It seems that the inheritance thereof was in the Bishop's heirs, what ever estate the same *Rob. de Moreby* had; for in 26 *E.* 3. by a Fine [w] then levied, betwixt *Anne* the widow of *Edw. le Despenser* Plaintiff, and *John de Hothum* of Bondeby Kt. Defore. this Mannour, with the advouson of the Church, was setled upon the same *Anne* during her life, the remainder to *Hugh le Despenser*, (son to the said *Edw.* and *Anne*) and *Alice* his wife, daughter of the said Sir *J. Hothum*, and the heirs of their bodies, and so to *Katherine* sister of the said *Alice &c.* Which *Alice* was afterwards married to [x] *John Trussell*, who in her right held this Lordship in 50 *E.* 3. But by her first husband she had issue Sir *Hugh le Spenser* Kt. and *Anne* a daughter, married to Sir *Edw. Boteler* Kt. which Sir *Hugh* dyed [y] without issue in 3. *H.* 4. leaving *Anne* his sister and heir then 32 years of age.

Of this Sir *Edw. Boteler* and *Anne* his wife, I find, that in 5 *H.* 4. they came to an [z] Agreement with *Sibill* the widow of the said Sr *Hugh le Spenser*, whereby it was concluded, that she the said *Sibill* should hold this Mannour during her life; but afterwards to return unto the same Sir *Edward* and *Anne*, and their heirs; who dying without issue, K. *H.* 5. by his Letters [a] Pat. dated 16 *Apr.* in the second year of his reign, passing to *Edward* Duke of York, for life, all the lands which were *Thomas* Lord *Spenser*'s, attainted by Parl. *Octab. Hill.* 3 *H.* 4. the remainder to *Ric. Beauchamp* of Bergavenny Kt. and *Isabell* his wife, sister and heir of *Richard*, son and heir to the said *Thomas* late Lord *Despenser* deceased, and the heirs male of the same *Richard* and *Isabell*; the Duke, by virtue of that grant, possest himself of this Mannour, under colour, that, for want of issue by the said Sir *Edward Boteler* and *Anne*, the inheritance thereof belonged to the same *Thomas le Despenser* Earl of Gloucester, so attainted, and held it till his death, which hapning in 3 *H.* 5 (for he was slain [b] at the battell of Agincourt 25 *Oct.* the same year) *Ric. Beauchamp* and *Isabell* his wife had issue [c] thereof 18 *Martii* next ensuing. Nevertheless, upon [d] farther consideration, and view of the Fine levied in 5 *H.* 4. whereby it had been so intailed, & the Inquisitions after the several deceases of the said Sir *Edw. Boteler* and *Anne* his wife, & of *Sibill* the widow of the before specified Sir *Hugh le Despenser*, the K. directed his [e] Precept, bearing date 14 *Nov.* 5 *H.* 5. to his Eschaetor for this County, to seize it into his hands: For the clearer understanding of which titles I have inserted the [f] preceding Descent.

Of the before mentioned *Hugh le Despenser*, I find [g], that he was interred in the *Friers* at Stanford, and that *Thomas Collum*, then Parson of the Church here at Solihull, bore so great an affection to him, and the lady *Sibill*, or *Isabell*, his wife (for both wayes I find her written) that by his Testament he bequeathed a fair *Missale* to the Church of Solihull, that the Parishioners should provide a Priest, to celebrate divine Service there, by the space of one year, for the souls of the said Sir *Hugh* and *Isabell*, he himself ordaining, that another Priest should do the like there for the space of two years. It seems that this Lordship continued in the Crown a good while; for in 16 *H.* 6. the custody thereof was committed [h] by the King, to *Thomas Greswould* for seaven years: but in 22 *H.* 6. by his Letters [i] Pat. dated 25 *Sept.* he granted it (*inter alia*) to *John* Duke of Somerset, and the heirs male of his body, to enjoy during the life of *Jaquet* the widow to *John* D. of Bedford, *Raph Boteler*, and *John Beauchamp*, and the longer liver of them. Which *John* D. of Somerset departing this [k] life without any such issue, 27 *Maii* the same year, the King, by other Letters Pat. [l] dated 20 *Julii* then next following, committed the custody thereof, together with the Mannour of Sheldon in this County, to *Edm. Mountford* Esq; for life, answering for them both *L.* marks sterling *per an.*

Yet was it not long that he so held them, for it appears [m] that the next year ensuing, he surrendred his Pat. into the Chancery to be cancelled, to the intent that the King should make a grant of them to Sir *James Fenys* Knight, which was accordingly effected 27 *Sept.* the same year, for the speciall services he had done; to hold during life, without rendring any accompt at all for the same. This Sir *James* being afterwards created [n] Lord *Say*, dyed in 30 *H.* 6. Whereupon this Mannour, returning to the Crown, was with Sheldon, likewise again committed to the custody of *Edm. Mountford* before mentioned, for the term of ten years, at *L.* marks *per an.* as they formerly were. But it seems that this Pat. became shortly after surrendred; for on the 28th of *March* 31 *H.* 6. the King granted the [o] custody of them to *Edm.* Earl of Richmund, and *Jasper* Earl of Pembroke for *xii* years; and upon cancelling that Pat. the first of *July* ensuing, sealed [p] another, whereby he past the unheritance of them to those Earls.

Howbeit, in 38 *H.* 6. one *Edmund Skerne*, as Cosin and heir to *John Hothum* Bishop of Ely, after the death of *Anne* the wife of Sir *Edward Boteler* Kt. brought a Writ of *Scire facias* against the said Earl of Pembroke, traversing that Inquis. whereby it was found [q], that *Thomas le Despenser* had an estate in reversion therein, after the death of *Sibill* the widow of the said Sir *Hugh le Despenser*; but I do not find that he got any thing thereby. I suppose that K. *E.* 4. upon the attainder of the said *Jasper*, in the first year of his reign, and for that disaffection that he bore unto young *Henry* Earl



of **Richmund** (ſon to the before ſpecified *Edmund*) who afterwards fled the Realme, ſeized thoſe Mannours into his hands; for about ſeaven years after, he gave[r] them unto *Richard Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**: after whoſe attainder (whereof in **Warwick** I have ſpoke) this Mannour was granted[s], *viz.* 25 *Martii* 12 *E.* 4. to *George* Duke of **Clarence**, for life, without rendring any thing for the ſame; and afterwards, *ſcil.*[t] 28 *Julii* 14 *E.* 4. to him the ſaid *George*, and the heirs male of his body.

But within a ſhort time, it eſchaeted[u] again to the Crown, by reaſon of his the ſaid Duke's forfaiture; ſo that in 18 *E.* 4. the King granted[w] the Bailiwick of it, to *Thomas Boteler*, one of the Grooms of his Chamber. Neither do I find that it was out of the ſaid King's hands, nor his ſucceſſors, till 5 *H.* 8. that *Thomas Howard* Earl of **Surrey**, for[x] that ſignall ſervice done againſt the Scots at **Flodden field**, obtained a Patent[y] dated 1 *Febr.* whereby he had not only an advancement to the Dukedome of **Norfolk**, but the inheritance of this Lordſhip, with the advouſon of the Church, and divers more in ſundry other Counties, beſtowed on him, with a limitation to the heirs male of his body; as alſo a ſpeciall Augmentation to his Armes. To which Duke ſucceeded *Thomas* Duke of **Norff.** his ſon and heir, who by his Deed[z] bearing date *ult. Nov.* 20 *H.* 8. paſt away the inheritance thereof (together with **Sheldon** before mentioned) unto *Edm. Knightley* Eſq. and *Euſtace Kitteley* Gent. to the uſe of S r *George Throkmorton* Knight, and his heirs. From which Sir *George*, it deſcended to *Thomas* his grandchild; who by his Deed[a] bearing date 16 *Maii* 2 *Jac.* in conſideration of 1080 *l.* ſold it to *Edm. Hawes* of **Solihull** Gent. and *Humfrey Coles* of the *Middle Temple*; from whom it was purchaſed by *Sam. Marrow* of **Berkſwell** Eſq. who paſt it to Sir *Ric. Greves* of **Poſeley** *in Com. Wigorn.* Kt. Which Sir *Richard* ſold it to Sir *Sim. Archer* of **Tanworth** Knight, the preſent owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Alphage*) was *in an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) valued[b] at *xxx.* marks, over and above two marks, which were yearly payd out of it to the Priory of **Hertford** (of *Limſie's* Foundation, as I have already ſhewed) But in 26 *H.* 8. the value thereof, over and above the ſaid *Penſion* of two marks *per an.* to the Prior of **Hertford**, *xxii d.* yearly Rent to the *Chantrey* here at **Solihull**, and *xi s. xd.* paid annually to the Biſhop and Archdeacon, for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*, was certified[c] to be *xxiiii l. xviii s. iiii d.*

r *Pat.* 8. *E.* 4. *p.* 3. *m.* 4.

s *Pat.* 12. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.

t *Pat.* 14. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.

u *Pat.* 18. *E.* 4. *m.* 1.

w *Pat.* 4. *m.* 22.

x *Pat.* 5. *H.* 8.

y *p.* 2. *m.* 18.

z *Ex autog. penès* Rob. *D.* Digby.

a *Ex autog. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur.*

b *MS. in Scac.*

c *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Rad. de Limeſi & Johanna de Odingſels ux. ejus, ratione dotis ejuſdem Johannæ.	*Regin. de Tykeham an.* 1286.	
D. Euſtach. le Poer & Ela de Ordingſels ux. ejus.	.....	*Ex ipſis autogr. penès D. & cap. Lich.*
D. Joh. de Grey miles.	*D. Rad. de Hengham Cler. an.* 1303.	
Quatuor fil. & heredes D. Joh. de Odingſells.	*D. Joh. de Stanſtede Pbr. an.* 1310.	
Will. de Bromwich Procurator D. Euſt. le Poer.	*Joh. de Everdon Cler. an.* 1310.	*Ibid.*
D. Alicia de Caunton domina de Pyriton.	*Joh. de Sandale ſubdiac.* 4 *Cal. Nov.* 1311.	*Langt. f.* 37. *a.*
Joh. de Hothum Elien. Epiſc.	*Rob. de Beverlaco Pbr.* 3 *Non. Sept.* 1319.	*Ib. f.* 78. *b.*
	Will. de Stow Pbr. 5 *Cal. Jan.* 1329.	*Northb. f.* 23. *a.*
Joh. de Hothum fil. Joh. de Hothum mil.	*Tho. de Glaſton Pbr.* 10 *Cal. Apr.* 1336.	*Ib. f.* 30. *b.*
	Galfr. Scroope Cler. 17 *Cal. Dec.* 1342.	*Ib. f.* 40. *a.*
D. Anna le Deſpenſer.	*Joh. Digg Pbr.* 8 *Id. Dec.* 1362.	*Strct. f.* 11. *a.*
D. Rad. de Ferrers, & D. Hug. le Spenſer milites.	*Ric. Birches Pbr.* 5 *Cal. Apr.* 1371.	*Ib. f.* 20. *a.*
Joh. Truſſell Dominus de Solihull, jure Aliciæ de Hothum ux. ſuæ.	*Will. de Newhagh Cler.* 6 *Dec.* 1375.	*Ib. f.* 23. *a.*
	D. Thom. de Baddeby 4 *Febr.* 1378.	*Ib. f.* 25. *b.*
	D. Will. de Newnham Pbr 21 *Maii* 1379.	*Ib. f.* 26. *b.*
D. Hugo le Deſpenſer miles.	*Joh. de Salford Pbr. ult. Dec.* 1384.	*Ib. f.* 32. *b.*
	Joh. Everingham Pbr. 5 *Jan.* 1394.	*Sk. f.* 10. *a.*
	Tho. de Collum Cler. 20 *Sept.* 1399.	*Burgh. f.* 6. *b.*
D. Jac. Fenys Dominus de Say & Sele, miles.	*Ric. Donyngton Pbr.* 28 *Martii* 1449.	*Bo. f.* 8. *a.*
Jaſper Dux Bedf.	*Rob. Bryan Decr. Dr.* 5 *Nov.* 1492.	*Boul. f.* 135. *a.*
Dominus Rex.	*Walter Walmer Cler. . . . an.* 1508.	*Bl. f.* 5. *a.*
Thomas Bleverhayſet miles.	*Thomas Bleverhayſet* 1 *Maii* 1527.	*Ib. f.* 12. *b.*
D. Georgius Throkmorton miles.	*Mr. Joh. Fekenham, alias Howman, in S. theol. Bac.* 17 *Martii* 1544.	*Sampſ. f.* 41. *a.*
Rob. Throkmorton de Coughton miles.	*D. Thomas Barnes ult. Aug.* 1554.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 2. *a.*
	Will. Hubawd Cler. 16 *Junii* 1557.	*Ib f.* 10. *a.*
	Will. Barnes 15 *Jan.* 1558.	*Ib. f.* 12. *a.*
	Magr. Joh. Bavand Cler. 12 *Sept.* 1560.	*Benthame bund. H.*
Will. Bavand ex conceſs. Rob. Throkmorton mil.	*Henr. Smyth* 9 *Junii* 1570.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 43. *b.*

Monu-

On the South part of the Church.





Here lyeth the bodyes of Thomas Greswolde
of Willhill in the county of Warr: gent.
and of Anne Jane. and Jsabell his
Wiues. Wch Thomas deceased the viijth
day of July Ao 1577
He had issue by Alice his first
Wife one sonne and seven daughters
Whom God grant a ioyfull resurrection.

On the South wall



The corps of Thomas Dabridgcourt Esquire
Entombed here you see
Here rests his body, his soule in heaven.
Esse ist vndoubtedly
His life, his death his faith and hope
Are testimonies liue
God grant that many such as he
Amongst vs may endure.

Alice Dabridgcourt is dead and gone
A Protestant most pure
A godly guider of her house
A freind unto the poore
By vpright life she learnd to dye
By death to liue againe
Though her body lye here, her soule no doubt
wth Christ in heauen shall reigne,

Thomas Dabridgcourt Esquire
departed this life the
xvj of May 1601.

Alice Dabridgcourt eldest sister
and coheire of Rich. Greswolde
departed this life the last of
Febr Ao 1599.

Monumentall Inſcriptions in the Church.

Upon a plate of braſſe fixt on a marble graveſtone lying in the North Ile.

Hic humatur cum parentibus
Johannes bottler olim cauſidicus
Nonis Februarii mundo ademptus
Cujus animam ſuſcipiat alti thronus
Anno domini ꝑCCCCCxii. Amen.

On an Alabaſter ſtone whereon is the portraiture of a man in his gowne.

Here lieth the body of Henry Huggeford of Solihull gent. deceaſed the xiii^th of November in the year of our Lord God 1592.
To whom the Lord grant a joyfull reſurrection Amen,

Upon a tablet fixed in the North wall of the Church, are the portraitures of a man, and his wife. with 4 ſons and 4 daughters, and this Inſcription.

1610.

William Hawes	*Urſula Coles*
æt. 80.	*æt.* 76.

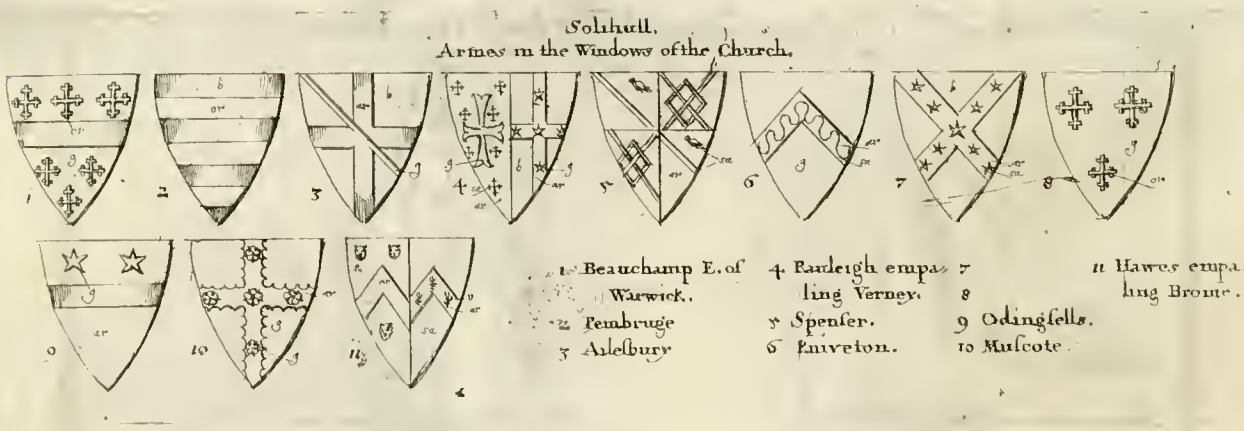
Here William Hawes and Urſula his wife
Their bodyes, lye their ſoules with Chriſt in life,
Whoſe holy Spirit did ſo direct their wayes,
That in his Fear they lived to aged dayes;
In endleſſe joy with Chriſt they now remain,
By whoſe blood all ſalvation do obtain.

Upon a marble tombe-ſtone in the body of the Church, whereon are portraitures in braſſe.

Of your charity pray for the ſoules of William Hill gent. and for Iſabell and Agnes his wifes, which William deceaſed the vi, day of December in the year of our Lord God ꝑCCCCCxlix, On whoſe ſoules Jeſu have mercy, Amen,

On an Alabaſter graveſtone in the Chancell.

Willielmus Plaſted & ſoror ejus Elizabetha Plaſted, alter natus annos ſex, & menſes duos, altera nata annos octo & menſes decem, uterq; optimæ ſpei adoleſcentes, uno & eodem morbo vitam finierunt, conſepulti 7 Sept. An. 1591.



The Chantrie.

There was a *Chantry* founded [d] in *E.* 1. time by Sir *Will. de Odingſells* Kt. for one Prieſt to celebrate Divine ſervice for ever in this Church, for the health of the ſouls of *Will. de Odingſells* and *Joane* his wife, father and mother to the ſaid Sir *Will.* as alſo for his own ſoul, with the ſouls of his progenitors, Children, and all the faithfull deceaſed: for maintenance of which Prieſt, he gave, with the conſent of *Joan* his mother, and *Raph de Limeſi*, then her husband, certain Houſes and land ſituate near to St. *Alphag's* Well, within this Lordſhip, and iii *li.* yearly Rent, payable by ſeverall of his Tenants here, whoſe names are expreſt in the grant. Which Prieſt was ſucceſſively to be preſented by the ſaid Sir *Will.* and his heirs to the Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lich.** for the time being, and by him to be inſtituted to the ſaid *Chantry*. In augmentation of whoſe maintenance, the ſaid *Raph de Limeſi*, and *Joane* his wife, gave [e] five marks yearly Rent iſſuing out of certian lands lying in **Cotes** (now called **Coton**) and **Perſton** *juxta* **Kingsbury**, in 5 *E.* 1.

d *Ex vet. exempl. penès præſ.* S. A.

e *Eſc.* 9. *E.* 1. *n.* 71.

To this *Chantry* in *H.* 4. time, did likewiſe *Will. Hawe*, and others, give [f] one Meſſuage and *xl.* acres of land, lying alſo here in **Solihull**, called *Caldeford's* Tenement, to the end that the Chantry-Prieſt for the time being, ſhould celebrate Divine Service for the ſoules of *Hugh le De-Spenſer* and *Sibill* his wife, before ſpecified: but the grant being made without Licenſe obtained from the K. the ſaid lands became forfeited, and were in 14 *H.* 4. beſtowed upon *John Birkyn*, one of the yeomen of the Larder to the K. to hold during life.

f *Pat.* 1. *H.* 5. *p.* 2. *m.* 23. *per. Inſp.*

How the means belonging hereunto, came to be ſo diminiſhed, appears not; but in 16 *H.* 6. upon the addition of *Lx s.* more, yearly Rent, by one *Thomas Greſwould*, it appears [g], that the maintenance was ſo ſlender, that no Prieſt did then ſerve therein; which Annuity he the ſaid *Thomas* gave, that the Prieſt officiating there, ſhould ſing Maſſe

g *Pat.* 16. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 19.

Masse every day for the good estate of the said K. *H. 6.* and of the same *Thomas Greswould*, and for their souls after their departure hence; as also for the souls of the Father and mother of the said *Thomas*, and all the Benefactors thereunto: So that in 26 *H.* 8. the value [h] thereof was found to be *Cxiiii s. per. an.* over and above xviii *s.* yearly Rent, payd out of it to severall persons: and in [i] 37 *H.* 8. vi *l.* xvi *s.* vi *d. per an.* over and above all Reprizes; at which time the Chantrie Priest serving here, did, upon occasion, assist the Parson in ministring the Sacraments; in regard that the Parish was spacious, and contained 700 Communicants.

This *Chantrie* was called [k] the *Chantrie* of **Halfwell**; the reason whereof I conceive to be, because the Houses given thereto, by Sir *Will. de Odingsells*, at the first Foundation thereof, did stand near S. *Alphage* his *Well*: but it was [l] in a Chapell on the North side of the Church of **Solihull**, called *libera Capella S. Alphegi*.

One thing more I shall observe, before I passe from this Church; *viz.* that in 13 *E.* 3. one *Will. de Stow* a Priest, and Parson of **Solihull**, gave [m] xii acres of land, and six acres of meadow, to the succeeding Rectors here, for the finding of two wax Candles burning therein every day, at the celebration of Masse, and two Torches alwayes, at the elevation of the Host.

h *M S. penès præs. S. A. f. 58. a.* *Ex alio Cod. MS. penès eund. S. A. f. 14. b. &c.*

i *Ib.*

k *Pat. 16. H. 6. p. 2. m. 19.*

l *Pat. 13. E. 3. p. 1.*

m

Olton.

THis, through the corrupt pronunciation of the vulgar, is now called **Oken end**; but that it had its name after the plantation at **Solihull**, is apparent enough from what I have formerly said; that of **Wolverle** being waived, and thereupon called the **Old-town**. But by this new name of **Olton**, I find no mention of it till 19 *E.* 1. upon the extent [n] of the lands belonging to *Roger de Someri* Baron of **Dudley**, who was then certified to have one meadow and a pasture here at that time: and in 23 *E.* 1. it appears, [o] that *Ela de Odingsels* was jointly enfeoft thereof, with *William de Odingsells* her husband, in which Record it is called *Manerium de* **Dulton**. After which, upon the partition of *Odingsels* lands, betwixt the daughters and coheirs, it came to *Grey* of **Rotherfeld**, who wedded *Margaret*, as the Descent sheweth: for in 2 *H.* 4. after the death of Sir *Robert Grey* of **Rotherfeld** Knight, *Joane* his daughter and heir, then the wife of Sir *John Deincourt* Knight, had liverie [p] thereof: From whom it descended to *Alice* one of the daughters and coheirs of the said Sir *John Deincourt*, and *Joan* the wife of Sir *Will. Lovell* Knight, who in her right died [q] seized of it in 33 *H.* 6. leaving Sir *John Lovell* Knight his son and heir, 22. years of age: which *Alice* afterwards married [r] to Sir *Raphe Boteler* Knight, who by a Fine levied in 6 *E.* 4. entailed [s] it upon the issue of his body, by her the said Alice; with remainder to *Anne* the wife of Sir *Remfride Arundell* Knight, and the heirs of her body, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of *Alice*.

Of this Lady *Arundell* I find [t], that she married afterwards to *Robert Crane* Esquire, and that in 5 *H.* 8. she demised it to *Catherine Boteler*, widow, for xx. years. But in 33 *H.* 8. *Henry Ogard* Esq. was [u] Lord thereof; and since that (as I have heard) one M[r] *Oliver Briggs* a **Shropshire** man, who sold it to M[r] *Midlemore* of **Eggebaston**.

n *Esc. 19. E. 1. n. 45.*

o *Esc. 23. E. 1 n. 65.*

p *Clauſ. 2. H. 4. p. 1. m. 12.*

q *Esc. 33. H. 6. n. 28.*

r *Esc. 13. E. 4. n. 64.*

s *F. levat. xv. Ioh. Bapt. 6. E. 4.*

t *Ex autog. penès Edw. Marrow ar.*

u *Ex Rot. Cur. penès S. Archer eq. aur.*

Foshaw.

THis being within the territories of **Solihull**, and antiently a member thereof, was, towards the later end of *H.* 3. or beginning of *E.* 1. time, given [w] by *William de Odingsells* unto *Nicholas* his younger son, and his heirs; and is, in that grant, bounded with **Tanworth** on the one side, *Kings-Norton* on the other, **Bcoley** on a third, and a great road-way leading from **Whitewrthemilne**, towards the Earl of **Warwick's** wood in **Tanworth**; reserving to the said *William* and his heirs, one peny to be yearly payd at the Feast of S[t] *Michael* the Archangell for all services and demands whatsoever. By which deed was there also granted unto the same *Nicholas*, and his heirs, a **Court-Leet** of all the said *William's* Tenants inhabiting within those precincts; paying yearly to him and his heirs for the same, a pound of Cummin seed at the next Court, after *Michaelmasse*, to be held at **Solihull**.

From whom descended another *Nicholas*, [x] Lord thereof in 10 *R.* 2. who bore [y] for his Armes the antient coat of *Odingsells* of **Solihull**, *viz. Arg. a Fesse gules, with two Mullets of the second in cheif*, and the addition of three *Escalops upon the Fesse*, in which year there was a Fine [z] levied thereof, by one *Richard atte Ruyding* and *Elizabeth* his wife, to the said *Nicholas* and *Joane*, and the heirs of *Nicholas*, with warrantie against the same *Elizabeth*, and her heirs; whereby it should seem, that she was an Inheritrix. To which *Nich.* and *Joane* succeeded *Margaret* their daughter and heir, wife to *John Waldeif* Esquire, which *John Waldeif* had issue by her two daughters and heirs, *scil. Alice* married to *John Boteler*, and *Anne* to Sir *Thomas Burdet* of **Arrow** Knight. Which Sir *Thomas*, together with Sir *Nicholas Burdet* Knight, *Richard Hubaud* Esquire and others, in 15 *H.* 6. released [a] to the said *John Waldeyff*, and the same *Margaret*, all their right therein.

But it afterwards came to *Burdet* again, though how I am not sure; for certain it is, that *Richard Burdet*, of **Arrow** before specified, was seised [b] of it; and that Sir *Hugh Conway* Knight, who married *Joyce* his widow, held it in 19 *H.* 7. for the life of the said *Joyce*, as her Jointure; but afterwards it descended to *Anne* the daughter and heir of the said *Richard*, wife of *Edward Conway* Esquire, which *Edward* died [c] seized thereof in 38 *H.* 8. leaving issue *John* 35. years of age, and afterwards knighted. Here hath been antiently a kind of Park, and a *Warren*, which had the reputation [d] of a *Chase* in *Richard Burdet's* time; but there is no more memoriall of the Mannour-house, than a double old moate of a large extent, a Coppice-wood now growing where the House stood.

w *Ex vet. exempl. penès præs.* Edw. Marrow.

x *Ex autog. penès Gard. Eccl. de Solihull.*

y *Ex autog. penès Gard. Eccl. de Solihull.*

z *Mens. Mich.*

a *Ex autog. penès* T. Burdet *Bar.*

b *Ex autog. penes præs.* E. M.

c *Esc. 1. E. 6.*

d *Ex autog. penes præs.* S. Archer.

Widenay.

THis is an antient Mannour, though not a Village, what ever it hath been formerly; the first mention thereof, that I find, being about the beginning of *H.* 3. time, one *Philip de Cumtune* then granting [e] to *William de Parles*, his Kinsman, and his heirs *Lx.* acres of land here,

e *Ex autog. penès* f *und.* S. A.

which are set out by certain metes and bounds: But the quantity I conceive to be much more than we now allow for Acres; for the words of the grant are *per magnam mensuram de* **Arderne**, in which Deed it is written **Withenhal**, and the Rent reserved thereupon, *x s. per annum*, in lieu of all secular service and demand. From this *William de Parles* descended another *William*, who in *E.* 1. time, granted to *Walter de Aylesbury* all this his land at **Wydenhay**; which, as his Deed [f] importeth, was before past to him from Sir *William Bagot*: So that it seems, that Sir *William Bagot* (then of **Hyde** *juxta* **Stafford**) was the Chief Lord thereof: by whose grant to the said *Walter*, is reserved onely one Rose yearly at the Feast of the *Nativity* of S. *John Baptist*, to be payd to him and his heirs for all services. Which *Walter* in 13 *E.* 1. obtained a Charter [g] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here; whose posteritie, seated at **Edgiston** (now called **Edston**) in this Countie, continued owners thereof, as long as the male line lasted, *John de Ailesbury* in 17 *H.* 6. having a Patent [h] for confirmation of the said **Free warren**, so granted as aboveſaid. But by *Joane* a daughter and heir of *Ailesbury*, it came to *Somervile* in *H.* 7. time (as in **Edston** is shewed) and by the attainder [i] of *John Somervile* Esquire, in Q. *Eliz.* time, eschaeted to the Crown.

f *Cart.* 13. *E.* 1. *n.* 30.

h *Pat.* 17. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 7. *per Inſp.*

i *Pat.* 33. Eliz. *p.* 3.

Langdon.

THis place takes its name from the rising ground, on the South side whereof it is situate; which lying in length like a ridge, was called **Langdone**, or **Langdune**, *id est* the long Hill. In the Conqueror's time one *Almar* held [k] it of *Turchill de Warwick*, it being then certified to contain two hides and a half, valued at *xx s.* having Woods of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth. But in *H.* 1. time, one *Chetilbernus* possest it, by the grant of *Siward de Arden*, son to *Turchill* before mentioned: which *Chetilbern* is written [l] *Chetelbernus homo Siwardi*, and sometimes [m] *Ketelbernus de Langdona*, being not onely a Tenant to the same *Siward*, but his servant in the Office [n] of Sewer. This *Chetilbern* had a son called *Robert*, who died, as it seems, without issue; for the posteritie of his daughter inherited his lands, and assumed the firname of *Launde*, or *de la Laund*, though from what place I am not sure: the Christen name of which daughter appears not; but she was the wife of one *Thomas fil. Thurstani*, called also *Thomas de Tamewrda*: 'Tis like that he lived at **Tamworth**, and was a Retainer to the *Marmions* there; for his posteritie were owners of a place called **Stretford**, lying near **Faseley-bridg**, upon **Watling-street** (near **Tamworth**) as also this of **Lea** *juxta* **Perston** in this Hundred, both *Marmion's* fee.

k Domesd. *lib.*

l *Reg. de* Kenilw. *p.* 26.

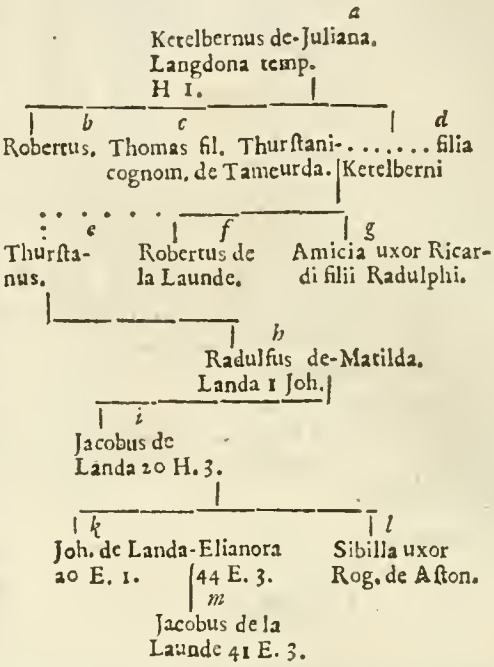
m *Ex autog. penès* Will. Spooner *G.*

n *Regist. de* Thorney *p.* 4. *f.* 1.

Of these I find that in 37 H. 3. *James de Lande* had (*inter alia*) a Charter [o] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here; and past away his estate in this place, to one *Gilbert de Kirkeby*, with the advouson of the Nunnery of **Henwood** (of his Ancestors Foundation). For the said *Gilb.* [p] granted the Capitall Messuage, or Mannour place here, with all the lands thereto belonging, and services of Freeholders & others, together with the Patronage of that Religious House, unto *William de Ardene* and his heirs, for which he had *Cxl.* marks of silver; reserving to the said *James*, whom he calls *Capitalis Dominus feodi*, and his heirs, all such services that were of right due for the same. Of which *William de Arden* and his Family, I purpose to speak in **Hampton** in **Arden**, where I shall more fully shew, how much of their inheritance was disposed of to Queen *Elianore*, by *John le Lou* and *Amice* his wife, one of the heirs to *Richard* his grandson.

o *Cart.* 37 *H.* 3. *m.* 11.

p *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.



a *Ex autog. penes* b *Nes* c *præf.* W. Spooner d.

e *Plac. apud* Westm. 26. H. 3. *rot.* 3.

f *Ex autog. penes* g Will. *Vic.* Staff.

h *F. levat.* 1. Ioh.

i *Testa de* N.

k *Esc.* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 36.

l *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Aston *eq. aur.*

m *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Ferrers *ar.*

And though this Mannour of **Langdon** be not particularly mentioned therein, yet do I believe that it then past to her, as lying within **Solihull**, which is there expresst; for the Plea [q] Roll of 46 *E.* 3. directly affirms as much. And in 20 *E.* 1. upon that grant [r] made by the King to the Monks of **Westminster**, of divers Mannours situate in this and other Counties, to the intent that they should solemnize the Anniversarie of the said Queen *Elianore*, then deceased (as in **Knoll** shall be farther manifested) this of **Langdon** is one of the number, which in 22 *E.* 1. was certified [s] to be held by the Abbot of **Westminster** of *John* the son and heir of *James de la Lande*, rendring to him yearly five marks of silver; and that the said *John* held it of *Walter de Winterton* in *Capite*, by the thirtieth part of a Knights fee. Upon the dissolution of which Abby, in 30 *H.* 8. there was first [t] a Dean and Prebendaries setled, but soon after [u] a Bishop; who being shortly removed, the whole City of **Westminster** and Countie of **Middlesex** were added [w] to the Dioces of **London**, *Nicholas Ridley*, then Bishop, possessing this Mannour; which (it seems) with some other lands, that had belong'd to the Abby of **Westminster**, were granted [x] to him.

q *Plac. coram. R. term. Trin.* 46. *E.* 3. *rot.* 11.

r *Cart.* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 4.

s *Esc.* 22. *E.* 1.

t Camb. *Brit. in* u Middlesex.

w *Orig.* 4. *E.* 6. *p.* 1. *rot.* 9.

x *Esc.* 6. *E.* 6.

But ere long after, it came to *John Greswould*, and by *Alice* [y] his eldest daughter, and one of the coheirs to her brother *Richard*, to *Thomas Dabridgcourt* (descended by a younger branch, as their Pedegree sheweth) from the famous *Sanchio Dabridgcourt*, one of the Founders of the most noble Order of the Garter: which *Thomas*, having been a Justice [z] of Peace in this Countie, from 16 *Eliz.* for many years, and high [a] Shiriff of the Shire in 29 *Eliz.* died [b] 12. *Maii* 43 *Eliz.* leaving issue [c] by the said *Alice*, four daughters, his heirs; *viz.*

y *Inscrip. Tum. apud* Solihull.

z *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

a *Rot. P.* 29. Eliz.

b *Inscrip. Tum. ut supra.*

c *Visit. com.* Warw. 1619.

viz. Katherine married to *John Fullwood* of **Foxd-Hall**, *Anne* to *Thomas Hugford* of **Henwood**, *Christian* to *William Belcher* of **Gilsborough** in **Northamptonshire**; and *Grace*, first to *William Cartwright*, and afterwards to *William Dabridgcourt*. Which *John Fulwood* had issue by the same *Catherine*, divers daughters and heirs, as in **Foxd-Hall** is shewed; whereof *Frances* married to *Will. Noell* of **Wellesborough** *in Com. Leic.* Esquire, whose posteritie, as part of her inheritance, do still enjoy it.

Henwood.

THis place, being originally a part of **Langdone**, last spoken of, was about the beginning of King *H.* 3. reign, given by *Ketelberne*, then owner of that Lordship, to the Nuns of **Ettwell**; for so was the Monasterie, upon its first foundation called [a], being built neer a fair Spring lying Eastward of the said **Langdone**, and dedicated [c] to S^t *Margaret*. Which *Ketelberne*, by his [f] Charter, whereby he so disposed of it, setteth forth the metes and bounds thereof, as followeth: *viz.* from the Ditch called **Hinewudsheb**, by **Murrewei**, to **Colesord**; and thence along the River **Blithe**, to the confluence thereof with **Perebroch**; and ascending **Perebroch** till it meet with **Rodbroch**; and from thence to the head of the said **Rodbroch**; and so by the midst of **Timbrescreage**, unto the Ditch called **Hinewudsheb**, excepting **Puchelingewich**: Granting likewise unto them a Free Court, with all Customes and Liberties, in as ample manner as he the said *Ketelberne* had his own Court, with Customes and Liberties, from *Hugh de Arden* his superiour Lord: And pasturage for all their Cattell, Horses, Sheep, Goats, and Hoggs, in every place where his own used to feed; without paunage, or any custome at all to be payd for them: And in defect of any of his own, that theirs might depasture where his should be, in case he had any. And moreover gave them power to take timber in **Langdon-wood**, for the structure of their Church, and other buildings; with leave to erect a Mill, wheresoever they could find a fit a place, upon any part of their land, his lying opposite thereto.

But afterwards the name of **Ettwell** growing out of use, it came to be called **Hean-wood**, by reason of the tall Oakes there growing, the word **hean** in our old English signifying *high*. Unto these Nunns, which were of S. *Benedicts* Rule, did Pope *Gregory* the *ix.* in *Anno* 1228. (12 *H.* 3. confirm [g] all such Tithes as they had obtained within the precincts of **Solihull**, together with the rest of their possessions, whereof I shall here exhibite a short view, with the Donors [h] names; *viz.* one yard land in **Rodburne**, by *William de Arden*, given to them about the beginning of *H.* 2. reign, as may seem by the confirmation thereof, made by *Walter* Bishop of **Chester**; as also the advouson of the Church, which was appropriated to them by *G. Muschamp* Bishop of **Coventre** in King *John's* time. To these did *Ralph de Lande* adde [i] all his Land and Wood called **Habekesheard**, with a Mill situate upon the River of **Blithe** (now called **Henwood**-Mill): And *James de la Lande*, his son; certain lands [k] and Houses lying in that part of **Langdon** called **Sathey**. As also *Roger de Camvill* an [l] Annuitie of *viii s.* issuing out of lands in **Shirleke**, in this Countie, which in his grant are particularly named.

In 33 *E.* 1. the Abbot of **Westminster** bestowed [m] on them *xv.* Acres of Waste, belonging to his Mannour of **Longdone** before specified: and in 4 [n] *E.* 3. *Richard de Feure* of **Brandon** two Mess. *xxx.* acres and half of land, *xii.* acres of Meadow, and *xxviii s. iv d.* Rent, lying in **Bretford**, **Church-Lawford**, **Stretton**, **Painsethorpe**, **Merston** *juxta* **Lalesord**, and **Beresord** *juxta* **Warwick**.

And besides these inferior persons, I find that King *Ric.* 2. was likewise a Benefactor to them, granting [o] the advouson of the Church of **Thorleton** *de* **Ditemore** to this House, in 22. of his reign: So also King *Henry* 4^th who gave [p] them the perpetuall patronage of the Church of **Eberdon**, in **Northamptonshire**, in the first year of his reign: both which Churches were appropriated [q] by Pope *Innocent* the *vii. in anno* 1404. (5 *H.* 4.) by whose Bull [r] it appears, that the Church of **Bikenhull** in this Countie, was united to this Monasterie at the very first Foundation thereof; and that at the time of the appropriation made of the Churches before specified, the Nunns of this Covent were *xii.* in number.

But it being one of the small Monasteries (for in 26 *H.* 8. the yearly revenues belonging thereto, were certified [t] at no more than *xxi li. ii s. ob.*) it was dissolved by the Statute of 27 *H.* 8. whereupon *Joane Hugford*, the then Prioresse, had [t] an Annuitie of *iii li. vi s. viii d.* granted to her for life: After which, *scil.* in 31 *H.* 8. the King by his Letters [u] Patent, dated 25, *Febr.* in consideration of *CCvii li. v s.* granted to *John Higford* and his heirs the site thereof, and divers lands thereto belonging, lying within the Parishes of **Solihull** and **Knoll**, in this Countie, to be held in *Capite* by the twentieth part of a Knight's Fee, paying *xxiii s. i d.* yearly to the King his heirs and successors in the name of a Tenth: which *John*, being descended [w] from the *Hugfords* of **Comescote**, (of whom I have spoke) by *William Hugford* of **Painsethorpe**, a younger son of that Family, having so obtained it, pulled down the Church, transform'd the House, and seated himself thereat: To whom succeeded *John* his son and heir, and to him likewise another *John*, who sold it to M^r *William Spooner* in our memory.

Patroni.	Priorissæ de Henwood.	
Abbas Westmonasterii.	D. *Margareta le Corzon*, *post cessionem D. Kath. Boydin*, *An.* 1310.	*Langt. f.* 35. *b.*
	D. Milisanda de Fokerham 3. *Cal. Apr.* 1339.	*Northb. f.* 34. *b.*
	D. Johanna Fokerham 11. *Cal. Sept.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 52. *a.*
	Alianora de Stoke, *post mortem D. Johannæ de Pichford* 20. *Apr.* 1392.	*Sk. f.* 7. *b.*
	D. Jocosa Midlemore An. 1400.	*Regist. de Knoll f.* 42. *a.*
	Joecia Midlemore 8. *Jan.* 1438.	*Heyw. f.* 37. *a.*
	D. Alicia Waringe Anno 1460.	*Regist. de Knoll. f.* 42. *a.*
	D. Eliz. Pultney Anno 1498.	*Ib. f.* 84. *a.*

Abbas Weſtmonaſterii.

D. Alicia Hugford 26. *H.* 8.
D. Johanna Hugford 28. *H.* 8.

MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 61. b. Ex cod. MS. in curia Augm.

In this Pariſh of **Solihull**, have lived ſeverall Families of antient Gentlemen, *viz. Boteler*, *Greſwould*, and *Waring*; which laſt ſtill continues. Of *Boteler*, *Richard*, was the firſt of whom I [x] find any certainty, *viz.* in 8. *H.* 4. who had iſſue *John*, a Lawyer, afterwards of **Elmedon**, where his poſterity continued for ſome deſcents; ſo that I ſhall reſerve what I have further to ſay of him, and them, till I come to that place.

x *Ex autog. penès* Will. Nocl *ar.*

Of *Greſwould*, the firſt that I have ſeen mentioned, by any authentique authority, was *Richard Greſwould*, who died [y] before 13 *H.* 4. And the next, *Thomas*, recorded [z] in 12 *H.* 6. amongſt thoſe perſons of quality in this County, which were ſworn to obſerve the Articles concluded upon in the Parliament then held. Which *Thomas* in 16 *H.* 6. having the cuſtody [a] of the Mannour of **Solihull**, together with **Sheldon**, committed to him (then ſeized into the King's hands upon the death of *Edward* Duke of **Yorke**) augmented [b] the allowance for ſupport of the *Chantrie*-Prieſt at **Solihull**, and was a Juſtice of Peace in this Countie, from 21. [c] till 36 *H.* 6. From whom deſcended *John Greſwould* of **Langdon** Hall, before mentioned.

y *Ib.*
z *Pat.* 12 *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.
a *Rot. F.* 16. *H.* 6. *m.* 5.
b *Pat.* 16. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 19.
c *Pat. de ijſd. an. in d.*

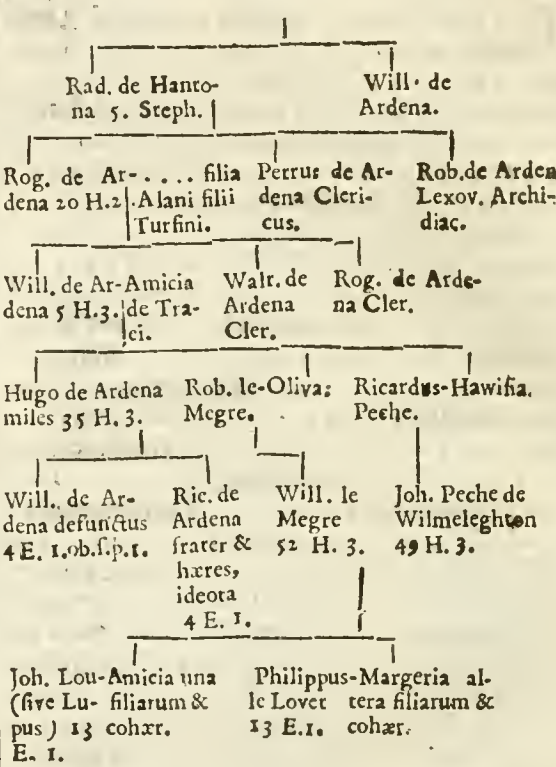
I am not certain how long the *Warings* have reſided in this Pariſh; for the firſt [d] mention that I meet with of them here, is in 21 *H.* 7. their ſeat being called **Berry-Hall**: but antiently they lived within the precincts of **Tamworth**, for I often find them ſtiled of that place, and that *Joan Waryn* in 51 *E.* 3. was in [e] Commiſſion, with other perſons of quality in this Countie, for aſſeſſing a Subſidie of Pole-money, *viz. iv d.* upon every head: So alſo in [f] 2 *R.* 2. for collecting a Subſidie then granted; and in [g] 7 *R.* 2. for aſſeſſing and gathering the half of a Tenth and Fifteenth. To whom ſucceeded *Thomas Waring* of **Tonewoꝛth**, one of thoſe in this Countie, ſworn [h] to perform the Articles concluded on in the Parliament of 12 *H.* 6. being then ſtiled *Armiger*. Of which Family was likewiſe the Ladie *Alice Waring* Prioreſſe [i] of **Henwood** in 38 *H.* 6. But to trace down their deſcent particularly, I ſhall not need, in regard they continue poſſeſt of their antient lands to this day, having much adorn'd their Houſe by matching [k] with divers very good Families; *viz. Butler* of **Elmedon**, *Hubaud* of **Ipſley**, *Baskervile* of **Creſley** *in Com.* **Hereford**, *Hugford* of **Henwood**, and *Midlemore* of **Eggebaſton**, bearing [l] for their Armes *Azure a Cheveron betwixt* 3. *Lions paſſant Or.*

d *Regiſt. Coll. de* Knoll *f.* 143. *b.*
e *Rot. F.* 51. *E.* 3. *m.* 14.
f *Rot. F.* 2. *R.* 2. *m.* 9.
g *Rot. F.* 7. *R.* 2. *m.* 21.
h *Pat.* 12. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.
i *Reg. Coll. de* Knoll *f.* 42. *a.*
k *Viſit. Com. War.* 1619.
l *Ib.*

Hampton in Arden.

BEing now paſt the precincts of **Solihull**, I come next to **Hampton** in **Arden** (on the Weſtern bank of **Blithe**) in which pariſh are theſe ſeverall Villages and Hamlets, *ſcil.* **Nuthurſt**, **Knoll**, **Balſhall**, **Kinwalſley**, **Diſington**, and **Chadleswick**; but all of them except **Diſington**, ſituate on the other ſide the River. This, with divers other fair Lordſhips, being the inheritance [m] of one *Luevinus*, before the Norman Invaſion, was diſpoſed of by the Conqueror, to *Geffrey de Wirce* (of whom in **Monkskirby** I have ſpoke) and by the generall Survey [n] rated at *x.* hides, there being then a Church, as alſo a Mill of *xl d.* and Woods extending to three miles in lenth, and as much in breadth, all valued at *C s.* In that Record it is written **Hantone**, which manifeſteth that the name was originally occaſioned from the ſituation, **hean** in the Saxon ſignifying *high*, though by contraction written **Han**, and through corrupt pronunciation **Ham**. But by what I have ſaid in **Monkskirby**, it will appear, that all *Wirce* his lands were conferred on *Nigell de Albani*; which *Nigell* had iſſue *Roger* ſirnamed *Moubray*, by whom the *Ardens*, who were Lords of this Mannour, were afterwards enfeoft thereof.

m *Domeſd.*
n *Ib.*



Of theſe the firſt that had to do here, was called *Radulphus de Hamtona*; but whether he were one of the ſons to *Turchill de Warwick* (called alſo *Turchill de Ardena*) of whom I have ſpoke both in **Warwick**, and **Curdworth**, I dare not abſolutely affirm, though his poſterity aſſumed the ſirname of *Arden*; but do conjecture that he was. Of w^ch *Raphe*, I find mention, firſt [o] in 5. *Steph.* and laſtly, in 33 *H.* 2. where, being then a Juſtice Itinerant, he is termed *Radulphus de Ardena*. But cleer enough it is, that though he took his ſirname from hence, yet he was not abſolute owner hereof, nor, indeed, of any more than certain lands called **Chadleſwic**, then reputed as a Member of this Lordſhip; which lands he purchaſed [q] of *Roger de Moubray* before mentioned: for the Mannour-houſe, with the demeſns, and advouſon of the Church, were firſt given, by the ſaid *Roger de Moubray*, to *Raph de Haia*, in exchange for certain lands lying in **Yorkſhire**: Of which *Raphe*, did *Rob. de Arden*, one of the ſons of the ſaid *Raphe*, acquire [r] them, for *L.* marks of ſilver. This *Robert*, being [ſ] a Clergieman, and Archdeacon of **Liſeaux** in **Normandy**, gave [t] all his eſtate, here, unto *Peter* and *Roger* his brothers. Which *Peter* (a Clerke alſo) having **Chadleſwic**, before ſpecified, by his Father's gift, diſpoſed [u] of it, and all his ſhare in the reſt, unto the ſame *Roger*; who for confirmation [w] thereof, not only obtained the Charters of *Roger de Moubray*

o *Rot. P. de ijſd. an.*
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q *Ex autog. penès* S. Mountfort *ar.*
r
ſ *Ib.*
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u *Ib.*
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bray above mentioned, and of *Nigel* his son and heir, but of the Bishop of **Liseaur**, together with the Dean and Chapter of that Church, under their publique Seals.

To whom succeded *William*, and to *William*, *Hugh de Arden*. Which *Hugh* received that Christen name from *Hugh fil. Willielmi*, his God-father (otherwise called *Hugh de Hatton*, of whom in **Hatton** I have spoke) and a kinde token, withall, of his said God-father's love; *scil.* the [x] Mill at **Amington** in this Countie, as also a yard land, lying in that place: in which grant his God-father calls him *Filiolus, quem de sacro Fonte suscepit*; whence it appears, that in times past the God-fathers received the Child out of the Priests hands, as soon as it had been dipt in the Water: which usage was very antient and perform'd by more than three persons, as it may seem by that constitution [y] of *Hubert* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, in the year 1151. the words whereof are these——*Statuimus ne in Baptismate plures quam tres suscipiant puerum de sacro Fonte, masculum duo mares & una mulier, Feminam duæ feminæ & unus mas.*

Nor is it lesse observable, that alluding to that spirituall [z] illumination, whereof S. *Paul cap. 6. vers. 4. ad Hebræos & cap. 10. v. 32.* maketh mention, conveyed unto those which were partakers of this sacred rite, *White garments* were very antiently used thereat: for within two hundred years after our Saviours Nativitie, *Dionysius* the *Areopagite* hath this expression,

φωτοειδεις ἐσθητας ἐμβαλων τοις λαμπρυνομενοις.

—— *Amiciunt initiatum vestimentis lucem imitantibus, seu luminis instar resplendentibus:* and a little after, thus, ἡ τοιαυτη ἐκφανσις τοις φωτοειδεσι καθαρσιοις ζωοις λαμπρυνομενοις.

Deformitas illius (viz. originaria) refingitur illustrata vitâ universis luminiferâ.

And so also *Lights*: for upon the baptizing of divers Jews at **Arvern** by S. *Avitus* Bishop of that Citie, in the year of Christ 579. I find it thus expresst by an approved Author [b]

——[c] *Flagrabant cerei, Lampades resulgebant, albicabat tota Civitas de grege candido; nec minus fuit urbi gaudium, quam quando Spiritu Sancto descendente super Apostolos* Hierusalem *videre promeruit.*

And for further illustration of what I have said, take these ensuing testimonies [c];

—*Sacerdos Templum ingressus, induit se Sacerdotalibus vestibus albis & manipulis, accensisq; omnibus luminibus, & accepto thuribulo in Natatorium pergit.* And in his Prayer useth these words —*Tibi quoq; Domine complaceat, ut illuminatio vultus tui perpetuo luceat in corde ipsius &c. Indumentum incorruptionis quo amictus est, impollutum in eo atq; purum ab omni inquinamento conserva.* And moreover—*Ut illustremur splendore scientiæ ac pietatis per adventum Spiritus Sancti, Dominum precemur Kyrie eleison.* And again—*Pro eo qui modò accedit ad sanctam Illuminationem, ejusq; salute Dominum precemur. Kyrie eleison.* As also—*Ut Filius Lucis & hæres æternorum bonorum renuntietur, Dominum precemur Kyrie eleison.* And lastly,—*Benedictus Deus qui illuminat & sanctificat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum, nunc & semper, & in secula seculorum, Amen.*

Neither was that solemn Ceremonie of *Lights*, (thus antiently in use at the Sacrament of *Baptisme*) omitted till of late time: for not much more than 200. years since, the practise thereof did continue, as by this notable instance appeareth [d]; *Probatio ætatis* Johannis *fratris & hæredis* Ricardi de Holland, *filii & hæredis* Johannis de Holland *Comitis Huntendoniæ*;

——Thomas Coaling *examinatus, dicit, quod benè constat ei de ætate &c. quia Abbas de* **Tavestoke**, *fuit unus Compater dicti* Johannis Holland; *& vidit quod dictus Abbas dedit prædicto* Johanni Holland, *statim post Baptismum, unum Ciphum aureum, cum circulo aureo, formatum ad modum Lilii, cum x lib. auri in eodem cipho; Et Nutrici xx s.* Johannes Shaldon *Prior de* **Plympton**, *alter Compater, dedit ei xx li. auri.* Johanna *uxor* Johannis Pomeray *Chivalier portabat dictum* Johannem *versus Ecclesiam baptizandum; &* Joh. Pomeray *Chivalier, maritus dictæ* Johannæ, *&* Joh. Dynham *Chivalier, dictam* Johannam *inter se, in brachiis suis, versus dictam Ecclesiam conducebant; Et xxiv. homines portabant xxiv Torcheas, non illuminatas, ante dictum* Johannem; *quæ quidem Torcheæ immediatè post nomen dicti* Johannis *datum, illuminatæ fuerunt.*

And as this venerable and solemne order was antiently used in the baptizing of Children, so were the *Fonts* themselves, of old time (of which sort I have observed many) adorn'd with the Images of Saints, to the end that such as were baptized might afterwards have before their Eyes, those whose deeds they were to imitate, as M[r] *Cambden*, from *Pontius Paulinus* his Epistle to *Severus*, well observeth: For in the first plantation of Christianity amongst the Gentiles (saith he) such onely as were of full age, after they were instructed in the principles of Christian Religion, were admitted to Baptisme, and that but twice in the year; *scil.* at *Easter* and *Whitsontide*, except upon urgent necessitie, at which time they were attired in white Garments, as is before expresst: Concerning which and all other Ceremonies heretofore used at that sacred rite, see *Joseph. Vicecom. de antiquis* * *Baptismi ritibus.*

But I return. This *Hugh* underwent divers eminent imployments. In 21 *H.* 3. he was [a] one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie; and from 22. to 24. inclusive, in [b] Commission for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. The Eschaetorship of this County, he also held [c] for divers years (an Office then of great reputation:) but being grown aged, as also a [d] Knight, in 34 *H.* 3. by the mediation of *Walter de Cantilupe* Bishop of **Worcester**, he procured the King to substitute [e] another in his roome: And the next year following, obtained a [f] Charter of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here, as also in **Knoll**; together with the grant of a **Mercate** at this his Mannour of **Hampton**, weekly every Tuesday, with an yearly **Faire** for three days; *viz.* on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of S. *Luke* the Evangelist. This *Hugh* had issue [g] Sir *William de Arden* Knight [h], of whom there is little memorable, other than his [i] adhering to the rebellious Barons, whose forces being at length scattered, he fled into the Ile of **Axholme** in 50 *H.* 3. with young *Simon Mountfort*; and there, discerning his case desperate, imployed *James de Audley*, a person of great honour, to undertake for his submission unto the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**; whereupon he was received [k] again into the King's favour, and protection.

After which, *viz.* in 4 *E.* 1. he died [l], slain, as 'twas suspected, by one *Richard de L'isle*, though how,

x *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

y *R. Hoved. f. 429. b. n. 50.*

z *Vide* Albin. Flac. *de Divin. offic. cap. 19.*

a Dionys. *de Eccl. hierarchia cap. 2.*

b Greg. Turon. *hist. Franc. lib. 5. cap. 11.*

c *Ex Euchologio. Patriarchali p. 52. & 53.*

Cambd. *in* Cumberl.

* *Imp. Mediolani an.* 1615.

a *Pat. 21. H 3. in d. m 4.*

b *Pat. de iisd. an in d.*

c *Claus. 34. H. 3. m. 13.*

d *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

e *Claus. ut suprà.*

f *Cart. 35. H. 3. m. 12.*

g *Rot. F. 41. H. 3. m. 6.*

h *Esc. 46. E. 3. n. 52.*

i *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 33.*

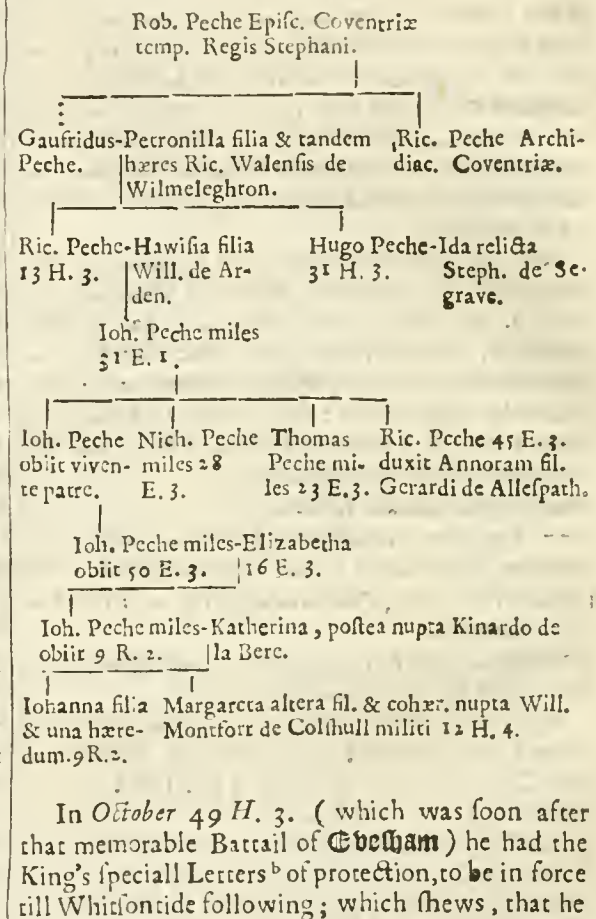
k *Pat. 51. H. 3. m. 16.*

l *Claus. 4. E. 1. m. 3.*

how, or upon what occasion appears not: which *Richard* being imprisoned at **Shrewsbury** for the fact, found sufficient baile [m], of his neighbours in this Countie, to stand to a lawfull triall at the next Assizes to be held at **Warwick**; *viz. Richard de Whitacre, Henry de Sheldon, William Fundu, Anketill de L'isle, Simon de Blagreve, Thomas Otheni, William de Sidenhale, Raphe de Culi, Roger de Buryate, Norman le Venour* of **Wolston**, *Robert de Longasse*, and *Nicholas Nigtingale* of **Witchaw**. By the Inquis. [n] taken after his death it appears, that he had here a Mannour-House, two Gardens, 460. Acres of land, according to the large hundred, a Meadow valued at *viii li. xii s.* two Parks, one Pool, two Water-Mills, and Fishing in the River of **Blithe**: as also *xxxi.* yard land held in Villenage, with *vii li. xii s. v d.* yearly Rent, due from severall Freeholders in **Kinwoldesley**, **Dolington**, **Elmedon**, **Bikenhull**, **Sheldon**, **Hulverle**, **Yonile**, and **Nuthurst**: the value of all, excepting the advouson of the Vicaridge, being *Lii li. xvi s. iv d.* Of which two Parks, one lay Northwestwards of **Hampton**-Church, wherein, on the outside, very neer to the Church-yard, stood a Mannour-House, as by the moat is still to be seen: but the other, almost a mile and a quarter distant from the same Church, Northwest, towards **Elmedon**, (antiently [o] called **Bederichesley**,) in which was a Castle, where the intrenchements do appear, and are still called Castle-hills) lyeth in the Parish of **Bikenhull**, though it be a member of this Lordship.

But upon the death of the said *William de Arden*, without issue (*Richard* his brother being [p] heir to the estate, as also within age, and an Ideot [q]) the custodie of this Mannour was granted [r] by the King to *Barth. de Sudley* (a person of great quality, as in **Ogtfe** appeareth) so that the inheritance reverted to the descendants [s] of *Hawisia* and *Oliva*, sisters of *Hugh*, and Aunts to the said *Richard*, as the Descent sheweth; of which, *Amicia*, grandchild to *Oliva*, with Sir *John le Lou* Knight her husband, sold [t] all her right, not onely in this Lordship, but in the rest of the lands hereabouts, as also in **Burton** *super* **Swale** in **Yorkshire**, unto King *Edw.* 1. and Queen *Elianore*, in consideration of *xxx li. per annum* Rent, to be received out of the Mannour of **Newton**-*Harcourt*, by the said King's assignation, during their naturall lives, and the longer liver of them. Which part so purchased, being the full moytie (for *Margerie* the other sister had the [u] Mannour of **Hund-Burton** in **Yorkshire** allotted to her part) and assigned [w] for the said Queens immediate use, gave opportunitie to her Officers to possesse themselves of all the rest; so that Sir *John Peche* Knight, son and heir to *Hawise* before specified, was constrained to sue for his right therein, which at length he recovered, and had liverie [x] thereof; and afterwards obtained [y] of the same Queen the other moytie. In whose Family it continued til *Richard* 2. time, and then, by a daughter and heir, came to the *Mountforts* of **Colshill**; by whom it was possest, till the attainder of Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight, in 11 *H.* 7. that it eschaeted, with the rest of his lands, to the Crown, as in **Colshill** is shewed.

But before I descend to manifest the same in particulars, I shall here speak historically of *Peches* Family, in regard that this was their principall seat, after the before mentioned Sir *John Peche* became owner of it. This Sir *John Peche* was great grandchild (out of doubt) to *Rob. Peche* Bishop of **Coventre**, in King *Stephen's* time; for cleer it is, by what I have manifested in **Blakwell**, that *Richard Peche*, son to *Geffrey*, was next heir to *Richard* Archdeacon of **Coventre**, and *Richard* son to that Bishop. But of *Geffrey* I have not much to say, other than that he had [z] **Wilmelegton**, in this Countie, in right of *Petronill* his wife, daughter and at length heir to *Richard Walsh*; nor of *Richard* his son, than that he was a Justice of Assize in this Countie in [a] 13. and 22 *H.* 3. I shall therefore descend to the before mentioned *John*, who resided at **Wilmelegton** (which came by his grandmother) till this Lordship of **Hampton** devolved to him, as I have exprest.



In *October* 49 *H.* 3. (which was soon after that memorable Battail of **Evesham**) he had the King's speciall Letters [b] of protection, to be in force till Whitsontide following; which shews, that he stood loyall at that time: Shortly after which, he wanted not employment in places of publique trust; for from 53 *H.* 3. till 9. *E.* 1. inclusive, he was frequently [c] one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; as also in [d] 16 *E.* 1. in that Welch expedition, under [e] *Edmund* Earl of **Cornwall**, to whom the King, being then in **France**, had committed the custodie of this Realm during his absence. In 33 *E.* 1. he was a [f] Knight. In 12 *E.* 2. in Commission [g] for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; and the next year following, upon complaint to the King, that this Countrey, swarming with Vagabonds and lewd people, divers Murthers, Robberies, and extraordinary mischiefs were daily committed, he was constituted a [h] Commissioner, together with *John de Segrave*, to proceed against those malefactors, according to the Statute of **Winchester**; and appointed [i] one of the conservators of the Peace for this County: so also upon renewing [k] that Commission in 14 *E.* 2. being then likewise one [l] of the Justices for the Gaole-delivetie at **Warwick**.

In 15 *E.* 2. upon information given, that one *Thomas Blauncfront*, and others, had possest themselves of **Warwick**-Castle, then in the King's hand, by

m *Clauſ.* 5. *E.* 1. *m* 13. *in ced.*

n *Eſc.* 4. *E.* 1.

o *Ex autog. penès præf. S.* Mountforr.

p *Eſc.* 4. *E.* 1.

q *Rot. F.* 6. *E.* 1. *m.* 2.

r *Rot. F.* 7. *E.* 1. *m.* 4.

s *Plac. coram. R. term. Trin.* 46. *E.* 3. *rot.* 11.

t *Clauſ.* 12. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 3.

u *Pat.* 13. *E.* 1.

w } *Pat.* 10. *E.*
x } 1. *in d.*

y *Eſc.* 46. *E.* 3. *n.* 52.

z *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. M.

a *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

b *Pat.* 49. *H.* 3. *in d.*

c *Pat. de iiſd. an in d.*

d *Pat.* 15. *E.* 1. *m.* 7.

e T. Walſ. *p.* 15. *n.* 10.

f *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.

g *Pat.* 12. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 24.

h *Pat.* 13. *E.* 2. *m.* 1.

i *Ib. in d. m.* 43.

k *Clauſ.* 14. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 13.

l *Pat.* 14. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 24. *in d.*

by reaſon of the Earl's minority, he received a Commiſſion [m] to accompany the Shiriff thither, and, requiring the render thereof, to impriſon the tranſgreſſors; whereupon he became Governour of it: and the next year enſuing, was conſtituted [o] one of the Commiſſioners for arraying of Souldiers; *ſcil.* Horſe and Foot, to march againſt the Scotts. In 17 *E.* 2. in the Certificate [p] of all the Knights and Eſquires, whoſe names were returned into the Chanceric, he is there ranked with the Knights; and the ſame year, was made Conſtable [q] of **Dover**-Caſtle, as alſo Warden of the *Cincque Ports*. But in that confeſſion [r] made by *Edmund* Earl of **Kent**, the King's uncle, in 3 *E.* 3. when he ſtood charged with Treaſon, for reporting that King *Edward* the ſecond was alive, and that he ſhould thereupon conſpire his enlargement, and reſtitution of his Kingdom; being accuſed to be one of the ſaid Earl's abettors therein, Precepts [s] were iſſued out to the Shiriffs of **Warwick**, **Dorſet**, and **Hant-ſhires**, for his ſpeedy apprehenſion, by command of the Parliament held ſhortly after at **Wincheſter** (*ſcil.* in *March*) After which, his lands were ſeized [t] by the King, but ere long he was cleered of that charge, and reſtitution made, as appears by the ſaid King's Mandate [u] to the Shiriff of this Countie, bearing date in *Auguſt* following.

This Sir *John Peche* bore [w] for his Armes *Gules a feſſe between ſix Croſſe croſlets Arg. with a label of* 3. *points in Chief:* and, being an aged man, departed [x] this life about the 11th or 12th year of King *Edw.* 3. reign, leaving *John* his grandſon, heir to this and divers other fair Lordſhips; who being in 16 *E.* 3. a [y] Knight, in 28 *E.* 3. ſerved in [z] the Parliament then held at **Weſtminſter**, as one of the Knights for this Shire: ſo alſo in [a] the Parliament of 32 *E.* 3: and in 43 *E.* 3. was Shiriff [b] of this Countie and **Leiceſterſhire**. In 45 *E.* 3. purpoſing to take a voyage beyond Sea, he enfeoft [c] Sir *Baldwin Frevile* Knight, and others, in certain Mannours and lands, within this County; with truſt, that if he ſhould die in thoſe parts, they might bring up his Children in a convenient ſort, with the iſſues and profits ariſing out of them; this being the time [d] that *John* Duke of **Lancaſter** ſail'd into **France**, with a very great Army, to relieve **Rochel**; of whoſe good ſucceſſe in that expedition, we cannot much boaſt. In 47 *E.* 3. he ſerved [e] in the Parliament at **Weſtminſter** again, as one of the Knights for this Shire; and in 50 *E.* 3. departed [f] this life, leaving *John* his ſon and heir *xv.* years of age; who being alſo a Knight, in 9 *R.* 2. attended [g] *John* Duke of **Lancaſter** then intituled King of **Caſtile**, and **Leon**, into **Spaine**: but whether he died there or not, I am not certain; for plain it is, that he deceaſed [h] the ſame year, leaving *Joane* and *Margaret* his daughters and heirs.

Of which *Joane*, I have not found what became; but plain it is that ſhe had no iſſue: for Sir *William Mountfort* of **Colhill** Knight, became poſſeſt of all *Peche's* lands, by the marriage of *Margaret*; *ſcil.* [k] this Mannour of **Hampton**, with the Mannours of **Honiley**, **Blakwell**, **Wyrmeleighton**, **Fenni-Compton**, **Aven-Daſſet**, **Dunchurch**, and **Toft**, all in this Countie; and of **Shenington** in **Glouceſterſhire**: all which continued to his deſcendants, till that fatall attainder [l] of Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight, in 10 *H.* 7. whereof I ſhall ſay more in **Colhill**: But after that forfeiture, was this Lordſhip, by Letters [m] Patent, bearing date 16 *Nov.* 12 *H.* 7. given unto *Richard Pudſey*, one of the Eſquires for the Body to that King, and to *Joane* his wife (ſometime wife of *Thomas Say*) and to the heirs male of the bodie of the ſaid *Richard*: which *Richard* had no ſuch iſſue, as it ſhould ſeem; for it returned back to the Crown; whereupon *Simon Mountfort* Eſquire, grandſon to the before ſpecified Sir *Simon*, endevoured to obtain it again; and to that purpoſe, by the mediation of *Edmund Dudley* (a perſon then of great power with the King) had, in conſideration of *CLxiii li.* ſterling, a promiſe* thereof; for the payment of which ſumme, accordingly, he procured *William Fylding* Eſquire, and *Leonard Verney* Gent. to joyn with him in a Recognizance of *CC li.* But the death of King *H.* 7. happing before that intended grant was made, it continued in the Crown till 4 *H.* 8. and then was paſſed [n] unto Sir *Henry Guilford* Knight and *Margaret* his wife, and to the heirs male of their bodies: which Sir *Henry*, failing alſo of ſuch iſſue, and leaving the ſame *Margaret* ſurviving, there was a Leaſe [o] for *xxxi.* years in reverſion, after her death, granted by Q. *Marie* in 1. of her reign, unto *Thomas L'iſle* of **Morhull** Eſquire, in conſideration of his good ſervice, ſayes the Patent, *viz.* for the apprehenſion of *Henry* Duke of **Suffolk**. But the inheritance thereof, being thus in the Crown, was obtained [p] by *Robert Dudley* Earl of **Leiceſter**, in tail, 8. *Julii* 15 *Eliz.* after whoſe death without (allowed) lawfull iſſue, it returned again to the ſaid Queen, and remaineth to her ſucceſſors at this day.

Touching the Church (dedicated to our **Lady** and S. *Bartholmew*) what I have found obſervable, is, that *Geffrey de Wirce* (who had this Lordſhip in the Conqueror's time) gave [q] a third part of the Tithe Corn; and of the Wooll, Cheeſe, and Paunage, the whole Tithe, unto the Monaſterie of S. *Nicholas* at **Angiers**, whereunto **Kirby**-*Monachorum*, in this Countie, was a Cell: but after *Roger de Molbray* became poſſeſt of *Wirce* his lands, he beſtowed [r] both the Church, Tithe and Glebe, totally, and all Chapelries thereto belonging, unto the Canons of **Kenilworth**, ſhortly after the Foundation of that Religious Houſe; which gift of his, *Roger de Arden* afterwards confirmed [s], as alſo *Richard Peche* Biſhop of **Coventre**; his ſucceſſor *G. Muſchamp* appropriating to [t] the ſaid Canons, the yearly Rent of *v.* marks *v s. iv d.* with one ſtone of waxe iſſuing out of the fruits thereof: whereupon the Monks of **Kirby** before ſpecified, making their claim [u] to the third part of the Tithes, as aforeſaid, by vertue of *G. de Wirce* his grant, which was afterwards confirmed by [w] *Nigell de Moubray*, ſon and heir to the firſt *Roger*, got a Compoſition [x] from the ſaid Canons of **Kenilworth**; which Compoſition was [y] ratified by *Richard Peche* before mentioned.

Whereupon the ſaid Canons preſt hard for a full appropriation of all the fruits belonging thereto, with the Chapells; and at length obtained that their deſire, from *William de Cornhull*, then Biſhop, as by his Inſtrument [z] bearing date at **Litchfield** 6. *Cal. Oct. Anno* 1217. (2 *H.* 3.) appeareth: But no ſooner was this effected, than that *William de Arden*, at that time Lord of this Mannour, queſtioned their title to the advouſon it ſelf, ſo granted and confirm'd, as I have ſhewed: Howbeit, by mediation of friends, they came to an Agreement with him, that he ſhould relinquiſh ſuch his

m *Clauſ.* 15. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 27.
n *Rot. ſ.* 15. *E.* 2. *m.* 31.
o *Pat.* 16. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 7.
p *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.
q *Rot. F.* 17. *E.* 2. *m.* 24.
r T. Walſ. *p.* 111. *n.* 30.
ſ *Rot. F.* 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 25.
t *Clauſ.* 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 24.
u *Clauſ.* 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 24.
w *Ex autog. penes præf.* S. M.
x *Ex autog. penes præf.* S. M.
y *F. levat. craſt. Aſcenſ.* 16. *E.* 3.
z *Clauſ.* 28. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 21.
a *Clauſ.* 32. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 21.
b *Rot. F.* 43. *E* 3. *m.* 16.
c *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. M.
d T. Walſ. *p.* 282. *n.* 40.
e *Clauſ* 47. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 1.
f *Eſc.* 50. *E.* 3. *n.* 51.
g *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. M.
h *Eſc.* 9. *R.* 2. *n.* 92.
k *F. de d. v. Com. levat. craſt. Mart.* 12. *H.* 4.
l *Eſc.* 10. *H.* 7.
m *Pat.* 12. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 1.
* *Ex autog. penès* Baſil. *Com. Denb.*
n *Pat.* 1. M. *p.* 5.
o *Bill. ſign.* I. M.
p *Pat.* 15. *Eliz. p.* 2.
q *Ex autog. in bibl.* Cotton.
r *Reg. de* Kenilw. *p.* 43. *&* 44.
ſ *Ib. p.* 42. *&* 76.
t *Ib. p.* 73.
u *Ib. p.* 70.
w *Ex autog. in bibl.* Deuveſ.
x *Reg. de* Kenil. *p.* 70.
y *Reg. de* Kenil. *p.* 70.
z *Ib. p.* 65.

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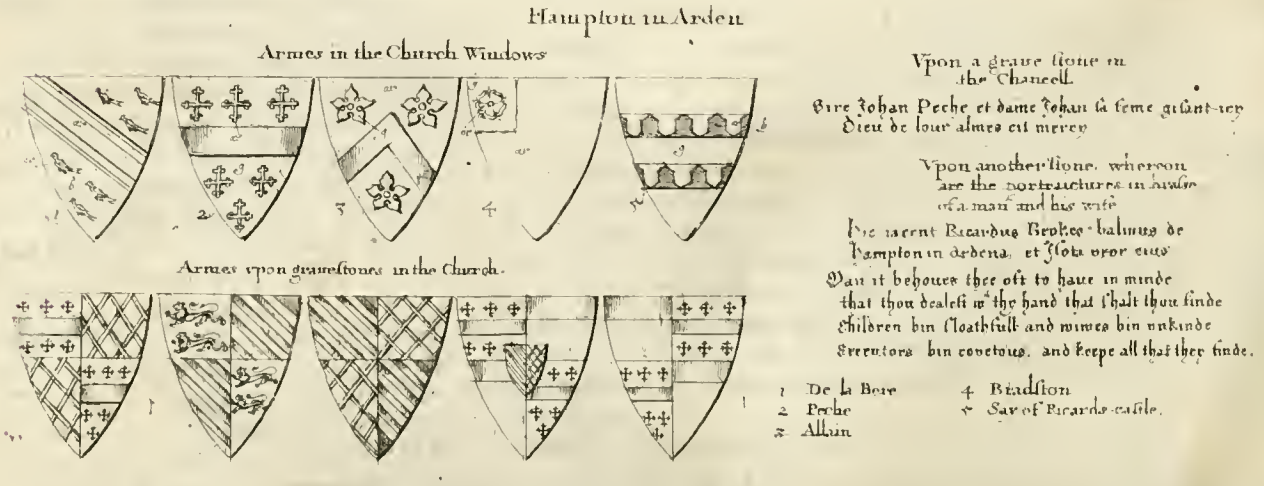
his claim, & grant unto them free paſſage throughout his lands, to gather and carry their Corn; in conſideration whereof they yielded, that he the ſaid *William* and his heirs, ſhould, upon every Vacancie, make choiſe of a new Vicar, and the ſaid Canons to preſent him unto the Biſhop to be inſtituted accordingly: which Biſhop to put a full period to all diſputes, then alſo made an aſſignation of what the perpetuall Incumbent ſhould, for the future, always have; *ſcil.* the whole Alterage belonging to the Church of **Hampton**, with the ſmall Tithes and obventions; as alſo the Chapells of **Badſley** and **Nuthurſt**, and all the Glebe belonging to the ſaid Church of **Hampton**, excepting half a yard land in **Walſhall**, with the Tithes of Corn and Peaſe of the whole Pariſh; ſaving thoſe which pertain to the Chapell of **Badſley** and **Nuthurſt**, belonging to the Vicar.

And did moreover determine, that whoſoever ſhould afterwards be preſented to that Vicaridge, ought to do his fealtie to the Monaſterie of **Kenilworth**, in the Chapter-houſe there, and promiſe the payment of *xx s.* as an early Penſion to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, for the maintenance of a Prieſt, celebrating at **Walſhall**; *viz.* at *Eaſter x s.* and *Michaelmaſs x s.* the ſame Prieſt for **Walſhall** making Oath to be faithfull in all things relating to the ſaid Vicaridge. And likewiſe that the ſaid Vicar of **Hampton**, for the time being, ſhould pay all dues of right belonging to the Biſhop and Archdeacon: And laſtly, that the before ſpecified *William de Arden* and his heirs; with their Family, ſhould have liberty to hear divine Service in his Chapell at **Knoll**, ſaving the indempnitie of the mother Church of **Hampton**. In *Anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) this Church was valued [a] at *xi.* marks; and in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge, with the Chapell of **Nuthurſt** thereunto annexed, at [b] *xv li. vi s. viii d.* over and above *xx s. Penſion* payable yearly to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and *xi s.* to the Biſhop and Archdeacon, for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

a *MS. in Scac.*

b *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 59. a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Hugh. de Ardena mil.	*Thomas de Notehurſt Diac. anno* 1250.	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Joh. Peche mil.	*Joh. de Olneſel* 11. *Cal. Oct.* 1320.	*Langt. f. 79. a.*
	Joh. atte Well Cap. 2. *Non. Junii* 1349.	*Northb. f. 48. a.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. Kinardi De la Bere mil.	*Joh. de Braunteford* 6. *Oct.* 1387.	*Sk. f. 2. a.*
	Rob. Eyberhale Pbr. 9. *Junii* 1391.	*Ib. f. 6. a.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	*D. Joh. Gerveys Cap.* 20. *Oct.* 1410.	*Burgh. f. 26. b.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nom. D. Will. Mountfort mil.	*Joh. Gylbard Cap.* 6. *Sept.* 1413.	*Ib. f. 33. b.*
	Joh. Harman Cap. 21. *Martii* 1431.	*Heiw. f. 27. a.*
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	*D. Thom. Boreſden* 12. *Martii* 1510.	*Bl. f. 5. b.*
	D. Rad. Maſſy Cap. 7. *Feb.* 1515.	*Ib. f. 7. a.*
	D. Petrus Irlam, 5. *Febr.* 1537.	*Str. & P. f. 15. a.*
D. Henr. 8. *Rex Angl.*	*D. Ric. Baynton Cap.* 24. *Maii* 1542.	*Ib. f. 18. b.*
Thomas L'yſley ar.	*Thomas Robynſon* 26. *Jan.* 1565.	*Sampſ. & B. f. 42. a.*
Eliz. Angliæ Regina.	*Leonardus Fetherſton Cler.* 14. *Dec.* 1584.	*Bund. B.*
	Walt. Byckles Cler. 3. *Feb.* 1594.	*Overton bund. C.*
	Sim. Grover 30. *Oct.* 1596.	*Overton bund. in cert.*



This Church, being ſituate on ſo fair an aſcent, had a tall Spire, which was a noted mark to a great part of the Wood-land, till by the extraordinary violence of Lightning and Thunder, happning on S^t *Andrew's* day at night, in the year 1643. it was cloven, and fell to the ground: at which time the whole fabrick, with the tower, were torn in divers places.

Nuthurſt.

OF this place I have ſeen no mention before *H.* 3. time, it being a member of **Hampton**, originally, and therewith coming to *Moubray*: From one of which Family it was paſt to *Montfort*; and from *Peter de Montfort*, or one of his Anceſtors

Ancestors, to one of the *Hastangs*, of **Lemington-***Hastang* in this Countie: For upon the challenge made by *Peter de Montfort* in 46 *H.* 3. of certain services, which he claimed as due unto him, from *Robert de Hastang*, for the fourth part of a Knights fee here, they came to an agreement [c], *viz.* that the same *Robert de Hastang*, and his heirs, upon levying of Scutage after the rate of *xl s.* a Knights fee, should pay to him the said *Peter* and his heirs *x s.* and so according to that proportion. When or how it past from *Hastang*, I have not seen; but, about the beginning of *E.* 3. time, *Will. Trussell* of **Floxe** *in Com. Northampt.* became owner [d] of it, and, in 5. of that King's reign, had a Charter [e] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here; as also a speciall License [f] to make a Park of his Woods in this place. From which *Will.* it descended to the *Trussells* of **Billesley**, and continued in the possession of that Family (whose Descent in **Billesley** is to be seen) till *Edward Trussell*, son and heir to the last *Thomas*, sold it, within these few years, to *William Jesson* an Alderman of **Coventre**: The extent of what these *Trussells* had here, being one Mes. *CC.* acres of land, *CCC.* acres of pasture, *x.* acres of meadow, *xxx.* acres of Wood, and *iv s.* Rent, as appeareth by an Inq. taken after the death of *Thomas Trussell* in 8 *H.* 8.

c *F. levat. xv. Mich. 46. H. 3.*

d *Cart. 5. E. 3. n.* 77.

e *Cart. 5. E. 3. n.* 77.

f *Pat 5. E. 3. p. 2. m. 16*

Here is an ancient Chapell, which in respect of its great distance from the Parish Church, hath some Parochiall rites belonging thereto. In 2 *H.* 3. it was with the Church of **Hampton**, appropriated [g] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by *William de Cornhull*, then Bishop of this Dioces; whereupon an assignation [h] was made of what Tithes the Vicar of **Hampton** should thenceforth have within this Hamlet, as in **Hampton** is shewed. In 18 *E.* 2. I find that *John* (*de Olneseſ*) Vicar of **Hampton**, made a Lease [i] for the terme of eight years unto one *Thomas Ketel* of **Kings-Norton** Priest, of this Chapell, with all the Glebe, Tithes, and every thing else thereto belonging, reserving to himself all living Mortuaries, of the Inhabitants there deceasing, and the buriall of the bodies of all married persons, and widows; with Funerall oblations: as also pasture, and forage of Hay, and Straw, yearly; sufficient for the maintenance of four young beasts, Steers, or Heyfers, to be there kept; and the keeping of three or four Hoggs yearly in Harvest-time, and for a month after *Michaelmas*: The conditions to be performed of the part of the said *Thomas*, being these; *viz.* that he and his Clerke should serve personally every day in the said Chapell, honestly and decently; so that the said Vicar might not have blame therefore: and that he should keep the Housing, and Chapell, with Books, Vestments, and all other ornaments in as good state, or better, than he found them, not cutting down any Trees, and paying to the said Vicar or his Deputie *xx s. per annum*.

g *Reg. de Kenil. p.* 5.

h *Ib. p.* 81.

i *Ex autog. penes S. Archer eq. aur.*

Unto which Chapell, *Edmund Fulwood* of **Tamworth** Esquire, bearing a good regard, in respect of his so near residence thereto (*scil.* at **Clep-Hall**) in 9 *Eliz.* granted [k] a Mes. and certain lands thereto belonging, unto *Thomas Trussell*, *Thomas Greswould*, *John Lidyate* Gentlemen, *John Sidnall* and some others, to the use of such Priest, as should thenceforth serve therein, and be continually resident; but in case of such non-residencie, the Church-wardens to take the benefit thereof, to bestow on the poor and needy Inhabitants of **Nuthurst**, on *Good Friday*; or else to the repair of the said Chapell, as in their discretion should be thought meet.

k *Ex autog. penes* Trussell.

Knoll.

THis was originally a member of **Hampton**, and therefore not particularly mentioned in the Conqueror's Survey: nor till K. *John's* time, have I seen it so much as named; but then did *William de Arden*, of **Hampton**, grant it unto *Amicia de Fracie* his wife, as part of her Dower, to hold during life, in which Deed [l] it is written **Gnolle**, the **G.** being mistaken for a **C.** having had its name originally from the situation; for in our old English, **Cnolle** signifieth the knap of an Hill, or an ascending ground. In 35 *H.* 3. *Hugh de Arden* (son and heir to the said *William*) had **Free warren** granted [m] to him in all his Demesn lands in this place, where it is written *la* **Cnolle**: And in 46 *H.* 3. *William de Arden* (son of *Hugh*) commenced suit [n] against *Peter de Montfort*, and others, for certain lands here: upon the death of which *William*, *Agatha* his widow had it assigned [o] unto her for part of her dowrie. Which *William* and his brother, dying without issue (as in **Hampton** is shewed) and the whole inheritance appertaining to *Amicia* the wife of *John le Lou*, one of the coheirs, being past [p] away unto Queen *Alianore*, then wife of *Edward* 1. King of **England** (as in **Hampton** hath likewise been intimated) it was totally posseſt [q] by that Queen; and, after her death, in 20 *E.* 1. given [r], together with the Mannours of *Ardens-Grafton*, and **Langdon**, and certain lands lying in **Alspath**, **Bulepe**, **Hulverlepe**, **Witlakesfeld**, **Kinwaldesheye**, **Nuthurst**, and **Dolington**, (all in this Countie) as also with the Mannours of **Wodebrok** in **Esser**, **Wetherham**, and **Coulnebrugge** in **Kent**, and **Turveston** in **Buckinghamshire**, to the Monks of **Westminster**; upon condition that the Abbot, Prior, and Covent of that House; or the Prior and Covent, if the Abbot should be out of the way, upon the Eve of S. *Andrew* the Apostle, on which day the said Queen's *Anniversary* had used to be kept, being solemnly revested in the Quire of that Monasterie, should sing a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with nine Lessons, *C.* wax Candles weighing *xii li.* a piece, being then burning about her Tombe, and every year new ones made for that purpose.

l *Ex autog. in bibl.* Harton.

m *Cart* 35. *H.* 3. *m.* 12.

n *Pat.* 46. *H.* 3 *in d.*

o *Rot. F.* 4. *E.* 1. *m.* 13.

p *Claus.* 12. *E.*

q 1. *in d. m.* 3.

r *Cart.* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 4.

And furthermore, that those Wax-Candles should be lighted at the *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Eve of the same *Anniversarie*, and burn on the day thereof, till high Masse were ended; And that all the Bells, both great and small, then ringing, they should sing solemnly for her souls health. And moreover that on the day of her said *Anniversary*, the Abbot himself, in case he were present, or the Prior in his stead, if he could not procure a more eminent Prelate, should sing *Masse* at the high Altar, the Candles then burning and Bells ringing; and every single Monk of that Abby a private *Masse*, the inferior Monks their whole *Psalter*, and the Friers Converts of that House, the *Lords Prayer*, *Creed*, and *Aves*, as many as the Abbot and Covent should appoint, for her soul and the souls of all the faithfull deceased. And that likewise the said Prior and Covent, and their successors, on the same day, to distribute unto every

poor Body repairing to that Monaſterie, one penny ſterling, or money to that value; ſtaying till three of the clock, expecting their coming, before they ſhould begin the Dole, which was to be unto ſeven-ſcore poor people.

And that of the Waxen Tapers before ſpecified, *xxx.* to remain all the year long about the ſaid Queens Tombe, till the renewing of them on the day of her *Anniverſary*; all which to be lighted upon the great Feſtivall days, and upon the coming of any Noble men thither, and as often elſe as they ſhould ſee fit. And moreover, that the ſaid Abbot, Prior, and Covent, and their ſucceſſors, ſhould find two waxen Lights, each of them weighing two pounds of wax, to burn continually at the Tombe of the ſaid Queen. All which being performed, the ſurpluſage of the revenue iſſuing out of theſe lands, to remain for their Pittances, to be provided according as themſelves ſhould beſt like. And for the more ſtrict obſervance hereof, every Abbot ſucceſſively, before the reſtitution of his temporalties, to take a ſolemn Oath for obſervance of the premiſſes: And that every year, upon S^t *Andrew's* Eve, the ſaid King's Charter to be publiquely read in the Chapter-Houſe, in the preſence of the whole Covent: which Charter bears date at **Warwick** upon **Tweed** 20 *Oct.* 20 *E.* 1.

The Monks of **Weſtminſter** being thus poſſeſt thereof, leaſed [f] it for life in 34 *E.* 1. to *Raph de Perham*; but after that time retained it in their own hands, for ought I have ſeen to the contrary, untill the generall diſſolution of the Religious Houſes by King *H.* 8. and then **Weſtminſter** being made a Biſhoprick (as is very well known) this Mannour, *inter alia*, became annext [t] unto it: but long it continued not ſo; for in 4 *E.* 6. it was converted to a Deanrie, with ſecular Canons, and the juriſdiction of the Biſhop united [u] to **London**, *Nicholas Ridley* being then Biſhop, unto whom and his ſucceſſors, the ſame King *Edw.* 6. by his Patent dated 12. *Apr.* that very year, gave and confirmed this Mannour: which grant was afterwards ratified [w] by Queen *Mary*: But in 2 *Eliz.* there being a Commiſſion [x] for the reaſſumption of divers lands from the ſaid Biſhoprick, at which time this Loriſhip came to the Queens hands, it was in 15 *Eliz.* granted [y] to *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter** and his heirs: which Earl in 23 *Eliz.* paſt [z] it away again, in exchange for other lands, unto the ſame Queen: ſo that being thus in the Crown, Sir *Fulk Grevill* Knight Lord *Brook*, in conſideration of his ſervice (as the Patent [a] expreſſeth) obtained it in Fee ferm of King *James*, in 20. of his reign, to be held of the Mannour of **Eaſt-Greenwich** for the Rent of *Lxvii li. xvi s. viii d. per annum.*

f *Rot. F. 9. E. 2. m. 13. in ced.*

t *Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 7.*

u *Orig. 4. E. 6. p. 1. rot. 9.*

w *Pat. 1. M. p. 4.*

x *Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 13.*

y *Pat. 15. Eliz. p. 2.*

z *Pat. 23. Eliz. p. 1.*

a *Pat. 20. Jac. p. 4.*

The Colledge.

ABout [b] the later end of *Ric.* 2. time, *Walter Cook*, a Canon of **Lincolne**, bearing a ſpeciall affection to this place, conſidering that it ſtood diſtant above a mile from the pariſh-Church; did, for the health of his own and his parents ſouls, at his proper coſts, erect a fair Chapell here, with a Tower-Steeple, and Bells, all in his Fathers own land, to the honour of S. *John Baptiſt*, S. *Laurence* the Martyr, and S. *Anne*, adding alſo a Church-yard thereto, purpoſing to endow the ſame Chapell with maintenance ſufficient for one ſecular Prieſt, to celebrate divine ſervice therein; ſo as that there ſhould thenceforth be a Font for Baptizing of all Infants, to be born within this Hamlet of **Knolle**; and all perſons there deceaſing to be buried in that Church-yard: For performance whereof he obtained a ſpeciall Bull from Pope *Boniface* the ix^th^, wherein was contained an Indulgence, for ſeven days, of their enjoyned Penance, to all ſuch as, having made a true confeſſion, and were heartily ſorry for their ſins, and repairing yeatly out of devotion thither, on the Feſtivalls of our Saviour's *Nativity*, *Circumciſion*, *Epiphanie*, *Reſurrection*, and *Aſcenſion*, *Corpus Chriſti* day, and *Pentecoſt*. As alſo on the *Nativity*, *Annunciation*, *Purification*, and *Aſſumption* of the bleſſed Virgin, *Nativity* of S. *John Baptiſt*, *S. Peter* and *Paul*, *S. Anne* and *S. Laurence*; and on the Feaſt day of the ſaid Chapells Dedication, and *All Hallown* day, or on the *Octaves* of thoſe Feaſts, and for ſix days immediatly enſuing the ſaid Feaſt of *Pentecoſt*, ſhould conferſomething towards the repair of the ſame, upon every of thoſe Holy days, for the ſpace of ſeven years: which Indulgence bears date at S. *Peters* in **Rome** *xviii. Cal. Dec.* in the ninth year of his Papacie (*ſcil.* 21 *R* 2.)

To ſecond which Bull, was there a ſpeciall Licenſe [c] granted to the Inhabitants here reſiding, by *John Burghill* Biſhop of **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, in 1 *H.* 4. touching the celebration of Divine Service, therein, by any fitting Prieſts. For confirmation of which Chapell ſo built, together with the Churchyard before ſpecified, there being a ſpeciall Patent made by King *H.* 4. dated 18. *Nov.* in the fourth year of his reign, Licenſe [d] was thereby granted unto the ſaid *Walter Cooke*, and *Adam Cooke* his Father, to found and eſtabliſh a *Chantry*, of one or two Prieſts, to celebrate Divine Service perpetually therein. All which being performed, he the ſame *Walter*, the next year following, granted [e] unto the Monks of **Weſtminſter**, and their ſucceſſors, the advouſon and patronage of this *Chantry*: but ſtill continuing his wonted affections thereto, obtained a Licenſe [f] in 14 *H.* 4, that himſelf, together with *William Wynnewyk*, *William Hale*, *William Arlecock*, *William Bowedy*, *Thomas Elford*, and *Hugh Ruggeley*, might found a Fraternitie and *Gild* in the ſame Chapell, of themſelves, and others that out of devotion ſhould be content to join with them therein.

c *Burgh. f. 145. a.*

d *Pat. 4. H. 4. p. 1. m. 6.*

e *Pat. 5. H. 4. p. 2. m. 6.*

f *Pat. 14. H. 4. m. 5.*

g *Pat. 4. H. 5. m. 14.*

Neither did he reſt here, but within few years after, being advanced to other dignities, (for he was alſo Canon of **Yorke**, **Saliſburie**, and S. *Pauls* in **London**) inciting the Lady *Eliz.* widow of *John* Lord *Clinton* to aſſiſt him farther in theſe his pious intentions, he obtained another Licenſe [g] in 4 *H.* 5. that ſhe the ſaid *Eliz.* and he, or the Executors of both or either of them, might in this Chapell found a *Colledge* of ten *Chantrie*-Prieſts, to pray for the good eſtate of them both, during this life, and for the health of their ſouls after their departure hence; as alſo for the ſouls of their parents and friends, and all the faithfull deceaſed, one of which Prieſts to be Rector thereof; and to have a Common Seal for the tranſacting of all their publique buſineſſe. But I do not find that it was ever endowed with lands and Rents ſo amply, as to maintain half that number of Prieſts: for by the Survey [h] taken in 26 *H.* 8. it appeareth, that there were

b *Ex Regiſt. Coll. de Knoll. penes Archer eq. aur. f. 8. a. &c.*

h *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 61. a*

were then but two *Chantrie*-Priests, besides the Rector; nor above that number in [i] 37 *H.* 8. at which time the cleer yearly value of all the lands and Rents thereto belonging, besides repriſes, were certified [k] to be *xxiili. iis. iiid.*

i *Ex alio MS. penès eund. S. A. f.10.a.*

k *Ib.*

The lands appertaining to the *Gild* before ſpecified, all lying in ſeverall diſtant places, were then alſo rated [l] at *xxix li. xiv s. viid. per annum*, which maintained [m] three *Chantrie*-Priests for the ſaid *Gild*, daily ſinging in the ſaid Chapell.

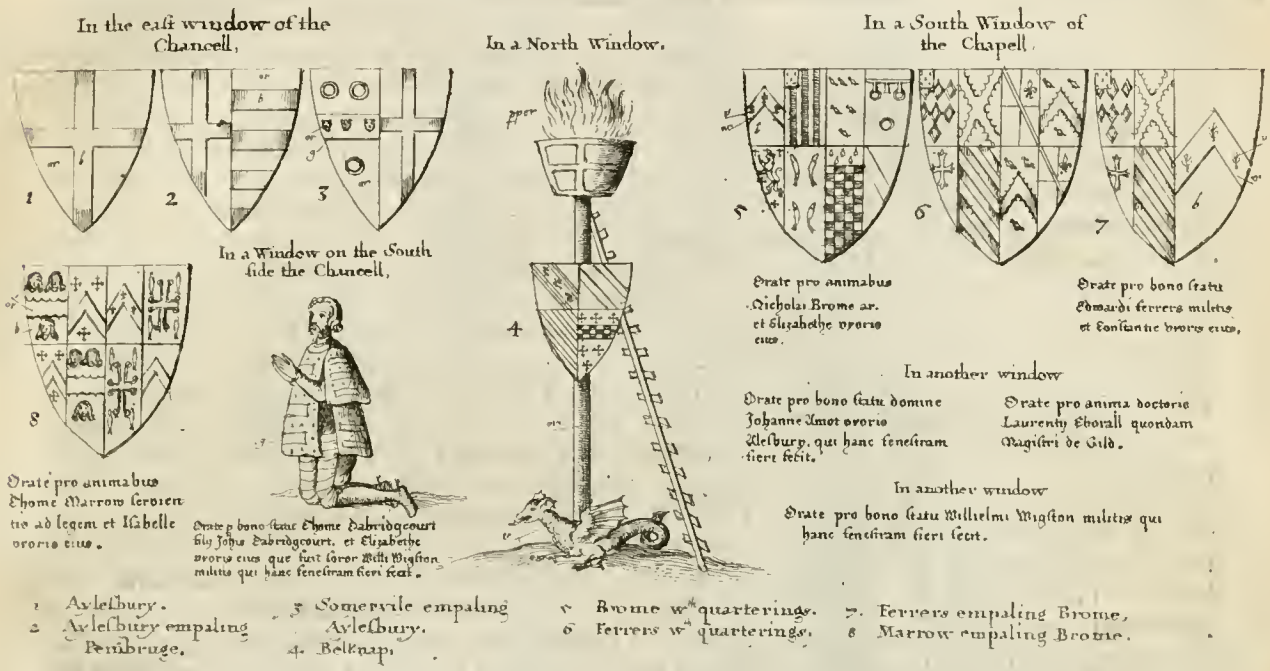
l } *Ib.b.*
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That a multitude of perſons, whereof moſt of good qualitie; nay, ſome of the great Nobility in thoſe days, had admittance to be of this *Gild*, is very evident [n]; all which, in ſome meaſure, were Benefactors thereto; but thoſe I ſuppoſe, the Chief, whoſe Armes or Inſcriptions to their memorie, do appear in the windows of the ſame Chapell; moſt of whom were neighbours; *viz. Brome* and *Ferrers*, ſometime of **Badſley-*Clinton*** hard by, Sir *William Wigſton* of **Wolſton**, *Dabridgcourt* of **Langdon**-Hall, the *Ailesburies* of **Edſton**, and Doctor *Laurence Eborall* of **Balſhall**; which laſt mentioned Familie, ſtill continuing, hath for many ages had reſidence there, as the Leiger [o] book of **Wroxhall** manifeſteth: For there born [p], and Chriſtened [q] at **Wroxhall**, was D[r] *Thomas Eborall* Canon of *Pauls*, but afterwards Maſter of **Whittington-College** in **London**, of whom *Balæus* [*] makes honourable mention, amongſt the learned Writers of that time (*viz. temp. H. 6.*) As alſo [r] his brother *John*, Maſter of Arts and Parſon of *Pauley*, neer **Touceter** in **Northamptonſhire**, men in thoſe dayes of great worſhip, as are the words of that Regiſter.

n *Ex præf. Regiſt. coll. de* Knoll.

o } *f.9.b.*
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* Balæi *Cent. circa an.* 1440.



In the midſt of the Chancell lyeth a very fair Marble, but the portraiture of braſſe ſometime thereon, with the circumſcription, is torn from it, ſo that there is no teſtimony whoſe Monument it was, farther than tradition; *id eſt* of *Walter Cooke* the Founder of this Collegiate Church.

Not far from this, lyeth another Marble, whereupon is the portraiture of a man, his two wives, and *xii.* Children in plates of braſſe, and at their feet thus written.

Of your charity pray for the Soules of Mr. John Dabriggcourt, Eſquire, who deceaſed the xvi. day of July An. M D xliiii. and for the ſoules of Katherine and Elizabeth his wives, on whoſe ſoules Jeſus have mercy Amen.

In an Ile on the North part of the Chapell, is a Monument with this Epitaph thereon.

In this Cabinet is layd up the body of Elizabeth late wife of Thomas S[t] Nicholas of Aſhe, in the County of Kent Gent. daughter of Henry Crooke of Well-place, in the County of Oxon. Eſquire, who lived a meet helpe with her husband ſix years, and had iſſue by him four ſons, deceaſed March 9, 1631.

Patroni.	Cuſtodes Cantariæ.	
Prior Weſtmonaſterii.	*D. Ric. Bryan Pbr. 1. Martii* 1435. *Joh. Wryght Cler. 27. Aug.* 1500.	*Heyw. f.34. a.* *Bowl. f. 204.b.*
Abbas & Conv. Weſtmonaſterii.	*D. Joh. Townſend 3. Maii* 1527.	*Bl. f.12.b.*
Ricard. Barnacull ſup-Prior Eccleſ. Cath. Cov.	*Gilb. Fowler Cler. 22. Febr.* 1537.	*Str. & P. f. 15.a.*

Balſhall.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, foraſmuch as it was then involved with **Hampton** in **Arden**; and ſo, as a member of it, came to *Nigell de Albani*, as all the reſt of *Wirce* his lands, in theſe parts, did. To which *Nigell* ſucceeded *Roger* his ſon and heir, ſirnamed *Moubray*; who being a very devout man, amongſt other his pious works, gave [s] all this Lordſhip of **Balſhall** to the Knights *Templars*; whereupon erecting a Church fit for their ſervice of

s *MS. in offic. Arm.* [L.17.] *f.148.a.*

God, and a Houſe for habitation, they ſent part of their Fraternity hither, and made it a *Preceptorie*, or Cell, ſubordinate to their principall Manſion, *viz.* the *Temple* in **London**. Unto which *Preceptorie* were alſo divers lands of good value afterwards given, by ſundry perſons of qualitie: but before I deſcend to ſpeak in particular thereof, I ſhall here take notice, when, and upon what occaſion this Order firſt began, as alſo of what I have met with, which is moſt obſervable in relation to it.

t M. Pariſ. *Chron ſive Hiſt. minor MS. in bibl.* Cotton. *vide etiam* Math. Pariſ. *Hiſt. p.67.n.10.*

About [t] the year of our Lord *MCxviii.* certain Gentlemen honoured with Knighthood, having betaken themſelves to a religious courſe of life, under the Patriarch of **Hieruſalem**, after the Rule of *Canons Regular*, began this Order: the firſt of which, were *Hugh de Paganis*, and *Godfrey de S. Audomare*; who in the beginning were ſo poor, though they were valiant men, as that they had but one Horſe to ride on; in memorie of which their primitive povertie, and to the end they might be mindfull of humilitie, they had the figure of two men, riding upon one Horſe, engraven on their Seal. Which two Knights, having no certain habitation, and ſeeking for a place of abode, were ſo much favoured by *Baldwyn* then King of **Jeruſalem**, as that he aſſigned them a piece of ground, within his own Palace, ſituate on the South part of the *Temple* of our Lord, for that purpoſe; whereunto the Canons of the *Temple* added a ſtreet adjoyning, for erecting of buildings neceſſary for their uſe; the Patriarch, with the King, Nobles and Prelates allowing them lands, out of their own demeins, for ſupport in food and rayment.

Touching their firſt profeſſion I find, that in order to the remiſſion of their ſins, they were, to their power, to defend Pilgrims from ſpoil and robberie by Theeves, in their paſſage to and from **Jeruſalem**; and that thereupon, at the end of nine years, they had a certain Rule aſſigned to them in the Councell of **Trecas**, as alſo a White habit by Pope *Honorius*. After which they began to multiply very much, their poſſeſſions being greatly enlarged: But in the time of Pope *Eugenius*, they ſowed Croſſes made of red cloth upon the left ſhoulder of their Mantles; partly to the end, that having ſuch a triumphall ſigne inſtead of a Buckler, they ſhould not flee back from any Infidell, whil'ſt they were armed with ſo great a protection, and partly to the intent they might be diſtinguiſhed from other Religious perſons.

u *Chron.* I. Bromton *Col.* 1008. *n.* 50 Ypod. N. *p.37.n.40.*

There are who affirm [u], that the beginners of this Rule, were ſome of the meaneſt *Hoſpitalars*, and that they were at firſt ſuſtained with weapons and food from the reliques of their proviſions: whether it was ſo or not, I ſhall not ſtand to argue; but 'tis agreed on all parts, that they were originally called Knights *Templars*, from having their reſidence in certain rooms adjoyning to that *Temple* ſometime built by King *Solomon*. As for their Habit, the deſcription which *William* [w] *Darrell* made thereof to M. *Lambard*, was thus; *viz.* that on their Heads they wore linnen Coifes (like to the Sergeants at Law) and red Caps cloſe over them; on their Bodies ſhirts of maile, and Swords girded unto them with a brod belt; over all which, they had a White Cloak reaching to the ground, with a red Croſſe on the left ſhoulder, as hath been ſaid, in ſuch ſort as on the next page is repreſented.

w *Ex Coll.* St. Lo Kniveton.

And that they uſed to wear their Beards of a great length (whereas moſt other Religious Orders doe ſhave) I ſhall exhibit the teſtimony of King *Edw.* 2. made in the behalf of an eminent ſervant in his Court. *Rex* [x] *&c. Cum dilectus valettus noſter* Petrus Auger, *exhibitor præſentium, nuper voverit quod Barbam ſuam radi non faciat, quouſq; peregrinationem fecerit in certo loco in partibus tranſmarinis; & idem* Petrus *ſibi timeat, quod aliqui ipſum, ratione Barbæ ſuæ prolixæ fuiſſe* Templarium *imponere ſibi velint, & ei inferre impedimenta ſeu gravamina ex hac cauſa; Nos veritati volentes teſtimonium perhibere, vobis tenore præſentium intimamus, quod prædictus* Petrus *eſt valettus Cameræ noſtræ, nec unquam fuit* Templarius, *ſed Barbam ſuam ſic prolixam eſſe permittit ex cauſa ſuperius annotata, &c. Teſte Rege, &c.* 17. *Febr. Anno &c.* 4°.

x Pat. 4. E. 2. p. 2. m. 20.

And touching their manner of reception into this Order, thus I find certified of one of them, being examined as to that point.—— [y] *Requiſitus de modo & ceptionis, dicit quod erat Claviger in* Templo, *dum erat ſecularis, & requiſivit Magiſtrum ut eum reciperet in Fratrem; Et expoſitis ſibi hiis quæ rigoris ſunt in Ordine* Templi, *& ſubſtantialibus Ordinis, quod ad Obedientiam, Caſtitatem, & abdicationem proprietatis, fuit ductus in Capellam, Fratribus Ordinis, duntaxat Capellanis, Militibus & ſervientibus præſentibus, ſecularibus omnibus excluſis, præſtito ab eo ad ſancta Dei Evangelia juramento, quod prædicta tria ſubſtantialia dicti Ordinis, & conſuetudines bonas & laudabiles Ordinis* Templi *ſervaret; & negotium terræ Sanctæ ultra-marinæ, pro poſſe ſuo, juvaret contra inimicos fidei Chriſtianæ: Adjecit etiam quod juravit, quod neminem injuſte exhæreditaret, & tunc ſibi tradebatur Mantellum, cum Cruce, & Pilleum in Capite.*

y *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. T. 88. Th.

The firſt ſetling of this Order in **England**, was in that ſtreet called **Holborne** in the ſuburbs of **London**; but there they reſted not long; for in K. *H.* 2. time, that Houſe which ſtill retaineth the name of the *Temple*, in **Fleet-ſtreet**, was erected by [z] them, and the Church (built according to the form of the *Temple* at **Jeruſalem**) dedicated to God and our bleſſed Ladie, by *Heraclius* Patriarch of **Jeruſalem**, in the year 1185. Of the vaſt poſſeſſions they ſoon obtained in **England**, aſwell as other parts of Chriſtendome, which at length occaſioned their ruine, I am not here to ſpeak; neither of their Priviledges, which were very ample, as by thoſe * Bulls of Pope *Hadrian* the 4th and *Alexander* the third, exempting them from payment of Tithes, for their demeſn lands; and the Charter [a] of King *H.* 3. affording them divers Liberties, and granting unto them extraordinarie immunities, unto which I refer my Reader.

z Stow's *Survey of* Lond. *p.* 438.

* *vide Decret. Greg. lib. 3. tit. 30. cap. 10.* Ex parte.

a *Cart.* 11. *H.* 3 *m.* 33. *cart.* 9. *E.* 1. *n.* 104

Returning therefore to **Balſhall**, I find that beſides this Lordſhip, beſtowed on them by *Roger de Moubray* before ſpecified, they had divers other lands, lying in this Countie, antiently given by others; the revenues of all which, were for the moſt part, employed for the maintenance of the Knights *Templars* reſiding here; *viz.* the Mannours of **Barſton**, **Shirburne**, and **Flechamſted**, (whereof I have elſwhere ſpoke) and ſmaller parcells in a multitude of places; moſt of which I will here enumerate, with the names of the Donors; [b] *viz.* in **Tiſho**, by *Robert de Stafford*; in **Thelverſcoton**, **Dercet**, and **Herdwike**, by *Barth. de Sudley*: In **Hoxton** and **Warwick**, by the Earls of **Warwick**; In **Herberburie**, by *Henry de Clinton*;

b *Ex cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

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In antiqui Templari-
orum Ordinis memo-
rium Signi per orbem
celeberrimi.
Will. Booth Ar. interioris
Templi Socius.

Templarius.

In **Chesterton**, by [c] *William de Croc*, and *Henry de Broc*; In **Aven-Dersct**, by *William Giffard*; In **Stodley**, by *Peter Corbicon*; In **Napton**, by *Adam de Napton*; In **Huntingham**, by *Margaret de Campania*; In **Weston**, and **Shotswell**, by *William Fitz Alan*; In **Kinesbury**, by *Herbert de Kinesbury*; In **Pidleton**, by *Geffrey Marmion*; In **Radford**, by *William Pludi*; In **Newbold-Paci**, by *Ric. Fil. Presbyteri*, and others [d]. In **Polesworth**, by *Robert de Harecourt*; In **Edston**, by *Henry de Montfort*; In **Tachebrok** by [e] *Henry de Clinton*; In [f] **Berkford**, by *Will. Fitz Thomas*; In **Whitacre-***superior*, by [g] *John de Wetheleberg*; In **Cubington**, by [h] *Henry de S^t Maur*; And in **Stonle**, by [i] the Abbot of **Stonle**: But by whom those lands, which they had [k] in **Wishaw**, **Wolvey**, **Wollington**, **Compton-Winyate**, **Fulkthle**, **Tocton**, **Norton-Lomsi**, and **Lindon**, were given, I have not seen.

I come now to the speciall Priviledges, which they had here in **Walshall**. In 32 *H.* 3. they obtained a Charter [l] of **Free warren** in all their demesn lands here: In [m] 52 *H.* 3. a weekly **Mercate** upon the Thursday, with two **Faires** every year; the one on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of S. *Gregory* the Martyr; and the other on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of S. *Mathias* the Apostle. And for the surer enjoyment of their interest here, in 13 E. 1. they procured a full confirmation [n] from *Roger de Moubray*, heir to *Roger* the first donour before specified, with warrantie of that his Ancestor's Charter; for which they made him Partaker of all their Prayers, and other spirituall benefits.

But whether it were really their guilt of such high enormities, which through Christendome were layd to their charge, or rather their potencie, so generally feared, which occasioned their ruine, I will not here stand to argue; certain [o] it is, that on Wednsday next after the Feast of the *Epiphanie Anno* 1307. (*scil.* 1 E 2.) by the King's speciall command, and a Bull from the Pope, were they generally through **England** layd hold on, and cast into Prison; nay, through all Christendom, as my Author saith; and afterwards proceeded against in a generall Councell held at **London**; where being convicted of divers great impieties, all their possessions were seized into the King's hands. In an antient [p] *MS. Chron.* which I have seen, the cause of their ruine is thus set forth, *Anno MCCCX. circa festum S. Hillarii, omnes* Templarii *in Anglia & in Scotia; & alii omnes, ut dicebantur, per totam Christianitatem, una hora diei, capti sunt propter Heresiæ pravitatem, necnon propter fraudem quam fecerunt in quodam bello inter Regem Tharsis & Paganos, in quo tergiverserunt ad Paganos, & occiderunt præditum Regem & exercitum ejus. & filium ejus unicum ceperunt, undè tota Christianitas turbata est valdè.*

But *Thom. de Wals.* [q] setteth forth other reasons for this severe proceeding against them, namely severall grosse and Heathenish, yea rather devillish practises (unto whom I refer my Reader) All which and more, were layd to their charge, in particular Articles; whereupon witnesses being examined, they were proceeded against, as hath been said; the whole series thereof being at large yet to be seen in an antient *MS.* of that time; wherein I have observed, that the said Articles do charge them with no lesse than Heresie, Idolatrie, and most execrable Blasphemie; but very little, or nothing at all, appeareth to have been proved: And so much doth an honest Historian [r] in his Acts of the Archbishops of **Yorke** declare; where speaking of the proceedings against them, he saith—*Quamvis in multis essent accusati, nichil tamen inventum est quod de jure videretur statum illorum annullare:* And that this was truth, speaking then of *Will. de Grenefeld* Archbishop of **Yorke** at that time, he further saith—[t] *Archiepiscopus Willielmus, pietate motus super statu* Templariorum *suæ Dioceseis, omni auxilio destitutorum, eos in diversa suæ Dioceseis instituit Monasteria, eisq; suo perpetuo vitæ necessaria ministrari præcepit.*

Yet such was their hard fate, that, having been thus dealt withall, their whole Order became shortly after condemned [u] in a generall Councell at **Vienna**, under Pope *Clement* the *v. Anno* 1311. (4 *E.* 2.) So that their possessions being thereupon seized into the King's hands, what they had in this Countie, and **Leicestershire**, was committed [w] to the custodie of *Alexander de Compton*, who in 6 *E.* 2. answered [x] *Lx li.* to the King, for the issues thereof: But 'tis plain [y] that the heirs of the Donours, for a while, came to enjoy them again; and that thereupon *John de Moubray* had this Mannour of **Walshall**, which he held till his death, and attainder, for adhering to *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** in 15 *E.* 2. as also that it was thereupon committed [z] to the custodie of *John Peche* (of whom in **Hampton** I have spoke) to hold during the King's pleasure: Houbeit, in this condition they scarce continued one year longer; For by a generall Decree [a] of Pope *Clement* before specified, dated at **Vienna** *vi. Non. Maii*, in the seventh year of his Papacie, they were annexed and incorporated to the Knights *Hospitalars*, of which Order, before I proceed farther, I will here (as I have done of the *Templars*) give a brief account.

At [b] such time as the *Holy Land* began to grow famous by the expeditions of Christian Princes thither; this Order of the *Hospitalars* had its beginning, or rather restauration by one *Girardus*; for the originall is attributed to *Johannes Hircanus Machabeus*, or *John* Patriarch of **Alexandria**, who who for his liberalitie to the poor, was sirnamed *Eleemosynarius*. These Knights having their chief seat at first in the *Hospitall* of S. *John Baptist* at **Jerusalem**, which was reedified by the same *Girard*, took that Saint for their Patron; but their Rule from Pope *Gelasius* the second; and by *Honorius* the second had a black Mantle with a white Crosse thereupon, assigned to them: The larger Statutes of their Order did *Raimundus de Podio*, the first Master after the forming thereof, devise for them, who there intitles himself *Servus pauperum Christi, & Hospitalis Hierosolomitani Custodem.* The profession of which Knights was, by a religious vow to entertain Pilgrims coming to the *Holy Land*, and to defend them in their journey from incursion of Robbers; in which service they had such great assistance from divers Christian Princes, that they often warred with much successe against the Infidells: and after the losse of all in **Palestine**, obtained the Ile of **Rhodes** for their seat: but that also, after sundry assaults, being won by the Tuks, they had an assignation of the Ile of **Malta** by the Emperour *Charles* the fift, and Pope *Clement* the seventh, where they continue till this day. As for the formalitie; and Ceremonies of their reception into this Order, though they be very

c *Esc.* 32. E. 1. n. 43.
d *F. levat.* xv. *Hill.* 8. H. 3. *Inq. per. H. Nott. &c. f.* 61. a.
e *Plac. de an.* 2. Joh. *rot.* 5.
f *F. levat. craft. Anim.* 25. H. 3.
g *F. levat. craft.* I. Bapt. 16. H. 3.
h *F. levat.* xv. *Mich.* 19 E. 1.
i *Pat.* 21. E. 1. *m.* 15.
k *Rot. Pip.* 1. E. 2.
l *Cart* 32. H. 3. *m.* 4.
m *Cart.* 52. H. 3. *m.* 1.
n *F. levat. Oct. Trin.* 13. E. 1. *Plac. coram R. term. Pasch.* 13. E. 1. *rot.* 5. & 19.
o *Chron.* H. Knighton *col.* 2531. *n.* 50 & *col.* 2494. *n.* 30. *Vide Act. Pontif.* Ebor. *per.* T. Stubs *col.* 1730. *Vide* Y-pod. N *p.* 99 *n.* 30.
p *In bibl.* Bodl. [K. 84.] *f.* 95. *b.*
q *Hist.* Angl. *p.* 73.
r *In bibl.* Bodl. T. 88. Th.
s T. Stubs *col.* 1730. *n.* 10.
t *Ib. n.* 30.
u T. Wals. *p.* 72. *n.* 40.
w *Rot. F.* 5. E. 2. *m.* 14.
x *Pat.* 6 E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 23.
y *Esc.* 16. E. 2. *n.* 70.
z *Pat.* 16. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 17.
a *Claus.* 7. E. 2. *in d. m.* 11. T. Stubs *ut supra col.* 1730. *l.* 33.
b Auberti Miræi *Orig. Eq. Ord. p.* 68.



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very observable, yet for brevities sake I passe them over, referring my Reader to those [c] Writers which speak at large of them.

[c] *Ib. p. 72.*

The first institution of this Order was [d] about the year *MXCII.* after which, ere long, they seeled in **England**; for in the year *MC.* and beginning of King *Henry* the first his reign, *Jordan Briset* a wealthy and devout man, built [e] then an House in the suburbs of **London**, neer **Smithfield**, which was afterwards called S. *Johns* of **Jerusalem**: But these also from a low beginning, through the great austeritie of their lives at first, obtained vast possessions, before what belong'd to the *Templars* was seeled upon them. In this Countie, they had antiently (I mean before the accession of the *Templars* lands to them) lands in **Grafton**[f] given to them by *Henry* the son to *Bernardus de Grafton*, and [g] others; In **Chesterton** by [h] *William de Croc*; In [i] **Preston-Bagot**, **Whitnash** [k], **Newbold-Pacie** [l], **Wilney** [m], **Ricton** [n] *super* **Dunsmore**, **Halford** [o], **Anstie** [p], and other places, by the gift of sundry persons. And of what great esteem this their Order was within **England**, the Charter † of priviledges and Liberties granted to them by King *Ric.* 1. in 5° of his reign doth sufficiently manifest, where the generall words run thus —— *Concessimus omne jus, omne Dominium, quod ad nos pertinet & pertineat; omnem potestatem, omnes libertates, & liberas consuetudines quas Regia potestas conferre potest in omnibus &c.*

[e] Camb. Brit. in Middlesex. Stow's Survey of Lond. p. 483.

[f] *Ex autog. penès W. Sheldon ar.*

[g] *F. levat. mens. Pasch. 31. H. 3.*

[h] *Testa de N.*

[i] *F. levat. craft. Pasch. 47. H. 3.*

[k] *Inq. per. H. Nott. & c. f. 22. a.*

[l] *Ib. f. 61. a.*

[m] *Ib. f. 38. b.*

[n] *Ib. f. 54. a.*

[o] *Ib. f. 110. a.*

[p] *Esc. Ad quod D. 19 E. 1. n. 61.*

† *Cart. 18. E. 1. in d. per. Insp.*

But I return to **Walshall**. The next thing most observable in reference to these Knights *Hospitalars*; wherewith I have met, is a passage which manifesteth [*] that all their Tenants, for the better fruition of the many priviledges belonging to those lands, did use to erect Crosses upon their Houses; which Custome appears by the seizure of a House and certain grounds thereto belonging, that lay in **Wishaw**, into the King's hands, in respect that one *Chestershire*, the owner thereof, had set a Crosse upon it, to the end that he might partake of the *Templars* priviledges; whereas, in truth, the premisses had not any relation to that Order.

[*] *Rot. F. 1. H. 6. m. 4.*

I do not find that the *Hospitalars* held this place as a Preceptorie, by the residence of any of their Fraternity here, as the *Templars* did, but rather the contrary; for it appears [q] that in *E.* 4. time, *John Beaufitz* Esquire, was their Fermour of the House called the *Preceptorie*, and resided there; which *John* in 22 *H.* 6. underwent the Office of Eschaetor [r] for this Countie and **Leicestershire**; as also from, 11 *E.* 4. till 4 *H.* 7. inclusive, was a Justice [s] of Peace in this Shire; And moreover, that having been in 16 *E.* 4. Shiriff [t] for both these Counties, and in 1. and 2 *H.* 7. again Eschaetor [u], he dyed in 22 *H.* 7. as the date and probate of his Testament [w] do manifest, by which he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Monasterie of **Kenilworth**, before the Image of the blessed Virgin, at the door of the Quire, or where else *John Yardley* the then Abbot should think more expedient: And to the Abbot and Covent of that House, gave a Basin and Ewre of silver to serve at the high Altar; the same Abbot, during his whole life, being to pray for him daily in his Masse, especially by name; and he that should daily say the Chapter Masse, to pray for the Soul of Sir *Rause Boteler* Lord *Sudley*, and his Lady, and him the said *John Beaufitz* especially by name, as the said Abbot and Covent pleased; and likewise he that was to sing our Lady Masse. To the same Abbot he also gave a gilt piece to the value of ten marks, to pray daily for him by name in his Masse, and he and his Covent to assoil him in the Chapterhouse. This *John* had [x] also in **Fletchamsted** an estate by Lease from the Knights *Hospitalars*; and besides this, [y] possest [z] a Mannour in **Lodbroke**, called **Wynteners**, as also the Mannour of **Woodcote** in this Countie; and left issue [a] *Margerie* his daughter and heir, afterwards married to Sir *Robert Belyngham* Knight.

[q] *Carp. vol. 2. f. 63. a.*

[r] *Rot. F. 22. H. 6. m. 9.*

[s] *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

[t] *Rot. F. 16. E. 4. m. 9.*

[u] *Esc. 1. & 2. H. 7.*

[w] *Mills q. 21.*

[x] [y] [z] *Ibid.*

[a] *F. levat. T. Pasch. 22. H. 8.*

Little have I seen else, worthy the notice, touching this place, other than the Customes, which antiently, as is evident by that [b] Account in 31 *H.* 2. were as followeth; *viz.* that their Tenants were yearly to mow three days in Harvest, one at the charge of the House; and to plow three days, whereof one at the like charge; As also to reap one day, at which time they should have a Ram from the House or *viii d. xxiv.* loaves and a Cheese of the best in the House, together with a pail full of drink: And moreover that they might not sell their Horse-Colts, if they were foaled upon the land belonging to the *Temple*, without the consent of the Fraternity, nor marry their daughters without their License.

[b] *Ex vet. cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

After the dissolution of the Monasteries, this Mannour, being (*inter alia*) assigned for the dowrie of Queen *Catherine*, the last wife of King *H.* 8. was in 1 *E.* 6. granted [c] (I mean the reversion) to *Edward* Duke of **Somerset** and his heirs, to hold by the *xl*th part of a Knights fee: But he being attainted in 5 *E.* 6. (as our Historians do shew) the inheritance of it was shortly after past [d] out of the Crown, unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**; upon whose attainder by Queen *Mary* (whereof I have spoke in **Warwick**) it became disposed [e] of by that Queen, to *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, and to the heirs male of his body; who rendred it back again to the Crown, as it seems: for I find that the same Queen soon after, intending to [f] restore that Religious House of the Knights *Hospitalars*, situate near **Smithfield**, to some part of the lustre it antiently had, having to that purpose made Sir *Thomas Tresham* Knight Lord Prior thereof, did (*inter alia*) give [g] this Mannour of **Walshall** thereunto: But all that fair design of hers being blasted very soon after Queen *Elizabeth* began to reign, this Mannour of **Walshall** was by Letters [h] Patent from that Queen, dated 29. *Junii* 8. *Eliz.* given to *Robert Dudley* Earl of **Leicester** and his heirs.

[c] *Pat. 1. E. 6. p. 4.*

[d] *Pat. 7. E. 6. p. 11.*

[e] *Pat. 2. & 3. Ph. & M. p. 2.*

[f] Stow's *Survey of* Lond. p. 483.

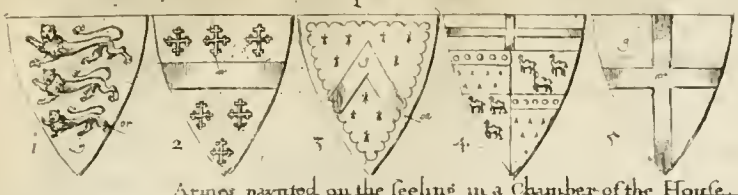
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[h] *Pat. 8. Eliz. p. 8.*

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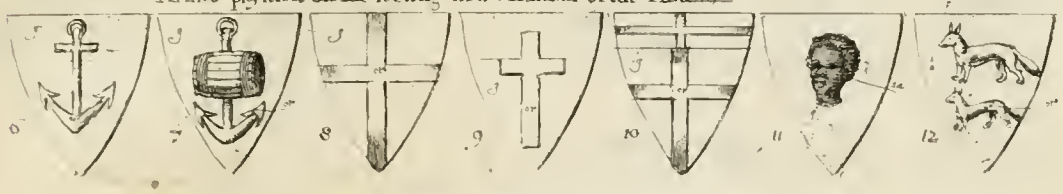
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Armes paynted on the seeling in a Chamber of the House.



Kinwaldsey.

THis petty Hamlet, having been so called from some possessor thereof in the Saxons time, lyes at a great distance from the Parish Church; and hath been antiently reputed, and still is esteemed as a member of **Hampton**: but whether it were given to the Nunns of **Pergate** in **Bedfordshire** by *Rog. de Moubray* (of whom in **Hampton** I have spoke) or by one of the *Ardens*, who had that Lordship of **Hampton** from his grant, I cannot say; yet cleer it is, that 'twas one of them who so gave it; for it appears[i] that *Cristina* Prioresse of **Pergate**, and the rest of her fellow Nunns, did demise it, together with **Didington**, unto the first *William de Arden* about King *Ric.* 1. time; for both which, they reserved the yearly Rent of *xx s.* and that *Hugh de Arden*, son and heir to the same *William*, purchased the inheritance of them both, from *Isabell* the succeeding Prioresse and the Covent of that House, for the summe of *xxv.* marks: And that these, together with **Knolle**, came[k] to the Monks of **Westminster**; but how afterwards they were disposed of, I cannot well discover.

i *Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton. F. levat. 5. Sept. Mich. 15. H. 3.*

k *Cart. 20. E. 1. n. 4.*

Didington.

OF this I can say no more than what I have exprest in **Kinwaldsey**.

Chadleswic.

THis place, being originally a member of **Hampton**, was by *Roger de Moubray* granted[l] unto *Peter de Arden*, to hold by the tenth part of a Knights Fee: in which grant, or rather confirmation, it is said to have been at first given to the said *Peter*, by *Raphe* his father, called *Radulphus de Hamtona* (as I have elsewhere shewed.) From this *Peter* it came to[m] *Roger* his brother, whom he made his heir; and so descended to *William de Arden*, who granted[n] it in dower, *inter alia*, unto *Amicia de Tracy* his wife, by the name of *tota villa de* **Chadeleswic**. But after this, *viz.* in 20. and 36 *H.* 3. *Peter de Montfort* was certified[o] to hold it by the eight part of a Knights Fee, though how this comes to passe I cannot give a reason; for cleer it is, that in 29 *E.* 1. *John Peche* (descended from an heir female of *Arden*) enjoyed[p] it. And farther I have not seen any considerable mention of it; wherefore I conclude that it was swallowed up in **Hampton**.

l *Ex autog. penès Sim. Mont fort. ar.*

m *Ex autog. penès Sim. Mont fort. ar.*

n *Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.*

o *Testa de N.*

p *Esc. 29. E. 1. n. 80.*

Badsley-Clinton.

THis, forasmuch as it was heretofore a member of **Hampton**, comes most properly to be next spoke of. In the Conqueror's Survey it is not particularly mentioned, as being involved with **Hampton**, wherewith it came to *Nigel de Albani*; which *Nigell*, or *Roger de Moubray* his son, enfeoft *Walter de Biseg*, or the father of the same *Walter*, thereof, in *H.* 1. time, as may be inferred from that Certificate[q] in 12 *H.* 2. To which *Walter*, succeeded[r] *Raphe*, and to him[s] *James de Bisege*, who bore for his Armes *Frettè*, as by his Seal[t] appeareth, and left issue *Mizera* his daughter and heir, wedded[u] to Sir *Thomas de Clinton* of **Colshill** Knight, by whom she had divers sons, as the Descent in **Colshill** will manifest; whereof *James* (the fourth) had the inheritance of this Lordship assigned[w] unto him for part of his patrimony, paying 1[l] *per an.* to his Fathers heirs; whence it came to be named **Badsley-Clinton**, for distinction from another **Badsley** in this Hundred. To which *James* succeeded *Thomas*[x], who left issue[y] two daughters and heirs; *scil. Joane*, first married to *John Coningsby*, but afterwards to *John Fowkes* of **Dyrsterton** in **Gloucestershire**, and *Petronill* to *John Wodard* of **Solihull**: which *John Coningsby*, for *C.* marks of silver, in 29 *E.* 3. bought[z] out the interest that the same *John Wodard* and *Petronill* had here.

But whether *Coningesby* had any issue by the same *Joane*, or not, I am uncertain; for evident it is, that *Fowkes* her second husband, lived[a] here, and in 18 *R.* 2. joyned with her in the passing[b] of it unto one *Nicholas Dudley* a tradesman of **Coventre** (and Major of that City in 1 *H.* 4.) But perhaps this was only an estate in trust; for it appears, that in 2 *H.* 4. *Robert Burdet* of **Bynghull** and *Joane* his wife, purchased[c] it of *Richard Bubbell* of **Dyrsterton** in **Gloucestershire** and *Margaret* his wife; which *Margaret* was daughter[d] and heir to *John Fowke* and *Joan* his wife, as the Pedegree of *Clinton*, in **Colshill**, doth manifest. From which *R. Burdet* it came to one *Nic. Metley* (a Lawyer) by purchase[e]; who bequeathing[f] his Body to sepulture in the *Temple* Church at **London**, appointed[g] that this Mannour, should be sold by his Executors (*inter alia*) and with the moneys thence arising, four Priests provided to celebrate divine Service for his Soule, and the souls of his Ancestors, for one whole year after his decease; or else two Priests for two years: and besides this one other Priest to do as much here at **Badsley**, for the like terme, constituting *Margaret* his mother, *Joane* his wife, and

q *Lib. rub. f. 118. a.*

r *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Ferrers *ar.*

s *Lib. rub. f. 134. b. in ced.*

t *Penès. præf.* E. F.

u *Ex vet. cod. MS. penès* Rob. D. Digby.

w *Ex autog penès præf.* E. F.

x } *Ib.*
y }

z *F. levat. xv. Hill. 29. E. 3.*

a } *F. levat.*
b } *craft. Mart. 18. R. 2.*

c *F. levat. Oct. Mart. 2. H. 4.*

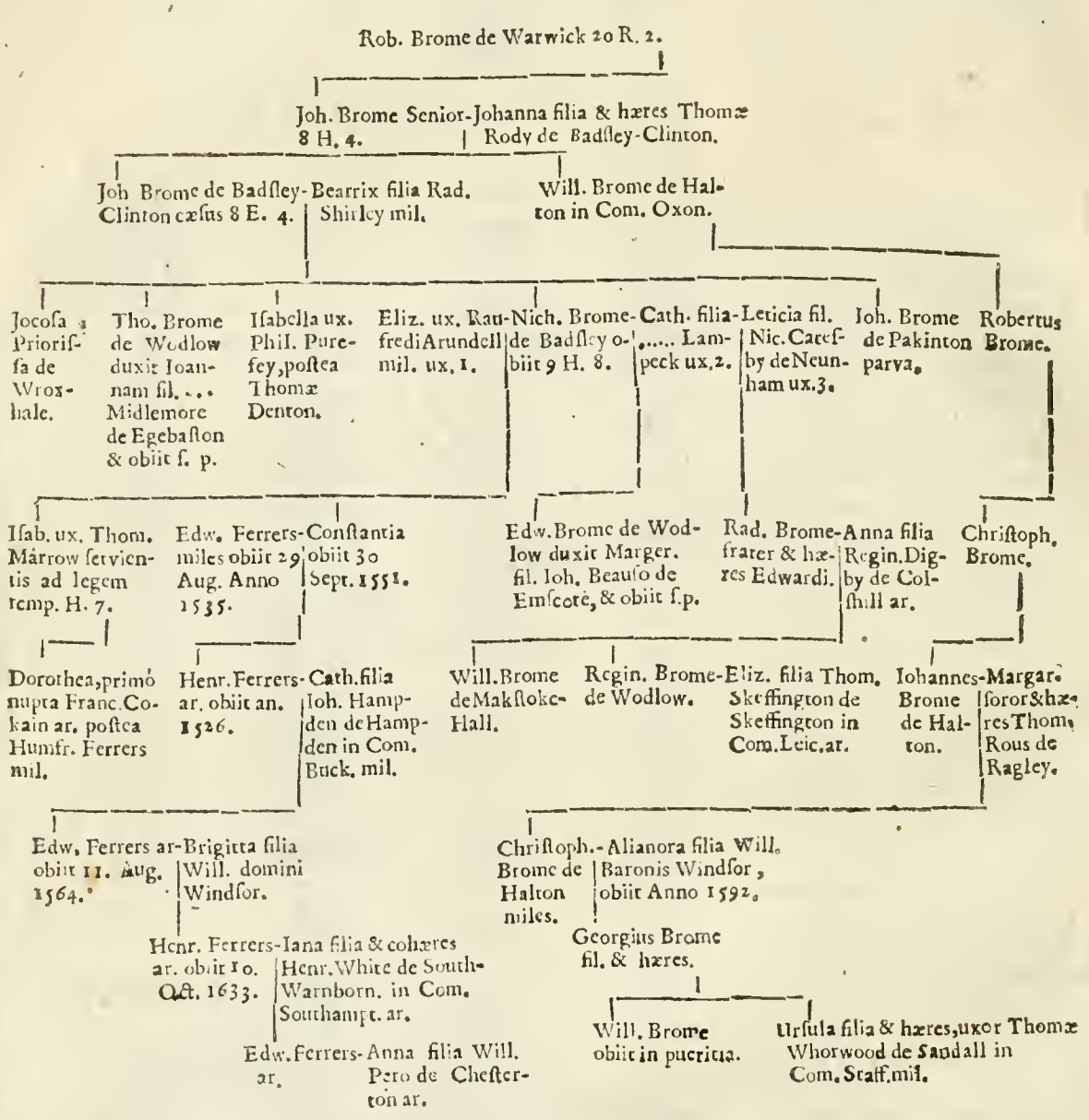
d } *Ex*
e } *Col. H. Ferrers.*

f } *Ex autog. penès*
g } *præf. E. F.*

Rob. Catesby his Executors: which *Margaret* and *Joane* sold[h] it unto the said *Robert Catesby* their fellow Executor, who enjoyed[i] it accordingly till after the battail of **Northampton** (which was about xx. years) but then did *John Hugford* of **Emscote**, in right of *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heir to the before specified *Nicholas Metley*, [k] enter upon it, and by the countenance of *Richard Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**, whose Steward he was, kept possession thereof during the whole life of the said *Robert*: Howbeit, before the death of the same *John Hugford*, *Nich. Catesby*, son and heir of *Robert*, made his entrie[l] upon it again, and from that time enjoyed it during the whole life of *Hugford*, and eleven years after, that the daughters and heirs of the said *John* (whose Descent in **Emscote** is to be seen) disseised[m] him: whereupon the before mentioned *Nich. Catesby*, discerning the title to be so disputable, past[n] it away unto *John Brome*, a Lawyer; by which means it came to the Family of *Ferrers*, as the Pedegree[o] here inserted doth manifest.

h *Ex vet. membr. penès præf.* E. F.
i, k, l, m, n *Ib.*

o *Ex. Coll. præf.* H. Ferrers.



Of this *John Brome* the Lawyer, who had first to do here, I find[p], that he did descend from a Familie of that name, which for severall Descents were Tanners, and resided in that suburbe of **Warwick**, South of the Bridge; the House still retaining the name of **Brome's-place**: and that *Robert*, his grandfather, was a Lawyer, as also[q] Steward of the Courts to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, for his lands in this Countie: And that *John*, his Father, served[r] in the Parliament of 8 *H.* 4. as one of the Burgesses for the town of **Warwick**; and likewise that they were owners of **Brome-Hall**, or **Brome's place** in **Lapworth**, whence 'tis believed they originally came. Which *John*, before he so acquired *Catesbye's* title to this Lordship, had[s] certain lands within the precincts thereof, in right of his mother (*scil. Joane* daughter and heir unto *Thomas Rodie*) and for a great part of King *Henry* the sixt's reign, bore much sway in these parts, being[t] under Treasurer in the Exchequer: But in our publique Records his name is mistaken, and written *Brown*, as appeareth in the Commission[u] for assessing of a Subsidie in 14 *H.* 6. and for treating[w] with the people about a Loan, of money to the King.

From 30 *H.* 6. till the end of that King's reign I find[x] him in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie; and in[y] 38 *H.* 6. one of the Commissioners of Array: Howbeit, after the beginning of *E.* 4. reign, he was set aside as to any publique employment, and at length had the hard fate to be slain by *John Herthill* Steward to *Rich. Nevill*, the great Earl of **Warwick**; who sending for[z] him out of the *White Friers* Church in **London**, where he was then at Mass, upon some words which hapned betwixt them[a], kil'd him in the

p *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.
q *Ex Comp. Balliv.* Warw *Com. penès* W Perpoint *ar.*
r *Claus.* 8. *H.* 4. *in d.* 7.
s, t *Ex Coll. præf.* H. F.
u *Rot. F.* 14. *H.* 6. *m.* 15.
w *Pat.* 14. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 11.
x *Pat.* 30. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 8.
y *Pat.* 38. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 14.
z, a, b, c, d *Ex Coll. præf.* H. F.

the Porch, the occasion of their quarrell, being (in short) this [b]. *Herthill*, having mortgaged the Mannour of **Woodlow** to this *John*, would have redeem'd it again for the money borrowed; but *Brome*, lying upon advantage, resolved to keep the land: whereupon, growing into height of words in disputing the business, *Herthill* mortally wounded him. Before he departed the world, having time to make his Will, he used therein this expression [c], *scil. that he forgave his son* Thomas, *who smiled when he saw him run through by* Herthill, *in the* White Friers *Church-Porch.* In which Church (for there he was buried) he had this Epitaph [d] upon his Tombe-stone.

Nobilis & docti sic Regni jure periti,
Subjicit ut Pulvis Brome *corpus cerne* Johannis:
Ingenii natus testis Warwic *Comitatus,*
Hujus in Ecclesia facta qui corruit ense;
Prævorum manibus sub Missæ tempore cæsus,
Sarcophago Nonis sepelitur mense Novembris,
Sexaginta Centum quater octo jungito Mille,
Alme pater requiem sibi præstat habere perennem.

By *Beatrice* his wife, daughter to Sir *Raphe Shirley* Knight, he left issue divers Children; of which, *Nicholas* succeeded him, as Lord of this Mannour; who from [e] 3 *H.* 7. till 9 *H.* 8. was a Justice of Peace in this Shire; as also for divers years a Commissioner [f] for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, and of [g] Array: and in 20 *H.* 8. Sheriff [h] of this Countie and **Leicestershire.** This *Nich.* resenting the death of his Father very much, about three years after, way-lay'd the before mentioned *John Herthill* in **Longbridg**-*field*, in his passage towards **Barford** to keep the Earl of **Warwick's** Court; and there, after a short encounter, slew [i] him. Whereupon *Elizabeth*, *Herthill's* widow, began to stir against him, by way of Appeal, for killing her husband: but by mediation of friends, Arbitrators were chosen to accord the business, who awarded [k] that she should release unto the same *Nicholas* all Actions personall, and Appeales, and that he the said *Nich.* should pay *C li.* sterling in S. *Maries* Church at **Warwick**, for the maintenance of a Priest, for one whole year, to sing Masse and pray for the souls, of *John Brome* and *John Herthill*, so siam as hath been expressed, she the said *Eliz.* finding to the Priest, Bread, Wine, and Wax, as oft as he should so say Mass: And moreover that the same *Nich.* should at his own proper costs, by the space of two years, find a Priest to sing Masse in the Church of **Badsley-Clinton**, for the soul's aboveſaid: which Award bears date at **Coventre** 18° *Martii* 12 *E.* 4.

Of this *Nich.* I have further seen [l], that comming on a time into his Parlour here at **Badsley**, he found the Parish-Priest chocking his wife under the chin, whereat he was so enraged that he presently kil'd him; For which offence, obtaining the King's Pardon, and the Popes, he was enjoyn'd to do something towards the expiation thereof; whereupon he new built the Towre-steeple here at **Badsley**, from the ground, and bought three Bells for it; and raised the body of the Church ten foot higher: all which was expresst in his Epitaph, now torn away: And likewise built [m] the Steeple of **Packwood**; in which Church windows was this Inscription, *Orate pro anima Nicholai Brome qui Campanile de Packwood fieri fecit.* But farther of him I have not found any thing memorable, other than that he inclosed [n] this Lordship, and that he departed [o] this world 29. *Aug. Anno* 1517. (9 *H.* 8.) leaving issue [p] by *Eliz.* his first wife, daughter to Sr *Raufre Arundell* Knight, *Isabell* wife to *Thomas Marrow* Sergeant at Law, and *Constance* married to Sir *Edward Ferrers* Knight. By [q] *Katherine* his second wife, daughter of . . . . . *Lempeck*, *Edward Brome*, who died childless; And by [r] *Lettice* his third wife, daughter of *Nicholas Cateby*, *Raph Brome*, from whom they of **Woodlow** are descended.

Which Sir *Edward Ferrers*, being son and heir to Sir *Henry Ferrers* of **Bambleton** *in Com. Rutl.* Knight (second son of *Thomas Ferrers* of **Tamworth**-*Castle* in this Countie, by *Eliz.* sister and coheir to Sir *Baldwin Freville* Knight, as the Descent in **Tamworth** sheweth) had [s], in right of the said *Constance*, this Lordship of **Badsley** for her share; whose posterity have continued owners of it ever since: amongst which, the memory of *Henry Ferrers* great gradchild to the same Sir *Edward* (who for his eminent knowledge in Antiquities, gave a fair lustre to that antient and noble Family, whereof he was no small ornament) is yet of high esteem in these parts.

That which is now the Church here (dedicated to S. *James*) having been antiently a Chapell of **Hampton** in **Arden**, and therewith coming to the Canons of **Kenilworth** (as in **Hampton** is shewed) was appropriated [t] to that Monasterie in *Anno* 1217. (2 *H.* 3.) But notwithstanding this Appropriation, it continued as a Rectorie, and in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) was valued [u] at two marks; [w] in 14 *E.* 3. at *Lxvi s. viii d.* and in [x] 26 *H.* 8. at *iv li. vi s. viii d.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Jacobus de Clinton.	*Magr. Will. le Archer* 5. *Id. Maii* 1305.	*Langt.f.7.a.*
D. Episc. per lapsum.	*Joh. de Ashyby Cler.* 5. *Cal. Junii* 1318.	*Ib.f.78.a.*
Thomas fil. Jac. de Clinton.	*Galfr. de Stoneley Cap.* 9. *Cal. Maii* 1328.	*Northb.f.21.b.*
D. Joh. de Moubray patronus hac vice.	*Rob. de Enderby Cler. Id. Apr.* 1339.	*Ib.f.33.b.*
D. Joh. de Clinton miles.	*Will. Serle de Sutham Cler.* 6. *Id. Febr.* 1346.	*Ib.f.49.a.*
Joh. de Coningesby.	*Joh. le Kinge Cap.* 5. *Cal. Nov.* 1349.	*Ib.f.51.b.*
	Rog. de Notingham Pbr. 8. *Cal. Maii* 1353.	*Ib.f.56.b.*
Joh. Fouke.	*Will. Clecher Cap.* 8. *Id. Julii* 1364.	*Stret.f.12.b.*
	Ric. Hanne 3. *Cal. Martii* 1365.	*Ib.f.15.a.*
	Rad. Poutrell Pbr. 5. *Id. Junii* 1381.	*Ib.f.28.b.*
Nich. Dudley.	*Will. Osmunde Pbr.* 1. *Sept.* 1396.	*Sk.f.11.b.*
Rob. Burdet D. de Badsley.	*Thomas Hogges Cap.* 3. *Nov.* 1402.	*Burgh.f.11.a.*
	Rob. Harlaston Cap. 27. *Oct.* 1409.	*Ib.f.25.a.*
	Joh. Osgodby Cap. 22. *Sept.* 1414.	*Arund.f.141.a.*

[b] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[c] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[d] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[e] Pat. de ipso an. in d.
[f] Pat. ab. an. 3. usq. 23. H. 7. in d.
[g] Pat. 6. H. 7. p. 1. m. 5.
[h] Rot. P. 20. H. 8.
[i] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[k] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[l] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[m] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[n] His. MS. I. Rous in bibl. Cotton. p. 145.
[o] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[p] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[q] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[r] Ex Coll. præs. H. F.
[s] F. levat. T. Pasch. 23. H. 8.
[t] Regist. de Kenil. p. 65. & 81.
[u] MS. in Scac.
[w] Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.
[x] MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 60. b.

Bull.f.7.a.	*Johanna Burdet Domina de Badſley.*	*D. Joh. Weſt Cap. 4. Nov.* 1418.
Bowl.f. 140.a.	*D. Epiſc. per lapſum.*	*Alex. Awen Pbr. 23. Maii* 1493.
Ib.f.203.a.	*Nich. Bromie ar.*	*Will. Sneleſton Cap. 14. Nov.* 1499.
Ib.f.206.b.		*Rob. Banke Pbr. 8. Oct.* 1501.
Overton bund.F.	*Jacobus Rex, per lapſum.*	*Mauritius Jones Cler. 5. Junii* 1606.
Morton bund. incert.		*Franc. Edwards Cler. 11. Junii* 1619.

In the upper part of the East window of the Chancell here at **Badſley**, are curiouſly repreſented in Glaſſe, the portraitures of Sir *Edward Ferrers* Knight, and the Lady *Conſtance* his wife, with three ſons and ſix daughters, all kneeling before S. *George*, with this expreſſion in a ſcroul coming from his mouth *Sancte Georgi ora pro nobis:* as alſo his Armes empaling hers, both with quartrings, and ſupported with two *Unicorns*, *Ermine*. And in the lower part of the ſame window, is the picture of the ſame Sir *Edward*, and the Lady *Conſtance* his wife, with *Nicholas Brome* Eſquire her Father, all kneeling in their ſurcoats of Armes, before a Crucifix; the ſcroul from the lips of the ſaid Sir *Edward*, having this written therein, *ſcil. Amor meus Crucifixus eſt.* And of a later time ſet up, towards the bottom of the ſame window, theſe four Coats.

1. *Ferrers* empaling *Hampden*. 2. *Ferrers* empaling *Windſor*. 3. *Ferrers* empaling *White*. 4. *Ferrers* impaling *Peto*, with theſe Inſcriptions, as I have here divided them.

1. Nicholas Brome *Eſquire*, *Lord and owner of* **Badſley**, *married* Elizabeth *daughter of* Sir Rawfre Arundell *of* **Eggleſhole** *in the Countie of* **Cornwall** *Knight*, *Anno Dom.* 1473. *and died the* x^th^ *of October* 1517. *leaving iſſue* Iſabell *and* Conſtance, *his two daughters, and lieth buried at this Churchdore.*

2. Sir Edward Ferrers *Knight*, *ſon and heire of* Sir Henry Ferrers *of* **East-Peckham** *in the County of* **Kent** *Knight*, *married* Conſtance, *daughter and coheir of the ſame* Nicholas, *of this Mannour of* **Badſley**-Clinton *Anno Dom.* 1497. *He died* 29. *Aug.* 1535. *and lieth buried in the Tombe of this Chancell.*

3. *Dame* Conſtance Ferrers *daughter and coheir to* Nicholas Brome, *and* Elizabeth Arundel *his firſt wife, who married to* Sir Edward Ferrers *An. D.* 1497. *and died* 30. *Sept.* 1551. *leaving iſſue by him* Henry, Edward, George, *and* Nicholas, *and ſix daughters* Jane, Urſula, Anne, Margaret, Elizabeth, *and* Alice, *figured as aboveſaid.*

4. Henry Ferrers *Eſquire*, *ſon and heir of the ſame* Sir Edward *and Dame* Conſtance, *married* Catherine *daughter and coheir of* Sir John Hampden *of* **Hampden** *in the Countie of* **Buck.** *Knight*, *Anno* 1524, *and died* 1526. *leaving iſſue only* Edward Ferrers *his heir, and lieth buried in this Tombe.*

5. Edward Ferrers *Eſquire*, *ſon of the ſame* Henry, *married* Bridget *daughter of* William *Lord* Windſor *Anno Dom.* 1548. *and died* 11. *Aug.* 1564. *leaving iſſue* Henry Ferrers *his heir, and lieth buried in* **Tarbick**-*Church in the Countie of* **Worceſter.**

6. Henry Ferrers *Eſquire*, *ſon of the ſame* Edward *and* Bridget *his wife, married* Jane *the youngeſt daughter and coheir of* Henry White *of* **South-warnborn** *in the Countie of* **Hampſ.** *Eſquire, Anno Dom.* 1582. *and died the* x^th^ *of* October 1633. *leaving iſſue onely* Edward Ferrers *his heir, and lieth buried in this Chancell.*

7. Edward Ferrers *Eſquire, ſon of the ſame* Henry *and* Jane *his wife, married* Anne *the eldeſt daughter of* William Peto *of* **Cheſterton** *Eſquire, Anno Dom.* 1611. *She died the* xii^th^ *day of September Anno Dom.* 1618. *leaving iſſue onely* Henry Ferrers, *born the* 18^th^ *day of December Anno Dom.* 1616.

All which portraitures and Armes, together with the Monument of the ſame Sir *Edward Ferrers*, and the Lady *Conſtance* his wife, ſituate in an Arch on the South ſide of this Chancell, were drawn by my ſelf, and deſigned ready for the Graver, with great curioſity, to the intent that the beauty of them, which is ſo ſubject to periſh, by time and unhappy accidents, might have been repreſented to the world, in ſuch ſort as others are in this preſent work, for their laſting memorie: But ſo frugall a perſon is the preſent heir of the Family, now reſiding here, as that, he refuſing to contribute any thing towards the charge thereof, and it not being proper for me to undergo it totally, they are omitted.

The Epitaph upon that Monument of the before ſpecified Sir *Edward Ferrers Knight.*

Here lyeth Sir Edward Ferrers *Knight, ſon and heir of Sir* Henry Ferrers, *and* Margaret Hekſtall *his wife, of* **East-Peckham** *in the County of* **Kent** *Knight. He died the xxix*^th^ *day of Auguſt* 1535. *leaving iſſue* Henry, Edward, George, *and* Nicholas. *Here alſo lieth Dame* Conſtance *his wife, daughter & heir to* Nicholas Brome *Eſquire of this Mannour of* **Badſley**-Clinton, *who died the xxx*^th^ *day of September* 1551.

Here alſo lieth Henry Ferrers *their eldeſt ſon and heir, who married* Catherine, *one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir* John Hampden *of* **Hampden** *in the Countie of* **Buck.** *Knight. He died Anno D.* 1526. *leaving iſſue* Edward Ferrers *married to* Briget *daughter to* William *Lord* Windſor *of* **Bradenham** 1548 *and died Anno Dom.* 1564.

Ecce hic in pulvere dormimus. Hic noſtræ reſidet gloria carnis. Diſce mori mundo, Vivere diſce Deo. Hodiæ nobis.

Other Monumentall Inſcriptions.

Upon a ſtone in the midſt of the Chancell.

Here lieth Henry Ferrers *Eſquire, ſon and heir of* Edward Ferrers *and* Briget Windſor *his wife; who was ſometime Lord of this Mannour, and married* Jane, *one of the daughters and coheirs of* Henry White, *ſon and heir of Sir* Thomas White *of* **South-Warnborn.** *He died th* x^th^ *day of October Anno Dom.* 1633. *of his age the* 84^th^ *leaving iſſue* Edward Ferrers.

Upon

Upon another, near the former.

Here lieth the body of Edward Ferrers *Esquire, son and heir of* Henry Ferrers *and* Jane White *his wife, sometimes Lord of this Mannour; who married* Anne *the eldest daughter of* William Peto *of* **Chesterton** *Esquire and* Elianor Aston *his wife; who died March the* xx*th aged* 65. *Anno à partente Virgine* 1650. *leaving issue onely* Henry Ferrers.

Hæc mihi lapidea marmorea posita est; immo tibi, qui hoc legis. quisquis es vigila dum vigilis, & in rem tuam maturè propera; horam scit nemo. Vale.

In the body of the Church.

Here lieth Anne, *the eldest daughter of* William Peto *of* **Chesterton** *Esquire, and* Elianor Aston *his wife, who was married to* Edward Ferrers *Esquire, Lord of this Mannour of* **Badsley** *the xii th day of February Anno Dom.* 1611. *and died in childbirth the xii th day of September Anno* 1618. *ætatis suæ* 33. *leaving issue onely* Henry Ferrers.

Inscribed on the South side of the Chancell, in stone.

Edward Ferrers *Esquire son and heir of* Henry Ferrers *and* Jane White *his wife, did new build and reedifie this Chancell, at his own proper costs and charges Anno Dom.* 1634.

Monuments, and Monumentall Inscriptions, now defaced, which were taken notice of by Mr. *Henry Ferrers* in Queen *Elizabeth's* time.

In the Chancell upon a raised Monument.

Hic iacet Beatrix Bromе vidua, filia Radulfi Shirley militis, quondam uxor Johannis Bromе de Badsley-Clinton armigeri; que obiit x° die mensis Julii anno Domini MCCCCLxxxiii, cujus anime propitietur Deus Amen.

Upon a Marble there, whereon was a large Portraiture in Brasse, of a man in armour.

Hic iacet Philippus Purefey armiger, filius & heres Willelmi Purefey de Shirford in Com. War. armigeri; qui obiit xvi° die mensis Septembris anno Domini MCCCCLxvi°, cujus anime propitietur Deus.

In this Chancell there is a large grave-stone, whereon is a plaine Cross, but no Inscription: under it lyeth buried *Dorothy*, sole daughter and heir of *Thomas Marrow* Sergeant at Law, who was first married to *Francis Cokeyne* of **Pooley** in this County Esquire, and afterwards to Sir *Humfrey Ferrers* of **Tamworth**-Castle.

Under a large marble lying within the Church dore, at the very entrance, whereupon hath been a faire portraiture in brasse, of a man in armour, lyeth buried *Nicholas Brome* sometime Lord of this Mannour.

And under the next stone, lyeth *Elizabeth*, one of his daughters, wife to *Thomas Hawe* of **Solihull**.

Under another, neare thereto, lyeth *Edward Brome* son of the said *Nicholas*, by *Katherine Lampeck* his second wife, which *Edward* married *Margery* the daughter to *John Brayfo* of **Emscote** in this County Esquire, and dyed *Anno* 1531. 23 *H.* 8.

Church-Bikenhill.

RETurning now to the stream of **Blithe**, I come next to **Church-Bikenhill**. This containeth four other petty Hamlets; *viz.* **Hill-Bikenhill**, **Mole-Bikenhill**, **Kingsford**, *Wavers-***Perton**, **Perton**-*Culy*, and **Lindon**; of all which, *Turchill de Warwick* was possest [y] in the Conqueror's time; but then they were reputed for no more than two Villages, the one certified to contain two hides, with Woods of four furlongs in length, and as much in breadth, having been the freehold of *Aluuardus* before the Norman invasion; And the other likewise two hides, the Woods belonging thereto being xii. furlongs in length and six in breadth; all which one *Aluric* enjoyed in *Edw.* the Confessor's days. In *Domesday*-book they are both written **Bichehelle**, but afterwards **Bychenhulle**, and **Bigenhull**: wherefore, considering therewith the present manner of pronouncing the word, I do conclude that the name originally grew from the old English word **Biggen**, which signifieth a Hall, or Mannour-House, the later syllable shewing that it stood upon an ascent, as we see this town doth.

y Domesd. lib.

It should seem that a younger branch of *Arden's* Familie (whereof the said *Turchill* was the root) had that which is now called **Church-Bikenhill** assigned for his pattimonie; for in the Deed [z] made by *Henry de Arderne* (*Turchil's* grandson and heir) of certain lands for the dowrie of *Leticia* his wife, he likewise grants unto her *servitium Eustachii de Arderne de Bychenhulla*, which, it appears that he held of him. But I am of opinion that the descendants of this *Eustace* forsook the name of *Arden*, and, in respect of their residence here, assumed the name of *Bikenhull*: for in 33 *H.* 2. and afterwards, I find mention [a] of *Thomas de Bikenhulle*, with relation to this place; and, about the beginning of *H.* 3. time, *Alexander de Bykenhull*; which *Alexander* bound [b] himself in the summe of *xv.* marks of silver unto Sir *Hugh de Arden* (of **Hampton**) Knight, that he would neither sell or pawn any part of his lands, without the consent of the said Sir *Hugh*; and in 19 *H.* 3. was one [c] of the Justices of Assize in this Countie. After which, *scil.* in 23 *E.* 1. *Alice de Langley* (of whom in **Wolfhamcote** I have spoke) wrote [d] herself *Domina de* **Bygenhull**; perhaps she was widow unto the said *Alexander*; and yet the same year did *Thomas* (whom I conceive to be his son) stile [e] himself so, likewise.

z *Regist. de* Stonle *f.* 6. *a.*

a *Rot. P.* 33. *H.* 2. *F. levat.* 3. Ioh

b *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

c *Pat.* 19. *H.* 3. *in. d.*

d *Ex autog. penès* E. Peto *eq. aur.*

e *Ex autog. penès* W. Noel *ar.*

But the next poſſeſſor of it (though how I find not) was [f] *Walter Parles*, about the later end of *E.* 2. time: To whom ſucceeded [g] *William Parles*, who in 1 *E.* 3. paſt [h] away his title therein unto Sir *John Peche* of **Hampton** in **Arden** Knight, whoſe grandchild, Sir *John Peche*, in 28 *E.* 3. obtained a Charter [i] of **Free warren** in all his demeſn lands here: From which time, for want of light, I have not diſcovered any more thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) though at the firſt Foundation of the Monaſterie of **Henwood**, it was united [k] thereto, continued not long to thoſe Nunns, but was tranſmitted to them of **Pergate** *in Com.* **Bedf.** and appropriated [l] to that Religious Houſe. In *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [m] at *ix.* marks, and the Vicaridge at two marks: but in 26 *H.* 8. the ſaid Vicaridge [n] was eſtimated at *vii li. xvii s. ii d.* over and above *ix s. vi d.* yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

f *Eſc.* 20. *E.* 2. *n.* 17.

g *Ex Coll. W Burton.*

h *Ex Coll. W Burton.*

i *Cart.* 28. *E.* 3. *n.* 3.

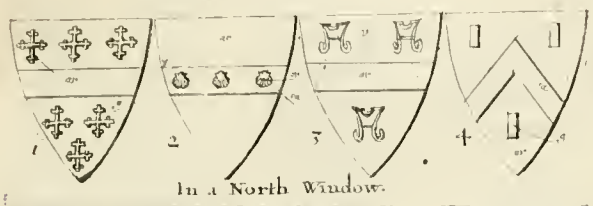
k *Ex autog. penès W. Spooner.*

l *Northb. f.* 25. *a.*

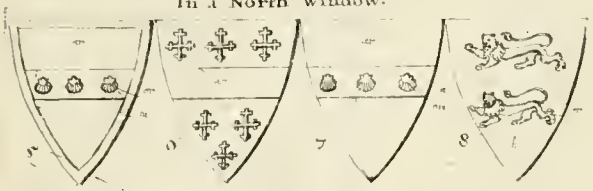
m *MS. in Scac.*

n *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f.* 60. *b.*

Bickenhill.
In a South Window of the Church.



In a North Window.



1. Peche 3. 5. Waver. 7. Waver.
2. Waver. 4. 6. Peche. 8. Erdington.

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Ex autogr. penès D. & Cap. Lich.		
Langt. f. 79. *a.*		*Galfr. de Newnham Cap.*
Northb. f. 20. *a*		*D. Alanus de Waverton* 7. *Cal. Nov.* 1320.
Ib. f. 24. *a.*		*Joh. de Wylmundecote* 4. *Id. Jan.* 1325.
Ib. f. 51. *a.*		*Joh. Martin Cap.* 15. *Cal. Nov.* 1330.
Stret. f. 1. *b.*	*Prioriſſa & Conv. S. Trin. de Boſco juxta Merkyate.*	*Henr. de Umbreſley Cap.* 4. *Non. Oct.* 1349.
Ib. f. 11. *b.*		*D. Will. le Warde, prid. Id. Jan.* 1358.
Sk. f. 10. *a.*		*Will. atte Grange Cap.* 2. *Id. Martii* 1362.
Burgh. f. 22. *a.*		*Joh. Sponne Pbr.* 19. *Maii* 1395.
Bull. f. 4. *a.*		*Nich. Burton* 28. *Jan.* 1408.
Bo. f. 6. *b.*		*Will. Bickenhull Cap.* 3. *Junii* 1416.
Bl. f. 9. *a.*		*Will. Erle Pbr.* 6. *Aug.* 1447.
Str. & P. f. 14. *b.*		*D. Thomas Orme* 15. *Sept.* 1522.
Sampſ. & B. f. 42. *a.*	*Eliz. Angl. Regina.*	*D. Humfr. Robyns* 22. *Junii* 1537.
Bund. B.		*Thomas Vagham Cler.* 3. *Dec.* 1565.
		Andr. Dent Cler. 10. *Sept.* 1582.
Clem. Fiſher de Pakinton miles.		*Joh. Keeling Cler.* 31. *Oct.* 1605.
Maria Fiſher vidua.		*Will. Hytſonne Cler.* 20. *Nov.* 1620.

Overton bund. F.

Morton bund. incert.

Middle-Bickenhill, and Hill Bickenhill.

THeſe were antiently reputed but for one Hamlet, and called [o] **Little-Bikenhill**, being in King *John's* time poſſeſt by *Richard de Kaines*: which *Richard* gave [p] it unto his three ſiſters; *ſcil. Rahace, Ala*, and *Margaret*; *Will. de Kaines*, their other brother, confirming [q] the grant; and *Henry de Bickenhull* releaſing [r] to them all his right therein. By theſe ſiſters it was divided [s]; but a good part thereof came afterwards to the Nunns of **Henwood**, and after the generall diſſolution, was [t] paſt out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Edward Aglionby* of **Walſhall** Eſquire, and *Henry Hugford* of **Solihull** Gentleman, and their heirs, by the name of a Mannour, with certain lands and Rents in **Hill Bickenhill**: all which were purchaſed, as it ſeems, ſhortly after by *John Fiſher* of **Pakington** Eſquire; for by the Inquiſition taken [u] after his death, it appears, that he died ſeized of them; from whom they are deſcended to Sir *Clement Fyſher* Baronet, his great grandchild, who now enjoys them.

o *Plac. temp. R Joh, rot.* 3. & 4.

p *Plac. temp. R Joh, rot.* 3. & 4.

q *Plac. temp. R Joh, rot.* 3. & 4.

r *Plac. temp. R Joh, rot.* 3. & 4.

s *Plac. temp. R Joh, rot.* 3. & 4.

t *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *p.* 11.

u *Eſc.* 13. Eliz.

Kington alias Kingsford, part in *Bickenhill* and part in *Solihull*-Pariſh.

THis is a very antient place, though now there be little ſigne thereof; for I find that there ſtood a Church here, in the beginning of *H.* 3. time, the advouſon whereof was granted [w], in 5° of that King's reign; to the Nunns of **Pergate** in **Bedfordſhire**, by one *Henry le Notte*: But afterwards, *viz.* in 16 *E.* 2. it had the reputation [x] for no more than a Chapell belonging to **Bikenhill**.

In 37 *H.* 6. it appears, that the *Mountforts* of **Colſhill** were Lords thereof; and therefore I am of opinion, that it came to them by the daughter and heir of *Peche*, as **Hampton** in **Arden** did: For in that year, Sir *Baldwin* ſon and heir to Sir *William Mountfort*, paſſed [y] his eſtate therein, unto Sir *Humphrey Stafford* Knight, ſon and heir to the Duke of **Buck.** and others: which grant was but in truſt, as it ſeems; for in 7 *H.* 7. did Sir *Simon Montfort* Knight (ſon and heir to the ſaid Sir *Baldwin*) demiſe [z] it by the name of the Mannour of **Kingsford**, unto *Henry* and *Thomas* his two younger ſons; and in 10 *H.* 7. died [a] ſeized of it (but attainted, as in **Colſhill** is ſhewed) whereupon it eſchaeting to the Crown, was ſoon granted [b], *inter alia*, to *Girald* Earl of **Kildare** and *Eliz.* S^t *John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies lawfully begotten; by which it came to Sir *James Fitz Girald* Knight ſon to the ſaid Earl by that Ladie; who being attainted in 28 *H.* 8. (as in **Dunchurch** appeareth) it reforted again to the Crown; and in 7 *E.* 6. was, with other lands, granted [c] unto *Thomas Lucy*, of **Cherlecote** Eſquire, and his heirs: which *Thomas* (afterwards

w *F. levat. Oct. Mich.* 5. *H.* 3.

x *Northb. f.* 25. *a.*

y *Clauſ.* 37. *H.* 6. *in d. m.* 22.

z *Ex autog. penès S. Mountfort ar.*

a *Eſc.* 10 *H.* 7.

b *Pat.* 1 *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 2. *Pat.* 2. *H.* 8. *p.* 1.

c *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *p.* 6.

wards a Knight) sold [d] it unto *Thomas Dabridgment* Esquire, of whom in **Langdon** I have made mention.

[d] *Hill. Rec. 12. Eliz. rot. 96.*

Waver's Merston.

OF this place there is no mention at all in the Conqueror's Survey, so that I presume it was then involved with **Bikenhill**, because it afterwards appeareth [e] to be of *Arden's* Fee; From one of which Familie, I am of opinion that *Anketill de Crafte* was first enfeoft thereof, about King *Stephen* or *H.* 2. time; for cleer it is, that the same *Anketil* possest [f] it, and had his residence [g] here; From whom it descended [h] to *Roger de Crafte*, his nephew (*scil.* son of *Roger* his brother) which *Roger*, about the beginning of King *Ric.* 1. time, [i] sold it unto *William de Waver*, son of *Robert de Waver* his kinsman, for *XL.* li. of silver, to be held of him the said *Roger* and his heirs by the sixth part of a Knights Fee; whereupon for distinction from the many other **Merstons** in this Countie, it came to be called *Waver's*-**Merston**: whose grandchild, *William*, in 41 *H.* 3. obtained a Charter [k] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here: But taking part with the rebellious Barons in 49 *H.* 3. for which his lands were seized [l], and this Mannour given [m] to *Roger de Someri* (Lord of **Dudley**) upon his Composition (according to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**) he was necessitated to sell [n] it, out-right, to the said *Roger* for *CC.* marks of silver: Howbeit, afterwards, either he or his son *Robert* redeem'd it again; for in 35 *E.* 1. the same *Robert* entailed [o] it, at his son's marriage, together with **Th'ester-waver** and other lands, as in my discourse of that place hath been already said.

[e] *Esc. 50. H. 3.*

[f] *Exvet. exempl penès* [g] *Ioh.* [h] *Maine* [i] *gen.*

[k] *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 3.*

[l] *Esc. 50. H. 3.*

[m] *Clauſ. 51. H. 3. in d. m. 2.*

[n] *F. levat. paſt. Purif 35. E. 1.*

In whose line it continued till 6 *H.* 6. that *John Waver* of **Th'ester-waver** Esquire, past [p] it unto *John Catesby* of **Lapworth**: from whom it came to *John Catesby* of **Stowell**, grandchild to the said *John*, who in 16 *E.* 4. obtained a Release [q] from *Henry Waver* of **Th'ester waver** Esquire, of all his right and title thereto: and afterwards (though by what direct steps I have not seen) unto the descendants of *Thomas Catesby*, a younger son of Sir *Will. Catesby* Knight, whose Pedegree is in **Lapworth** to be seen: one of which, *viz. John*, about the beginning of King *James* his time, sold it unto *Henry Mayne*, of **Bovington** in **Hartfordshire**, in reversion after his own decease: by which means it is come to *John Mayne*, now of **Elmedon** Gentleman, grandchild to the said *Henry*.

[o] *Ex autog penès* [p] *I.* [q] *Maine.*

Merston-Culy.

IN King *Edward* the Confessor's time, this place was possest [r] by one *Aluric*, who, after the Norman Conquest, sold [s] it, with the License of King *William*, unto *Robert de Oilgi*: Of which *Robert*, *Robert Venator* held [t] it at the time of the generall Survey, it being then accounted for two hides, having Woods which extended to four furlongs in length and one in breadth, all valued at *xx* s. But from this time till King *H.* 2. reign, that *Hugh de Culi* was owner [u] thereof, I have seen no more of it: nor after that till 21 *E.* 3. that Sr *Fouk de Bermingham* possest [w] it, as appears by a speciall License, [x] by him then granted unto one *Ranulph Lejecroft*, to amortize two Mess. two yard land, and *xii* s. Rent, lying therein, for the maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service, here, every day in the Chapell of S. *Leonard*, for the health of the soul of him the said *Ranulph*, and of his Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

[r] *Domeſd. lib.*

[s] *Pat. 32. H. 3. in d.*

[t] *Esc. 21. E. 3. n. 5.*

[u] *Pat. 27. H. 3. in d.*

[w] *Esc. 21. E. 3. n. 5.*

From which *Ranulph* (who had [y] a good proportion of lands here, besides what he had so disposed of) descended *Robert Lecrofr*, by whom, in 22 *R.* 2. the whole Mannour was purchased [z] from *Thomas Roche* and *Eliz.* his wife, it being of her inheritance, as daughter [*] and heir unto *Thomas de Bermingham*. To the descendants of which *Robert*, it continued till *H.* 8. time, that *Anne* the daughter and heir [a] to *William Lecroft* of **Colshill**, was wedded [b] unto *John L'isle* of **Worhull** Esquire, whose son and heir, *scil. Nicholas L'isle*, sold [c] it, in 25 *H.* 8. to *Reginald Digby* of **Colshill** Esquire, in which line it still continues.

[x] *Penès Rob. D. Digby.*

[y] *Esc. 21. E. 3. n. 5.*

[z] *F. levat. Oct. Mich. 22. R. 2.*

[*] *Vide in* Bromwich.

[a] *Esc. 12 H. 8.*

[b] *Ex autog. penès præf. D. Digby.*

[c]

Lindon.

THat this Hamlet was originally so called from the situation thereof, the name doth plainly manifest, **Lhin**, in the Brittish, signifying a Lake or Pool, and **don**, in the Saxon, a Hill; for at the foot of an indifferent rising ground it standeth: but the first mention I have found of it in any Record, is [d] in 34 *H.* 3. where it appears that *Gunilda de Lynden* brought an Assize of *Novel disseisin* against *Walter de Bishopesdon* and others, for lands here; yet is it no Mannour of it self, but the lands of other Lordships reach into it, whereof I shall not need to give instance.

[d] *Pat. 34. H. 3. in d.*

[e] *Testa de N.*

[f] *Ex Regiſt. D.* [g] *S. cap* [h] *Worcorn. f. 41. b.*

Little Pakinton.

OF this place I find no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, though it seems to have been part of the Earl of *Mellent's* possessions at that time; for it appears [k] that the antient Earls of **Leicester** were chief Lords of the Fee: But certain it is, that in King *H.* 1. time, *Robert de Ceraso* [l] possest it, and after him [m] *Gilbert* the son of *Picot*; which *Gilbert* had issue [n] *William Picot*, unto whom *Nicholas* the son of *Richard de Torpe* released [o] all his right therein, that descended to him by inheritance from the same *Robert de Ceraso* his grandfather. This *Gilbert Picot*, being a [p] Knight, had four possessions in **Leicestershire**; *viz.* **Barow**, **Segrave**, **Glen**, &c. And in 4 *H.* 3. was *William Picot* (his son) one [q] of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, and **Leicester**, both. In which line of *Picot* it continued till about the middle of King *H.* 3. reign; but then, by daughters and heirs, two parts divolved [r] to *Murdac* and *Ireys*, and the third to [s] *Nicholas Pikot* (which came shortly after to one *Gilb. Petemon*) betwixt whom there grew suits [t] for their interest here, in 27 *H.* 3.

[k] *Ex præf. Regiſt. f. 43. a.*

[l] *Ex autog. penès præf. A. B.*

[m] *clauſ. 4. H. 3. m. 14.*

[n] *Exauog. penès* [o] *præf. A. B.*

[p] *Pat. 27. H. 3. in d.*

[q] *Ex autog. penès eund. A. B.*

[r] *Pat. 46. H. 3. m. 15*

[s] *Pat. 56. H. 3. in d.*

But of these coparceners Sir *Henry Murdac* was the chief [u], being Shiriff [w] of this County and **Leicestershire** in 46 *H.* 3. and one [x] of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick** in 56 *H.* 3. Which Sir *Henry* doing homage [y] to *Roger de Quency* Earl of **Winchester** (as Lord of the Honour of **Leicester**) for the fourth part of a Knight's Fee,

[t] *Ex autog. penès eund. A. B.*

[u]

[w]

Fee, that he and the other coheirs held of him here at **Pakinton**, had authoritie given [u] him by the said Earl, to receive the homage of *Thomas le Ireys*, and *Agnes* his wife; as also of *Nich. Pikot*, his fellow partners before spoken of: at which time he gave [w] to the same Earl *xl* s. of silver in the behalf of himself and them, and his and their heirs, to be released from attendance at the three weeks Court at **Leicester**, making their appearances at his **Leet** only.

To this Sir *Henry* succeeded Sir *William Murdac* Knight, who bore [x] for his Armes *Bendè of ten pieces Arg. and Gules*, and had issue [y] *Alice* his daughter and heir wedded [z] to Sir *Thomas Boyvile* Knight, unto whom she brought a fair inheritance of lands in **Leicestershire**; Which *Boyviles* had their residence [a] at **Stokkaston** in that Countie: But within the compasse of that time, as they had to do here, they obtained one of the two other parts of this Lordship, before spoken of, as it seems; So that upon the Partition betwixt the three daughters and heirs of the last *John*; *viz.* [b] *Eliz.* the wife of *John Cokain*, *Margaret* of *Thomas Restwould*, and *Anne* of *Henry Sothill*, made 17. *Mart* 8 *E.* 4. it was allotted (*inter alia*) to *Elizabeth*, by the name of the Mannour of **Pakinton-***Picot*; whose son and heir, *Edmund Cokain* of **Bury Patley** *in Com. Hertf.* about the later end of *H.* 7. time, sold [c] it unto Sir *Robert Brudnell* of **Dene** *in Com. Northampt.* Knight. From whom descended *Thomas Brudnell* Esquire (afterwards, *scil.* 3. *Car.* created Lord *Brudnell*, a person much to be honoured for his great learning, prudence, and eminent knowledge in Antiquities) who by his Deed [d] of bargain and sale, dated 19 *Maii* 4. *Jac.* past it unto Sir *Edward Brabazon*, then of **Nether-Whitacre** in this Countie Knight, which Sir *Edward* disposed thereof to Sir *Anthony Brabazon* Knight his younger son, the late owner thereof.

Touching that part which *Ireys* had, I find, that in 13 *E.* 3. *Thomas le Ireys* passed [e] it away, by the name likewise of the Mannour of **Pakinton-***Pigot*, to *Philip de Ayleston*, and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, but for lack of such issue to return unto the right heirs of the said *Thomas*; which makes me conjecture that the said *Katherine* was his daughter: After this, *viz.* in 50 *E.* 3. Sir *William de Clinton* Knight (of whom in **Marstoke** I shall speak) purchased [f] one third part of this Mannour from *John Walteres* and *Joane* his wife: but whether this were that which *Philip de Ayleston*, above specified, had; or the other formerly belonging to *Gilbert Peverell*, I cannot well discover. Which third part continued [g] to his posterity till the beginning of *H.* 7. time, though how much longer I know not: for in 20 *H.* 7. *John Grey* Viscount *L'isle* was found [h] to dye seized thereof, by the name likewise of the Mannour of **Pakinton-***Pigot*; which from him divolved [i] to *Thomas* Marquess *Dorset*, his Uncle's son, and so consequently to *Henry* Duke of **Suff.** After whose attainder in 1 *Mariæ* (whereof in **Astley** I have spoke) it escheated to the Crown, and continued therein till Queen *Elizabeth*, in the second year of her reign, granted [k] it to *Edward* Earl of **Lincolne** (lineall heir to the *Clintons* before specified) which Earl sold [l] it to one *Sampson Baker* Gentleman 30 *Oct.* 15 *Eliz.* who died [m] seized thereof in 26 *Eliz.* leaving *John Baker* his brother and heir *L.* years of age. Which *John*, together with *Humphrey Baker*, then residing at the *Charter-House* neer **Coventre**, by their Deed [n] bearing date 29 *Jan.* 33 *Eliz.* aliened it unto *Robert Brudnell* of **Duddington** *in Com.* **Hunt.** Esquire, whose son and heir *Thomas* (now Lord *Brudnell*) past it away, together with that other Mannour, formerly *Boyvile's* (and by the same Deed) unto Sir *Edward Brabazon:* by which means it came to Sir *Anthony*, his younger son, before specified.

There was antiently an **Hermitage** within the precincts of this Lordship (situate neer to the borders of **Marstoke**, the place bearing that name to this day) built [o] by one *Hemeric*, Parson of this Parish in the time of *Robert de Ceraso* Lord of the Mannour, before spoken of: and, together with the Church of **Pakinton**, given [p] by *Gislebert Picot* to the Monks of **Worcester**, for the health of his soul, as also of his Ancestors and successors in pure Almes; which gift *William Picot*, his son, confirmed [q], with addition of a large proportion of land lying neer thereto, expresst by metes and bounds, over and above what his Father, before him, had granted with it: In consideration whereof he received from the said Monks four marks of silver, and two bisants (of Gold) which grants were confirm'd [r] by Pope *Innocent* the third 4. *Id. Febr.* in the 4th year of King *John's* reign. Some other [s] concessions there were to this **Heremitage**, by ordinarie persons; but for brevity I omit them. All which lands, upon the dissolution of the Monasteries by King *H.* 8. were, in 33. of his reign, granted [t] (*inter alia*) to the Dean and Chapter of **Worcester**, unto whom they still continue, *Anno scil.* 1640.

But after the Church was so given to the Monks of **Worcester**, by the said Sir *Gilbert Picot*, and confirm'd [u] by *Walter Durdent* Bishop of **Coventre**, there grew a difference [w] betwixt those Monks and the said *Gilbert*, concerning the rights due thereto, in so much as they went to suit with him about it; howbeit at length they came to a friendly agreement [x], whereupon the same *Gilbert* was, for himself and all his Tenants to pay Tithe Hay, and to allow them *xii.* loads of Wood yearly, by the oversight of his Woodward; as also an habitation for the Priest there officiating; and timber, with six forks, for the building of it; and likewise for sustaining it always in repair, together with half an acre of Land; and trouse out of his Woods for the continuall fencing thereof.

In *Anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) the value [y] of this Church was certified at one Mark, but in 26 *H.* 8. at [z] *iii* li. over and above *iii* s. *x* d. allowed for payment of *Procurations* and *Synodals*, having at that time an annuall *Pension* [a] of *x* s. payable by the Prior of **Marstoke.**

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Capitulum Eccl. Cath. Wigorn.	*Joh. de Albodeſle* 15. *Cal. Dec.* 1339.	*Northb. f.* 35. *b.*
	Thomas Wray Cler. 3. *Id. Nov.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 51. *b.*
	Joh. de Pakinton Cap. 13. *Cal. Martii* 1351.	*Ib. f.* 55. *b.*
	Joh. Clerk in prima tonſura conſtitutus, 25. *Febr.* 1397.	*Sk. f.* 14. *a.*
D. Epiſc. per lapſum.	*Rad. Worſton Pbr.* 22. *Oct.* 1433.	*Heyw. f.* 32. *a.*
Prior & Cap. Wigorn.	*Joh. Rogers Pbr.* 6. *Decemb.* 1442.	*Ib. f.* 41. *a.*

D. Epiſc.

x *Ex autog. penès W. Burton. ar.*

y, z *Ex autog. penès præſ. D Digby.*

a *Ex autog. penès præſ. A. B.*

b *Ex autog. penès* Thom. D. Brudnell.

c, d *Ex autog. penès præſ. A. B.*

e *F. levat. xv. Trin. 13. E. 3.*

f *F. levat. craſt. I. Bapt. 50. E. 3.*

g *Eſc. 10. H. 7. n. 36.*

h *Eſc. 20. H. 7.*

i Thower *q. 10.*

k *Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 3.*

l, m *Eſc. 26. Eliz.*

n *Ex autog. penès præſ. A. B.*

o *Ex præſ. Regiſt. penès D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 41. b.*

p, q *Ib. f. 42. a.*

r *Ib. f. 43. a.*

s *Ib. f. 42. a. etc.*

t *Pat. 33. H. 8. p. 5.*

u *Ib. f. 41. b.*

w, x *Ib. f. 44. a.*

y *MS. in Scac.*

z *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f. 58. a.*

a *Ib. f. 51. b.*

Bo.f.6.b.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Joh. Ansteley Pbr. 18. Aug. 1447.
Bowl.f. 140.a.	Prior & Cap. Wigorn.	Joh. Wykkyns Pbr. 4. Apr. 1493.
Str.& P.f. 14.b.		D. Ric. Jorden Cap. 24. Maii 1537.
Ib.f.16.b.		D. Leonardus West Cap. .... 1538.
Sampf. & B.f.42.b.	Decan. & Cap. Wigorn.	Will. Clarke Cler. 22. Junii 1566.
Ib.f.45.a.		Georgius Field Cler. 28. Martii 1573.
Overton bund. C.	Eliz. Regina, per lapsum.	Joh. White Cler. 22. Maii 1596.
Morton bund.incert.	Decan. & Cap. Wigorn.	Rob. Greenough in Art. Magr. 16. Martii 1618.
Ib.		Henr, Banks Leg. Bac. 5. Martii 1628.

Berkswell.

THis, lying on the other side of **Blithe**, containeth **Barston** and **Mozecote-Hall** within its parish. Before the Norman invasion one *Levenet* was owner [b] thereof; but upon the Conquest by Duke *William*, it, with other vast possessions, were conferred [c] upon *Robert* Earl of **Mellent**, in whose hands they continued till after the generall Survey, in which this was rated [d] but for one hide, and valued at no more than *v* s. the reason whereof I conceive to be, because the substance of it was then involved with **Barston**. In *Domesday* book it is written **Berchewelle**, having first had that denomination (as I guess) from the large Spring which boileth up on the South side of the Churchyard. Of those lands belonging to the Earl of **Mellent**, which *Henry de Newburgh*, his brother, (who obtained the Earldome of **Warwick**) had, this of **Berkswell** being part, was by him given to *Ranulf de Mundeville* in King *H.* 1. time, as may easily be gathered from what I have observed in **Lighthorne**.

b Domesd. c lib. d

To which *Ranulf* succeeded *Nigel de Amundeville*, who in 12 *H.* 2. was certified [e] to hold one Knight's fee of the Earl of **Warwick** *de veteri feoffamento*, which Knight's fee is after manifested to lye here, and in **Lighthorne**. This *Nigel* had his seat here, as I guess; for it appears that he had then a Park at this place; and that *Oliva* his wife had the whole Lordship in dower: but all that I have observed of him, worthy the recitall, is, that he gave [f] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, for their fewell, as much dead wood in his Woods here at **Berkswell**, excepting onely his Park and that called **Bernet**, as two Carts throughout the year, Winter and Summer could carry: and that, because it was his wives dowrie (as I have said) she had a Palfrey, and *xl* s. in money for her consent.

e Lib.sub. f.104.b. f Regist.de Kenilw. f.46.

To this *Nigell* succeeded *Richard de Mundevill*, who in 13 *H.* 3. was suretie [g] for the payment of *xx* li. for *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick**, being part of *C* li. due to the King for his Relief: After which he had many publique and eminent imployments in this Countie; for in 21 *H.* 3. I find [h] him one of the Commissioners for assessing a *xxx*th part of all mens goods for the King's behoof. In 20, 21. and 22 *H.* 3. a Justice [i] of Assize. In 26 *H.* 3. in Commission [k] with the Shiriff and *John Durvasfall* for assessing of Armes, and conservation of the Peace. From 27. till 34 *H.* 3. a Commissioner [l] for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, and in 34 *H.* 3. a [m] Knight. After which, *viz.* in 37 *H.* 3. he had a Charter [n] of **Free warren** extending to all his demesn lands, both here and in **Lithtchirne**, and the same year received an exemption [o] for serving on Juries; whence I conclude that he was then grown old. And therefore because his son and heir was also called *Richard*, I will now begin to speak of him, whose publique Actions were no lesse eminent than his Fathers had been.

g Rot.F.13 H.3.m.2. h Clauf. 21.H.3.in. d. i Pat.de ijfd.an.in d. k Clauf. 26.H.3. p.2.in d.

In 41 *H.* 3. he attended [p] *Richard* Earl of **Cornwall** (then elect King of *Romans*) into **Germany**; and in 47 *H.* 3. was [q] in the Welch Expedition with Prince *Edward* the King's eldest son. Whether he did cordially adhere to the rebellious Barons shortly after, I will not take upon me to say, though plain it is that he was [r] in **Kenilworth**-Castle when the Royall Army besieged it, and being reputed one of the Barons partie, had safe [s] conduct with *Henry de Hastings*, and others, to march out upon the render thereof: yet so far he had favour by the Jurie [t], upon the seizure of his lands, as that they said upon their Oaths, that he was there with young *Simon de Mountfort*, *per distrittionem, & contra voluntatem suam*; so that I do not find that he compounded for his estate: But I suppose that this *Richard* had no issue; for in 6 *E.* 1. he past [u] unto *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** the inheritance of this Lordship, and **Lighthirne**, reserving only an estate for life to himself and *Maud* his wife: in consideration whereof, the said Earl granted [w] to him the Mannour of **Bzaeles**, excepting *xvi* li. Rent issuing out of the same, to hold during his life, and the life of the said *Maud*.

p Pat.41. H.3.in d. q Pat.47. H.3.in d. r Regist. de Stoneley f.18.a. s Pat.51. H.3.m.32. t Esc.50.H. 3. u F.levat. craft.Mart. 6. E. 1. w Cartul. Warw. Com.f.79.a

In 10 *E.* 1. this *Richard de Mundevile* was solely joyned in [x] Commission with the Shiriff, for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, which is much ancienter than some [y] do allow Justices of Peace to have been: And in 13 *E.* 1. claimed [z] a **Court-Leet** here at **Berkswell**, with Assize of Bread and Beer, as also **Free warren**, but it was found by the Jurie, that he had no right to either **Court Leet**, or Assize of Bread and Beer, though he had injuriously held such a Court of his own Tenants when the King's Bayliff used to keep his *Turne*: wherefore he was warned to forbear the doing so any more, and amerced for what was past: howbeit, for the **Free warren** he produced King *Henrie's* Charter, which was allowed, and got off his Amerciament by favour of the Justices Itinerant. But it seems that he was not contented with the former agreement made with the Earl of **Warwick**, for quitting his title to this Mannour; for I find that in 25 *E.* 1. the Earl came to a new conclusion with him, granting him, [a] during life, *C* li. *per annum* out of **Beleye**, and **Pardley** *in Com. Wigorn.* and **Claverdon** in this Countie.

x Pat.10. E 1. m. 8. y Spelm. Gloss. z Rot.de Quo.. w. a Pat.25. E.1.p.1.m. 1.

To his first wife he wedded [b] *Isabell*, sister unto *John Fitz Alan*; and to his second *Maud*, but of what parentage I have not seen. And by his Testament [c] bearing date on the Friday before the Feast of the *Annunciation* of our Lady 27 *E.* 1. bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priorie of **Thaucumbe** *in Com. Northamp.* neer to his Father's grave, but his Heart to be buried in the Oratorie of the *Friers Minors* at **Coventre**; and to the Countess of **Lincolne** a great silver Goblet, as also a Cross, with a bugle Horne: To the Ladie *Alice de Whitacre* a plain silver Goblet, and the like to

b Clauf.33. H. 3. in d. c Giff. f. 445. b.

the Lady *Alice de Verdon*; constituting Sir *Richard de Whitacre*, Sir *Robert de Verdon* Knights, *Edm. de Whitacre*, and *Jordan de Whitacre* his Executors.

After his death, that this Mannour came to the Earls of **Warwick**, it was assigned [d] (*inter alia*) for the dowrie of *Alice* the widow of *Guy de Beauchamp* in 9 *E.* 2. And upon the attainder of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** in 22 *R.* 2. it was [e] given to *Thomas Holland* Duke of **Surrey**; but after the depofall of K ng *Richard* 2. the faid Earl repoſſeſt it, with the reſt of his lands, again: amongſt which it was, in 2 *H.* 4. allotted [f] unto *Margaret* his widow for part of her dowrie: But coming with the reſt of **Warwick's** lands to *Richard Nevill* (the ſtout Earl) it was by him entailed [g] in 28 *H.* 6. and ſo, in 3 *H.* 7. came to the Crown, with **Warwick**-Caſtle, and the other lands belonging to that Earldom, as in **Warwick** I have manifeſted.

It ſeems that ſome Tenants, here, held their land in Villenage; for in 25 *H.* 8. the King (being then poſſeſt of this Mannour) did grant unto one *Thomas Miles* his Letters Patent [h] of Manumiſſion. In the Crown it continued till 7 *E.* 6. and then was by that King, together with divers other Lordſhips in this Countie, paſt [i] unto *John* Duke of **Northumb.** But upon his attainder in 1 *Mariæ*, returning again to the Crown, it was in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M.* granted [k] to *Thomas Marow* Eſquire, and *Alice* his wife, for terme of their lives, the remainder to *Samuell Marow*, one of the ſons of the ſame *Thomas* and *Alice*, and the heirs of him the ſaid *Samuell*, to be held in *Capite*, by the *xl*th part of a Knight's Fee, in whoſe line, which I have here drawn [*], it continueth to this day.

d *Clauſ.* 9. *E.* 2. *m.* 22.

e *Pat.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 2.

f *Clauſ.* 2. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 5.

g *F. de div. Com. levat.* xv. *Trin.* 28. *H.* 6. *Rec. oft. Mich.* 6. *E.* 4.

h *Pat.* 25. *H.* 8. *p.* 1.

i *Pat.* 7. *E.* 6. *p.* 8.

k *Pat.* 3. & 4. *Ph. & M. p.* 12.

* *Ex autog. penès* Edw. Marow. *ar.* *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers *ar.*

Will. Marow Grocerus (filius Steph. Marowe de Stebenhithe in Com. Midd.) Major Civ. Lond. an. 35 H. 6. — Cath. filia & cohær. Joh. Rich Civis & Mercerj Lond.

- Thom. Marow ſerviens ad legem obiit 21. H. 7.
- Will. Marrow filius & hæres 22 E. 4.
- Joanna filia Will. Chedworth Alderm. Lond.
- Johanna ux. Will. Clopton filii Ioh. Clopton de Melford in Com. Suff.
- Cath. ux. Rob. Throkmorton de Coughton mil.

Will. Marrow & Joanna Chedworth:

- Cath. fil. Rog. Wigſton de Wolſton in Com. Warw. ar. 28 H. 8.
- Thom. Marow ſenior ar. obiit an. 1530. ſepult. apud Wolſt.
- Ma-....filia Baldwini Dowſe de Balſhall ux. 1.
- Eliz. ux. Georgii Medley.
- Cath. ux. Rad. Daniel.

Thom. Marow & Ma-....filia Baldwini Dowſe:

- Edw. Marowe de Elmedon duxit..... filiam Andrei Flamok mil.
- Thomas Marowe de Hoxton in Com. Midd. obiit 3 Eliz.
- Alicia ſola filia & hæres Ric. Harreyong nupta 29 H. 8.

Thomas Marowe & Alicia Harreyong:

- Samuel Marow de Berkſwell in Com. Warw. ar. obiit... Aug. anno 1610.
- Margareta filia Ioh. Litleron de Frankley in Com. Wigorn. eq. aur.

Samuel Marow & Margareta Litleron:

- Edw. Marow eq. aur. obiit....an. 1632.
- Urſula filia Ric. Fienes D. Say & Sele.

Edw. Marow & Urſula Fienes:

- Sam. Marow ar. obiit... Aug. 1635.
- Anna filia Gerardi Whorwood de Sturton-Caſtro in Com. Staff. ar.
- Thomas. Edwardus. Franciſcus. Georgius. Iohannes.

Sam. Marow & Anna Whorwood:

- Edwardus Marow duxit Annam filiam Thom Grantham de Goltho in Com. Linc. eq. aur.
- Anna.
- Urſula.

The Church (dedicated to S. *John Baptiſt*) was in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [l] at xx. marks *per annum*, over and above the yearly *Penſion* of one mark, which the Collegiate-Church of **Tamworth** received out of it; and in [m] 26 *H.* 8. at *xiv* li. *xii* s. *iv* d. beſides *xi* s. payd out of it for *Procurations* and *Synodalis*

l *MS in Scac.*

m *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *b.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Ric. de Mundevile miles.	*Benedictus de Mundevile.*	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
	Will. de Wancy.	
	Fulco Lovel an. 1249.	
	Sim. de Cadinton.	
Guido de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Joh. de Dunclent Cler.* 16. *Cal. Jan.* 1307.	*Langt. f.* 28. *a.*
	Joh. Dod Pbr. 6. *Non. Maii.* 1309.	*Ib. f.* 35. *a.*
	Will. de Wellesburne 8. *Cal. Febr.* 1314.	*Ib. f.* 39. *a.*
Edw. Rex Angliæ, hac vice patronus.	*Ric. de Somerdby* 3. *Cal. Dec.* 1317.	*Ib. f.* 78. *a.*
Tho. de Bellocampo Comes Warw.	*Rog. de Ledbury Cap.* 3. *Non. Apr.* 1345.	*Northb. f.* 42. *a.*
	Joh. de Harewode Pbr. 3. *Non. Apr.* 1362.	*Stret. f.* 11. *a.*
	Joh. Midleton 1. *Septemb.* 1369.	*Ib. f.* 18. *a.*

Thomas

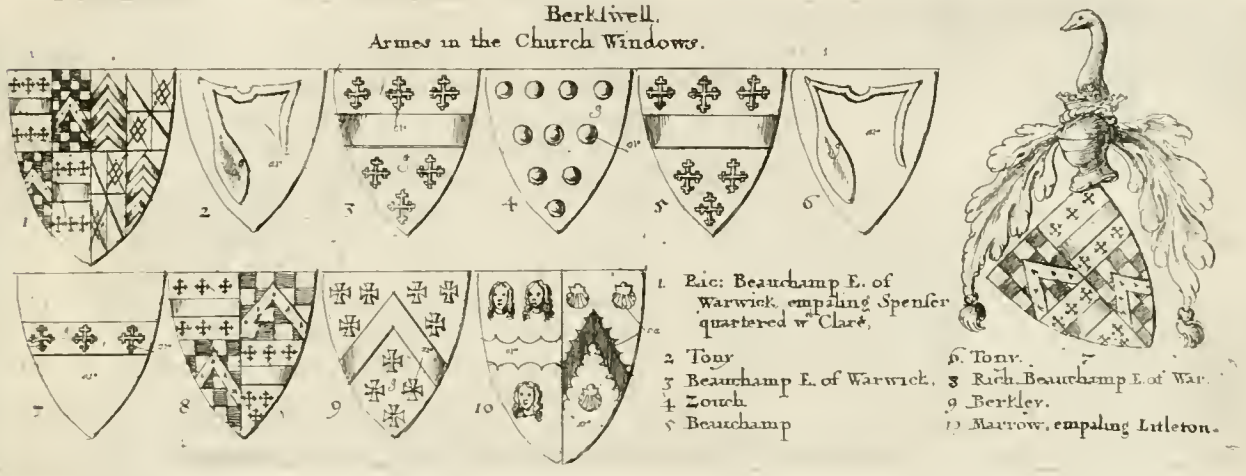
Ib.f.29.b.	*Thomas de B. Comes Warw.*	*Will. de Brugg primam habens tonſuram Cleric. 5. Maii* 1382.
Burgh.f.9. b.	*Henr. Rex ratione cuſtodiæ fil. & hær. T. Comitis Warw.*	*Will. Belle* 17. *Apr.* 1402.
Hegw.f.5. b.	*Ric. Comes Warw.*	*Thom. Caudray Cler.* 9. *Maii* 1421.
Ib.f.26.b.	*Joh. Verney, & alii Attornati Ric. Comitis Warw. in partibus tranſmar. exiſt.*	*Will. Garwardby Pbr.* 10. *Nov.* 1431.
Bowl.f.25. a.	*Ric. Comes Warw.*	*Ric. Fiſher Cap.* 17. *Julii* 1457.
Sampſ.& B.f.10.b.	*Thomas Marow.*	*Ric. Walker. Cler.* 11. *Oct.* 1557.
Ib.f.44.a.		*Will. Bolton* 3. *Febr.* 1570.
Ib.f.40.a.	*Sim. Marow ar.*	*Will. Stopton Cler.* 16. *Maii* 1573.
	Humfr. Perrot. gen. per aſſign. Edw. Marow eq. aur.	*Will. Wincote Cler.* 15. *Aug.* 1623.
	Jacobus Rex.	*Ric. Gardiner S. Theol. Bac.* 16. *Febr.* 1624.
	Rob. Lee de Bilſley miles.	*Franc. Foliot in Art. Magr.* 5. *Martii* 1626.

Morton hund. incert.

Upon a Marble whereon are the portraitures in braſs of two perſons in their Winding ſheets (under the man 5. Children, and under the woman two) is this Epitaph.

Of your charity pray for the ſoules of George Mathew, and of Alice his wife, ſon and heir of John Mathew, ſometime Skinner, and Shirife of Coventre; of them Jeſu have mercy, Amen. This was made by me George Mathew Anno Domini 1538.

Berkswell.
Armes in the Church Windows.



1. Ric: Beauchamp E. of Warwick empaling Spenser quartered w^th Clare.
2. Tony
3. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
4. Zouch
5. Beauchamp
6. Tony.
7.
8. Rich. Beauchamp E. of War.
9. Berkley.
10. Marrow, empaling Lutleton.

Barſton.

THis, though it lye on the other ſide the River, is in the Pariſh of **Berkswell**, and was antiently a place of far greater note; for by the Conqueror's Survey [n] it is rated at *x.* hides, mention being there made of it in two places; *ſcil.* under the title of the lands belonging unto *Turchil de Warwick*, and thoſe appertaining to *Robert Deſpenſer*; the reaſon thereof, (as it appeareth by the Record) being, becauſe *Robert Deſpenſer*, who in one place is called *R. de Olgi*, had it in mortgage of the before ſpecified *Turchill*; unto which *Turchil* it came by deſcent from *Alwine*, his Father, who purchaſed it of one *Ailmarus* by the conſent of King *William* the Conqueror. At the time of the ſaid Survey, the Woods here, were reputed to be half a mile in length and three furlongs in breadth; and the whole (together with a Mill, of *iv* s.) rated at *C* s. Beſides theſe *x.* hides doth the ſame Record manifeſt, that one *Robert* then held here of the King, half a hide, with a Mill eſteemed at *xx* d. and both together valued at *xx* s. All which were of the ſaid *Turchill's* inheritance: But the name hereof is variouſly written, *viz.* **Berfanestone** and **Bercestone**, and doubtleſs originally grew from ſome antient owner of it in the Saxons time.

n Domeſd. *Ib.*

I am of opinion that it then extended into **Berkswell**, and that almoſt all **Berkswell** was at that time included under the name of this place; forasmuch as that which is certified by the ſaid generall Survey to be in **Bercheſwell**, is ſo little, and this ſo much: but the extent of this Hamlet, I mean ſo much thereof as bore the name of **Berfanestone** (now **Barston**) was antiently given, partly to the Knights *Templars*; and partly to the *Hoſpitalars*; for in that Accompt [o] of 31 *H.* 2. (whereof I have ſpoke in **Balſhall**) the yearly value of what the *Templars* had here, amounted unto *iv* li. *vii* d. and is ſaid to be *de feodo Roberti Marmionis*, the Donors name being not expreſt. But that which the *Hoſpitalars* had, is recorded to be the one half of the village, and was beſtowed on them by *Alan de Faleis*, as appears by King *John's* Charter [p], who, in 1. of his reign, confirm'd it to them, together with the Park and Wood thereto appertaining. All which, together with what belong'd to the *Templars* (and came to the ſaid *Hoſpitalars*, with **Balſhall**, as I have there declared) at the generall diſſolution, *temp. H.* 8. being given to the King, was granted [q] out of the Crown in 4 *Eliz.* to *John Fiſher* and others.

o *In Scac. penès Rem. R.*

p *Cart. 1. Joh. p. 1. m. 106.*

q *Pat. 4. Eliz. p. 6.*

The Cuſtome [r], for what belong'd to the *Templars* here, was that their Tenants ſhould mow three days in the year, one at the coſt of the Houſe, (*ſcil.* as to Diet) and plow one day at the like charge, reap two days, one at their own finding, but

r *Ex Compot. ut ſupra, in Scac.*

on the other, to have half a Ramme or *iv* d. half a Cheese, *xii.* loaves, and half a pail of Drink: As also that they might not marry their daughters without the License of the Lord, nor sell their Horse-Colts, foaled upon the land, without the like License.

The Chapell here (dedicated to S. *Swythin*) having been long since annexed [f] to the Church of **Berkswell**, is provided of a Curate by the Parson of that Parish.

[f] *Burgh. f. 9. b.*

Monumentall Inscriptions in this Chapell.

Here lieth Rafe Alesbury Gentleman, and Alis his wife, which Rafe died Anno 1523.

Here lieth Baldwin Porter, son and heir of Thomas Porter Esquire, and Anne his wife, eldest sister of Thomas Littleton of Frankley Knight, one Justice of the Common-Pleas, temp. Edw. quarte: which Baldwin died . . . . . Anno 1499. *and Anne . . . . . Anno* 1506.

Morcote-Hall.

THis place had its name originally from the situation thereof, which is in a black mooriſh soil, and for antiquitie may be rankt with many that are of greater note; for it had a being in King *Henry* the second's time (and perhaps before) as appears [t] by *Nigel de Amundevill's* grant to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, whereof I have spoke in **Berkswell**, whereunto was witness *Hamon de Morcote*. To which *Hamon* succeeded *Alan de Morcote*, of whom I find mention [u] in 4 *H.* 3. whose son and heir, *John*, is sometimes stiled [w] *Johannes de Warwick*, and at other [x] *Johannes de Morcote*, being owner [y] also of a third part of **Radway** in this Countie. After which *John*, there was one *Walter de Morcote*, one [z] of the four Coroners in this Shire, in 1 *Edw.* 3. I am of opinion, that *Margaret* the wife to *William Warde* of **Charwelton** *in Com. Northampt.* was daughter and heir to the same *Walter*; for it appears, that upon the sale [a] of this place, called the Mannour of **Morcote**, with the appurtenances, in **Berkswell**, by the said *William* and *Margaret*, in 7 *R.* 2. unto one *Thomas del Borne*, there is speciall warrantie against her heirs, which shews that it was of her inheritance.

[t] *Regist. de Kenilw. f. 52.*
[u] *Rot. P. 4. H. 3.*
[w] *Cart. 19. E. 2. n. 6. per. Inspex.*
[x] [y] *Inq. per. H. Nott. &c.*
[z] *Clauſ. 1. E. 3. p. 2. m. 4.*
[a] *Fleyat. xv. Mart. 7. R. 2.*

This *Thomas*, being also one [b] of the Coroners at that time, died [c] the year following; in whose line it continued till about the later end of K. *Edw.* 4 reign: but then did *John Mathew*, a Skinner of **Coventre**, marry [d] the daughter and heir of that Family, and dying [e] in 13 *H.* 7. left issue *George Mathew* his son and heir, 12. years of age, whose great grandchild, *Henry*, now enjoys it (*ann. scil.* 1640.) and beareth for his Armes *Sable a Lion rampant Argent*, deriving his Descent [f] from *George Mathew*, a Welchman, father of the before specified *John*.

[b] [c] *Clauſ. 8. R. 2. m. 32.*
[d] [e] *Esc. 13. H. 7.*
[f] *Visit. com. Warw. 1619.*

Mireden.

THis place situate upon **London**-road, having from some Inns and Alehouses, built for the receipt of Passengers, grown of late times to the credit of a Village, doth now utterly eclipse the name of **Alspath**, by which, and none other, the Town it self (*sc.* where the Church standeth) was known, even from the Saxons times, till about the beginning of King *Henry* the sixt's reign; for of **Myredene** till [g] then, I have never seen mention in any authentique writing: so that, I conceive it to have been about that time, that the buildings in this *thorough-fare* increast to such a considerable number, that the name of the place, where they stand, came to be more frequently used, than that of the Town it self. Yet am I of opinion, that the place where the greatest part of **Myridene** now stands, was very antiently so called; for the later syllable **dene** importeth no lesse, being the old English word, that signifieth a Valley, as this is; which (I suppose) for the foulnesse thereof, was at first called **Miredene**.

[g] *Reg. de Coventre f. 48. b.*

By the Conqueror's Survey [h], where it is written **Alleſpede**, and certified to contain four hides, having Woods of a mile and half in length, and a mile in breadth, it appears, that the Countess *Godeva* possest it in *Edward* the Confessor's days: whence I conclude, that the famous Earl *Leofrike*, her husband (of whom I have spoke at large in **Coventre**) was formerly owner thereof: but at the time of the said Survey, it with the rest of the lands in this Shire, which the said Countess before the Norman invasion held, were in the King's hands, and ferm'd out by him to one *Nicholas*. This at that time being valued at *xxx* s. with **Coventre** and the rest, was granted afterwards to the Earl of **Chester**, as it seems: but, as yet, I have not seen when the first of that Familie, who assumed their firname from hence, was enfeoft of those lands here, which they enjoyed: Perhaps it was *Ivo de Alspath*, who lived [i] in *H.* 2. time; for before him I have not observed this firname attributed to any other.

[h] *Domesd. lib.*
[i] *Reg. de Cumba f. 34 a.*

To which *Ivo* succeeded *Gerard*, and *Walter*; but whether they were brothers or not, I am not certain. It seems that both these had a good share in this place; for *Gerard de Alspath*, son of that *Ger.* in 41 *H.* 3. obtained a Charter [k] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands, here: and *Walter* was [l] stiled *Dominus de* **Alspath**. This *Gerard* holding certain lands of *Richard de Amundevill*, Lord of **Berkswell**, for which he did [m] Homage in 33 *H.* 3. by his Deed [n] obligatory, bound himself to pay unto the said *Richard* and his heirs, a pair of gilt Spurs, yearly, at *Easter*, in **Berkswell**-Hall, or *xii* d. in money, whether they should please to choose. But that which *Walter de Alspath* had, descended to *William de Alspath*; who, in 32 *E.* 1. had also **Free warren** granted [o] to him in all his demesn lands thereof. This *William* had a daughter [p] called *Annabel*, second [q] wife to *Gerard de Alspath* (son and heir to the last mentioned *Gerard*) but whether she was an inheritrix, or not, I make a question. Which *Gerard* and *Annabel* had [r] issue Sir *Gerard de Alspath* Knight, a Servant, or at least a very great Well-wisher to *Roger Mortimer* Earl of **March**; who helping [s] to contrive the escape of the said *Roger*, out of the Tower of **London** (where he was a Prisoner, by reason of the diffe-

[k] *Cart. 4 H. 3. m. 5.*
[l] *Penes* Henr. Doughtie *Vicar. de* Mereden.
[m] [n] *Cartul. Warwici com. f. 80. a.*
[o] *Cart. 32. E. 1. n. 22.*
[p] [q] [r] *Ex vet. membr. penes* T. Helbech *gen.*
[s] [t] [u] *Pat. 4. E. 3. m. 39.*

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rence betwixt him and *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster**) fled [t] with him out of **England**; for which he got a speciall Pardon [u] in 4 *E.* 3.

Betwixt the descendants of this Sir *Gerard*, and *Margerie* his neice, grew afterwards suits [w] for a great part of these lands, the issue whereof was this, in brief; that the said *Margerie*, whom one *William Cocks* had taken to wife, past [x] away all her right unto *John de Chetwyn*; in whose line it continued, till 2 *E.* 6. that *Thomas Chetwyn* of **Ingestre** *in Com. Staff.* Esquire, sold [y] it, by the name of the Mannour of **Alspath**, *alias* **Myxdene** with th'appurtenances unto *John Hales* of **Coventre** Gentleman. Which *John*, by his [z] Deed bearing date 4 *Jan.* 4 *E.* 6. past it unto his brother *Christopher* and his heirs; who in 1. & 2. *Ph. & M.* sold [a] it unto *Edward Aglionby* Esquire, and *John Holbech* Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his wife, to the uses following; *viz.* the one moitie thereof to the said *Edward Aglionby* his heirs and assignes for ever; and the other to the said *Elizabeth* and the heirs of her body, begotten by *John Dabridgcourt* Gentleman, her late husband, and for lack of such issue, to the right heirs of the said *Elizabeth*. But afterwards, *viz.* in 6 *Eliz.* did *Thomas Dabridgcourt* Esquire (son [b] and heir to the said *John* and *Elizabeth*) pass [c] back their right and title therein, to the before specified *Edward Aglionby* and his heirs: which *Edward* within 4. years after, sold [d] it unto his son in Law *William Foster* Gentleman.

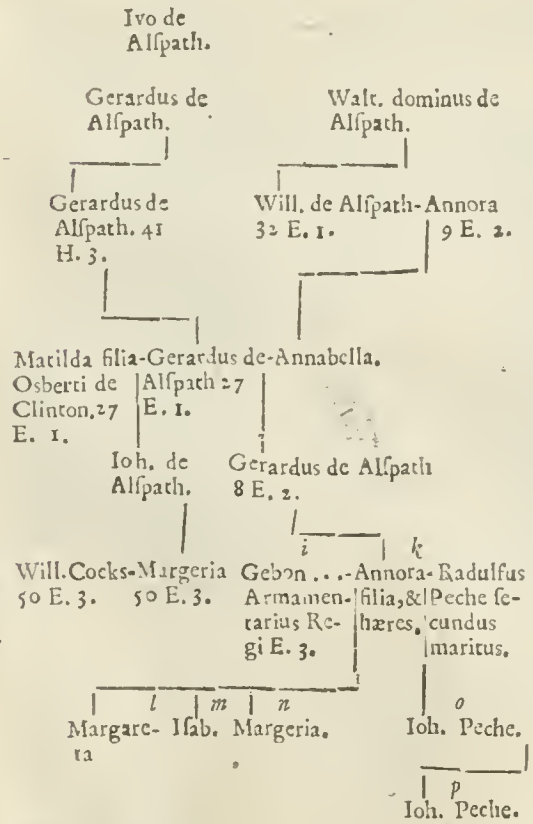
w *Plac de T. Mich. 50. E. 3. rot. 360.*

x *Ex præf. membr.*

y z a *Ex autog. penès Math. Holbech ar.*

b *Visit. Com. Warw. 1619.*

c *Fin. levat. T. Hill. 6. Eliz.*



i k l m n o p *Ex præf. vet. membr.*

And of this *William Foster* did *Richard Corbet* of **Clatercote** in *Com. Oxon.* Esquire, [e] purchase it in 25 *Eliz. viz.* to himself and *Mary* his wife, for their lives; with remainder to *Robert Corbet* of **Moxton**-*Corbet in Com Salop.* his brother, and his heirs: From which *Robert Corbet* it descended to *Elizabeth* his daughter [f] and heir, wife to Sir *Henry Wallop* of **Fairley** *in Com. Sutht.* Knight, who in 7 *Jac.* aliened [g] it to *William Andrews*, and *John Halsall* Gentlemen, and their heirs. From which *William*, and *John*, did *Thomas Holbech* Gentleman, [h] purchase the Capitall messuage, or Mannour place, with certain lands thereto belonging, in *June* 10 *Jac.* (the residue being, for the most part parcell'd out in petty sales to other persons) From whom it is come to *Mathew Holbech* his son and heir, that now enjoys it.

d e f g h *Ex autog. penès præf. M. H.*

Within the precincts of this Parish, had the *Segraves*, antiently, certain lands, and Rents, which were held of them immediatly of *John de Langley*, and by him of [q] the Earl of **Chester**'s heir; *viz. Hugh de Albini*, by the fourth part of a Knight's Fee; and in process of time, came to have the reputation of a Mannour; All which were extended [r] in 50 *H.* 3. for the rebellion of *Nicholas de Segrave*: but repossessing them again, by vertue of the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, they descended to *John de Segrave* his son and heir; who, having made a good addition to his inheritance, here, by purchase [s] of more from *Richard de Kyncton*; as also of a Mill with two Pooles, called *Horn-Poole*, and *Ness-poole*, from *Gerard de Alspath*, and *Maud* his wife, in 12 *E.* 2. obtained a speciall Charter [t], from the King, for a weekly **Mercate** upon the Tuesday, at this his Mannour of **Alspath** and a **Faire** yearly to last for eight days, beginning on the *Eve* of S[t] *Laurence* the Martyr. From which Family, with their other lands, it came [u] to the *Mowbrays*, Dukes of **Norfolk**, by a daughter and heir, as in **Caludon** appeareth; in whose line it continued till [w] *Edward* the fourth's time. But the next possessor [x] of it, of whom I have found mention, was *Thomas* Earl of **Derby**, in 11 *H.* 8. to whose posterity it continues till this present, *anno scil.* 1640.

q *Rot. Fin. H. 3. m. 11.*

r *Esc. 50. H. 3.*

s *Clauf. 19. E. 2. m. 15. in d.*

t *Cart. 12. E. 2. n. 64.*

u *Esc. 27. E. 3. n. 69.*

w *Esc. 1. E. 4.*

x *Hill. Rec. 11. H. 8. rot. 25.*

A fourth part of a Mannour, here, had one *Thomas de Paunton*, who levied [y] a Fine thereof, to Sir *Henry de Ardern* Knight, and others, in 38 *E.* 3. though not recorded till 1 *R.* 2. which was sold [z] afterwards to *Wyard*, if my Author mistake not; and from him came to *Robert Castell*, as I guess: for in 11 *H.* 4. had the said *Robert* a Charter [a] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here: This being that (as I conceive) which *John Waldeff.* Esquire, and *Margaret* his wife, were possest [b] of, in 15 *H.* 6.

y *Ott. Trin.*

z *Ex coll. H. Ferrers.*

a *Cart. 11. & 12. H. 4. n. 13.*

b *Ex autog. penès W. Burton ar.*

Within the precincts of this Parish also, had the Family of *Waldeff*, antiently, a Seat, which continued in that line for divers descents; but at length, by a daughter and coheir, came to *Walshe*; whereupon it had the name of *Walshe-Hall*, as we find at this day: the first of them, for whom I have seen any good authority, being *Gerard Waldeive*, who bestowed [c] on the Monks of **Coventre** certain lands here. To which *Gerard* succeeded *William*; who, about the beginning of K. *Edward* the first's time, gave [d] the yearly Rent of xx *d.* for the maintenance of two Lamps, to burn before the Altar of S[t] *Laurence* and S[t] *Nicholas*, in the Church of **Alspath**: as also two Waxen Tapers, to be lighted at the Elevation of the Host, in the said Church: And after him another *William*; but whether he were his son or grandson, I know not: which *William* was [e] in Commission for levying and collecting a *x*[th] and *xv*[th] in 23. *E.* 3. And having been one of the Coroners in this Countie, for some time, was in 34 E. 3. by reason of his debilitie, [f] discharged of that Office.

c *Reg. de Coventre f. 48. b.*

d *Ex autog. penès præf. H. Doughtie.*

e *Rot. F. 23. E. 3. p. 2. m. 13.*

f *Clauf. 34. E. 3. m. 42.*

This last mentioned *William* had issue [g] *Alan Waldeyffe*, who, by the marriage [h] of *Joane*, daughter and heir to *Richard de Whitacre*, became possest of **Elmedon**; and there resided [i] in 17 *R.* 2. The next year ensuing, he was Eschaetor [k] for this County and **Leicestershire**. In 21 *R.* 2. in Commission [l] for levying and collecting a *xv*th and *x*th. In [m] 2 *H.* 4. Eschaetor again. In 3 *H.* 4. in [n] Commission for levying and collecting the Aid, for marriage of *Blanch* the King's eldest daughter; and left issue [o] two daughters and heirs, *viz.* *Margaret* the wife to *Thomas Hore* of **Elmedon**, and *Elene* married to *Richard Walsh*; by which means these lands in **Alspath** came to *Walsh*, the said *Richard* being certified [p] in 1 *E.* 4. to hold the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, here, of the Duke of **Norfolke**, as of his Mannour which was *Segrave's*.

It seems that the heires male of this *Richard Walshe* continued the possession hereof for divers descents: for I find [q] that Sir *Richard Walshe* of **Sheldesley** *in Com. Wigorn.* Knight, was possest of it about the beginning of King *James* his reign, and that he left two daughters and heirs, *scil. Joyce* married to Sir *Rowland Cotton* of **Alkington** *in Com. Salop.* Knight, and *Anne*, to Sir *Thomas Bromley* Knight: Of which Sir *Rowland* and Dame *Joyce*, it was purchased [r] by *William Andrews* of **Northfield** *in Com. Wigorn.* Gentleman, and *William Replingham* of **Harborow** in this County Gentleman. 1. *Sept.* 16 *Jac.* who, within four years after, sold it [s] unto Sir *Robert Fisher* of **Packington** Knight and Bar. the now owner thereof *Anno scil.* 1640.

In 24 *H.* 8. *Roger Wigston* Esquire, purchased certain [t] lands lying here in **Alspath** of one *Robert Crowe*, and others, by the name of the fourth part of the Mannour of **Alspath**: and in [u] 25 *H.* 8. of *Richard Hoo* and others, by the name of the Mannour of **Alspath**; which *Richard Hoo*, as it seemes, had a grant [w] of them from *John Walsyngham*: all which were given [x] by the same *Roger* to the Hospitall of **Bablake** in **Coventre**.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) being very antiently given [y] to the Monks of **Coventre**, and appropriated [z] in 44 *H.* 3. was in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [a] at six marks, over and above an yearly *Pension* of three marks issuing out of it to the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield**: And [b] in 26 *H.* 8. at *Cxii* s. besides *ix* s. *vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

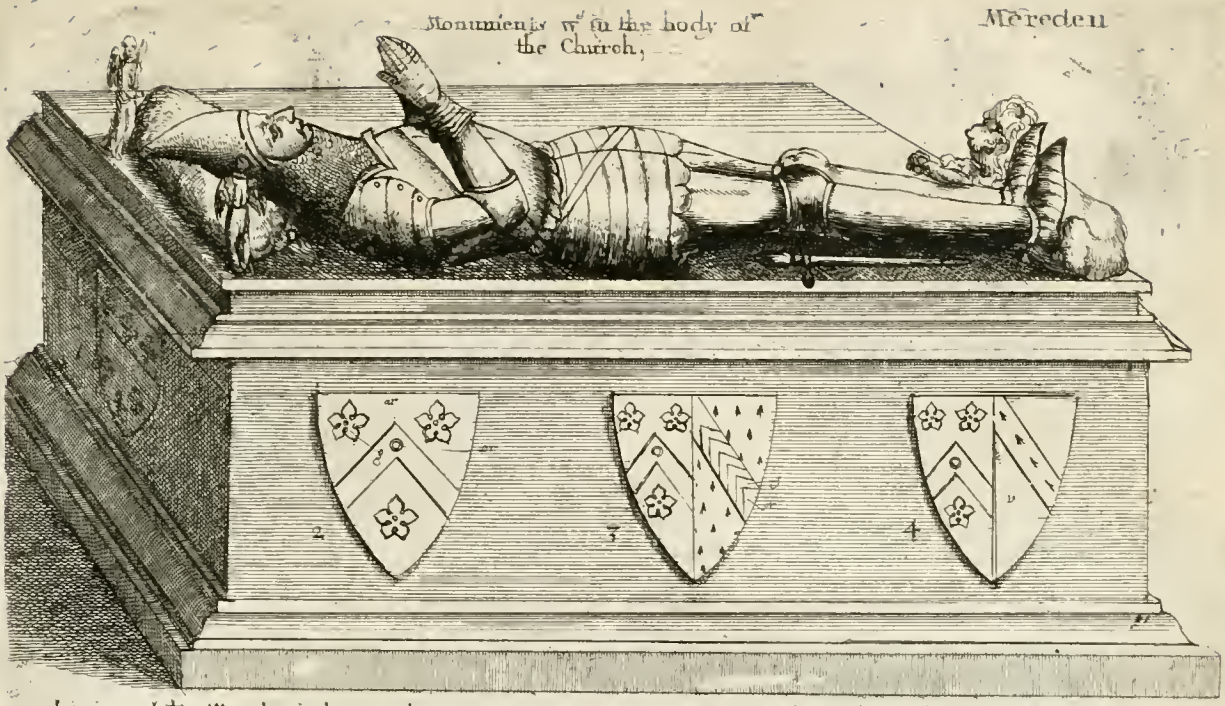
In the South Ile of this Church, there was a *Chantrie* founded by *John Wyard*, in 5 *H.* 4. (whose Monument is also there) and [c] endowed with lands to the value of *C* s. *per annum*: Which *John*, being an Esquire to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**; and in 2 *R.* 2. one [d] of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, had his residence [e] in this place. But that which belong'd to this *Chantrie*, was in Rents issuing out of lands lying remote from hence, and amounting to *iv* li. *per annum*, as was certified in 26 *H.* 8. upon the Survey [f] then made.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Prior & Conventus de Coventre.	*Will. fil. Gerardi de Alespath* 4. *Cal. Dec.* 1301.	*Langt. f.* 6. *b*
	Joh. de Kirkeby Cap. Non. Sept. 1312.	*Ib. f.* 33. *a.*
	Thomas Legat Pbr. 19. *Cal. Julii* 1321.	*Ib. f.* 79. *b.*
	Joh. Moyses Pbr. 6. *Cal. Sept.* 1361.	*Stret. f.* 9. *a.*
	Thomas Lucas Cap. 25. *Maii* 1411.	*Burgh. f.* 28. *b.*
	Joh. Heyfield Pbr. 20. *Junii* 1422.	*Heyw. f.* 9. *b.*
	Joh. Brokesby Pbr. 2. *Dec.* 1423.	*Ib. f.* 12. *a.*
	D. Will. Hancock 20. *Apr.* 1425.	*Ib. f.* 15. *a.*
	Rob. Tronmonger 15. *Oct.* 1426.	*Ib. f.* 18. *b.*
	Thomas Waghan Pbr. 13. *Apr.* 1445.	*Ib. f.* 42. *b.*
	Joh. Caryngham Pbr. 25. *Febr.* 1448.	*Bo. f.* 8. *a.*
	Joh. Summerland Pbr. 17. *Jan.* 1492.	*Bowl. f.* 138. *b.*
	Rob. Sherwood S. Theol. Professor 24. *Martii* 1528.	*Bl. f.* 14. *b.*
	D. Will. Wyrlyche 21. *Nov.* 1529.	*Ib. f.* 15. *b.*
	Ric. Mason Cap. 18. *Julii* 1533.	*Str. & P. f.* 2. *b.*
Rob. Acres, & alii, ratione Conceff. Pr. & Conv. de Coventre.	*D. Ric. Wenlok Cap.* 20. *Maii* 1544.	*Samps. f.* 40. *b.*
Margeria Belcher vidua.	*Henr. Williams Cler.* 6. *Oct.* 1582.	*Bund. B.*
Guliel. Wheate gen.	*Julinus Winspere Cler.* 14. *Martii* 1617.	*Overall bund. A.*
	Henr. Doughty Cler. 24. *Oct.* 1629.	*Morton bund. incert.*

[g] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. D. Digby.
[h] *Burgh. f.* 19. *a.*
[i] *Ex autog. penès præf.* H. D.
[k] *Rot. F.* 18. *R.* 2. *m.* 25.
[l] *Rot F.* 21. *R.* 2. *m.* 12.
[m] *Claus. f.* 2. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.
[n] *Rot. F.* 3. *H.* 4. *m.* 16.
[o] *Burgh. f.* 19. *b.*
[p] *Esc.* 1. *E.* 4.
[q] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Fisher *mil. &* B.
[r] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Fisher *mil. &* B.
[s] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Fisher *mil. &* B.
[t] *F. levat. T. Mich.* 24. *H.* 8.
[u] *F. levat. T. Mich* 25. *H.* 8.
[w] *F. levat. T. Mich* 25. *H.* 8.
[x] *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.
[y] *Rot. R.* Molend *m.* 4.
[z] *Rot. R.* Molend *m.* 4.
[a] *MS. in Scac.*
[b] *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 60. *b.*
[c] *Pat.* 5. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 3.
[d] *Claus. f.* 2. *R.* 2. *in. d. m.* 3.
[e] *Rot. Assis. in Com.* Warw. 5. *H.* 4. *rot.* 43.
[f] *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 56. *b.*

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Monuments w^t in the body of the Church, — Mereden



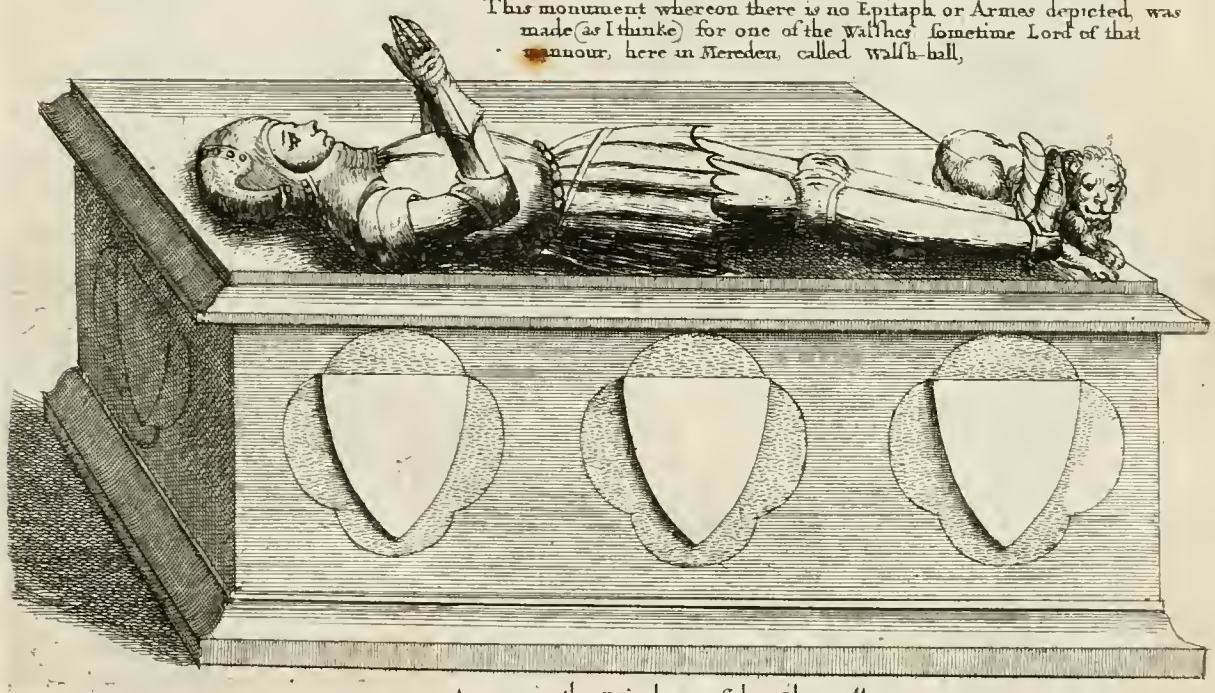
Hic iacet Iohes Wyard quondam armiger comitis de Warewick. fundator istius Cantarie, cuius anime propitietur deus, amen.

1 Beauchamp E of Warwick.
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4 Wyard empaling Wetenhall
5 Clinton of Maxstoke
6 Bagot
7 Walsh empaling Strange,

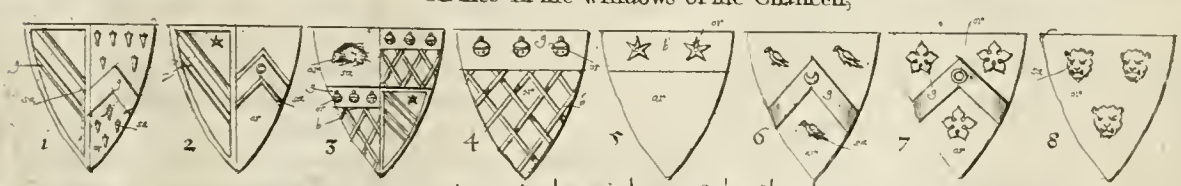
On the other side of the monument aboue exprest, are these Armes,



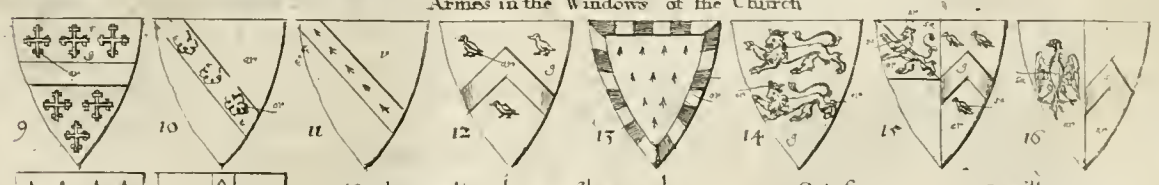
This monument whereon there is no Epitaph or Armes depicted, was made (as I thinke) for one of the Walshes sometime Lord of that mannour, here in Mereden, called Walsh-hall,



Armes in the Windows of the Chancell,



Armes in the Windows of the Church



1. Alspath empaling the Company of Mercers
2. Alspath empaling ——
3. —— quartering Sherwood and Alspath
4. Sherwood
5. Clinton of Maxstoke
6. Bagot
7. Wizard
8. Waldeane
9. Percie
10. Cokesey
11. Wetenhall
12. ——
13. ——
14. Strange
15. —— empaling Bagot
16. Millington empaling
17. Arden
18. ——

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BEfore the Norman Conqueſt, this was poſſeſt [g] by one *Aluuardus* a Saxon; but afterwards *Turchil de VVarwick* had it; and of him did *Godmund* his brother hold it at the time of the generall Survey, by which it was eſtimated for four hides, valued at xxx *s.* having two Mills rated at *ii* s. and Woods extending to a mile in length, and as much in breadth: but in that Record [h] it is written **Pattone**, the **c** being miſtaken for a **t**. Which *Turchil*, or *Siward de Arden* his ſon and heir, granted it unto *Geffrey de Clinton*, Founder of the Caſtle and Priorie of **Kenilworth** *temp. H.* 1. Whereby it deſcended to *Geffrey* his ſon, who gave [i] it to that Monaſtery for the reception of *Robert de Clinton* his brother, to be a Canon there; reſerving the like ſervice for it, as he himſelf was to perform for the ſame, *viz.* [k] half a Knight's Fee: whereupon the Canons of that Houſe acquitted him of *L* s. *per annum* lands, which he owed to them for the ſoul of his brother *William*; and beſides that, gave [l] him *xx.* marks of ſilver, and that Horſe for the great Sadle, formerly belonging to *Maurice de Clinton* his Nephew. Which grant was confirmed [m] by King *Stephen*, and likewiſe by [n] *Hugh de Arden*, and *Henry*, ſons of *Siward*, with the conſent of their other Brethren; who, in conſideration thereof, received from *Bernard*, the firſt Prior of that Houſe, ten marks of ſilver, and for *Cecilie* their mother one mark.

After which the ſaid Canons in 19 *E.* 1. obtained a Charter [o] of **Free warren** in all their demeſn lands here; the whole extent of their poſſeſſions within this Lordſhip, being about that time certified [p] at one Carucate and virgate of land, rated at *xxx* s. the profits of the ſtore *xx* s. In Rent of Aſſize *vi* li. *xix* s. Three Mills at *xl s. per annum*. In Pleas and perquiſites, yearly, *iv* s. and the Paunage *iii* s. The totall *xi* li. *xvi s.* But at the generall diſſolution in 30 *H.* 8. all coming to the Crown, it was, in 36. of the ſaid King's reign, aliened to *John Fiſher* Eſquire, for the ſum of 626 *li.* 1 d. by Patent [q] dated 20. *Sept.* to be held *in Capite* by the xx[th] part of a Knight's Fee, the yearly Rent reſerved thereupon to the Crown, being *Lvi* s. *ix* d. *per annum*. Which price was the more eaſy (as tis like) in regard of a long Leaſe thereof then in being: for in 27 *H.* 8. the Canons of **Kenilworth**, well diſcerning by the diſſolution of the leſſer Monaſteries, a greater ſtorme approaching, demiſed [r] it for *Lx.* years, thence next enſuing, unto one *William Wheeler*, the elder, of **Kenilworth**. From which *William* it came to *Simon Wheeler* his ſon; whoſe widow; *ſcil. Katherine*, daughter to Sir *Thomas Digby* of **Dinep** in **Buckinghamſhire**, marrying to the ſaid *John Fiſher*, gave him the firſt advantage of fixing here.

This *John* was [t] of the Family of thoſe *Fiſhers* of **Dottel** in **Shropſhire**, and one of the Penſioners [u] to King *Henry* the 8. K. *Edw.* the ſixt, Q. *Mary*, and Q. *Eliz.* and in 4 *Eliz.* [w] conſtituted Steward unto *Ambroſe Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, for the Caſtle and Borough of **Warwick**, with all the reſt of his Mannours in this County and **Leiceſterſhire**: for the execution of which Office, by himſelf or his Deputie, he had the yearly Fee of five marks. He it was that built the whole body of the preſent Fabrick here at **Pakinton**, as may be ſeen by the Armes carved on the timber-work, and ſet up in Glaſs through ſundry parts thereof: And had the Shiriffalty [x] of theſe Counties in 5 *Eliz.* being a Juſtice of Peace in this Shire, from the beginning of Queen *Maryes* reign till his death, which hapned [y] 8 *Martii* 13 *Eliz.* To whom ſucceeded *Clement* his ſon and heir; a perſon ſo much eſteemed for his integrity and prudence, by *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter**, that he conſtituted him his Treaſurer for that warlike expedition into the **Netherlands**, when he went Generall of the Engliſh Auxiliaries in *Anno* 1585. 27 *Eliz.* After which, being Knighted by King *James*, he made a Park of the Out-wood, and ſome other grounds, here: And having been imployed in all the affaires of greateſt moment relating to this Countie in his time, left iſſue *Robert* his ſon and heir, Knighted in his Father's life time; but afterwards advanced to the dignitie of a Baronet. Which Sir *Robert* raiſed that large Pool Eaſtwards from the Houſe, built the Lodge in the Park; and much adorn'd this Seat with other places of delight, and had iſſue ſeverall ſons and daughters, as the Deſcent * here inſerted ſheweth.

Ioh. Fiſher ar. — Katherina filia Thomæ Digby eq. aur.

Clemens Fiſher eq. aur. obiit 1619. — Maria filia Franc. Repington de Amington ar.

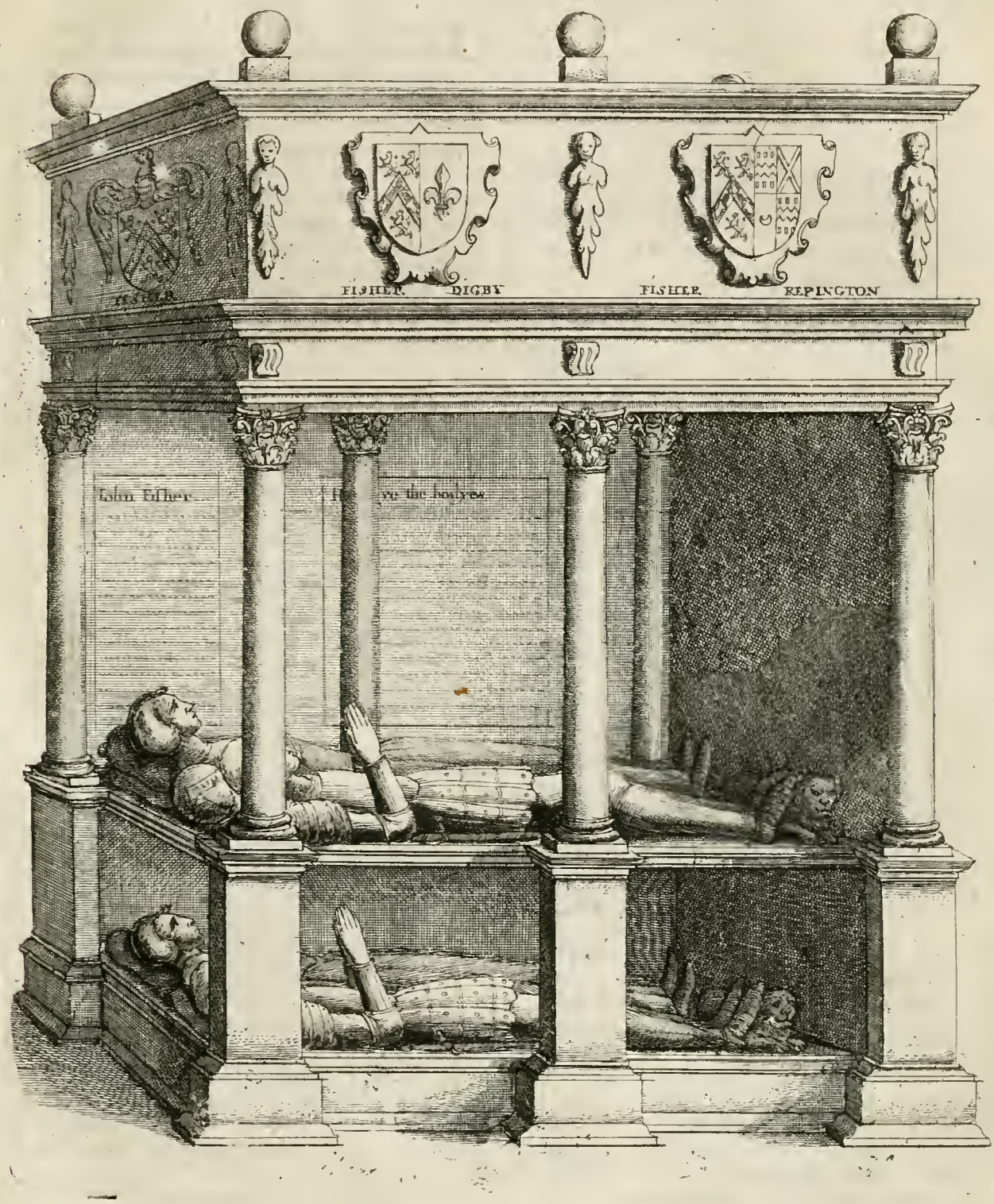
Rob. Fiſher eq. aur. & Bar.	Eliz. filia Anth. Tiringham eq aur.	Anna primò nupta Tho. Dilke eq. aur. poſtea Herv. Bagot Bar.	Leticia ux. Clem. Throkmorton eq. aur.	Maria ux. Edwardi Littleton eq. aur.

Clemens Fiſher natus an. 1613.	Thomas Fiſher.	Franciſcus Fiſher	Leticia ux. Ric. Shilton eq. aur.	Katherina ux. Thomæ Wightwick fil. & hæred. Ioh. Wightwick ſerv. ad legem.

The Church (dedicated to S. *James*) belonging, with the Mannour, to the Priory of **Kenilworth**, had firſt an yearly Penſion [z] of xxviii *s.* granted out of it to the Canons of that Houſe, by *Geffrey Muſchamp* Biſhop of this Dioces in King *John's* time: But afterwards, *viz.* in 6 *E.* 1. was totally appropriated to them by *Roger Molend*, then Biſhop, as appeareth by his publique Inſtrument [a] dated at **Tachebroke** 6 *Cal. Aug.* the ſame year. In *anno* 1291. 19 *E.* 1. it was valued [b] at *v.* marks and the Vicaridge at one mark: but in 26 *H.* 8. the ſame Vicaridge was rated [c] at vii *li.* x *s.* i *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

g Domeſd. *lib.*
h *Ib.*
i *Reg. de* Kenilw. *p.* 9.
k *Ib. p.* 29.
l *Ib. p.* 9.
m *Ib. p.* 145
r *Ib. p.* 29. & 30.
o *Cart.* 19. *E.* 1. *n.* 51.
p *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
q *Pat.* 36. *H.* 8. *p.* 6.
r *Regiſt. de* Kenilw. *penès* S. Clarke *B.*
f *Viſit. Com.* t *Warw.* 1619.
u *Inſcrip. Tum.*
w *Ex antog. penès* Rob. Fiſher *Mil.* & *B.*
x *Rot. P. d cod. an.*
y *Eſc.* 13. *Eliz.*
* *Viſit. Com. War an.* 1619.
z *Regiſt.* de Kenilw. *p.* 65.
a *Pat.* 8. E 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 3. *per. Inſp.*
b *MS in Scac.*
c *MS. penè* S. A. *eq. au f.* 56. *b.*

In the North Ile of the Church.



The Inscriptions upon the preceding Monument.

John Fisher Esquire, and Katherine his wife, the daughter of Sir Thomas Digby Knight, dyed in March, A° Domini 1570. and left issue Clement and Thomas; which Thomas dyed in Ireland without issue, whose souls rest in heaven. The other lives confessing Christ & trusting to be saved by his death.

The said John served K. Henry the eight, K. Edward the sixt, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, in Court, as Gentleman Pensioner to them all.

Here lye the Bodyes of Sir Clement Fisher Knight, Lord of this Mannour, and Dame Mary his wife, the Daughter of Francis Repington of Amington Esquire; who had issue Robert, and three other sonns, who dyed Infants. They had also issue three daughters; viz. Anne the eldest married to Sir Thomas Dilke of Maxstoke; Lettice the second marryed to Sir Clement Throgmorton of Haseley; and Mary the third married to Sir Edward Littleton of Pillington-Hall.

This tombe my death shall cause me to remember,
And make me live to live hereafter ever;
And gladly to Gods hands my soul surrender,
Prepar'd by Faith which, faith shall faile me never.
Ile wave this life, and seek that life which lasteth;
Since that which now I have at length death blasteth.
I owe a debt, which debt I cannot pay;
Nor can from thraldome worke my own redemption:
'Tis only Christ who willing is and may,
To worke from sinne and payne my free exemption.
God grant I live as worthy of his favour
And that my death of heavenly life may savour.

The said Sir Clement dyed October 23. Aº D. 1619. Dame Mary his wife dyed ....

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Langt f.33. a.		Galfr. Marmion prid. Non. Martii 1312.
Northb. f. 31.b.		Thomas de Shepey Cap. 6. Cal. Dec. 1337.
Strct.f.32.a		Ric. de Wessford Pbr. 23. Apr. 1384.
Burgh f. 16.a.		Ric. Hilve 28. Aug. 1405.
Ib.f.31.b.		Joh. Cokkys 5. Sept. 1412.
Ib.f.34.b.		Joh. Richeford Cap. 27. Martii 1414.
Eull.f.2.a.		Will. Hervy Cap. ult. Martii 1416.
Heyw.f.33. a.	Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	Joh. Toures Pbr. 5. Oct. 1434.
Ib.f.38.b.		Ric. Lache ult. Apr. 1440.
Bo.f.11.a.		Will. Haddon Cap. 5. Febr. 1450.
Bowl.f.10. b.		Thom. Ludlowe. 25. Jan. 1454.
Bl.f.3.a.		Joh. Wright Cap. 25. Jan. 1503.
Ib.f.13.b.		Joh. Clerke art. Magr. 12. Martii 1527.
Ib.f.15.b.		Nich. Lyn 10. Martii 1529.
Str.& P.f. 17.a.	Joh. Fisher gen. ratione dimiss. &c. H.8. Regis Angl.	D. Will. Ravys Cap. 10. Nov. 1539.
Sampf.& B.f.45.a.	Clemens Fysher ar.	Will. Shuttleworth 16. Jan. 1572.
Overton bund.F.		Rob. Osburne Cler. 14. Oct. 1596.
Morton; bund.incert	Rob. Fysher miles & Bar.	Georgius Gearye in art. Pac. 5. Nov. 1623.

Armes in the East Window of the Chancell.

Chequie Or and Azure. *Warren* Earl of **Surrey.**

Varrè. Arg. and sable a Fesse gules. } Bracebrigge.

In the body of the Church is a graye-stone, and thereon a portraiture in brass, with this Epitaph.

Hic iacet dominus Johannes Wright quondam Vicarius istius Ecclesie; qui obiit viii die mensis Martij Anno Domini 1527. Cujus anime propicietur Deus.

Maxstoke.

DEscending somewhat lower by the guidance of this River, I come to **Marstoke**, in the Conqueror's Survey [d] written **Machitone**, and certified to contain five hides, except one virgate, the Woods being one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, and the whole valued at *xls.* which then belonged unto *Turchil de Warwick* (*Alnod* holding it as his Tenant) but in *Edward* the Confessor's time, to one *Ailmundus*. I have not seen when it was first granted from the Descendants of that *Turchil*, unto the *Limesies*, Lords, of **Long-Ichinton** and **Solihull**, in this Countie (of which later, *viz.* **Solihull**, it was reputed [e] a member in 15 *E.* 2.) but that they had it, and very antiently, appears by the Shiriff's Accompt in [f] 6 *Joh.* where *John de Braiose*, and *Amabil* his wife, gave a Fine of *XL.* marks and a Palfrey, to have possession of it and **Bulef**; unto both which, *Alice* the widow of *John de Limesie*, brother to the said *Annabil*, being at that time Countess of **Warwick**, claimed an interest; having had the King's Precept for receiving seisin thereof, for which she had likewise given a Fine: but in that Record it is written **Marfoc**.

From this *Amabil*; for she died without issue (as by the Descent in **Ichington** appeareth) it came to *William de Odingsells*, son of *Hugh de Odingsells*, by *Basilia* her sister: Which *William* in 34 *H.* 3. had a Charter [g] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here; and left issue *William*, who, in 13 *E.* 1. claimed, here likewise, a **Court-Leet**, with Gallows, Tumbrell, and Assize of Bread and Beer, by Prescription, which were allowed [h]; the Hamlets of **Merkon** and **Cotes** (now **Coton**) being members [i] thereof, the same *William de Odingsells* having *xiv.* Freeholders there, from whom he received *xxxvi s. viii d. per annum* Rent. Unto which *William* succeeded *Edmund* [k] his son and heir, who dying without issue, the inheritance came to be divided betwixt [l] his four Sisters and heirs, whose names with their matches I have in **Solihull** expresst. Of these *Ida* [m], the eldest had this Lordship for her share; and by marriage with *John de Clinton*, one of the sonns unto *Thomas de Clinton* of **Amington** (eldest son of Sir *Thomas de Clinton* of **Colshill**) brought it unto that Family; wherein it continued till 16 *H.* 6. that Sir *William de Clinton* passed it away, in exchange, unto *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford*, for two Lordships in **Northamptonshire**, as I shall shew by and by. But forasmuch as the said *John de Clinton* and his descendants, being persons of much eminency, had here their seat; I shall, before I proceed farther, say something, historically, of them.

This *John*, before his marriage with the said *Ida*, resided [n] at **Aminton**, as his Father did; and was called [o] *John de Clinton junior*, whilst his Uncle *John* (whose seat was at **Colshill**) lived. In 29 *Edw.* 1. he served [p] in the Parliament at **Lincolne** as one of the Knights for this Shire; and the same year had speciall Summons [q], amongst divers other eminent persons, to attend the King at **Barwick** upon **Twede**, on the Feast day of the *Nativitie* of *S. John Baptist*, to march against the Scots: At which time the King invading [r] **Scotland** with his Army Royall, as a badge of his favour

d Domesd. lib.

c *Ex autog. penès* T. Lucie *mil.*

f *Rot. P. de eodem an.*

g *Cart.* 34. *H.* 3.

h *Rot. de Quo w.*

i *Esc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 130.

k } *Ib.*
l }

m *Pat.* 8. *E.* 2 *p* 1. *m.* 2.

n *Cart.* 28. *E.* 1. *n.* 14.

o *Ex autog. penès* R. Leveson *mil. de Balreo.*

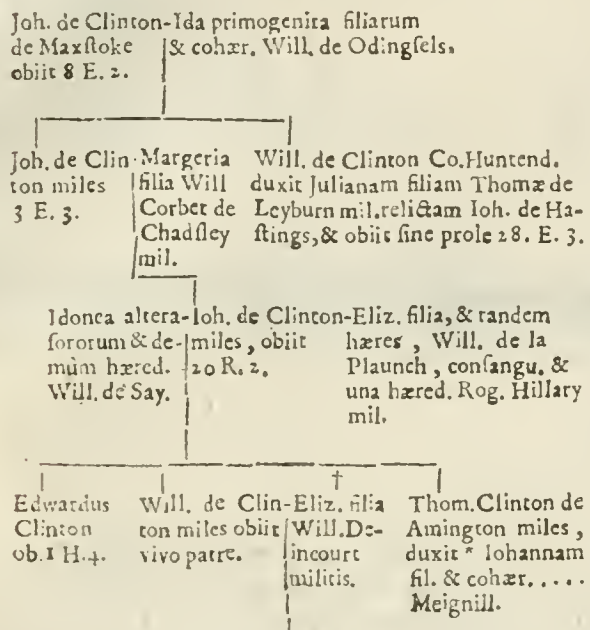
p *Claus.* 29 *E.* 1. *m d. m* 17.

q *Ib. m.* 13.

r *Hist. T. Walsingh. an.* 1302.

favour to this *John*, for his speciall service in that expedition (whom he calls *noſtre chier vadlet* (his beloved [r] Esquier) by his Letters [s] Patent dated at **Glaſcow** 2. *Aug.* ensuing, granted unto him lands, in that Kingdom, to the value of *XL* li. *per annum* according to an indifferent extent, being part of the estate belonging to *Malcolme Dromond*, then in Arms against the said K. *Edward*. After which: *viz.* in *June* 34 *E.* 1. he attended [u] *Edw.* P. of **Wales**, by the King's speciall command into **Ponthieu**: and in 1 *E.* 2. was made [w] Governour of the Castle and Honour of **Wallingford**: But in 8 [x] of the said King's reign, he departed [x] this life, leaving *John* his [y] son and heir within age, and *William* a younger son, who became a person of great eminency, as I shall shew anon.

r *Vide Pat.* 25. *E.* 1. *m.* 5.
s *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
u *Pat.* 34. *E.* 1. *m.* 20.
w *Rot. F.* 1. *E.* 2. *m.* 2.
x *Clauſ.* 9. *E.* 2. *m.* 12.
y *Eſc.* 9. *E.* 2. *n.* 53.



† * *Ex vet. cod. MS. penes* Rob. D Digby.

Which *John* in [z] 17 *Edw.* 2. was a Knight and in 3 *Edw.* 3. constituted [a] one of the Conservators of the Peace in this Countie: howbeit, shortly after, he arrived to far greater advancement (by his Brother's means, as I guess) for in 6, 7. & 8 *E.* 3. he was summoned [b] to Parliament amongst the Barons of this Realm: but little have I farther seen in relation to him, though he lived till the twentieth year of this King's reign at least, other than that he bore [c] for his Armes *Argent upon a cheif Azure, two Mullets of 6. points Or, peirced gules*; and that he wedded [d] *Margerie* the daughter to Sir *William Corbet* of **Chadsley** in **Worcestershire**, in 18 *Edw.* 2. by whom he had issue Sir *John de Clinton* Knight his son and heir: but his story I shall respite for a while, till I have spoke of *William* his noble Uncle, whose great actions and eminent imployments made no small splendor amongst our English Worthies of that age.

z *Ex Coll.* H. Ferrers.
a *Pat.* 3. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 16.
b *Clauſ. de iſſd. an. in d.*
c *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
d *Clauſ.* 3. *E.* 3 *in d. m.* 36.

This *William* being a * Knight, in 17 *Edw.* 2. wedded [e] *Julian* the daughter [f] and heir unto Sir *Thomas de Leybourn*, widow [h] of *John* Lord *Haſtings* of **Bergavenny**, in 3 *Edw.* 3. Which match was (as I guess) a great step to his farther advancement: For the next year following, he was constituted [i] Justice of **Chester**, *ſcil.* 23. *Oct.* and within lesse than two months after, Constable [k] of **Dover** Castle, as also Warden of the *Cinq-Ports*: in which high places his prudence grew so conspicuous, that he was thought worthy to be rankt amongst the superiour Nobility, and thereupon had summons [l] to the Parliament held at **Westminster**, in 5 *Edw.* 3. which advancement to Honour, did rather increase his pietie than elate his minde: For having that very year obtained License [m] to amortize *xx* li. *per annum* Lands and Rents lying here, in **Parſtoke**, together with the advowson of the Church, for the maintenance of certain *Chantry-Priests* to celebrate divine Service daily there, for the soul of King *Edward* the third, after his departure out of this life, and for the souls of his Ancestors; as also for his own soul, and the soul of *Julian* his wife; about five months following, he setled [n] the number of five Priests, for the purposes aforesaid. In 7 *E.* 3. he was constituted [o] Admirall of the Seas on the Western coast of **England**. In 10 *Edw.* 3. he began [p] the Foundation of a goodly Monastery for *Canons Regular* of *S. Augustin*, on the South part of this Lordship, which he amply endowed (as I shall shew by and by) And standing high in the King's favour, became forthwith advanc't to the Earldome of **Huntendon**, as by his Charter [q] of Creation dated 16. *Martii*, 11 *Edw.* 3. appeareth; having not onely *xx* li. given [r] him out of the issues of that Countie, to be payd by the Shiriff at the Feasts of *Easter* and *Michaelmasse*, yearly; but for his better support of that Honour, in consideration of his former acceptable services, a grant [s] of a thousand marks *per an.* lands, to himself and the heirs male of his bodie for ever: And moreover a speciall Precept [t] directed to *Rich. de Feriby*, late Master of the Wardrobe, to account and make satisfaction unto him for his Fee and Robes due from the time that he had been retained to serve the said King as a Baneret.

e *Ex coll.* H. F.
f *Clauſ.* 3. *E.* 3. *m.* 27.
g *Clauſ.* 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 3.
h *Eſc.* 41. *E.* 3. *n.* 34.
i *Pat.* 4. *E.* 3. *p.* 2 *m.* 32
k *Rot. F.* 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 11.
l *Clauſ.* 5. *E.* 3. *in d.*
m *Pat.* 5. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 12.
n *Pat.* 6. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 12 *Northb. f.* 64 *a.*
o *Rot. Scot.* 7. *E.* 3. *m.* 17.
p *Pat.* 10. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 32.
q *Cart.* 11. *E.* 3. *n.* 41.
r *Pat.* 11. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.
s *Pat.* 11. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.
t *Clauſ.* 11. *E.* 3 *p.* 2. *m.* 5.

In 12 *Edw.* 3. he had another Patent [u], constituting him Constable of **Dover**-Castle again: So likewise in 15 *E.* 3. for being Admirall [w] of the Western Seas; and in [x] 17 *E.* 3. for the custodie of all the King's Forests from **Trent** Southwards. Being therefore thus honoured and inricht, and also advanc't to such places of power and trust, in 19 *E.* 3. he began the [y] Foundation of a fair and strong Castle, here, in a quadrangular forme, for the behoof of his nephew, *John de Clinton*, and his heirs (having no issue of his own body) the Prospect whereof is represented on the next page; making [z] a Park of the Out-wood: And the next year following, he received [a] the summe of 823 *li.* 12 *s.* 04 *d.* of the King's gift, as a remuneration of his services in the Warrs beyond Seas. This noble Earl bore [b] for his Armes *Argent Cruſule fichè ſable, upon a Cheif Azure two Mullets Or, pierced Gules*; which Coat differs from that of his elder brothers onely in the *Croſslets*, having not been born by any other of this Family till of late time. By his Testament [c] bearing date 23. *Aug.* 1354. (28 *Edw.* 1.) he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priorie-Church, here, at **Parſtoke**, and departed [d] this life 25. *Aug.* the same year, leaving Sir *John de Clinton* Knight (his brother's son) his next heir, then 28. years of age. Which Sir *John* from 31 *Edw.* 3. during all the same King's reign, as

u *Pat.* 12. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 4.
w *Rot. Alem.* 15. *E.* 3. *m.* 6. *& m.* 28.
x *Rot. F.* 17 *E.* 3. *m.* 1.
y *Pat.* 19. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 25.
z *Clauſ.* 20. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 3.
a *Pat.* 21. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 14.
b *Ex feneſtra Eccl. de* Maxſtoke.
c *Ex vet. MS. cod. penes* Rob. D. Digby.
d *Eſc.* 28. *E.* 3. *n.* 59.

also of K. *Ric.* 2. till his death, having [e] ſummons to every Parliament with the reſt of the Engliſh Barons, was likewiſe imployed in ſundry affairs of truſt in this County; *viz.* in [f] 41 *E.* 3. and [*] 15 *R.* 2. for arraying of men; in [g] 3, 5, [h] and 6 [i] *Ric.* 2. for purſuing of the Rebells; and in 20 *R.* 2. upon the attainder and baniſhment of *Tho. de Beauchamp* E. **Warwick**, had the Caſtle of **Warwick**, with all the lands and Mannours thereto belonging, committed to [k] his cuſtody.

e *Clauſ. de iiſd. an. in d.*

f *Pat.* 41. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 32.

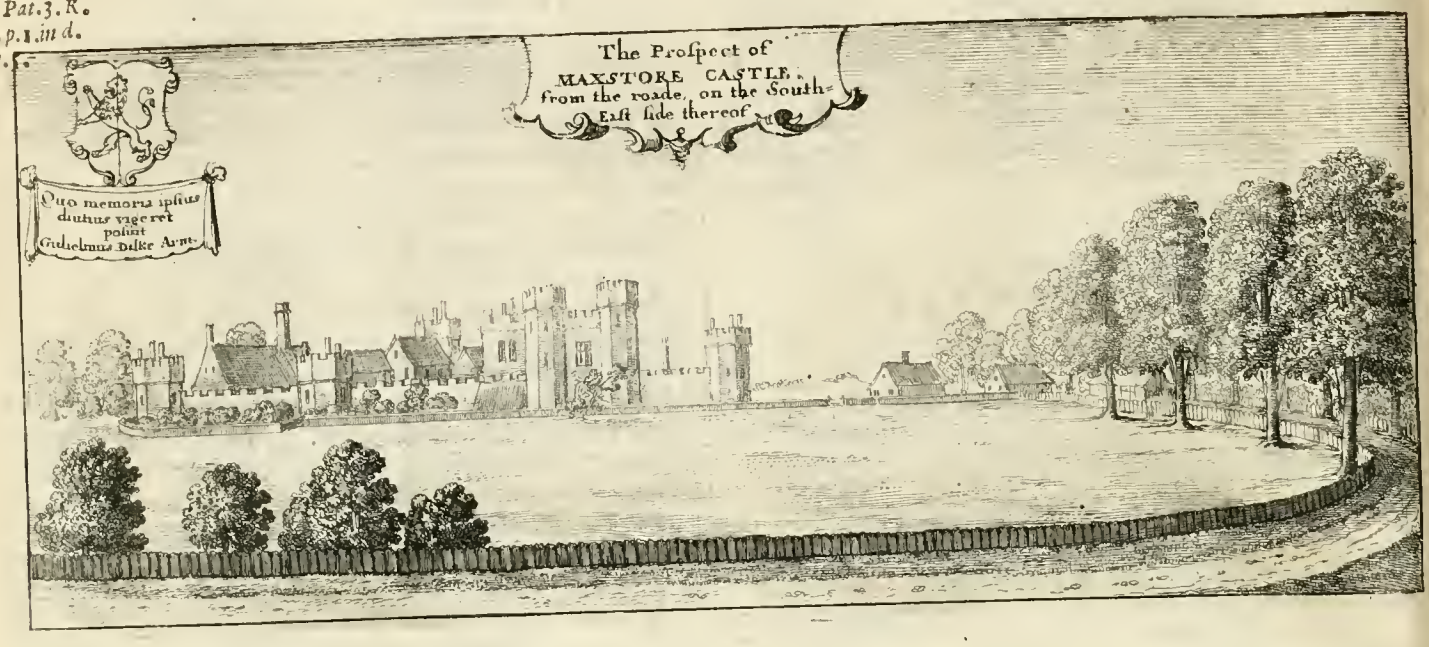
* *Pat.* 15. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 6.

g *Pat.* 3. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 6.

h *Pat.* 5. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m d. m.* 4.

i *Pat.* 6. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 28.

k *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 29.



By *Idonea* [l], his firſt wife, one of the ſiſters and at length coheirs unto *William* Lord *Say*, he left iſſue Sir *William* [m] and Sir *Thomas* [n] *de Clinton*, both K^ts^ and *Edward* [o] a younger ſon: Of which Sir *Thomas* I ſhall take farther notice when I come to **Aminton**, but Sir *William* (the eldeſt) died before him in 7 *R.* 2. His ſecond wife was *Elizabeth* [p], one of the daughters & heirs to *Will. de la Plaunch* of **Haverſham** in *Com. Buck.* having been firſt [q] married to *Robert* Lord *Grey* of **Rotherfield**, ſecondly [r] to Sir *John de Bermingham*, of **Bermingham** in this Countie, thirdly [ſ] to him, and laſtly [t] to Sir *John Ruſſell* Knight. But by her, having no iſſue, he departed [u] this life in 20 *R.* 2. leaving *William* his grandſon his next heir, and of full age: which Lady *Elizabeth* held [w] this Caſtle, with other lands ſetled upon her at marriage, during her life; and having been a great Benefactreſs to the foundation of the Collegiate-Church at **Knoll**, in 4 *H.* 5. at length became one of the coheirs to Sir *Roger Hillarie* Knight, as apeareth by her Deed [x], whereunto her Seal of Armes is affixt, in which ſhe bears her paternall coat in the mid'ſt, and the two Noble-men, her husbands, on the dexter ſide, with the two Knights (*Bermingham* and *Ruſſell*) on the other: In whoſe Teſtament [y] I finde little memorable, farther than that ſhe diſpoſed her body to be buried in the Chancell at **Haverſham**, above ſpecified, before the Image of our Lady, and gave to the Canons, here, at **Marſtoke**, to pray for her ſoul, and the ſoul of the Lord *Clinton*, her husband, *xl* s. But in 2 *H.* 6. ſhe died [z], being more than *Lxxx.* years of age; ſo that then the poſſeſſion [a] of this Caſtle and Mannour returned to her grandſon-in Law, *ſcil.* Sir *William de Clinton* Knight, Lord [b] *Clinton* and *Say*.

l *Rot. F.* 6. *H.* 6. *m.* 7.

m *Eſc.* 20. *R.* 2. *n.* 15.

n *Ex cod. vet. MS. penès præf.* Rob. D. Digby.

o *Eſc.* 1. *H.* 4.

p *Clauſ.* 35. *E.* 3. *m.* 4.

q *Pat.* 12. *R.* 2. *p.* 1.

r *Clauſ.* 35. *E.* 3. *m.* 4.

ſ *Eſc.* 2. *H.* 6.

t *Clauſ.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 5.

u *Eſc.* 20. *R.* 2. *n.* 15.

w *Clauſ.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 12.

x *Ab. ex-emp'. ejuſdem inter Collect. S.* Erdſwike *ar.*

y Chichley *f.* 366.

z *Eſc.* 2. *H.* 6.

a *Rot. F.* 2. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.

b *Pat.* 10. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.

Which Sir *William* ſate in Parliament, with the reſt of the Barons, from 23 *R.* 2. till his death, as appears by his ſeverall ſummons [c]. In 1 *H.* 4. he was in Commiſſion [d] for arraying of men in this Countie, and in 9 *H.* 5. retained by [e] Indenture to ſerve the King in his warrs of **France**, with *xl.* men at Armes; *viz.* himſelf, one Knight, and the reſt Eſquires, as alſo *CCC.* Archers well and ſufficiently mounted, armed, and arrayed; taking for himſelf *iv* s. *per diem*, for the Knight *ii* s. and for each other man at Armes *i* s. with the reward accuſtomed. Neither was he forgetfull of the before mentioned Canons here at **Marſtoke**; for I finde that [f] in 10 *H.* 4. he beſtowed on them *x li.* yearly Rent iſſuing out of certain lands lying in **Dunton-Baſſet** in *Com. Leic.* And having [g] married *Anne*, daughter [h] to the Lord *Botreaux*, but widow [i] of Sir *Fouk. Fitzwarin* Knight, departed this life in 10 *H.* 6. leaving *John* his ſon and heir *xxii.* years of age: Of whom I have little to ſay, conſidering that within ſix years after he came to his eſtate, he paſſed away the inheritance of this Caſtle and Lordſhip, unto *Humphrey* Earl *Staffford*, and *Anne* his wife, in exchange for the Mannours of **Whiſhton**, and **Wodeford**, in **Northamptonſhire**, as by the Deed [k], whereunto his Seal of Armes is affixt (*viz. quarterly Clinton* and *Say*, *with two Greyhounds ſupporting the Timbre*) appeareth; which bears date 17. *Maii* 16 *H.* 6. After which though he retained ſome other Lordſhips in this County, yet did he not reſide therein; ſo that here I am to leave this branch of that ancient and noble Family (from whence the now Earl of **Lincolne** is lineally deſcended) and trace down the ſucceſſion of this Caſtle through ſuch other hands as it hath ſince fallen into.

c *Clauſ. de iiſd. an in d.*

d *Pat.* 1. *H.* 4. *p.* 5. *m.* 35.

e *Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.*

f *Pat.* 10. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.

g *Ex cod. MS. penès præf.* Rob. D. Digby.

h *Pat.* 10. *H.* 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 5.

i *Eſc.* 10. *H.* 6. *n.* 36.

k *Ex autog. penès* T. Dilke *eq. aur. an.* 1609.

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It seems that the before specified Earl, had a a very great liking to this Castle; for no sooner did he so obtain it, but that he plated the Gates all over with Iron, and adorn'd them with his own Coat, impaled with *Nevill* (his wife being the daughter to *Raphe Nevill* Earl of **Westmerland**) and supported by two *Antelopes*, in respect that *Anne*, his mother, was one of the daughters and coheirs unto *Thomas* of *Woodstoke* Duke of **Gloucester**: And in further memorie that these Gates were then so strengthened and beautified, he caused the *burning Nave*, and *Knot* (the antient Badges of his Ancestors) to be imbossed in the Iron-work thwarting the midst thereof, as are yet to be seen. This great Earl, being created Duke of **Buckingham** in 23 *H.* 6, constituted [l] *William Draycote* his Constable of this Castle; for executing which Office, he had the Fee of five marks *per annum*. Within the body thereof is a little Chapell, in which, by speciall dispensation from *Reginald Boulers* then Bishop of this Dioces, was solemnized [m] the marriages of *John Talbot* son and heir to *John Talbot* Earl of **Shrewsbury**, and *Katherine Stafford*, one of the daughters of this Duke, in 36 *H.* 6. As also of *John Stafford* one of his younger sons (afterwards created [n] Earl of **Wiltshire**) and *Constance* the daughter of *Henry Greene* Esquire. To which Duke succeeded *Henry* his grandson; upon whose attainder in 1 *Ric.* 3. the custodie of it was committed [o] to *Walter Grant*, one of the Gentlemen-Ushers to the Queen.

The next thing observable thereof, is, that King [p] *Ric.* 3. upon his march towards **Nottingham**, in the last year of his reign, came from **Kenilworth** hither, and commanded, that part of the inner buildings should be taken down and carried to that Castle, with all speed: but what was done therein I know not, for he was soon after slain at **Bosworth-field**; whereupon, King *Henry* [q], his successor, constituted [q] *William Trussell* Esquire, his Constable here. Howbeit, within a short space, *Edward* Duke of **Buckingham**, son and heir to the said *Henry*, repossessing what his Father had, in 18 *H.* 7. made [r] *John Harewell* of *Wawen's*-**Wotton** Esquire, Constable thereof: But that Duke forfaited all by his attainder in 13 *H.* 8. Whereupon Commissioners were appointed to enquire, what Castles, Mannours, Lands, &c. he was at that time seized of, with the names of all his Officers and their severall Fees: At which time it was certified [s] (*inter alia*) that *Hugh Mervyn* Esquire, had the Keepership of the Park, here, having been admitted thereto by the said Duke, at *ii* d. by the day; as also Bayliffe there, at *ii* d. by the day, the old Fee having been but a penny; *William Phipps* Porter, at *xl* s. *per annum*, by an old grant from the said Duke for life, he being then above *Lxxx.* years of age: and *John Archer* Constable, his Fee *Lxvi* s. *viii* d. *per annum*.

Which Duke suffred death 17 *Maii* in the year aboveſaid: whereupon 20. *Octob.* following, the King granted [t] unto Sir *William Compton* Knight, and to the heirs male of his body, this Castle, Park, and Mannour, to be held of the Crown in *Capite* by Knights service: but because there had been a Recovery [u] of them suffred by the said Duke in 5 *H.* 8. whereby the Recoverers stood seized to the use of himself and his heirs, so that it did not eschaet to the King, by his said forfaiture; therefore, to make all sure, it was in the Parliament of 15 *H.* 8. enacted [w], that the before specified Duke, should stand and be convicted and attainted of High Treason, and forfait to the King and his heirs, all Honours, Castles, Mannours, &c. whereof he, or any person to his use, were seized in Fee-simple, Fee-tail, &c. the 24th of *April* 4. *H.* 8. or any time since; with a speciall *Proviso*, that the same Act should not prejudice the King's grant above mentioned, made to Sir *William Compton* Knight, in 13. of his reign. Which Sir *Will. Compton* had issue [x] *Peter*, upon whose death in 36 *H.* 8. the King supposing he had left no issue male, so that the inheritance of this Castle had again return'd to the Crown, made a grant [y] unto *Edward* Lord *Clinton* of, the Custodie of it and the Park, with the Herbage, and paunage thereof; as also of the Bailiwick of the Lordship, for life: but when he understood, that the said *Peter* had a son (born after his Father's death, as my authoritie saith) he then made a new [z] grant of the premisses to the same Lord *Clinton*, during the minority of the heir, then his Ward: whereupon the said Lord *Clinton*, in consideration of *Lxx* li. sterling, made an assignation [a] of the said Custodie, &c. unto *John Hales* Gentleman, at that time Clerk of the Hamper, and a very active man in the world (as in **Coventre** I have shewed.) To the posterity of which Sir *Will. Compton* it continued, till that *Will.* Lord *Compton*, his great grandchild, by his Deed [b] bearing date 3. *Febr.* 39 *Eliz.* sold it unto Sir *Thomas Egerton* Kt. then Lord Keeper of the great Seal; from whom *Thomas Dilke* Esquire (afterwards Knight) purchased [c] it, *scil.* 21. *Junii* 41 *Eliz.* whose grandson, *William*, now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) was in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [d] at *viii.* marks. In 5 *E.* 3. Sir *William de Clinton* Knight, purposing to found a *Chantrie* therein, obtained License [e] to bestow the advouson thereof (*inter alia*) upon the same; with Lands and Rents to the value of *xx* li. *per annum*. In pursuance whereof, he gave to *John Lynie* Priest, Warden of the said *Chantrie* and his successors, a certain piece of land lying, then, betwixt the road-way leading from **Ffilongley** towards **Colshill**, on the one side, and the Church-yard of **Marstoke** on the other; and extending in length from the Lord of **Marstoke's** Quarrie, to the Pale of his Park; together with the advouson of the Church, as by his Charter [f] bearing date at **Marstoke**, on the Feast day of the *Annunciation* of our Lady 6 *E.* 3. appeareth. And moreover, by the same Charter, granted unto the said Warden and his successors 8. Messuages & six yard land, lying in **Long-Ichinton**; as also the Bodies of *viii.* Natives dwelling there, with all their Chattells and Offspring: And besides this, *xx* s. yearly Rent, payable by one *William Snede*, and *John* his son, out of a Messuage lying in **Long-Ichinton** aforesaid, with the reversion of the same Messuage, and one yard land, after their deceases: and lastly 4. Acres of land lying in the said town of **Ichinton**, together with the advouson of the Church.

Which endowment being so made, he forthwith by the consent of *Roger de Northburgh*, at that time Bishop of this Dioces, *John Lynie* the then Parson (whom he constituted Warden, as aboveſaid) Sir *John de Clinton*, Lord of **Marstoke**, his brother and Parishioner there; as also all the other Parishioners of **Marstoke**; ordained [g] that the said five Priests should thenceforth celebrate di-

l *Ex Comp. Balliv. H. Duc. Buck. penès Will Vicecom. Staff.*

m *Bowl. f. 93. b.*

n *Esc. 13. E. 4. n. 13.*

o *Pat. 1. R. 3. p. 3. m. 11*

p *Annal. Majorum Coventr. penès Ric. Butler gen.*

q *Pat. 1. H. 7. p. 3. m. 21.*

r *Ex autog. penès Car. D. Carington*

s *Exuet. membr. penès Camer Scac.*

t *Pat. 13. H. 8. p. 3.*

u *T. Pasch. 5. H. 8. rot. 446.*

v *Rot. Parl 15. H 8.*

x *Ex autog. penès* y *Ioh. Hales* z *ar.* a

b *Ex autog. penès* c *Will. Dilke ar.*

d *MS. in Scac.*

e *Pat. 5. E. 3. p. 2. m. 12* *Pat. 6. E. 3. p. 1. m. 12*

f *Rot. Rom. 6. E. 3. n. 7.*

g *Northb. f. 64. a.*

vine Service daily in the same Church, where the Bodies of his Ancestors lay interred, for the good estate of him the said Sir *William de Clinton*, *Julian* his wife, Sir *John de Clinton*, his brother, *Alice* his wife; and for the souls of Sir *John de Clinton* his Father, the Lady *Ida* his Mother; as also for the good estate of *Edward* the third then King of **England**, *Laurence de Hastings*, and for all the Lords *Hastings*, in time to come: And moreover of the said *Roger* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, *Henry* Prior of **Coventre**, and their successors; and for the souls of all the Kings of **England**, Lords *Hastings*, Bishops of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, Priors of **Coventre**, Brethren and sisters, Parents and benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased.

Appointing, that the said Warden and his successors; as also the Subwarden and his, should be always Priests in Orders, admitted and instituted by the Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, for the time being; and after the decease of him the said Sir *William*, always presented by the said Sir *John de Clinton*, his brother, and his heirs, having a House convenient for themselves, and the other three, adjoyning to the Churchyard of **Maxstoke** aforesaid, there to inhabite and lodge together. And that the said Warden and his successors should provide from time to time, Books, Vestments, Lights; as also two Clerks for the use of himself, his Sub-warden and the other Priests, aswell in the Church as in the House, *viz.* their Hall and Chamber, night and day. And moreover, that he and his said Sub-warden, and the other Priests, should wear white Surplices, with black Copes and Stoles, after the manner of the Vicars-Chorall in the Cathedrall of **Lichfield**, whil'st they were about divine Service both in the Church and Quire. And that the charge of the Books and Ornaments should belong to the Sub-warden, whose Office was to direct concerning the celebration of Masses; *viz.* of whom, what howers; and in what order, by himself, and the other Priests they were to be performed; And that Bread, Wine, Water, and Lights should be ready for the said Masses and divine exercises, but at the charge of the Warden to be provided.

And further, that aswell the Warden, when he could fitly be at leisure, and Sub-warden, as all the Priests, except some great occasion did hinder, every day after dinner and before *Vespers*, should, together in the said Church, sing the full Office of the Dead, *viz. Placebo* and *Dirige*, except on double Festivalls and the time of *Easter*, in which they ought to observe the custome of the Church of **Salisbury**, in saying the said Office: As also *Mattens*, *Vespers*, and *Canonicall howers*, with *Note*, in the Quire of the Church aforesaid, admitting the Chaplains and Clerks of the same Church to sing with them, if they pleased. And likewise, that after the *Compline*, they should say the *Commendation of the Dead*, in the said Quire, according to the course above described: And every Holy day, in the Quire together, the seven *Penitentiall Psalmes*, and the *xv. Gradualls*, with the *Letanie* and accustomed Prayers, unless, there were cause expresst by the Warden, that they should say them out of the Quire. And that both the Warden and Subwarden, & all the other Priests; should every day celebrate their particular Masses in the said Church, or Quire, according to appointment, except there were a lawfull impediment, so that upon every Sunday, the Masse of the *B. Virgin* should be celebrated with *Note*, and the Mas of the day in such sort as was fit.

And upon every Munday, one of them, whom the Sub-warden should appoint, to celebrate the said Mas of *our Lady* by *Note*, with the Office for the Dead, for the souls of the persons before recited, and all the faithfull deceased: And after the death of the said Sir *William de Clinton*, and Sir *John* his brother, for their souls also: And that another of the said Priests should celebrate, the same day, the high Mas of S. *Michaell* th'arch Angell, Patron of that Church, and of all the holy Angells, with *Note*; and the rest throughout the week, thus; Upon every Tuesday the Mas of *S. Thomas*, sometime Archbishop of **Canterbury**, by *Note*, besides the high Mas of the day by *Note* also; On Wednsday the first Mas of our *blessed Ladie*, by *Note*, and the high Mas of the said day with *Note*, as also a memoriall of S. *Katherine* the Virgin: On Thursday the first Mas of the *Holy Ghost* by *Note*, as also the high Mas of the day: On Friday the first Mas of the *B. Virgin* by *Note*, and the high Mas of the *holy Cross* the same day by *Note* also: On Saturday the first Mas of S. *John* the Evangelist, by *Note*, and the high Mas of the glorious *Virgin Mary*. And that every Priest in his severall Mas, should specially pray for him the said Sir *William*, and all the persons before recited, both living and dead: as also, that in his *Memento* for the living, speciall mention being made of them as aforesaid, they should pray for the good estate of the Church and Kingdom, and all the Benefactors to the said *Chantrie*. And lastly, that after his decease, they should in the first place remember him; next his Father and Mother, Brother, and their wives aforesaid; and afterwards the rest before expressed, with the Benefactors to the said *Chantrie*, and after them whom they should think fit; and then all the faithfull deceased. Which Ordination so made, bears date at **Fulbroke** in this Conntie 21 *Junii anno* 1332. (*6 E.* 3.) and was ratified [h] by the before specified Bishop the sixt of *July* following.

h *Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.*

The Priorie.

But as this worthy person became advanced to further honour and riches, so was his heart much enlarged for works of pietie; for within the space of four years next following, having obtained License [i], from the King, for the Foundation of a Monastery of *Canons-Regular* of S. *Augustin's* Order, and for amortizing of the Churches of **Maxstoke** and **Long-Ichinton** thereto; with *xx* li. lands *per an.* of his own proper estate, he began the fabrick thereof, whereby the *Chantrie*, before mentioned, became dissolved, and was incorporated to that Religious House: And being then newly created Earl of **Huntendon**, procured from the said King a most ample Charter [k] of Liberties and priviledges thereto; constituting by his own Charter [l] most solemn and exact Rules for the government of those his Canons: In which Charter, having declared his Dedication thereof to the honour of the *holy and individuall Trinity*, the *blessed Virgin*, S. *Michaell* th'arch Angell and *all Saints*, he expresseth his said Foundation and endowment to be, for the good estate of himself and *Julian* his wife; as also of *Edw.* 3. then K. of **England**, *Laurence de Hastings*, *Roger* Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** *Henry* Prior of **Coventre**, *Richard* Dean of **Lichfield**; as also of the

i *Pat.* 10. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 32

k *Cart.* 11. *E.* 3. *n.* 9.

l *Pat.* 12. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 22.

the Monks of **Coventre**, and Canons of **Lichfield**, during this life: and for the health of his ſoul, together with the ſouls of the ſaid *Julian*, K. *Edward* & the reſt, as aforeſaid, after their departures out of this wor'd; the ſouls of *John de Clinton* his father, *Ida* his mother, *John* his brother, and their children living & dead: and moreover, for the ſouls of all the Kings of **England** Lords *Haſtings*, Biſhops of **Cov.** and **Lich.** Priors, Deans, Monks, and Canons of the places before recited, his Parents, Benefactors, and of all the faithfull deceaſed.

Appointing, that there ſhould be therein, an e'ective Prior, with a Covent of *xii.* Canons, beſides, there living religiouſly, and regularly, according to the Rule of S^t *Auguſtin*; wearing both in Summer and Winter for their upper garment a black Cope and Hood, with a Surplis under the ſaid Cope. and ſuch other garments as all other *Regular Canons* then uſed. And that upon the death of the Prior, the Covent ſhould within five or ſix days proceed to the election of another, without ſeeking for any Licenſe of him, his heirs or ſucceſſors. Likewiſe that none ſhould be admitted as a Canon in this Monaſtery, but a Free-born man, and ſo reputed, as alſo of good converſation, competently learned for the ſtate of ſuch a Canon, having a fit voice to ſing, being *xviii.* years old at leaſt, and fit to receive the Order of Prieſthood, when he ſhould come of meet age; and at the end of the firſt year after ſuch his entrance, that ſhould read, or cauſe to be read openly in his preſence, all and ſingular the things contained in the ſaid Charter of Foundation, promiſing his faithfull obſervance of them.

And further declared, that whereas he had endowed the ſaid Monaſtery, with Lands and Rents to the value of *CC* li. *per an.* lying within the precincts of **Parſtoke**, and **Long-Ichinton** before ſpecified, when there ſhould happen to be *x.* marks yearly increaſe of that revenue, either by himſelf or any other Benefactor, or through the induſtry of the ſaid Prior and Covent, within one month after, another Canon might be added to their number; and ſo ſtill more Canons, as their revenues ſhould proportionably augment. And likewiſe, that no yearly *Penſion* ſhould be granted to any one by the Prior, except for the certain advantage of the Houſe, whereof the Biſhop of the Dioces to be Judge: As alſo that the Accounts of all the Officers belonging to the Monaſterie, ſhould be yearly exhibited to the Prior and Covent, or three perſons by them nominated, and openly read before the whole Covent; to the end that every one might thereby know the true ſtate of the Houſe, and by Indenture to be then depoſited in their Treaſurie.

And hereunto did he adde, that after his departure out of this life, his *Anniverſarie* ſhould be yearly celebrated by the ſaid Prior and Covent, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*; as alſo ſolemn Maſs in the Quire, and the whole Office of the Dead, for the health of his ſoul, with the ſouls above ſpecified, and all the faithfull deceaſed. And that upon the ſame day there ſhould be a Dole to an *C.* poor people, *viz.* of **Parſtoke** and other places, to each a Loaf weighing *L s.* and every day at dinner time, over and above the accuſtomed Bread allowed to the poor, one white Conventuall Loaf, and a meſs of meat out of the Kitchin, together with a flagon of Beer, aſſigned to one of the pooreſt people in **Parſtoke**, or from ſome other place, according to the diſcretion of the Prior or his Almoner, for the health of the ſaid Founder's ſoul, and the ſouls of the perſons above named, and all the faithfull deceaſed. And that the Maſs of the *bleſſed Virgin*, the Chapter-Maſs, and the Maſs of the day, ſhould be daily celebrated at the houres, and in the places accuſtomed in other Monaſteries; ſo that in all thoſe Maſſes, except on the greateſt Feſtivalls, mention ſhould be made of him, and of *Julian* his wife; as alſo of the ſaid King *Edward*, and the perſons before recited, during their lives in this world; and afterwards in ſuch ſort as is uſually done for the dead. And moreover, that every Prior before his inſtallation ſhould cauſe all the particulars contained in the ſaid Charter of Foundation to be openly read, promiſing his faithfull obſervance of them to his utmoſt power.

And after *Muttens* of the bleſſed Virgin finiſhed in the Quire, and the Maſs of the ſame, and at the end of every houre, the Prieſt celebrating the Maſs, and the performer of the Office, with the ſame voice that he concludeth it; to uſe the Angelique ſalutation of our Lady, and recommendation of her Mother, in this manner; *Ave* Maria *gratia plena*, *Dominus tecum*; *benedicta tu inter mulieres*, *& benedicta fructus ventris tui*, Jeſus, *Amen. Et benedicta ſit venerabilis mater tua* Anna, *ex qua tua caro Virginea & immaculata proceſſit*; whereunto the Quire ſhall anſwer, *Amen.*

And laſtly, obliging his heirs and ſucceſſors, under the penaltie of God's curſe, with the curſes of the *bleſſed Virgin*, *S. Michaell* th'arch Angell, and *All Saints*, that they ſhould not make any advantages to themſelves out of the poſſeſſions belonging to this Monaſterie, appointed, that if the Prior did tranſgreſs in any thing pertaining to his dutie, every Canon of the Houſe ſhould be obliged to make complaint to the Biſhop thereof, and the Biſhop to ſee ſatisfaction made: and if any Canon ſhould faile in his particular dutie, and thereof be convicted before the Prior, or other competent Judge, that for the ſpace of five years he might not be capable to bear any Office in the Monaſterie, except the Prior, by the advice of the better part of the Covent, ſhould think fit to abate three years thereof, or any part of that time.

And for the firmer obſervance of all theſe his Ordinances, and the more laſting memory of this his eſtabliſhment, he cauſed this his Charter to be indented and exemplified in three parts; the one to remain with the ſaid Prior and Covent for ever: the other with the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield**; and the third with himſelf, his heirs and ſucceſſors; unto every of which he affixed his Seal; procuring likewiſe a ratification thereof from *Roger de Northburgh* then Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield** as alſo by the Dean & Chapter of **Lichfield**; His bearing date here at **Parſtoke** x°, . . *An. MCCCxxxvi.* and theirs in *April*, and *May* following. Unto all which, the K. added his Confirmation dated 4° *Martii* in the *xii^th* year of his reign.

Neither was it long after this, but that the ſaid Earl made a farther augmentation to what he had ſo given, as hath been ſaid: For within one year next following, he beſtowed [m] on them the advouſon of the moitye of the Church of **Halughton** in **Leiceſterſhire**. In [n] 14 *E.* 3. the advouſon of the Church of **Tamworth**, which was immediatly thereupon appropriated [o] to them by *Wulſtan* B^p. of **Worceſter**, with reſervation of a Vicaridge to the value

m *Ib. m.* 29.

n *Exactores* Will. Paulet *de Cotles in Com. Wilſt. ar.*

o Wolſt. *vol.* 2. *f.* 39. *b.*

value of *xx.* marks yearly, & to the Prior of **Worcester** *xx* s. which Vicaridge was accordingly ordained [p] within two years aftes. In [q] 17. *E.* 3. the Mannour of **Shustoke**, with the advouſon of the Church, and Chapell or *Chantry* at **Bentley**; then newly by them purchaſed [r] of *John* Lord *Moubray*. Which grant was of ſo great conſequence to theſe Canons, as that by the advantage thereof, they ſoon obtained [s] in exchange for the ſame, from *John* the ſon and heir of Sir *John de Clinton* before ſpecified, the antient Mannour-houſe of **Marſtoke**, moated about, and ſituate neer to this Monaſterie, together with the Park, and all that part, which hath ſince that time been known by the name of the Priory-Lordſhip: Whereupon they converted the old Houſe (the antient ſeat of the ſaid Founder's Anceſtors) into Barnes, keeping up the Moat for the turning of a Water-mill, which ſo continued till within the memory of ſome aged perſons lately deceaſed. By which exchange it likewiſe appears, that the ſaid Founder had alſo given to this Monaſtery, the moitye of the Mannour, of **Nether-whitacre**, and that his nephew had it, with **Shuſtoke** aforeſaid, upon that agreement.

In 19 *E.* 3. he gave [t] the advouſons of the Churches of **Aſton**-*Cantlow* and **Fillongley** thereunto, then newly obtained [u] by him from *Laurence de Haſtings* E. of **Penbroke** (his ſon in Law) which were immediately appropriated unto it; *viz.* that of **Aſton**-*Cantlow* by [w] *Wolſtan* B[p] of **Worceſter**, and that of **Fillongley** by [x] Pope *Clement* the vi[th] which grant *Rog. de Northburgh* B[p] of **Coventre** & **Lich.** confirmed. To theſe Conceſſions did *Tho. de Beauchamp* then E. of **Warw.** adde [y] the advouſon of the Church of **Pardley** in **Worceſterſhire**, w[ch] was forthwith appropriated [z] to them by *Wolſtan* B[p]. of **Worceſter**; whereupon they had a [a] Releaſe from the Monks of **Tikford** of all their right thereunto. And now that they were ſo plentifully provided for, by their Founders bounty, and favour of other Benefactors, they ſoon after began to make ſeverall purchaſes in ſundry places (though but petty parcells) *viz.* in [b] **Marſtoke**, **Coventre** and **Long-Ichinton**; as alſo of a Water-mill [c] in **Shuſtoke**: and in 10 *H.* 4. obtained [d] from *Will.* Lord *Clinton* & *Say x* li. yearly Rent iſſuing out of certain lands lying in **Dunton**-*Baſſet, in Com. Leic.* and in 38 *H.* 6. a Legacie [e] of an *C* li. from *Humfrey* Duke of **Buckingham**, to purchaſe lands of *C* s. *per ann.* value; to the end that the Covent here might be augmented by one Canon more in number (*ſc. xiii.* in all) and that the ſame Canon or ſome other ſhould daily ſing and pray for the ſoul of the ſaid *Humfrey*, and for the ſouls of his Anceſtors, wife, and children, at the Altar in the North Ile of this Conventuall Church.

All which lands and poſſeſſions, with ſome other, whereof for brevitie I omit the mention, were, in 26 *H.* 8. upon the Survey [f] then taken, eſtimated at the worth of *Cxxx* li. *xi* s. *viii* d. *ob. per an.* Out of which ſum, conſidering theſe ſeverall deductions [g]; *viz.* for the Conventuall loaf, Flagon of beer, and Meſs of meat, given every day to the poor according to the Founder's direction (as hath been already obſerved) and valued at *iv* d. *per diem*, which amounts to *vi* li. *xx* d. *per ann.* In money, bread, and beer, diſtributed to poor people upon *Maunday Thurſday*, at the Gates of the Priory, *iv* li. *per annum*. To two Prieſts weekly celebrating divine ſervice in the Chapell dedicated to the *Annunciation* of the bleſſed Virgin, within the ſaid Monaſtery, by the appointment of *Adam de Overton, Lxvi* s. *viii* d. *per an.* Twelve pence *per diem* to a Canon, ſpecially celebrating for the Founders ſoul *Lii* s. *per an.* For the Fee of Sir *Edw. Ferrers* Knight, high Steward of the ſaid Monaſterie, *Lx* s. *per an.* And in Annuities to other Officers, Penſions, and Rents, the clear yearly value amounted to no more than *Lxxxi* li. *xiii* s. *vii* d. *ob.* So that by Act [h] of Parliament the year following, being involved with thoſe which then went to wrack, it was in 30 *H.* 8. (with a multitude more) granted [i] out of the Crown unto *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** and his heirs: Which Duke, for the ſum of 2103 *li.* ſterling, ſold the ſame, with all the Lands, Rectories, &c. thereunto belonging, unto *Robert Trapps* of **London** Goldſmith, as by his Deed [k] dated 17. *Julii* 32 *H.* 8. appeareth.

Unto whom ſucceeded [l] *Nich. Trapps*, his ſon and heir; who leaving iſſue only two daughters, *viz.* *Mary* married to *Giles Paulet*, a younger ſon to *William* Marqueſſe of **Winchester**, and *Alice* unto *Henry Brown* Eſquire, the ſite of this Monaſtery, with the lands in **Marſtoke** thereto belonging, by partition [m] afterwards made, was allotted unto the ſaid *Giles* and *Mary*; whoſe grandchild *Will.* (now of **Cotles** *in Com. Wilt.*) enjoys it.

Patroni.	Priores.	
Will. de Clinton miles.	*Frater Joh. Deyvill Canon. Regul. S. Aug.* 2. *Id. Julii* 1336.	*Northb. f.* 29. *b.*
Electi per Conventum.	*Joh. Naſſyngton* 10. *Marti* 1424.	*Heyw. f.* 12. *b.*
	Frater Ric. Eveſham (poſt reſign. Joh. Grene) 8. *Maii* 1451.	*Bo. f.* 12. *b.*
	Frater Will. Symſon, alias Dickons 21. *Aug.* 1505.	*Bl. f.* 10. *b.*

On the next page are repreſented the Arms in the Prior's lodgings.

I come laſtly to ſpeak of the Vicaridge; for the Rectorie was appropriated to the Priorie, as hath been manifeſted. This in 26 *H.* 8. was valued [n] at *Cvi* s. *viii* d. *per an.* but the manner of the Vicar's ſupport was thus, as by a Certificate [o] from the Pariſhioners to the Viſitors, about the beginning of Q. *Eliz.* time, appeareth; *viz.* that he had meat and drink for himſelf and a child to wait upon him, every year a Gown, every week three caſts of Bread & two Gallons of Ale, his Barbour, Launder, Candle, and Fire-wood as much as he would ſpend, with *xl* s. wages, and all at the coſts of the Houſe.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Domina Ela de Odingſells.	*Petrus de Ilmenden*, 13. *Cal. Martii* 1296.	*Langt. f.* 5. *a.*
Domina Ida de Clinton.	*Adam de Kingsford Pbr.* 2. *Non. Jan.* 1320.	*Ib. f.* 79. *b.*
D. Will. de Clinton miles.	*Joh. Lynye de Coleſhull Cap.* 7. *Id. Febr.* 1330.	*Northb. f.* 24. *a.*
Patroni Vicariæ.	*Adam de VVythibrok Pbr.* 10. *Cal. Aug.* 1336.	*Ib. f.* 29. *b.*
	Petrus de Filungley Pbr. 7. *Cal. Junii* 1337.	*Ib. f.* 31. *b.*
	Will. de Lalleford Pbr. 5. *Cal. Nov.* 1338.	*Ib. f.* 32. *b.*
Prior & Conv. de Maxſtoke.	*Joh. Wyllie Cap.* 2. *Id. Julii* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 48. *b.*
	Ric. Dolfin de Toneworth Pbr. 4. *Id. Julii* 1376.	*Stret. f.* 25. *a.*

Thomas

p *Ib. f.* 24. *b.* &c.

q } *Pat.* 17 *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 24.
r }

s *Pat.* 18. *E* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 10.

t } *Ex autog. penès præf.* W Paulet.
u }

w *Regiſt. D. & Cap.* Lich. *f.* 197. *a.*

x *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. P.

y *Pat.* 20. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 22.

z *Ex Regiſt. D. & Cap.* Wigorn *f.* 203. *a.*

a *Clauſ.* 22. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 37.

b *Eſc.* 6. *R.* 2. *n.* 32.

c *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton *ar.*

d *Pat.* 10. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.

e Stokton. *q.* 22.

f *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur f.* 50. *b*

g *Ib. f.* 51. *b.*

h *Rot.* Parl. 27. *H.* 8. *cap.* 28.

i *Pat.* 30. *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

k *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. Paulet.

l *Eſc.* 6. Eliz.

m *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. P.

n *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

o *Penes D. & Cap.* Lich.

Ib.f.26.b.		*Thomas Lucas Pbr. 1. Cal. Sept.* 1379.
Burgh.f. 20.a.		*Joh. Wilmeston Cap. 25. Nov.* 1407.
Heyw.f.10. b.	*Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*Joh. Rotur Pbr. 23. Nov.* 1422.
Ib.f.19.b.		*Ric. Renet Pbr. 14. Junii* 1427.
Ib.f.20.b.		*Rog. Wylkins Cap. 4. Martii* 1427.
Ib.f.22.a.		*Thomas Nassington Cap. 27. Sept.* 1428.
Bo.f.7.b.		*Joh. Belebowch Pbr. 3. Junii* 1448.
Ib.f.9.b.	*D. Episc. per lapsum.*	*Rog. Wall Pbr. 11. Dec.* 1449.
Ib.f.12.b.	*Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*Joh. Kusner Cap. 19. Martii* 1450.
Bowl.f. 140.a.	*D. Episc. per lapsum.*	*Thom. Heywarde Pbr. 13. Martii* 1493.
Bl.f.6.a.	*Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*D. Christoph. Dugdale per resign. Rad. Hodde, 7. Martii* 1511.
Str. & P.f. 14.a.	*Tho. Burdet ar. & alii ex conces. Pr. & C. de Maxstoke.*	*D. Joh. Bower Cler. 21. Julii* 1536.
Ib.f.16.b.	*Henr. 8. Rex Angl.*	*D. Thom. Wattys Cap. 28. Apr.* 1539.
Bentham's hand. H.	*Rob. Trapps de Civit. Lond. Goldsmith.*	*Rad. Pyckering Cler. 1. Apr.* 1559.

Armes in the East Window of the Chancell.

Gules a Fesse betwixt six Cross crosslets Or } Beauchamp Earl of Warwick.

Argent six Cross-crosslets fichè sable, and upon a Cheif azure two Mullets Or, pierced gules. } Clinton Earl of Huntingdon.

Argent upon a Chief Azure two Mullets Or, pierced gules. } Clinton of Maxstoke.

Monumentall Inscriptions in plates of brass upon Marble grave-stones lying in the Chancell.

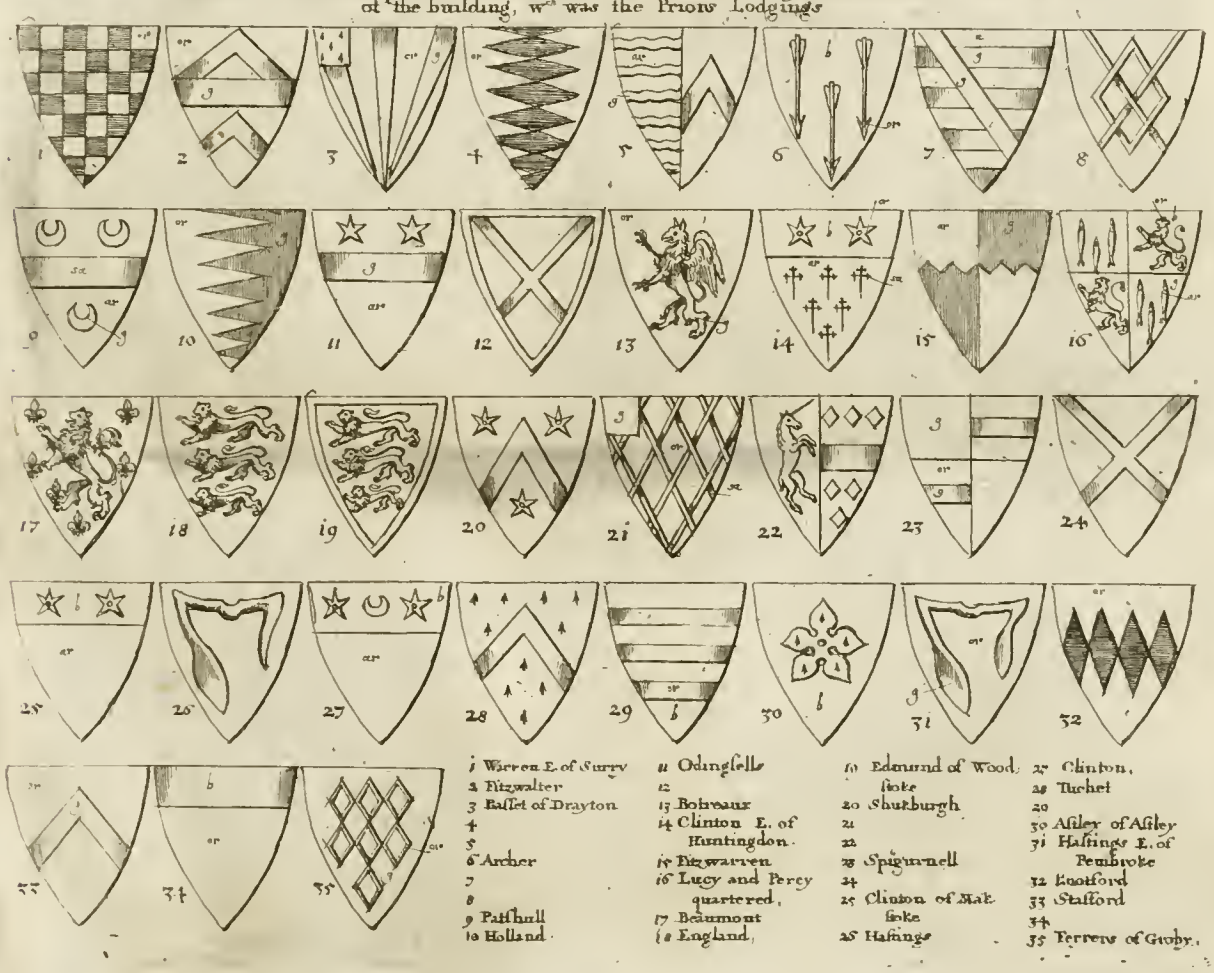
Hic iacet Ricardus Slade armiger, & Margareta uxor eius, qui Ricardus obiit anno Domini MCCCCxxx.

Hic iacet Thomas Slade armiger quondam unus Justiciariorum Pacis & de Quorum domini regis hujus Comitatus Warwici, ac generalis receptor & supervisor terrarum illustrissimi regis Henrici octavi, vocat. Warwic. Sarum & Spenceres lands: Et Elizabetha Slade consors sua filia & heres Johannis Wylks armigeri. Qui quidem Thomas obiit vi die Januarii anno domini MDxxv. Et dicta Elizabetha obiit xx die Decembris eodem anno: quorum animabus propitietur deus.

Of your charity pray for the soules of Edward Pye esquire, and Margery his Wife which Margery deceased the 10th day of September Anno Domini MDxlii. and the said Edward deceased the day of anno Domini MCCCCC. On whose soules Jesus have mercy.

Here lieth the body of Thomas Dilke Esquire Lord of Maxstoke Castle, and Justice of Peace for this County, he departed this life the xxx^th of January A° Dom. 1632. Ad vocem tubæ resurget ad gloriam

Maxstoke
Armes depicted on the antient Wainscote seeling, in the roose of the building, w^ch was the Priors Lodgings



Elmedon.

FOllowing the stream of **Blithe**, a little farther, I come to its confluence with **Cole**; which water being of a dark colour, and therefore so called at first (as I guesse) ariseth in the Northern skirts of **Worcestersh.** but soon after its entrance into this Countie, is augmented by a petty torrent, which cometh from **Elmedon**; so that I shall next, in pursuance of my wonted methode, take notice of that place.

This, having its name originally from that hilly part of the town where the Mannour-house now stands, was before the Norman invasion [p] possest by one *Tochi*, but after the Conquest, *Turchill de Warwick*

[p] *Domesd. lib.*

wick had a grant thereof, as may seem by the generall Survey [q] shortly after taken, where it is rated at half a hide, the Woods thereunto belonging containing one furlong in length and as much in breadth; and all valued at *v s.* the same *Roger*, who then also held **Merstone**, being his undertenant.

By some of the said *Turchil's* descendants, it was granted to the Ancestor of *Simon de Barcheſtone*, whom I take to be he, that had also **Whitacre** *superior*, and whose descendants were surnamed of that place: For by a Fine [r] in 8 *H.* 3. betwixt *Simon de Bercheſton* Plantiff, and *Simon* the son of *Jordan de Whitacre* deforciant, levied for waranty of a former Charter, it appears, that the said *Simon de Whitacre* and his heirs were to hold this place of the before specified *Sim. de Bercheſton*, and his heirs, by the service of half a K[ts] Fee. But it continued not long so; for in 20 *H.* 3. the said half Knight's Fee here, was certified [s] to be held immediatly of the E. of **Warwick**, and in [t] 36 *H.* 3. of *Thomas de Arden* (heir to *Turchill* before specified) and by him of those Earls. which *Sim. de Whitacre* in 41 *H.* 3. obtained a Charter [u] of **Free warren** in all his demeln lands here; but his Seat being at **Whitacre** *superior*, I have there placed the Descent of that Family; as also of the heirs female, *viz. Waldeiff. Hore*, & *Foteler*, which successively possest this Mannour: Of which family of *Waldeiff* having spoken in **Alspath** (*alias* **Mereden**) I shall here take notice of what is observable, of those of *Hore* and *Boteler*, who had their residence in this place.

Of the *Hores*, the first was *Thomas* that became Lord of this Mannour, by the marriage of *Margaret* daughter & heir unto *Alan Waldeyff*; the Ancestors of which *Thomas* had long before their habitation here; for in 9 *E.* 2. I find [w] one *Ric. le Hore* of **Elmedon**, and towards the later end of *E.* 3. *Tho. Hore*, Eschactor [x] for this County & **Leicesterſhire** in 3. & [y] 4 *R.* 2. and grandfather to the before specified *Thomas* (as I guess) which *Thomas*, (husband of *Margaret*) underwent the same Office [z] in 8 *H.* 6. To whom succeeded *Alan Hore*, as the Deſcent in **Stonythorpe** sheweth, who left issue *Katherine* his daughter and heir, wedded [a] to *John Boteler*, son and [b] heir to *Richard Boteler* of **Solihull**: Of which *John* (who was a Lawyer, I find, that in 16 *H.* 6. he was under-Shirift [c] unto *Rob. Arden* Esq. but after his marriage with the heir of *Hore*, became imployed in a higher degree of service: for in 3. *H.* 7. he was in Commission [d] for the assessing of a Subsidie then granted to the K. in Parl. and in [e] 4. & 6. [f] *H.* 7. for the Gaol-delivery at **Warw.** so also in 21 [g] *H.* 7. In 22 *H.* 7. he was constituted [h] Clerke of the Peace in this Countie, and in [i] 1 *H.* 8. again one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, by the name of *John Boteler* Gent. And that departing this life in 4 *H.* 8. he was buried [k] in the Chapell of *S. Katherine* on the North part of **Solihull** Church, near his Ancestors, where his Monumentall inscription doth yet appear. To whom succeeded *John* his son and heir: which *John* in 34 *H.* 8. sold [l] this Mannour unto *Tho. Marrow* Gentleman, who had issue *Samuel*, of whom *Henry Mayne* of **Bevinton** *in Com. Hertf.* Gent. purchased it, whose grandchild, *viz. John* the son of *John*, now enjoys it.

q *Levat. Oct. Trin.*

r *Levat. Oct. Trin.*

s } *Testa.*
t } *de N.*

u *Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 14.*

w *Ex autog. penes* Ioh. Maine *Gen.*

x *Rot. F. 3. R. 2. m. 22.*

y *Rot. F. 4. R. 2. m. 22.*

z *Rot. F. 8. H. 6. m. 16.*

a *Ex autog. penes* Edw. Marrow *ar.*

b } *Ex autog penes* S.
c } Archer *eq. aur.*

d *Pat. 3. H. 7. p. 2. m. 17.*

e *Pat. 4. H. 7. in d. m. 28.*

f *Pat. 6. H. 7. in d. m. 16.*

g *Pat. 21. H. 7. in d. m. 33.*

h *Pat. 22. H. 7. p. 1. m. 19.*

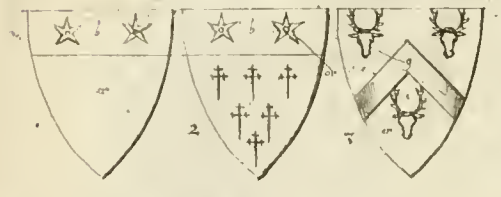
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k Fetiplace *q. 9.*

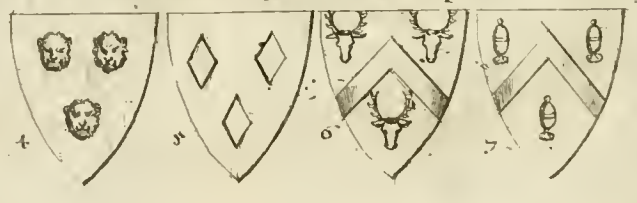
l *F. levat. T. Paſch. 34 H. 8.*

Elmdon

Armes in the Church windows



Armes cut on a great beame of Elmedon-hall w[ch] was built by John Butler temp. H 8.



1 Clinton of Maxstoke
2 Clinton E. of Huntingdon
3 Hore
4 Waldeave
5 Whitacre
6 Hore
7 Butler

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	
Northb. f. 22. b.	*Joh de la Coppe Pbr. 7. Id. Maii* 1329. (*post mortem Edm. de Whitacre ult. Rectoris.*)	
D. Ric. de Whitacre miles.	*Joh. de Wotton Cap. 4. Cal. Junii* 1335.	
Ib. f. 28. b.	*Joh. de Whytakre Cler. 4. Cal. Junii* 1347.	
Ib. f. 45. b.	*Will. Alleyn Cap. 5. Id. Aug.* 1351.	
Ib. f. 54. b.	*Rob. de Finchehale Pbr. 19. Cal. Febr.* 1353.	
Ib. f. 57. b.	*Will. de Grange Cap. 5. Id. Nov.* 1361.	
Strct. f. 10. a.	*Ric. Felchyn Pbr. 2. Id. Martii* 1362.	
Ib. f. 11. b.	*Rog. Baxter Pbr. 9. Cal. Nov.* 1366.	
Ib. f. 15. b.	*Ric. de Waltham Pbr. 4. Non. Apr.* 1370.	
Ric. de Whitacre.	*Adam Stephene Pbr. 5. Cal. Oct.* 1370.	
Ib. f. 19. a.	*Will. de Cruddeworth Pbr. 2. Id. Maii* 1374.	
Ib. b.	*Steph. de Overton* 11. *Julii* 1375.	*Ib. b.*
Ib. f. 22. a.	*D. Will. de Bykenhull Cap.* 17. *Dec.* 1407.	*Burgh. f. 19 a.*
Johanna de Whytacre relicta Alani Waldeyve, domina de Elmedon.	*Will. Twyford* 24. *Mai* 1413.	*Ib. f. 32. b.*
	Joh. Asche 22. *Dec.* 1413.	*Ib. f. 35. a.*
	Rog. Lonevey Cler. 2. Dec. 1414.	*Arund. f. 142. b.*
	Joh. Tudde 15. *Sept.* 1416.	*Bull. f. 4. b.*
Margareta Hore.	*Will. Codyngton Cap.* 27. *Jan.* 1456.	*Bowl. f. 24. b.*
Alanus Hore ar.	*Thomas Conway Pbr.* 25. *Jan.* 1492.	*Ib. f. 138. b.*
Joh. Botelere ar.	*Rog. Dixson Pbr. 4. Junii* 1499.	*Ib. f. 202. b.*
Edw. Grevill miles & alii, ratione minoris ætat. Joh. Boteler.	*D. Thom. Palknare Cap. 7. Nov.* 1527.	*Bl. f. 13. b.*
Laur. Grey de Kenilworth, ratione conces. Joh. Boteler gen.	*D. Edw. James Cler. 16. Febr.* 1540.	*Str. & P. f. 17. b.*
Henr. Mayne de Bevington in com. Hertf.	*Joh. Lewes Cler.* 27. *Junii* 1573.	*Bund. incert.*
Andr. Marrow de Solihull gen.	*Edw. Wayte Cler. penult. Julii* 1573.	

Henr.

Heir. Mayne. { Hugo Symons in Ar. M. 20. Julii 1574. Hackerus Symons 13. Febr. 1575.

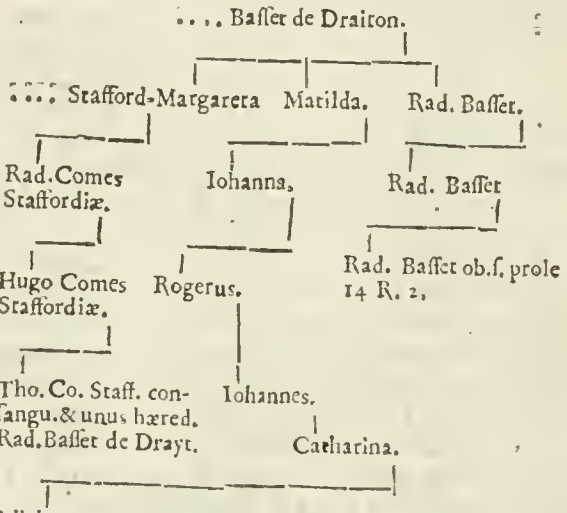
Sheldon.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conq. Survey, so that I suppose it was then involved with Colshill; & being therewith in the hands of *Geffrey de Clinton, temp. H.* 1. came to *Verdon* in marriage with *Lescelina*, daughter of the same *Geffrey*, as Brandon did; and that *Anselm de Scheldon*, or one of his Ancestors was first enfeoft thereof by some of the *Verdons*: for by a multitude of testimonies I find [m], that the said *Anselme* and his posterity were certified to hold it of that Family, by the service of half a K^ts Fee, and they of the Earls of Warwick, as *Clinton* did all that he had. Of which *Anselm* the first mention that I have seen, is [n] in 5 *H.* 3. To whom succeeded *Henry de Sheldon* his son [o] & heir, who in 7 *E.* 1. was imployed as a Commissioner with Sir *Henry de Notingham* K^t, & *John de Arundel* Clerk, to enquire & certify touching the Lords of every Mannour, with the liberties, priviledges and extent of the same; as also concerning the patronage of the Church, and how it was endowed, and l kewise of the King's Demesns, Fees, Eschaets, &c. Which singular work was performed throughout two Hundreds of this Countie; *viz.* Knightlow, and Kineton, as appeareth yet upon [p] Record; but whether they proceeded any farther or not, I am not certain, there being no memoriall left thereof: The forme of which Commission and Oath (the said *Henry* being then [q] a Knight) is to be seen on the backside of the Patent-Roll of 7 *E.* 1. and very worthy observation.

In the same year he was also in [r] Commission with the before specified persons, to enquire by the Oaths of substantiall and honest men, concerning all those that had xx *li.* lands *per annum*, or one whole Knights Fee of that value, and who being not Knight's, ought so be: And from that time, till 20°. of the said King's reign, was [s] every year a Commissioner for the Gaol deliverie at Warwick. The next was [t] Sir *Nicholas de Scheldon* Knight, of whom I have not found any thing memorable, other than that he bore [u] for his Armes *a Fesse with two Buckles in Cheif* (in reference, perhaps, to the Fam lie of *Odingsells* of Solihull, *viz.* *Arg. a Fesse with 2. Mullets in Cheif gules*; but the colours of this, I cannot as yet discover) and that he left issue [w] *Henry* his son & heir, who died without any Children, as I guesse; in regard that afterwards none of his name had more to do with this Ld.^shp.

The first that next possest it, was *John Hotham* Bishop of Ely, who had a grant [x] thereof for life, or to the end of ten years, in case he died before, from *Joane* the widow of Sir *Nicholas de Sheldon* above mentioned, she having an estate for life therein; in consideration whereof she was to have an Annuitie of x *li. per annum* payd to her by the said Bishop, which grant of hers the before specified *Henry de Sheldon* confirmed [y]; after whose death it reverted [z] to him the said *Henry*, who immediatly thereupon entailed it [a], for want of issue betwixt himself and *Beatrice* his wife, on Sir *John Murdack* Knight, and his heirs; which Sir *John* in 20 *Edw.* 3. past [b] away all his title therein, unto *John de Peto junior*, and *Beatrice* his wife, to hold during their lives, and the life of the Survivor of them, reserving x *li. per annum*, to be payd to himself and his heirs, after the decease of the said *Henry* and *Beatrice* without issue: which *Henry* and *Beatrice* confirmed that [c] estate to them the said *John* and *Beatrice* the next year ensuing.

This *Beatrice* the wife of *John de Peto*, was [d] daughter and heir to *John de Sheldon*, of whose alliance to the said *Henry*, I am not certain. But unto Sir *John Murdak* (of whom in Compton-*Murdak* I have spoke) succeeded Sir *Thomas Murdak* Kt, Lord of this Mannour, as heir to his Father; which Sir *Thomas* in 48 [e] *E.* 3. past away all his title therein unto Sir *Roger Meres* of Byrketon Knight, for *CC li.* sterling; whose son *Scil. John Meres*, obtained a confirmation [f] thereof from the before mentioned *Beatrice*, the widow of the said *John de Peto*; to take place after her decease (which makes me think that she was next heir in blood to the same *Henry de Sheldon*) and in 9 *R.* 2. sold [g] the same reversion unto Sir *Raphe Basset* of Drayton Knight, who died [h] seized thereof in 14 *R.* 2. leaving *Thomas* Earl *Stafford*, and *Alice* the wife to *William Chaworth* his cosins and next heirs, as the Descent [i] here inserted sheweth.



Alicia uxor. Will. Chaworth altera cohær. Rad. Basset de Drayton.

To which *Thomas* succeeded [k] *William* Earl *Stafford*, his Brother and heir; and to *William Edmund* [l], who in 4 *H.* 4. granted [m] (*inter alia*) to Sir *Hugh Shirley* Knight, this Mannour of Sheldon, by the name of Ot-Hall and West-Hall, upon condition that if he the said *Hugh* should decease without issue male of his body, then to revert to the before specified Earl and his heirs; in confirmation whereof, *John Browne* Parson of Bxchole, in 2 *H.* 6. released [n] to Sir *Raphe Shirley* Knight (whom he calls cosin to Sir *Raph Basset* of Drayton Knight) and to the heirs male of his body, all his right therein, and in other lands, which he the said *John* had, together with *Walter Skyrlaw* Bishop of Duresme and other Feoffees, by the grant of the before specified *Raphe Basset* in Fee-simple, without any condition whatsoever.

Whereupon the said Sir *Raph Shirley*, by the name of Sir *Raph Shirley* of Radsit *super* Soze, *in Com. Nott.* Knight, in 10 *H.* 6. was certified [o] to be Lord of this Mannour, and to hold it by the service of the fourth part of a K^ts. Fee: but long it was not ere that the said Earl *Stafford* had it again, though by what agreement I have not seen; for by a Bayliff's Accompt [p] of *Humfrey* Earl *Stafford's* lands in 23 *Hen.* 6. it appears, that the said Earl then possest it.

m { Testa. de N. Esc. 10 E. 2. n. 59. Clauss. 18 E. 3. p. 1 m. 27. Cartul Warwici. com. f. 176. b.

n F. levat. xv. Mich. 5. E. 3.

o Ex autog. penès I. Maine gen.

p Ex Vet. cod. MS. penès Rem. R. in Scac.

q Ib.

r Pat. 7. E. 1. in d.

s Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.

t Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

u { Ib.

w {

x { Clauss. 1. E. 3. in d. m. 3. & m. 8.

y {

z Clauss. 10. E. 3. in d. m. 24.

a F. levat. xv. Hill. 10. E. 3.

b Ex autog. penès Will. Vic. Staff.

c F. levat. xv. Mich. 21. E. 3.

d Esc 47. E. 3. n. 28.

e F. levat. xv. Hill. 48. E. 3.

f F. de div. Com levat. Craft. Anim. 49. E. 3.

g F. levat. craft. Anim. 9. R. 2.

h { Esc. 14. R. 2. n. 9.

i {

k Esc. 22. R. 2.

l Esc 4. H. 4. n. 47.

m Ex autog. penès Rob. Shirley Bar.

n Ib.

o Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.

p Penès Will. Vic. Staff.

Which Earl, being created D. of **Buck.** soon after
q *Esc.38. & 39.H.6.* died [q] seized thereof, *viz.* in 39 *H.* 6. leaving *Henry* his son and heir 4 years of age: unto whom succeeded *Edw.* D. of **Buck.** attainted in 13 *H.* 8. by means whereof it came to the Crown, and by
r *Pat.13. H.8.p.3.* Letters Pat. [r] dated 29 *Martii*, the same year, was first granted out unto *Thomas Grey* Marq.
f *Pat.15. H.8.p.1.* *Dorset*, for life, and about two years after [f] in Fee tail, to him and the heirs male of his bodie, *viz.* 27 *Junii* 15 *H.* 8. whose son and heir *Henry* D. of **Suff.** being attainted in 1 *M.* (as in **Astley** I have shewed) it resorted again to the Crown, and was by Q. *Eliz.* first granted [t] to .... *Gerard*
t *Pat.2. Eliz.p.13.* and others in 2 of her reign; but by other Letters
u *Pat.17. Eliz.p.11.* [u] Pat. in 17 *H.*8. to *Hen. Grey* Esq in Fee tail; which *Henry* sold his estate therein, to Sir *George Digby* of **Coleshill** Kt. who died seized [w] thereof in 29 *Eliz.* leaving *Robert* his son and heir *xii.* years of
w *Esc.29. Eliz.* age and upwards: which *Robert*, for farther corroboration of his title, in 3 *Jac.* obtained a Pat.
x *Pat.3. Jac.p.14.* [x] thereof from the Crown, bearing date 15 *Nov.* to himself and his heirs, being then a Kt. Since which time his posteritie have enjoyed it.

Besides this Mannour of **Ot Hall** and **Mett-Hall**, there was another also here in **Sheldon**, which originally being nothing else but a member of **Solihull**, came in time to have the reputation of a Mannour: but the first ment on I have seen of
y *Esc.3.R. 2.n.20.* it, is in 3 *R.* 2. where it is by Inquis. [y] found, that *Alice* the widow of Sir *Hugh le Despenser* (inter alia in **Solihull**) died seized of C s. Rent, here in **Sheldon**, payable partly by Free-holders, and partly by those that held in Villenage: which *Alice* had issue Sir *Hugh le Despenser* Kt. who in
z *Esc.3.H. 4.n.29.* 3 *H.* 4. died [z] seized of viii *l.* Rent, here, leaving *Anne* the wife of Sir *Edw. Botcler* Kt. his Sister and heir: Howbeit, within two years after, this which was no more than a certain Rent issuing out of sundry lands here, was called a Mannour,
a *xv.Pasch. 5.H.4.* as appears by a Fine then levied [a] thereof, together with the Mannour of **Solihull**, betwixt *Sibill* the widow of the said Sir *Hugh le Despenser*, and the before specified Sir *Edward Boteler* Kt. and *Anne* his wife: Of which, forasmuch as it afterwards accompanied **Solihull** for a long time, I shall not need to say more, it being a member thereof, as is farther manifested by the Inquis. [b] taken after the
b *Esc.18. E.4.* death of *George* D. of **Clarence** upon whose attainder it came to the Crown; where it rested till 12 *H.*
c *Pat.12. H.8.p.1.* 8. that the King by his Letters [c] Pat. dated 12 *Febr.* granted it together with the advouson of the Church, to *Thomas* D. of **Norff.** and the heirs male of his body: which Duke in 20 *H.* 8. past
d *Ex autog. penes* Rob. D. Digby. it [d] away, with **Solihull**, unto *Edmund Knightley* Esq. and *Eustace Kitteley* Gent. to the use of Sir *George Throkmorton* Knight and his heirs; whose
c *Lib.4. ced.* grandchild *Thomas*, being seized [e] of it in 23 *Eliz.* sold it unto the before specified Sir *George Digby*, as I have heard.

f *MS. in Scac.* The Church [f] dedicated to St. *Giles*) was in *An.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [g] at viii. marks, and [g] in
g *MS. penes* S. A. *eq.aur.f. 60.b.* 26 *H.* 8. at viii *l.* x *s.* x. *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Langt. f. 78.a. *Northb.f. 40.a.* *Rad. de Perham.*	*Thom. de Stodham* 3 *Id. Maii* 1318.	
Will. de Clinton Co. Huntendoniæ.	*Nich. de Sheldon Pbr.* 16 *Cal. Dec.* 1342.	
Joh. de Peto junior.	*Joh. Sromer Cap.* 6 *Cal. Julii* 1349.	*Ib.f.48.*
	Ric. de Kinton Cap. 18 *Cal. Jan.* 1350.	*Ib.f.54.a.*
D. Rad. Basset de Drayton miles.	*Nich. Nichols Pbr. ult. Sept.* 1387.	*Sk.f.2.a.*
Beatix relicta D. Hug. Shirley mil.	*Thom. Galpyn Cap.* 7 *Martii* 1407.	*Burgh.f. 19.b.*
	Rob. Greene Cap. 12 *Maii* 1408.	*Ib.f.20.b.*
D. Rad. Shirley miles.	*Joh. Parker Cap.* 20 *Oct.* 1427.	*Heyw.f.20. a.*
	Thom. Gamul Pbr. 29 *Jan.* 1427.	*Ib.b.*
D. Rad. Shirley miles & Alicia ux. ejus.	*Thomas Somnour ult. Nov.* 1432.	*Ib.f.29.b.*
Humfr. Dux Buck.	*D. Nich. Clerke Pbr.* 3 *Sept.* 1446.	*Ib.f.44.b.*
D. Margar. Comitissa Richm. & Derb.	*Will. Aleyn Pbr.* 22 *Maii* 1494.	*Bowl.f. 140.b.*
D. Episc. per lapsum	*Thom. Blundell art. Mag. .... Nov.* 1499.	*Ib.f.203.a.*
Joh. Willoughby miles, ratione conceff. Marchionis Dors.	*D. Henr. Rode Pbr.* 18 *Maii* 1527.	*Bl.f.13.b.*
Joh. Edo, ex conceff. H. March. Dors.	*Henr. Blakemore Cler.* 18 *Sept.* 1560.	*Bentham bund.H.*
Sim. Dunton & alii, ex conceff. Georgii Digby ar.	*Will. Blakemere Cler.* 28 *Apr.* 1582.	*Samps.& B.f.48.b.*
Rob. Dominus Digby, Baro de Geashill in Hibernia.	*Will. Orton Cler.* 20 *Jan.* 1625.	*Morton bund. incert.*
	Guill. Bull. Cler. 28 *Junii* 1628.	

Of the *Chantrie* founded here, the occasion was this. The before specified *John de Peto* having been so great a Benefactor [h] to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by giving to them the Church of **Lockesley**, and a large portion of that Village, as that by way of remuneration, they charged themselves and their successors, with the payment of *xii.* marks and *v s.* of silver yearly, *viz. viii.* marks for the maintenance of a *Chantrie Priest* for ever, and four marks and five shillings for other pious uses; in 25 *E.* 3. built a Chapell adjoyning to this Church, dedicated to our *Ladie*, and procured *Roger de Northburgh* then Bishop of this Dioces, to ordain a *Chantrie* therein; who, accordingly, did appoint and establish, that it should be called the *Chantrie* of *John de Peto junior*, and that the *Chantrie-Priest* serving therein, should be thenceforth presented by the Prior of **Coventre** for the time being, at the nomination of the said *John* and the Lady *Beatrice* his wife, having an habitation adjoyning to the Church-yard, then also newly built by the said *John de Peto*: as also that the same Priest should especially pray for the good estate of him the said *John*, and likewise of *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, the Ladie *Catherine* his Countess, Sir *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntendon**, *Beatrice* wife to the said *John*, his Father; and moreover of *Roger de Northburgh* then Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** during this life, and for their souls after their departures hence; and for the souls of all the Earls of **Warwick**, as also the souls of the Fathers and Mothers of the said *John* and *Beatrice*, their kindred and friends; all the

h *Ex aut. tog. penes præf. D. Digby.*

the Priors of Coventre and Kenilworth, the Benefactors to the said *Chantrie*, and all the faithfull deceased.

That likewise in this Chapell the *Anniversarie* of the said *John* should be kept in a solemn manner, by the Parson of this Parish for the time being, or at least by his Curate and the *Chantrie-Priest*; and that for the space of xv. dayes following, the said *Chantrie-Priest* should say the Office for the dead, *viz. Placebo* and *Dirige*, for the soul of the said *John* and all the faithfull deceased. And moreover that upon the Feast day of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, one of the Canons of Kenilworth might every year be sent hither, and celebrate the Mass of that day; and having so done, and made silence, read unto the people then present, the Ordination of this *Chantrie*, and suddainly after, make distribution of *L* s. sterling to the poor, for the soul of the same *John*, and all the rest before mentioned; *viz.* to every poor body a peny, unless the number of the poor, then happning to be there, should be so great, that it would not hold out; and if so, then two or three to have a peny amongst them: Which Ordination bears date at Heywode 5 *Dec.* 1351. (25 *E.* 3.)

And becaus the House for habitation of the *Chantrie-Priest* before specified, had no Garden belonging to it, there was a peice of ground, containing 7 Perches square, adjoyning thereunto, on the North part, given [i] by *Geffrey Scrope*, then Parson of Solihull, *Will. Scrope*, Parson of Medburne, and *Will. Asington* Clerke, for the soul of Sir *John Hothum* Kt. Which piece of ground was granted to them by the said Sir *John Hothum*, to the intent that the *Chantrie-Priest* dwelling there, should have a Quarter of Oats yearly growing thereon, as also Pot-herbes to be spent in his House.

[i] *Ex autog. penès* S. Mountfort *ar.*

Colshill.

SOon after the said torrent is passed Sheldon, it enters Cole, which river hasting towards Blythe, gives name to Colshill situate upon an ascent on the South side thereof. This was one of those towns, which we call *Antient Demesn*, inasmuch as K. *Edward* the Confessor, and K. *Will.* the Conqueror possest it, as appears by the generall Survey [k] then taken, where it is rated for three hides; at which time there was a Church, and likewise a Mill valued at xl *d.* as also ten Burgesses in Tamworth belonging thereto, with VVoods of three miles in length, and two in breadth: but unto whom the Conqueror or his son first disposed of it, I never could find; yet that one of them so did, I incline to beleive, in regard that in the Charter [l] of confirmation made by K. *H.* 2. unto *Osbert de Clinton*, ratifying the grant, which *Geffrey de Clinton* his Kinsman had made thereof to him the said *Osbert*, there is expres mention, that *Geffrey de Clinton*, Father to the said *Geffrey*, did purchase it. Of which two *Geffreys*, I have spoke in my storie of Kenilworth, and shall therefore say no more of either, than that it was *Geffrey* the second, who so granted [m] it unto the before mentioned *Osbert* and his heirs, for his homage, and the service of one Knight's Fee: in whose line it contined for divers Descents, *scil.* till that in *Edw.* 3. time, by an heir female, it was transferred to the Familie of *Mountfort*.

[k] Domesd. *lib.*

[l] *Ex autog. penès præs.* S. M.

[m] *Ex autog. penès* Rob. D. Digby.

Of this *Osbert* I find, that [n] in 8 *H.* 2. he is called *Osbertus de Colshill*; so also in [o] 10, and 11 *H.* 2. upon levying of the Scutage in those years: and that he wedded [p] *Margaret* the daughter to *Will. de Hatton* (son of *Hugh* that founded the Priorie of Wroxhall) by whom he had issue [q] *Osbert* his son and heir: which *Margaret* in 2 *Joh.* came to an accord with her said son, touching [r] her dowrie, releasing her right to the third part of the VVoods, in generall, belonging to this Lordship, in leiu of an assignation by him then made unto her of certain VVoods by particular names; amongst which, in describing them by boundaries there is this [s] expression, ——*Et ultra aquam* (which is on the North side of the River Cole) *boscum à quercu qui vocatur Quercus Castelli, usque ad* Luttleshale; From whence I observe that in antient time there had been a Castle thereabouts, though where it stood I cannot well guess, except in that feild on the North side of the town, called Grimeshill-feild; for there, on the right hand the road leading towards Lichfeild, have of late times been digged up certain foundations of building, accidentally discovered; amongst which a peice of Roman copper-coin was found, on the one side whereof is the head of *Trajan* the Emperor with a Laurell about it, and this circumscript on *I M P. C ÆS. NERVA TRAIAN. AVG. GERM. P. M.* and on the other Piety (as I take it) with her head veiled, her right hand extended, *quasi vota suscipiens*, and an Altar before her; the circumscription being *TR. POT. COS. II.* So that 'tis not unlike that there hath been very antiently some notable Fort or Castle there, the place being so proper for such a thing, in regard of it's height, though tract of time hath thus overwhelmed its very ruins with the Common arable land.

[n] *Rot. P.* 8 *H.* 2.

[o] *Rot. P. de ijsd. an.*

[p] [q] *Ex vet. Cod. MS. penès præf.* Rob. D. Digby

[r] *F. levat. 2. Joh.*

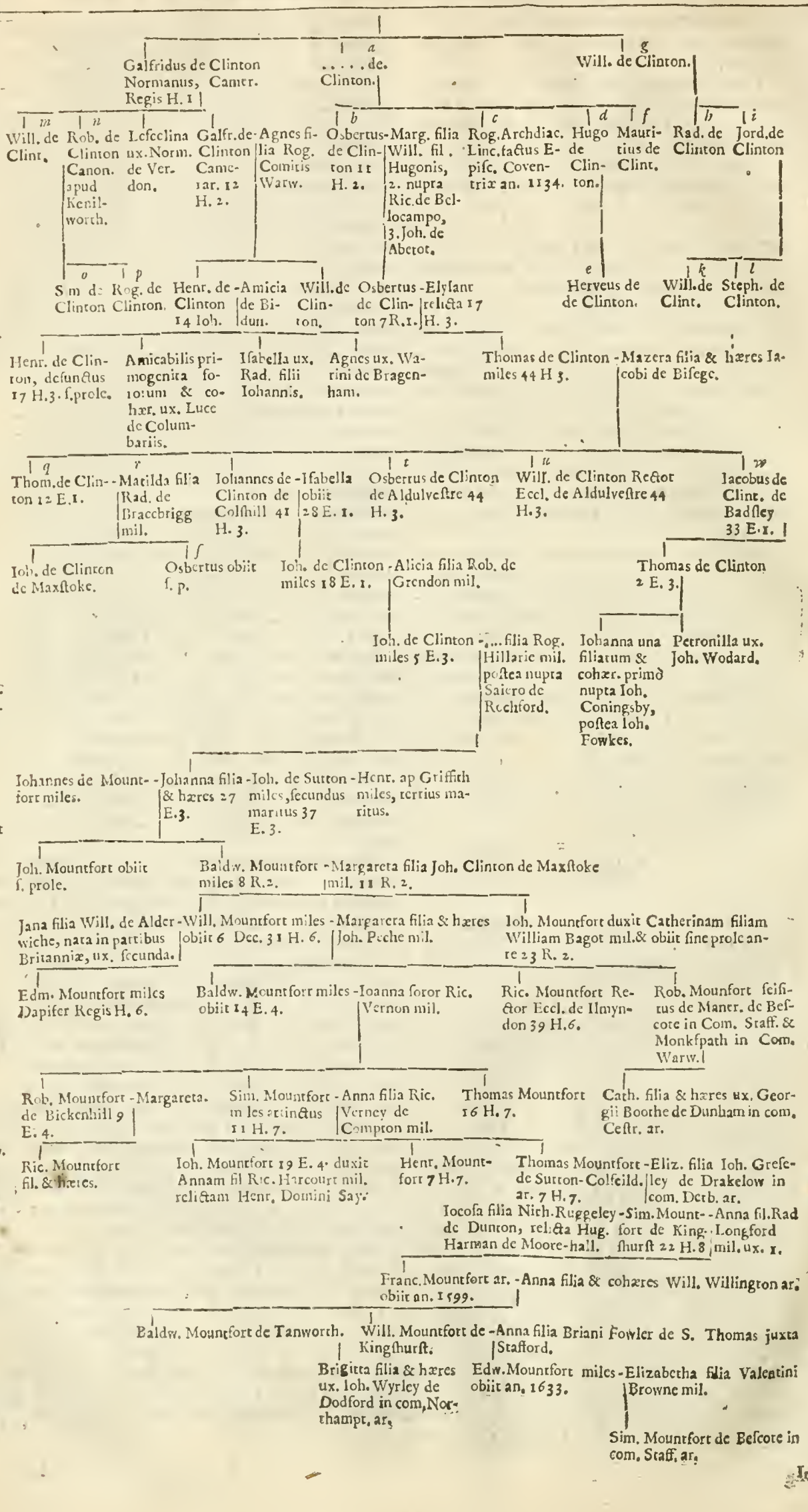
This last mentioned *Osbert de Clinton* obtained a Charter [t] from the King, for a weekly Mercate here upon the Sunday, and a Faire yearly to hold for two dayes; *viz.* the Eve and Feast-day of the Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*; which grant bears date at Merleberge 26 *Aug.* 9 *Joh.* But there is little more that I have seen memorable of him, other than that he was in [u] Armes with the Barons against King *John*, towards the end of his reign, and that he returned to his loyaltie in 1 *H.* 3. whereupon his lands, seized upon for that offence, were again restored [w] to him. After which it was not long ere he died, and that the custodie of his son and heir, and the lands of his inheritance, notwithstanding he was then a Kt. were committed [x] to *Will. de Briwer*; for I find, that the said *William* obtained a speciall Mandate [y] from the King, to the Shiriff of this Countie, for protecting him in the possession thereof, and that he sold [z] the same Wardship unto *Will. de Cantilupe* for *C.* marks. The name of which heir, was *Thomas de Clinton*, of whom the next mention that I have found, is that in 17 *H.* 3. he came to an agreement with *Elysant* the widow to the before specified *Osbert*, touching her dowrie; whereupon it was concluded [z] that she should hold the third part of a third part of the Kt's Fee here in Colshill and Haighton, which was given to her by the said *Osbert*.

[t] *Cart 9. Joh. m. 7.*

[u] *Clauf. 1. H. 3. m. 16.*

[w] [x] [y] *Clauf. 7. H. 3 m. 26.*

[z] *F. levat. 5. septim. Pasch. 17. H. 3.*



a Ex autog. penès S. Mountfort. ar.
b
c Cron. MS. Rob. de Torinsio in bibl. Deuveſ. f. 159. b.
d Ex autor. penès S. A. eq. aur.
e
f Ex Cart. Warw. Com. f. 54. a.
g Ex Reg. de Einſham f. 32. a.
h Ex autog. penès
i præſ. S. A.
k Rot. I.
l Rous
m Reg. de Kenilw. p. 18.
n Ib. p. 1. 145.
o Ex autog penes
p præſ. S. A.
q Ex autog penès præſ. S. Mountfort
r Ex Cod. MS. penès Rob. D. Digby.
ſ Plac. apud Linc. 12. E. 1. rot. 10.
t Reg. de Burton f. 71. a.
u Ex autog. penès Will. Vic. Staff.
w Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.

In 19 *H.* 3. this *Thomas* was [a] one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie, so also in [b] 25 *H.* 3. But the reason of that grant so made by the King of his Wardship as aboveſaid, was (as I conceive) in respect of the minoritie of those coheirs, *viz.* the daughters and heirs * to *Henry de Clinton* (which the Pedegree sheweth) for after they came to age and had husbands, it is evident that they questioned him for the performance of those services, by which he held this Lordship of them; whereupon they came to an agreement by a Fine levied [c] in 25 *H.* 3. *viz.* that he should do Homage to *Warine de Bragenham* and *Agnes* his wife (one of those coheirs) and perform all other services incident to the said tenure: which being so setled, the said *Warine* and *Agnes*, within two years after, in consideration of *xl.* marks past [d] away their interest in this Knight's fee in **Colshill** and **Haleton** unto the before specified *Will. de Cantilupe*, levying a Fine [e] for the surer setling thereof: but this *William* soon after released [f] to the said *Thomas* and his heirs the one half thereof, reserving onely to himself and his heirs the service of half a Kts. fee for the lands in **Colshill** and **Haleton**, as aboveſaid; which service upon partition [g] made in 2 *E.* 1. betwixt the daughters and heirs of *Cantilupe*, came to *Eudo la Zouche* with *Milisent* his wife.

This *Thomas de Clinton* was a man of fair possessions; for it appears [h] that he held five Kts. fees of the Earl of **Warwick**. In 32 *H.* 3. I find that he had a great suit [i], with *Hughde Culi*, touching Common of pasture here in **Colshill**, which the said *Hugh* claymed as belonging to his lands in **Merston**-*Culi* adjacent: and that in the same year he was [k] one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; as also in 35 *H.* 3. constituted [l] the King's Eschaetor in this Countie (in those days an Office of great note) for performance whereof he made Oath in the presence of *Henry de Wengham* (afterwards Chancellour of **England**) and the Shiriff of the Shire, and had a speciall precept [m] to the same Shiriff, to exempt him from serving on Juries by reason of that imployment, which held till [n] 37 *H.* 3. In 38 *H.* 3. he obtained a Charter [o] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn-lands here. In 45. and 49 *H.* 3. he was again in [p] Commission for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; and bore [q] for his Armes onely *a Chief*, which I conceive was *Azure*, the feild being *Argent* (in regard that his posteritie retained the same ordinarie with those colours) and wedded [r] *Mazera* the daughter and heir of *James de Pisegg* (Lord of **Badsley** in this Countie) by whom he had issue divers children as the Descent sheweth: whereof, unto *John*, (whom I take to be his second son) he gave [s] the inheritance of this Mannour, with all his right in the advouson of the Church, reserving to himself an C *l.* sterling during his own life, in consideration thereof; and the performance of such service to his heirs, as to the Chief Lord of the Fee was due and accustomed; as also after his own decease 1 *d.* yearly to be payd at *Christmas* to his heirs, for all services except forrain; entailing it upon his other son *Osbert* and his heirs, in case the same *John* should die without issue: which grant was made in 44 *H.* 3. as appears by the Fine then levied [t] for confirmation thereof.

This *John* adhering to the Barons against K. *Henr.* 3. was [u] one of those that held out **Kenilworth**-Castle (touching the siege whereof I have elsewhere spoke) for which offence this Mannour being (*inter alia*) seized on, was bestowed [w] upon *Roger de Clifford*; but thereof was he not long ent of possession, through that favourable Decree called *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**: after which he grew in such esteem for his fidelitie, that from 6 *E.* 1. till [x] 20 of the same King's reign, he was sundry times in Commission for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; and in [y] 25 *E.* 1. intrusted, together with *Andrew de Astley* (a great person in these parts) to choose and retain all such Knights and Esquires, within this Countie, as they should think fit for the service, to attend Prince *Edward*, then the King's Lieutenant in **England**, with Horse and Armes at **London** on the *Octaves* of S. *Mich.* to be imployed as he the said Prince and the King's Councell should direct. In 13 *E.* 1. he claimed [z] by Prescription within this his Lordship of **Colshill** Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, Pillorie, Tumbrell, a **Court-Leet**, *Infangthef*, and *Utfangthef*, **Mercate**, **Faire** and **Free-warren**: but it being demanded of him how he could justifie the said claim, he replied that thereto he was not bound to make answer, without the King's speciall Writ to enquire of his Ancestors being seized thereof, whereupon there was no more at that time said: and bore for his Armes *Argent upon a chief Azure two flower de Lices Or*, as by his Seal and Monument, in an arch of the Wall of **Colshill**-Church, where he lieth in male cross-leg'd, is yet to be seen; which kind of Buriall was onely used by those that had taken upon them the *Cross*, to serve in the *Holy-land*, as Mr. *Cambden* [a] obserues.

To him succeeded *John de Clinton* his son and heir, who being afterwards [b] a Kt. and in 28 *E.* 1. constituted [c] one of the Conservators of the Peace in this Countie, the next year following had summons [d], amongst divers great men to be at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast of the *Nativitie* of St. *John Bapt.* well furnisht with Horse and Armes to attend the King in his Scotch expedition: So also in 34 *E.* 1. to be [e] at **Carleol** in the *quinzime* of the *Nativitie* of St. *John Bapt.* with the King's Army, to march against *Robert Brus*, then in Armes in **Scotland**; and in 16 *E.* 2. had the custodie [f] of the passage from **England** towards **Scotland**, from **Whitoff haven** unto **Crechop-heved**. This Sir *John* bore for his Armes, *Or three piles Azure, and a Canton Ermine*, as by his [g] Seal and other authorities appeareth; and wedded [h] *Alice* the daughter of Sir *Rob. de Grendon* Kt. by whom he had issue [i] *John* his son and heir, who in 5 *E.* 3. was a Kt. and bore [k] for his Armes *Argent upon a Chief Azure two flowre de Lices Or*, as his grandfather did; and departing [l] this life in 27 *E.* 3. left issue by ..... daughter of Sir *Roger Hillarie* Kt. *Joane* [m] his daughter and heir within age, who first became the wife [n] of Sir *John Mountfort* Kt. by which means this Lordship of **Colshill** divolved to that Family; secondly [o] of Sir *John Sutton* Kt. (Lord of **Dudley**) and thirdly [p] of Sir *Henry Griffith* of **Wichnoure** Kt.

Which Sir *John de Montfort* was the illegitimate [q] son of *Peter de Montfort* of **Beldesert** in this Countie; but by reason of his said marriage made his residence here, and in 35 *E.* 3. served [r] in the Parliament at **Westminster** as one of the Kts. for this Shire. In 38 *E.* 3. he was [s] one of the principall

a Camb. *Brit. in* Middlesex.

b *Ex autog. penès* S. Archer *el. aur.*

c *Pat.* 28. *E.* 1. *m.* 14.

d *Clauſ.* 29. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 13.

e *Clauſ.* 34. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 16. *in ced.*

f *Pat.* 16. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 2.

g *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

h *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

i *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

k *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

l *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

m *Ex autog. penes præſ.* Rob. *D.* Digby

n *Vide in* Beldesert.

o *Clauſ.* 35. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 8.

p T. Walſ. *in an.* 1354.

w *Cart.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.

x *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

y *Pat.* 25. *E.* 1. *p.* 2. *m.* 5.

z *Rot. de Quo. W.*

a *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d.*

b *Eſc.* 26. *H.* 3.

i *Pat.* 32. *H.* 3. *in d.*

k *Pat.* 32. *H.* 3. *in d.*

l *Clauſ.* 35. *H.* 3. *m.* 8.

m *Clauſ.* 36. *H.* 3. *m.* 30.

n *Clauſ.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 7.

o *Ex autog. penès præſ. D.* Digby.

p *Pat. de iiſd. an in d.*

q *Ex Sigillo in bibl.* Hatton.

r *Ex vet. exempl. penès præſ. D.* Digby.

s *Ex vet. exempl. penès præſ. D.* Digby.

t xv. *Mich.*

u *Pat.* 51. *H.* 3. *m.* 32.

* *F. levat. ut ſupra.*

c *Menſ. Mich.*

d *Ex vet. exempl. penès præſ. D.* Digby.

e *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Mart.* 27. *H.* 3.

f *Ex vet. exempl. penès præſ. D.* Digby.

g *Clauſ.* 4. *E.* 1. *m.* 9.

h *Eſc.* 26. *H.* 3.

principall Commanders of those few English forces, which having besieged the Castle of **Doverey** in **France**, encountred [r] *Charles de Bloys* with neer thrice that number, which he routed, slew the said *Charles* with neer a thousand others, took Prisoners, two Earls, 27 Lords, besides *xv.* men at Armes; and left issue Sir *Baldwin de Montfort* Kt. But *Joane* his widow, held this Lordship during her life, and in 45 *E.* 3. being then Sir *Henry Griffith*'s wife, entailed [u] it upon his issue by her; and for lack of such issue, upon *John* the son of Sir *John de Sutton*, and the heirs of his bodie; and for lack of such issue, upon *Baldwin* the son of Sir *John de Montfort*, her first husband, with divers other remainders. Whence I observe, that her husband *Griffith*, though he was the last, became the first in her respects, and *Montfort*, the first, set in the last place.

u *F. levat. xv. Hill. 45. H. 3.*

But all that I have seen, worth observance, of this Sir *Baldwin* is, that he was [w] one of the Commissioners of Array in this Countie in 8 *R.* 2. as also that he attended [x] the Duke of **Lancaster** into **Spain** in 9 *R.* 2. and there died, leaving issue [y] by *Margaret* [z] the daughter to Sir *John de Clinton* of **Warstoke** Kt. *John*, *William*, *Baldwin*, *Thomas*, and *Margaret*; which *John* was under age at his father's death, whereupon Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt. had his Wardship [a], and married [b] *Catherine* his daughter to him; but he died [c] without issue, before 23 *R.* 2. unto whom succeeded [d] *William* his brother in the inheritance; Of which *William* I find, that having been, in *H.* 4 time, one of the chief Esquires retained [e] with the Earl of **Warwick** for the siege of **Callais**; and in 5 *H.* 5. Steward [f] of the Household to the same Earl, being retained [g] with him at *xl.* marks *per an.* fee: As also from 9 *H.* 5. (at which time he was a Kt.) till his death, in [h] Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, he was one; and indeed chief [i] of the Councell unto the same Earl, and Executor [k] to the Ladie *Isabell* his Countess: and that almost in all imployments for the publick service of the Countrie, he had a principall place: for in 4. 8. 14. 19. and 24 *H.* 6. he was in [l] Commission for treating with the people, concerning Loans of money to the King. In [m] 14. and 28 *H.* 6. for assessing and levying of Subsidies. In [n] 15 and 23 *H.* 6. one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held. In [o] 12 *H.* 6. one of those, who swore to the observance of those Articles agreed on in the Parliament of that year, and three times Shiriff of this Countie and **Leicestershire**, *viz.* [p] in 10. 20. and 29 *H.* 6. As also that he bore [q] for his Armes *Argent upon a chief Azure two flowre de l'ces Or*, being the Coat of *Clinton*, his grand-mothers Father.) In whose time that fair Spire-Steeple, here, being newly built from the ground, and the Chancell, as appeareth by the structure and Armes in sundry of the Windows, he was (without doubt) a speciall Benefactor thereto.

w *Pat. 8. R. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 30.*

x, y b, z c, a d } *Ex autog. penes præf. S. M.*

e *Ex Rot. vet. in bibl.* Hatton.

f *Ex Comp. Balliv.* Warw. *Com. penes* W. Peirpoint *ar.*

g *Ib.*

h *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

i *Comp. Ball.* Warw. *Com. penes S.* Archer *eq. aur.*

k Lufnam *q. 27.*

l *Pat. de ijsd. an.*

m, n } *Rot. F. de ijsd. an.*

o *Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.*

p *Rot. F. de ijsd. an.*

q *Ex Sigillo penes* S. Archer *eq aur.*

His Testament [r] bears date the Wednesday next after the Feast of St. *Mathew* the Apostle 30 *H.* 6. but there is very little worth notice therein, other than the dispossall of all his lands in **Mollington**, for the Foundation of a *Chantrie* here at **Colshill**, which was never accomplished. By his first wife; *sc. Margaret* daughter and heir to Sir *John Peche* of **Hampton** in **Arden**, he had issue Sir *Baldwin Mountfort* Kt. *John* [t] that died without issue, *Robert* [u], *Richard* [x] Parson of **Ilmindon**, and *Raph* [y]. Which *Robert* being possest [z] of the Mannour of **Monkspath** in this Countie, and of **Bescote** in **Staffordshire**, left issue [a] one onely daughter and heir, named *Catherine*, married [b] to *George Booth*, son and heir to Sr *Will. Booth* of **Dunham** in **Cheshire** (of the antient Familie of the *Booths* of **Barton** in **Lancashire**) From which *George* is lineally descended Sir *George Booth* now of **Dunham** Baronet. But by *Joane* a second wife (born [a] in Little-**Brittany**) had the said Sir *Will. Mountfort* a son called *Edmund*, first one [b] of the Esquires to King *H.* 6. and afterwards a Kt. and Shiriff [c] of this Countie and **Leicestershire** in 38 *H.* 6. As also one of the Carvers [d] to the same King, and a Commissioner [e] for arraying of men the same year: A man, indeed, much in favour with that unfortunate Prince, as appears by an acknowledgement of his services expresst in the preamble [f] of a certain Patent, whereby he had the Lordships of **Shustoke** and **Bole-Hall** in this Countie, then given to him, which were seized on for the activeness of *John* Lord *Clinton* and *Say*, on the behalf of the House of **York**.

r Stafford & Kempe *f. 302. a.*

t, u, x, y, z } *Ex autog. penes præf. S. M.*

a *Rot. F. 31. H. 6. m. 2.*

b *Pat. 22. H. 6. p. 1. m. 1.*

c *Rot. F. 38. H. 6. m. 16.*

d *Pat. 38. H. 6. p. 2. m. 10.*

e *Ib. in d. m. 14.*

f *Ib. m. 10. ut supra.*

Which Sir *Edmund*, by his Testament [g], bearing date 12 *Martii* 10 *H.* 7. bequeathed his body to sepulture in our Lady Chapell, within the Parish Church of **Henley** upon **Thames** (*in com. Oxon.*) at the window side before the Image of our Lady in the same Chapell; appointing thereby that a meetly Tomb should be made according to his degree, and his Armes set upon it, with this inscription; *Here lyeth Sir* Edmund Mountford *Knyht, sometime Counceller and Kerver with the most blessed King* Henry *the sixt, and after Chamberleyne to the high and mighty Prince* Jasper *D. of* Bedford, *brother to the said Prince the said King.*

g Vox *q. 11.*

But I return to Sir *Baldwin*, who at his Father's death in 31 *H.* 6. was [h] xl. years of age, and in 34 *H.* 6. a [i] Kt. being then in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. Betwixt this Sir *Baldwin* and Sir *Edm. Mountfort*, his half brother, there was a great contestation [k] for this Mannour of **Colshill** and the Mannour of **Ilmindon**: for it seems that Sir *Will. Mountfort* their Father, being wrought upon by the importunitie of *Joane* his second wife, did endeavour the disherison of his Children by the first; for the better bearing out whereof, he enfeoft *Humphrey* D. of **Buckingham** (a potent man in that age) to the use of the same *Joane* and of *Edmund* his son by her: which *Edmund* to make the said Duke the more firm to his interest, setled the reversion, in case he should have no issue, upon him and *Humphry* Earl *Stafford* his son; so that when Sir *Baldwin* made his claim thereunto, the Duke through his greatness so terrified him with threats, that he forced him solemnly to disclaim the former intail; and not onely so, but to procure *Richard* and *John*, his brothers of the whole blood, under their hands and Seals to do the like. Notwithstanding all which, Sir *Baldwin*, afterwards taking heart, did set a-foot his title again, so that at length the matter was referred to *Thomas Bourchier* Archb. of **Canterb.** *Richard* D. of **York**, *Ric.* Earl of **Salisbury**, *John* Earl of **Worcester**, and *Henry* Vicount *Bourchier*, who awarded the said Duke to have **Colshill** to himself, and to his heirs, and that **Ilmindon** should be to the same Sir *Baldwin* and his heirs; whereupon they released each to other; and the said Sir *Edmund* released to *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford* before specified, all his right

h *Esc. 31. H. 6.*

i *Pat. 34. H. 6. in d. m. 19.*

k *Ex autog. penes* Will *Vicecom.* Strafford.

right to this Mannour; and *Sim. Montfort* son and heir to Sir *Baldwin*, gave bond of a thousand pounds to the said Duke, not to molest the said *Joane* and *Edmund* for the same.

By which means she the said *Joane* and her son, went away with the present possession thereof, the reversion remayning in the before specified Duke and his heirs: Howbeit the said Sir *Baldw.* and his son, upon the attainder of that Duke (who was slain in the battail of **Northampton** *an.* 38 *H.*6.) procured a speciall clause [1] to be inserted in the Act, for the regaining of their right hereunto, which forasmuch as it is memorable, I have here inserted.

[1] *Ex vet. exempl. penès præf.* S. M.

——*Foresien alwey that this Act of attcynder in noo wise hurt nor preiudice the right, title, nor possession of* Symond Mountfort *Equire of in nor for the Mannours of* **Colshull** *and* **Ilmyndon** *in the Shire of* **Warrewyk**, *and the Manor of* **Rampnam** *in* **Berkh'**, *and the advouson of the Churches of the same Manors, with their appurtenances, parcells & members; nor any of them, nor any parcell of them: nor the right, title, or possession of eny persone or persones having joynt estate in the said Manors or eny of them with the seide Simond; nor the right, title, nor possession of any persone or persones having estate in the seid Manors or any of them, to the use of* Baldewyn Mountfort *Knight fader of the seide* Simond, *nor eny of them, nor their heirs nor assignes, nor eny of the heires of the seide* Baldewin *or* Simond; *which Manors bin entailled on the heirs of the body of the seide* Baldewyn *begotten, as openly appeareth by evidens thereof redy to be shewed; for the disheryting of which* Baldewyn *and* Symond *of the seide Manors,* Edmond Montfort *Kt. Karver to* Henry *the vi*th. *late K. of* **England** *in dede and not of right, by the favour and might of the seide late soo King,* Humfrey *late D. of* **Buck.** *and* James *late Earl of* **Wiltshire**, *be full unconsciensly moynes long time laboured, as opunly is known to many of the estates and worshipfull peopul of this Royalme, to the utterst empoverishing of the same* Baldewyn *and* Simond.

Which said Sir *Baldewyn*, the better to manifest what unjust and ill dealing had been excercised by the before specified D. of **Buck.** for the utter disheriting of him and his son, made publication thereof to posteritie, by a particular Instrument, whereunto he set his hand and Seal; which, for that it discovers so much of the high oppression therein excercised, I have here thought fit to transcribe [m].

[m] *Ex autog. penès eund.* S. M.

To all true Cristen pepull to whom this present writinge shall come, Baldewyn Mountfort *Kt. and Prest, sendeth greting, &c. Know ye me the forseyd* Baldewyn *being in my good heele and good mynd, the day of the making hereof, at* **Hampton** *in* **Arderne**, *to say, testifye, and report for trouthe, there being present the Priour of* **Marstoke**, *with many other, that all such Obligations, Recoveres, Relees, or other writinos which y made to* Humfrey *late D. of* Buck. Humfrey *late Lord of* Stafford, *and* James *late Erle of* Wiltes. *or to Sir* Edm. Mountfort *my brother or eny of them, for or of the Mnours of* **Colshull** **Ilmyndon**, **Rampnam**, *or eny other parcell of my livelode, which was late Sir* Will. Mountforts *my faders, hit was done by compulcion of the seid Duke, and for fere of my deth, and of my son Sir* Simond's: *For in trouth the seid Duke keped me in* **Coventre** *xiiii. deyes, and aftir had me to the Castel of* **Marstoke**, *and there kept me: And my son Sir* Symond *was put in the Castell of* **Gloucester**, *and we coude never be delivered out, till we agreed to certain Articles written in a Bill anexid to this my writinge; which Articles were send bi the seid Duke and* Edmond, *under the Seale of the said* Edmond, *to my seid son, when he was in prison in the seid Castel of* Gloucester, *rehersyng that we should suffer Recoveres to be had ayeyne us, such as the late Duke, Earl of* Stafford, *and Earl of* Wiltshire, *or* Edm. Mountfort, *by the advice of their Councell cowde or would devise for ther profet; and also to relece all our right, which we had in the seid Mannors, to the same Duke, and other above rehersed, and to do other things, as hit appereth more plainly in the seid Bill; or els my seid son should never have comen out of Prison, nor y should not have abidden in my Cuntry, but to have had and to have stonden in the indignacion of the Lordship of the seid Duke, and other Lords above rehirsed, which in thoo deys had byn too hevy and too importable for me or my seid son to have boren.*

By the which Recoveres, Relece, and Obligations, so had and made by compulcion, the said Edmund *my brother would disherit me and mine yssue for ever, contrarie to right and consciens, God knoweth: For in trouth, where the seid Duke seid, that and if eny man would sey and prove, that eny of the seid Manors were entailled to me the seid Sir* Baldwyn, *eyther by Dede or by Fyne, he wold not be about to disherit me, nor myne heires for* M *l. and my Lady of* Buckingham *affirmed, and seys the same since the deth of my seid Lord, late her husband: all that notwithstanding, the seid* Edmond *my brother, at the time of the seid Releces or Obligacions made, or eny Recoveres had ayeyne me of the seid Manors, had in his kepinge all the evidences concerning the seid Manors, and he sware himself, and caused me to swere, and my brother the Parson, and* Robert, *before the seid Duke, that we saw never Dede of yntaile of the said Manors nor Fyne, whereby they should be entayled; where, that, indeed, the seid Sir* Edmund *was forsworn, and caused me and my Brether to be forsworn; for he had at that time divers Dedes, and Fynes in his kepyng, whereby the seid Manors were and are yntailled, which byn now redy to shew.*

Wherefore I the seid Sir Baudwyn, *in my last deyes, requier and charge yow that be presente at the making hereof, that ye informe, in that ye may, my seid Lady of* Buckingham, *and my yonge Lord of* Buck. *and all other Gentilmen and good men of this Countrey, that the seid Manors bin entaylled to me both by Dede and by Fyne; which Dedes and Fynes I shew you here at this time, to the intent that my Children may have their livelode according to the taille, and as right and good consciens will, so that they be not disherit by the hiding of the seid Dedes and Fynes, and the colour and craft of my seid Brother Sir* Edmond, *being about to hurt, not onely his own soul, but the soules of the seid good Lord, late D. of* Buck. *and* H. *late Lord of* Stafford *his son, and* James *late Earle of* Wiltes. *with many other good and well disposid persons, labourers in the same mater, not understanding what they did, God knoweth. In witnes, &c. I have set my Seale and signe manuell at* **Hampton** *aboveseid, the Thursday next before S.* Hillarie's *dey* xlix*th*. H. 6. *and of the taking ayene of his royall power the first yeere.*

This Sir *Baldwyn*, being at length a widower,

betook [n] himself to a religious course of life; and entring into holy Orders, in 39 *H.* 6. demised [o] unto *Simon* his son and heir, the Mannour of **Hampton** in **Arden**, reserving onely for himself another Priest, and six Children celebrating divine Service there, with a competencie of meat and drink and other necessaries during his life, according to their severall degrees, stiling [p] himself *Knight and Priest*, and died [q] in 14 *E.* 4. leaving the before specified *Simon* his son and heir; who in K. *H.* 5. time, being a servant [r] in Court to Q. *Catherine*, and in 35 *H.* 6. retained [s] of Councell to *Ric. Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**, was [t] in 1 *E.* 4. a Kt. and in 4. had a Release [u] from that King, of all his right to this Mannour, in regard that Sir *Baldwyn* his Father, finding that Sir *Edm. Mountfort* (his half brother before spoken of) had backt himself with the countenance of the D. of *Buck.* (a mighty man for the *Lancastrian* interest) made a Feoffment thereof unto this King, when he was but Earl of **March**, the better to maintain his title thereto.

After which, *viz.* in 11 *E.* 4. he underwent the Shiriffaltie [w] of this Countie and **Leicestershire**; and was retained [x] by the said King, to serve him in the wars of **France**, for one whole year, with five Spears, himself accounted, and *Lx.* Archers well and sufficiently armed and arrayed, taking for himself *ii* s. *per diem*, for the rest of the said Spears *xviii* d. and for the Archers *vi* d. a peice; the King to have the third part of all prizes in war, taken by him or any of his retinue. In 9 *E.* 4. he had the Lieutenancie [y] of the Isle of **Wight** and Castle of **Caresbroke**, under Sir *Anth. Widvile* Kt. Lord *Scales* of **Nucells**, and of the said Isle: And being made a Kt. Baneret [z] 24 *Maii* 11 *E.* 4. served [a] in the wars of **Normandie** in 15 *E.* 4. And was in all [b] Commissions of the Peace, during the whole reign of that King, as also of [c] Array, Gaol-deliverie [d], and levying [e] of Subsidies, for the most part imployed: So also in *H.* 7. time, till [f] the x[th]. of his reign; being likewise in 4. a Commissioner [g] in this Countie, for assigning and chooseing of Archers for releif of the Dutchie of **Brittanie**: which imployments do argue, that he was a person of great wisdom and courage: But such an unhappy fate attended him, that by attainder in 10 *H.* 7. he lost his life, whereby his possessions, which were very large, became confiscate, to the utter ruin of his Familie.

The crime of Treason layd [h] to his charge, was this; *viz.* that he sent xxx *l.* in money, by *Henry* his younger son, unto *Perkin Warbeck*; who counterfaiting himself to be one of the murthered sons of K. *Edw.* 4. did make severall attempts for the obtaining of the Crown: In the behalf of which *Perkin*, much hath been said by some, arguing that he was really the second son to K. *Edward.* Whether he was so or not, I will not stand to dispute, but (doubtless) many did really beleive him so to be; of which number this Sir *Simon* was one, having been a stedfast friend to the House of **York**, for it [i] appears, that upon his triall in **Guild-Hall London**, the Friday next before *Candlemas*-day 10 *H.* 7. in the presence of *Edw.* D. of **Buck.** *Thom.* Marq. **Dorset**, *Thom.* Earl of **Arundell** and others, Commissioners for that purpose, he denied not the charge; having thereupon Judgement to be drawn through the midst of the Citie, as also hang'd and quartered at **Tiburne**; and being executed [k] accordingly, was attainted [l] in the Parl. begun at **Westm.** 14 *Oct.* the year following: which sad *Catastrophe* did put a period to the greatness of this antient Familie (the line whereof the Pedegree * before inserted doth shew till these present times: but what I have farther to say thereof is in **Kingshurst**) Upon the confiscation of whose lands, this Mannour was soon disposed of by the K, unto *Simon Digby*, Deputie [m] to *John* Earl of **Oxford** then Constable of the Tower, (which *Simon Digby* brought [n] this unhappy Gentleman to the Bar at his said Triall) the Patent [o] extending to the heirs male of his body, and bearing date at **Westminster** 23 *Dec.* 11 *H.* 7. to whom it still continues.

* *Ex autog. penès eund.* S.M.

l *Ex. vet. exempl. penès præf.* S.M.

m *Ex. vet. exempl. penès præf.* S.M.

n *Ex. vet. exempl. penès præf.* S.M.

o *Ex autog. penès præf.* D. Digby.

Everardus Digby miles cæsus in prælio apud Touton 1 E. 4.

- Everardus Digby mil. à quo Digby de Stokedrye in com. Rutl.
- Sim Digby de Colshill ar. ob. 12 H. 8.
  - Alicia filia & hæres Joh. Walcys.
    - Regin. Digby ar. ob. 25 Apr. 3 E. 6.
      - Anna filia & cohær. Joh. Danvers ar.
        - Joh. Digby ar. obiit 15 Nov. ult. Mariæ.
          - Georgius Digby, factus eques aur. in obsid. de Zutphen in Flandria per Rob. Comitem Leic. 28 Eliz. obiit 4 Febr. seq.
            - Rob. Digby factus eq. aur. apud Dublin in Hibern. per Rob. Com. Essexiæ 38 Eliz. obiit .... Maii 16 Iac.
              - Robertus Digby erectus in Baronem Digby de Geashill in Hibern. per Regem Iac.
                - Catherina.
                - Leticia.
                - Kildare Baro Digby infra æt. an. 1640.
            - Abigal filia Arthuri Heveningham mil. secundò nupta Edw. Cordell ar.
      - Leticia filia & hæres Geraldi Fitz-Gerald fil. & hær. Geraldi Comitis de Kildare.
        - Sara filia Ric. Boyle Comitis de Corke in Hibernia.
    - Thomas Digby de Mansfeild-Woodhouse in com. Not. †
      - Anna filia Georgii Throkmorton de Coughton mil.
  - Ioh. Digby erectus in Baronem Digby de Shirburne & Com. Bristoll per Regem Iac.

† *Ex autog. penès* Rob. D. Digby.

Touching the Ancestors of which *Simon*, I find, [p] that they having antiently their residence at **Tilton** in **Leicestershire**, thereupon assumed their sirname from thence, in *H.* 2. time; but afterwards fixing [q] at **Digby** in **Lincolnshire**, were called of that place, which ever since hath been the known name of this Family. Of which line was *John de Digby*, one of the Commissioners for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick** in [r] 11. 12. 14. 15, 32. and 33 *E.* 1. But I return; This *Simon* was second [s] son to Sir *Everard Digby* of **Tilton** Kt. which Sir *Everard*, and three of his Brethren, lost [t] their lives at **Touton**-field (in **Yorkshire**) on K. *H.* 6. part. But our *Simon*, after he saw that the House of **York** prevailed, carried himself so obsequiously to *Edw.* 4[th]. that in 18 of that King's reign, he had a grant [u] of an annuitie of x *l. per an.* issuing out of **Retford**-Mills in **Nottinghamshire**, in consideration of his faithfull service done and to be done, as the Patent doth import: And within two years after, *pro bono & commodifero servicio, quod idem* Simon *multimodis laboribus & expensis nobis per-antea & multipliciter impendit* (as the King expresseth) had the Foresterships of **Thornwodes**, in the Southern part of **Shirewood**, bestowed

p *Lib. rub.* f. 99. b.

q *Rot. F.* 40. *H.* 3. *m.* 7.

r *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

s *Ex vet. membr. penès præf.* D. Digby.

t *Ex vet. membr. penès præf.* D. Digby.

u *Ex autog. penès eund* D. Digby.

flowed [w] on him for life also, with the Fee of iiii *d. per diem*, for the performance of that Office. Yet no sooner did the Earl of **Richmund** appear in **England**, though but with slender forces, than that he, with his six valiant Brothers, *viz.* Sir *Everard Digby*, of **Tilton** before specified, *John Digby* of **Betelby**, *Rouland Digby* of **Welby** (both in **Leicestershire**) *Lybeus Digby* of **Tuffnam** in **Rutland**, *Thomas* and *Benjamin*, not forgetting the *Lancastrian* interest, came [x] in to him, and fought stoutly on his part at **Bosworth**-field, against K. *Richard*.

After which the said Earl, having obtained a glorious victorie, and being there crowned King by the name of *Henry* the vii[th]. advanced [y] *John* and *Thomas* to the dignitie of Knighthood, making [z] the former also *Knight-Marshall* of his household, and the other one of the Gentlemen-Huishers of his Chamber, conferring [a] on him the Bailywick of **Olney** in **Buckinghamshire**, and Keepership of the Park there, where he thenceforth made his residence. But none of them had better advantages for his faithfull services than the before mentioned *Simon*; for in the first year of that King's reign, he obtained the Stewardship [b] of severall Lordships in *com. Rutl. viz.* **Uppingham**, **Preston**, **Barowghdon**, **Esenden**, and **Gretcham**; and all the lands in that Countie, which had belonged to *George* D. of **Clarence**, to hold during life: and [c] the like Office, together with the Receiver-ship for the Mannour of **Bedale** in **Yorkshire**: And having, in the second, been a Commander [d] in the King's Army at the battail of **Stoke**, had in consideration of his acceptable services, a grant [e] of the Mannour of **Ravysbury** in the Parish of **Picham** in **Surrey**, and to the heirs male of his body; in which the said King calls him *dilectus serviens noster*: and the next year ensuing, bestowed [f] on him the Office of Comptroller of his petty Customes in the Port of **London**; as also the [g] Foresterships of **Thoxnewodes** in **Shirewood**, formerly conferred upon him by K. *Edw.* 4[to]. And in 11 *H.* 7. this Lordship of **Colshill**, as I have already observed.

After which, *viz.* in 12 *H.* 7. I find, that he had a Commission [h] to exercise Marshall-Law in the Counties of **Devon**: and **Cornwall** against divers malefactors; and that in 22 *H.* 7. he was first [i] in Commission for the Peace in this Countie; in 23 for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, and in 1 and 9 *H.* 8. underwent the Shiriffaltie [k] of this Countie and **Leicestershire**: as also that by his Testament [l], bearing date 22 *Aug.* 9 *H.* 8. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Chancell here at **Colshill**, under the Tombe made by himself in his life-time, which still remaineth; and departed [m] this life 24 *Feb.* 12 *H.* 8. leaving issue by *Alice* his wife, daughter [n] and heir to *John Waleys* of **Ely-Raddon** *in com. Devon.* Esq. *Reginald Digby* his son and heir.

Which *Alice* by her last Will and Testament [o], bearing date *ult. Nov.* 12 *H.* 8. gave a messuage here in **Colshill**, of the yearly value of xxxviii *s.* viii *d.* and the Rent of vi *s.* viii *d.* issuing out of other lands; as also one acre of land lying in **Colemeadow** (within the said Mannour of **Colshill**) to the intent that the issues and profits of the same should be distributed after this manner; *viz.* every day in the year, immediatly after the sacring of the high *Mass* in the Church of **Colshill**, and at the end of the same Altar, where the said *Mass* should so happen to be sung, to a Child, *viz.* male or female, whose parents are Householders dwelling within the Parish, and under the age of ix. years, that can and will, before the said sacring, kneel down at the said Altars end, and say five *Pater nosters*, five *Aves*, and a *Creede*, for the soul of *Simon Digby* her late husband, hers, her Childrens, and all Christen-souls, a peny of silver sterling; beginning first at the House next to the Church, and so in order passing on from House to House till all be gone through: And to the Dean of the said Church, for the time being, yearly for his labour and diligence in seeing the said Prayers so performed; and himself also saying at the said time a *Pater noster*, an *Ave*, and a *Creed*, for the souls aboveſaid, the yearly summe of vi *s.* viii *d.* And that the remainder shall be to maintain a solemn *Obit* in the said Church, for the souls aboveſaid, with the number of three Priests, whereof the Vicar of **Colshill** to be one, and the Deacon, and the Clerke besides; the said Vicar in case he be present to have viii *d.* And to xii poor people, the same time kneeling about the Herse and saying our *Ladies Psalter* xii *d.* To the Bell-ringers v. *d.* For Waxe and Torches, burnt then likewise, xii *d.* To the reparation of the House, out of which the greatest part of the Rent issueth, iii *s.* iiii *d.* To the chief Lord of the Fee ii *s.* And the remainder being viii *d.* to run on and be kept in store for renewing of this Feoffment, as occasion shall be.

But this bequest being in after times deemed superstitious, and the land so given, divolving therefore to the Crown, the Inhabitants of this Parish obtained it by purchase (as I have heard) and setled part of the yearly profits thereof, for the maintenance of a School there, and part for to distribute to such Children, (*viz.* pence a piece as aboveſaid) which repairing to the Church at ten of the clock every morning, shall say the *Lords Prayer* before the Clerke, who for tolling a Bell at that time, and hearing the Children to perform that dutie, hath also a certain yearly allowance payd unto him.

Of the before specified *Reginald* and his descendants, I have little more to say, till within the compass of this last age, considering that their severall matches are expressed in the Pedegree before inserted; and that [r] being Gentlemen of the superior rank, they underwent the most publick imployments of note, *scil.* Justices of Peace, Shiriffs, and Commissioners upon all great occasions: But in Sir *George Digbye's* issue (grandchild to the said *Reginald*) was there an accession of very much honour to this antient Familie; First by the marriage of Sir *Rob. Digby* Kt. (his son and heir) with *Lettice*, grandchild and heir female to *Gerald* Earl of **Kildare** in **Ireland**; whose son and heir; *viz. Robert*, having a fair estate in that Kingdom of his mothers inheritance, was by K. *James* created [p] Lord *Digby* of **Geashill** (his Castle there) which Dignitie descends to the heirs male of his body. And secondly by *John*, fourth son to the said Sir *George*; who, being a person of extraordinary parts, and imployed by the same King, in that notable Embassie of **Spain**, for a marriage betwixt a daughter of that King, and the then Prince of **England**, was created Lord *Digby* of **Sherburne** in **Dorsetshire** 25 *Nov.* 16 *Jac.* and [q] about four years after, Earl of **Bristoll**. Which *Robert* Lord *Digby* in 20 *Jac.* obtained a

w *Pat.* 20. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 19.

x } *Ex vet. membr.*
y } *penes*
z } *præf.* D Digby.

a *Pat.* 8. *H.* 7. *p.* 2. *m.* 4.

b *Pat.* 1. *H.* 7. *p.* 3. *m.* 12.

c *Pat.* 1. *H.* 7. *p.* 4.

d Polyd. Virg. *p.* 573.

e *Pat.* 3. *H.* 7. *p.* 2. *m.* 18.

f *Pat.* 4. *H.* 7. *m.* 8.

g *Ib. m.* 26.

h *Pat.* 12. *H.* 7. *p.* 2.

i *Pat.* 23. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *in d. m.* 20.

k *Rot. P. de iisd. an.*

l Aylof *q.* 29.

m *Esc.* 12. *H.* 8.

n } *Ex autog. penes*
o } *præf.* D. Digby.

p *Pat.* 16. *Jac.*

q *Pat.* 20. *Jac.*

a new Charter [r] for a weekly **Mercate** here, upon the Wedneſday, and two **Faires** yearly, the one upon St. *Mark's* day, and the other on St. *Mathew's*, in regard the **Mercate** and **Faire** granted by K. *John* (as hath been ſaid) were diſcontinued.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Peter*) was very antiently given to the Nuns of **Merkyate**, in **Bedfordſhire** for in *H.* 3. time it had [f] a Vicar endowed: Nevertheleſs, about the beginning of *Edw.* 1 reign, there grew ſuits betwixt theſe Nuns and *John de Clinton ſen.* touching the Advouſon thereof; but at length they came to an accord, and gave him *C.* marks of ſilver, to quit his title thereto; which he did by a Fine then levied [t], whereby it appears, that the now Churches of **Lea**, **Over-Whitacre** and **Nether-Whitacre**, were Chapelries antiently belonging thereto. In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) the Rectorie, then appropriated [u] to thoſe Nuns, was valued [w] at xviii marks; and the Vicaridge at vi marks, but in [x] 26 *H.* 8. at x *l.* xviii *s.* vi *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d. per an.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Of the Vicars here, I find, that they have antiently been the *Rurall-Deanes* for this part of the Countrie (I mean the Deanrie of **Arden**, containing the Hundred of **Hemlingford**, wherein my preſent diſcourſe lies:) Which order of *Rurall-Deans* was conſtituted by the Biſhop or Arch-Biſhop, as the learned *Spelman* [y] obſerves, for the better regulating of Eccleſiaſticall affairs; concerning whom, in a Councell held at **London** *an.* 1237, (21 *H.* 3.) by *Otho* the Pope's Legate, there is this Canon [z]; *Quod in quodam* **Concilio** *ſtatutum invenimus approbantes, ſtatuimus, ut per quoſlibet Decanatus prudentes viri & fideles conſtituantur per Epiſcopum Confeſſores; quibus Perſonæ, & minores Clerici confiteri valeant, qui Decanis erubeſcunt confiteri forſitan & verentur: In Eccleſiis verò Cathedralibus Confeſſores inſtitui præcipimus generales.*

All that I have farther to obſerve of this place, is, that in [a] 4 *E.* 6. the tall and beautifull Steeple here, ſuffered much hurt by Lightning and Thunder, which crackt the Weſt ſide of the Tower, and ſhattered the upper-part of the Spire; for repairing whereof, though the Inhabitants ſold one of their Bells, yet did they ſhorten it, xv. foot at the leaſt.

r *Pat.* 20. *Jac.*

f *Ex vet. cod. MS. penes præf.* D. Digby.

t *Craſt. Mart.* 8. *E.* 1.

u Northb. *f.* 25. *a.*

w *MS. in Scac.*

x *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *a.*

y Spelm. Gloſſ. *vocab.* Decani Rurales.

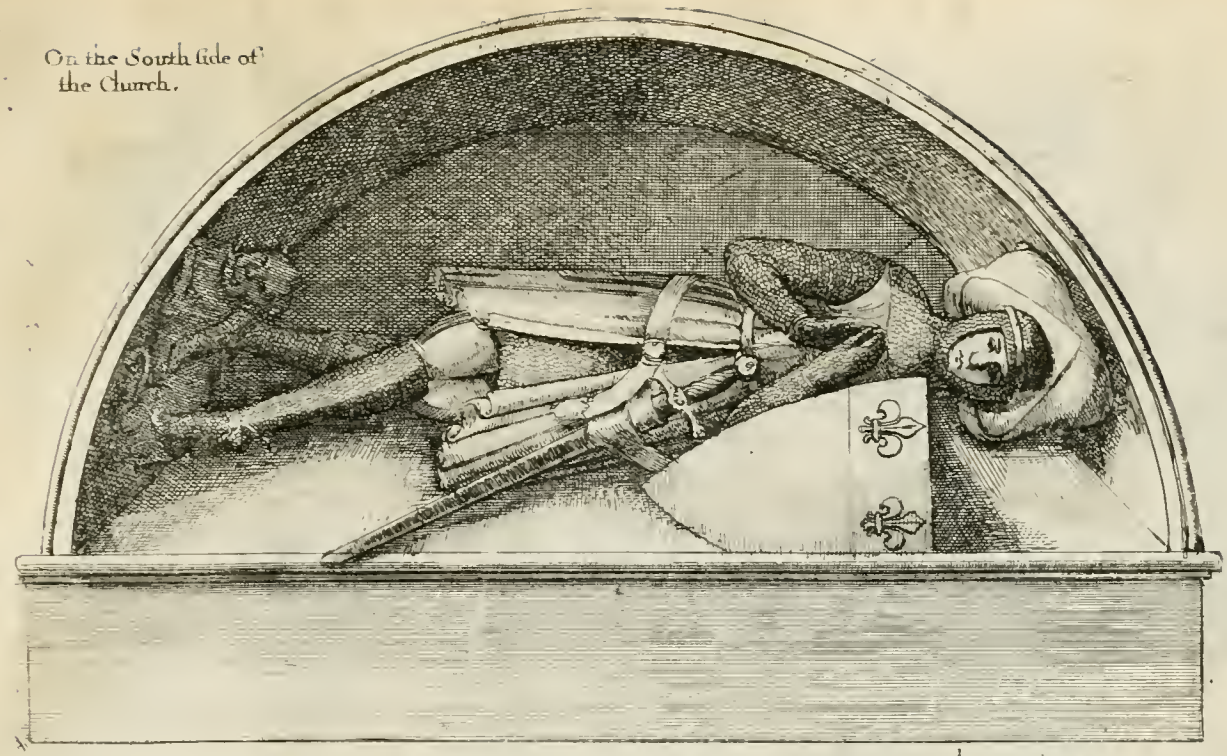
z M. Pariſ. *p.* 460. *l.* 6.

a *Ex vet. cod. MS. penès Gardianos Eccl. de* Colſhill.

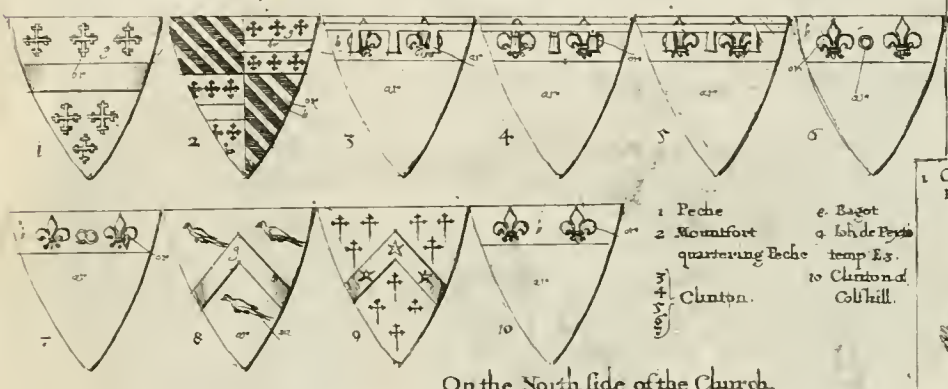
Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Priorissa & Conv. S. Trin. de Boſco juxta Merkyate.	*Henr. de Waleſhale Cap. an.* 1285.	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.
	Alanus de Polleſworth Pb. die Lune poſt feſt. tranſl. S. Th. Mart. 1300	*Langt. f.* 5. *b*
	D. Galfr. de Neunham Pb. 7 *Cal. Nov.* 1320.	*Ib. f.* 79. *a.*
	Adam de Whitington Pb. 3 *Non. Aug.* 1350.	*Northb. f.* 53. *b.*
	Will. de Attleberwe Non. Dec. 1353.	*Ib. f.* 57. *b.*
	Hugo de Lyndon Pbr. 4. *Cal. Aug.* 1377.	*Stret. f.* 23: *b.*
	D. Rob. Cheyne Pbr. 19. *Dec.* 1396.	*Sk. f.* 12. *a.*
	Joh. Wellyſed Pbr. 6. *Sept.* 1441.	*Heyw. f.* 40 *b.*
	Will. Wodehouſe Pbr. 4. *Aug.* 1447.	*Bo. f.* 6. *b.*
	Will. Abell Cap. 18. *Oct.* 1455.	*Bowl. f.* 21. *b.*
	Ric. Eliot 15 *Julii* 1500.	*Ib. f.* 204. *a*
	Mr. Tho. Barker in Decr. bac. 6. *Apr.* 1504.	*Bl. f.* 3. *b.*
	D. Thomas Mathew Cap. 18 *Dec.* 1515.	*Ib. f.* 7. *a.*
Thom. Pye ex conceſſ. Pr. & C. de Boſco.	*D. Joh. Fenton Cap.* 6. *Nov.* 1538.	*Str. & P. f.* 16. *b.*
Humfr. Ryddyll.	*Simon Digby* (poſtea deprivatus.) 4. *Sept.* 1566.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 42. *b.*
Joh. Nevill.	*Rad. Foxe Cler.* 23. *Junii* 1574.	*Ib. f.* 45. *b*
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Monumentall

On the South side of the Church.

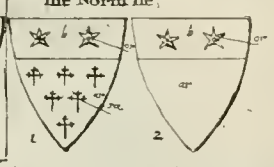


In the Church windows.



1 Peche
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10 Clinton of Colshill.

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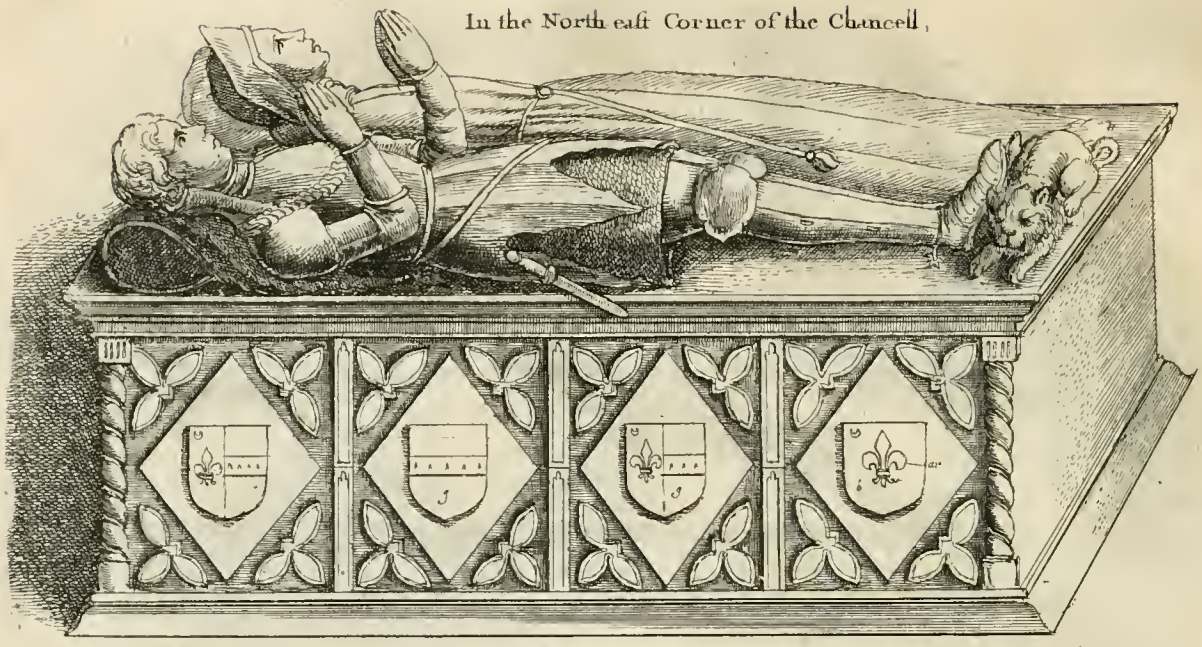
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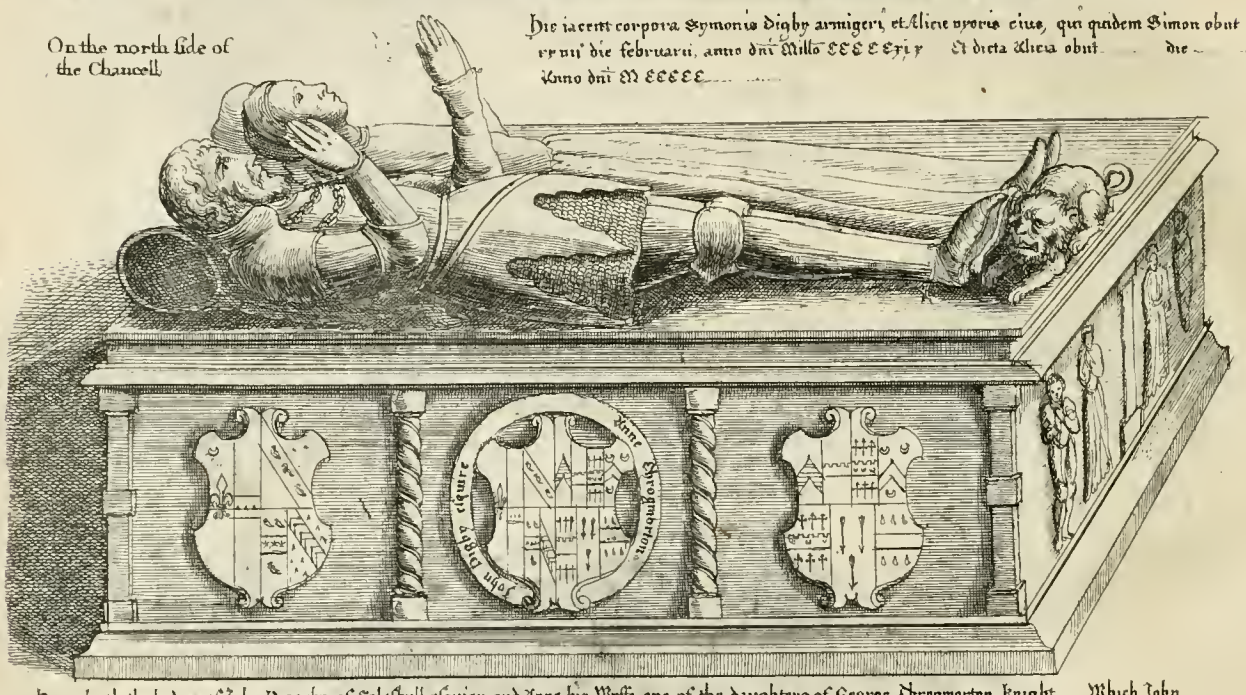


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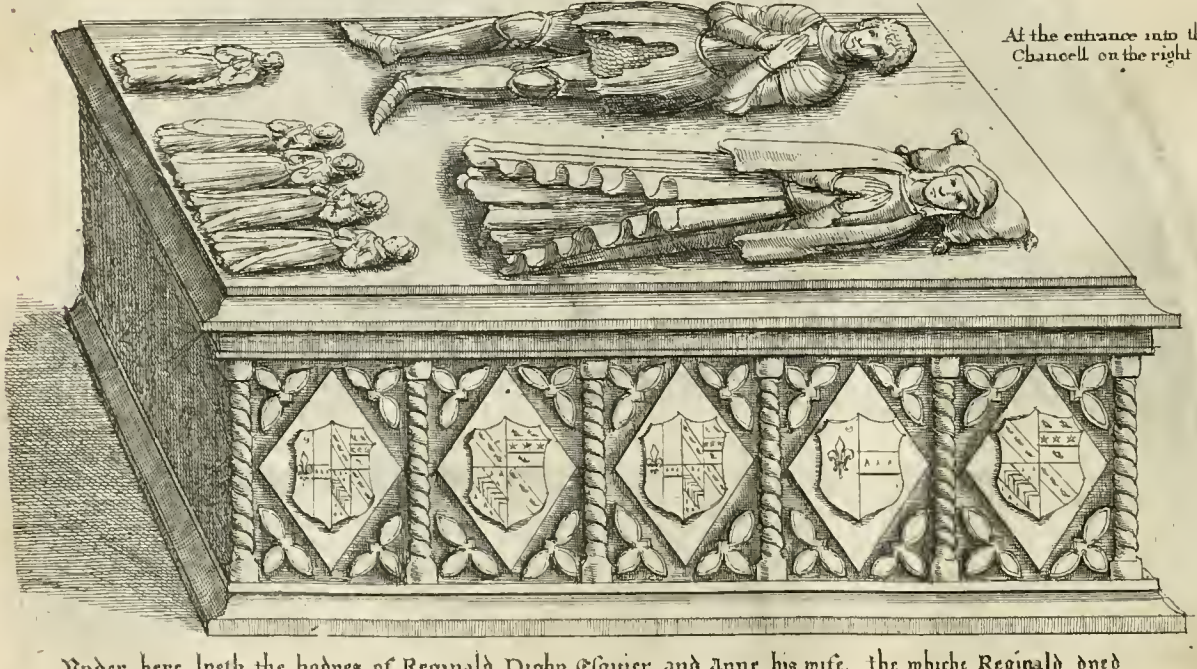
On the north side of the Chancell.

Hic iacent corpora Symonis digby armigeri, et Alicie uxoris eius, qui quidem Simon obiit xv mo die februarii, anno dñi Millo CCCCCxiy Et dicta Alicia obiit ... die ... Anno dñi M CCCCC ... ...



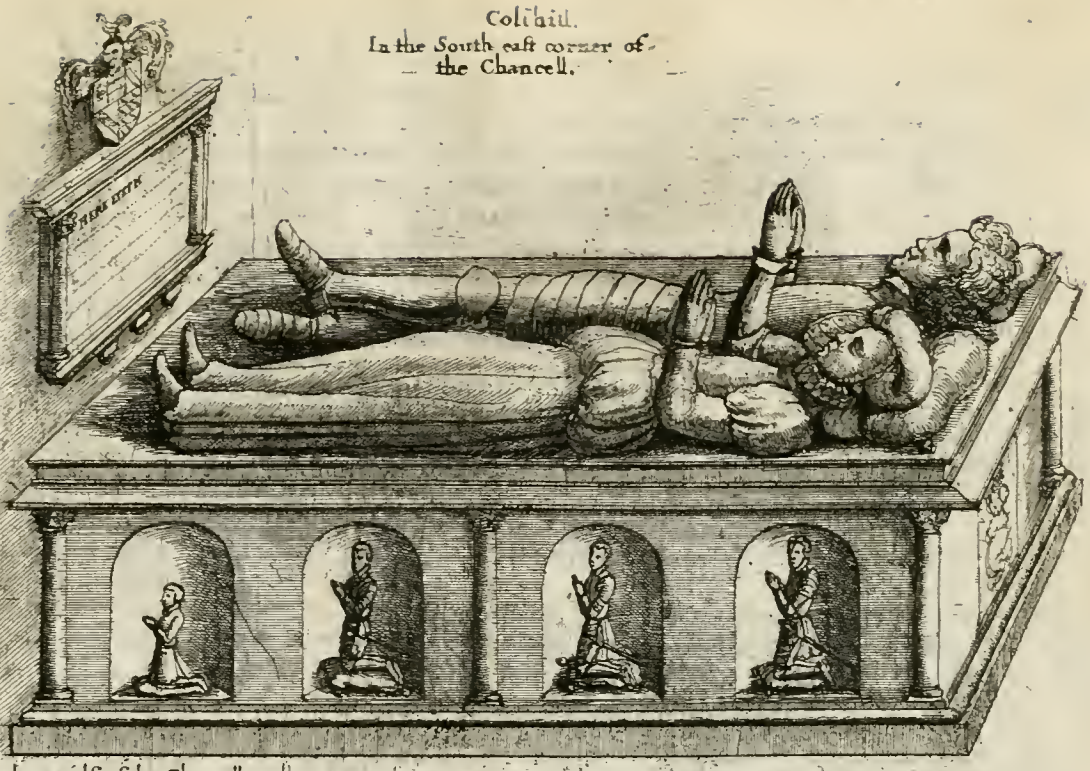
Here lyeth the bodies of John Diggeby of Coleshull esquier and Anne his Wyffe, one of the daughters of George Throgmorton Knight, Which John deceased the xv^o of November, and the Lyd Anne the xxi of December, in the yeare of our lord God M D lxxx upon whose soules Jhue have mercy Amen.

At the entrance into the Chancell on the right hand.



Vnder here lyeth the bodyes of Reginald Digby Esquier and Anne his wife, the whiche Reginald dyed the xxv^o day of Aprill in the yeare of our lord M D xlix. and the sayd Anne dyed the ... day of ... Whose soules Jhu pardon Amen.

Colshill.
In the South east corner of the Chancell.



In the midst of the Chancell lyeth this Marble.



★ HERE LYETH INTERRED S^r GEORGE DIGBY WHO DIED THE [illegible] OF FEBRUARY 1586
HE MARRIED ABIGAIL DAUGHTER TO S^r ARTHVR HENNINGHAM KNIGHT BANNERET
BY WHOME HE HAD ISSVE GEORGE WHO DIED YOVNGE, S^r ROBERT DIGBY WHO SVC
CEDED HIS FATHER, PHILIP HIS 3^d SONNE, IOHN HIS 4^th SONNE, CREATED EARL OF BRISTOL
BY K. IAMES. ELIZABETH MARRIED TO S^r BALDWIN WAKE KNIGHT BARONET.

Armes in the Chancell Windows.

1. Blount quartering
2. Berkley
3. Stuley
4. Gresley
5. Appleby
6. Bracebridge
7. Astley quartering Harcourt
8. Mountfort
9. Massey
10. Murdack.
11. Vernon
12. Montgomery.
13. Hillary
14. Colvin quartering Herbault.
15. Rich^d Beauchamp E of Warwik.
16. Clinton empaling
17. Clinton of Maxstoke.
18.
19. Lilling.
20. Stanton.
21. Clinton of Colshill.
22. Alton
23. Peto
24. 25. 26. 27. Pevell.
28. Sherard.
29. Stafford of Pipe
30. Stafford of Bromshull.
31.
32.

Monumentall Inſcriptions in the Chancell.

Hic jacet Dominus Willielmus Abel quondam vicarius iſtius Eccleſie; qui quidem Dominus Willielmus obiit xviii. die menſis Maii anno Domini MD. Cujus anime propitietur Deus Amen.

Here lyeth the body of Sir John Fenton Preſt Bachelour of Law, ſometime Vicar of this Church and Officiall of Coventre, who deceſſed the xvii. day of May 1566. Whoſe ſoule Jheſus pardon. Amen.

Monumentall Inſcriptions in the Church.

Of your charite pray for the ſoullis of Grace Strelly and John hyr ſonne. Whych John diſceſſyde the xx. day of June in the year of our Lord MDxi. on whos ſoullys Jeſu have mercy.

Prey for the ſol + of
Simond Digbe.

Of your charite pray for the ſoules of Homfrey Grevill Gentilman and Katherine his wiffe, the whiche deceſſed the day .... of January the yeare of our Lord MCCCCCxxviii.

Here lyeth Iſabell Ryddel late the Wife of Humfrey Ryddel Baylie of Colſhil, the only daughter of Edmund Parker of Hartſhill Which Iſabel dyed the xxiiith day of Octobr the yere of our Lord God MCCCCCixvi. whoſe ſoul Jeſu pardon, Amen.

Here lyeth the bodyes of William Riddel of Blyth hall and Jone hys Wife, the which William departed this life the laſt day of Auguſt in the yeare of our Lord God MDlviii. And the ſaid Jone dyed the xix. of Auguſt in the yeare of our Lord God MDlvi. whoſe ſoules Jeſu pardon.

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14. *Novembris A. D.* 1629 *ætatis ſuæ* 42.

Here reſteth the body of Jane late wife of Simon Blyth Gent. who had iſſue one ſonne and 4. *daughters, whoſe ſoule rejoyceth with the Lord.*

Quam conjux ſuus amantiſſimus ſic prè deflevit!
Te fauſtum, non me miſerum fleo, proh! mihi natis
Abſis, Chara conjux, religioſa parens.

Kingſhurſt.

THis place did antiently belong to the *Mountforts*, before they were Lords of **Colſhill**; for it appears that *Peter de Mountfort* of **Beldeſert**, had it in *Edw.* 3. time; and in 41 of that K's. reign, by his Teſtament[b] bequeathed unto *Richard* his younger ſon, all his goods both moveable and unmoveable, there: which *Richard* dwelt here; and after his death *Roeſe* his widow enfeoft[c] *John de Catesby* therein, who wedded her grandchild (as in **Lapworth** is manifeſted.) But Sir *Baldw. Mountfort*, grandchild to the ſaid *Peter* (by *John* his eldeſt ſon) getting into poſſeſſion, reſided[d] long upon it; and ſo did Sir *Will.* ſon and heir to Sir *Baldwin*, as may ſeem by the Licenſe[e] he obtained 14 *R.* 2. from *Ric. Scroope* Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** to have divine Service celebrated in his Chapell here: yet at length, *John de Catesby* beforeſpecified, brought[f] an Aſſize of *Novel diſſeiſin* againſt the ſaid Sir *William*, but upon the triall loſt[g] it: So that the ſaid Sir *William*, having thus eſtabliſht his title, incloſed[i] it; laying much of his demeſn lands, parcell of the Mannour of **Colſhill**, thereunto. and afterwards gave[k] it unto Sir *Edm. Mountfort* Kt. his ſon by a ſecond wife: which Sir *Edmund* made[l] the Parke in 26 *H.* 6. and reſided much here: But after him Sir *Sim. Mountfort*, his nephew, died[m] ſeized thereof; whoſe grandchild, *Simon*, alſo dwelt[n] upon it, and ſo did *Francis* his ſon; betwixt whom and *George Digby* of **Colſhill** Eſq. (afterwards Kt.) there were great ſuits for it: Which *George*, layd claim thereto as a member of **Colſhill**, and ſo conſequently his right by virtue of K. *H.* 7. grant, made to his Anceſtor of that Mannour (as hath been already ſaid) So that after much expence of money therein, the ſaid *Francis* was glad to come to an Agreement[p] with him, in reſpect that part of the lands belonging thereto, and lying without the Park, did not ſo clearly appear to be parcell of **Kingſhurſt**, as the other did; and gave him a thouſand pounds to quit his title: and afterwards Sir *Edw. Mountfort* Kt. grandchild to the ſaid *Francis*, for further confirmation thereof to the poſteritie of the ſaid Sir *George*, paſſed[q] away all his right therein to Sir *Rob. Digby* Kt. and his heirs; by whom it is enjoyed (together with **Colſhill**) at this day.

b Lynne f. 58. b.

c Ex autog. penes præf. D. Digby.

d Ex autog. penes S. Mountfort ar.

e Scroope f. 127. b.

f Ex autog. penes

g præf. D. Digby.

h

i ib.

k

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m Eſc. 10. H. 7.

n

o Ex autog. penes

p præf. Dominum

q Digby.

Hawkswell.

THis is no Mannour of it ſelf, but as a member of **Colſhill**, and involved therewith, hath been, and is ſtill enjoyed by the owners of that Lordſhip.

Gilſdon.

THis was heretofore written **Gudesdone**; for it ſeems that the Hill, which lyes North-Eaſtwards from the Village, being antiently ſo called, gave denomination thereunto. But the firſt mention I find of it in Record,[r] is in 10 *E.* 3. where it appears that one *Will. le Wrounge* of **Colſhill**, whole inheritance it was, paſt away his right therein unto Sir *Ric. de Peſhale* Kt. for an *C.* marks of ſilver: the occaſion whereof was this; Sir *Richard*, having an eſtate for life in the Mannours of **Hinton** in **Cambridgeſhire**, and **Shuſtoke** in this Countie, was requeſted by *Will. de Clinton* then Earl of **Huntingdon** (of whom in **Marſtoke** I have ſpoke) to quit his right therein, unto him; inaſmuch as he the ſaid Earl had obained the eſtate in reverſion of thoſe Lordſhips, from the Lord *Moubray*,

r F. levat. xv. Paſch.

bray, in exchange for other lands: whereunto the said Sir *Richard* assented, upon condition that he might have this Mannour cleerly, and libertie to take down and remove, whether he pleased, a certain new House then built by him at **Shustoke**, and likewise to carry away such timber as he had cut down in the Park at **Shustoke**; as also to fell and take away six Oaks more, for timber, and six for fuell, out of the said Park: All which being assented unto, there were Indentures [f] made betwixt the said Sir *Richard* and *John de Peto junior* then of **Sheldon**, in the behalf of the said Earl (unto whom he was of Councell) for consummating the bargain: So that it hereby appears, that the C. marks given to the before-specified *Will. le Wrounge*, came out of the Earl of **Huntindon's** purse. Unto which Sir *Richard's* part of the Indentures, is his Seal of Armes affixed; *viz. Argent, upon a Crosse fleurie sable, an Escocheon of Augmentation, bearing a Lion rampant.*

[f] *Ex autog. penes* Will Paulet *ar.*

But it was not long, ere that the said Sir *Richard* again quitted his right to this Mannour, unto the before specified Earl, whereupon the said *Will. le Wrounge* and *Isabell* his wife, for the better confirmation thereof, levied [t] a Fine to the same *John de Peto* unto the said Earl's use: for in 20 *E.* 3. did the said Earl pass [u] it unto *John de Colleſley* and his heirs, in exchange for certain lands lying in **Colshill**, near **Dywyke-bruge**, which lands do bear the name of **Colleſleys** to this day. From this *John de Colleſley*, it descended [w] to his two daughters and heirs, *sc. Margaret* the wife of *Thomas Holt*, and *Alice*; betwixt whom, partition [x] being made in 23 *E.* 3. it was allotted to the said *Margaret*, who surviving her first husband, afterwards married [y] to *Philip de Budeford*; which *Philip* joyned with her in the sale [z] thereof, unto *Will. le Masey* of **Stonley** in **Cheshire**; whose grandchild *William* (of **Stretcote** in **Staffordshire**) had issue [a] *Catherine* his daughter and heir, married [b] to *Will. de Chisenhale* of **Chisenhale** in **Lancashire**, Lord of this Mannour, and of **Stretcote** in her right, who in 12 *R.* 2. sold [c] it to one *John de Barwe*, a Smith of **Coventre**: Which *John* in 13 *R.* 2. past [d] it to one *Raph Richards*; who in 3 *H.* 4. aliened [e] it to *John Tate* of **Coventre**; in whose line it continued till 27 *H.* 8. that *John Tate* (a descendant from the said *John*,) conveyed [f] it to *George Kebyll*. To whom succeeded in the possession thereof, *Thomas Kebyll*; and to him *John Wise* Gent. by purchase [g], in 14 *Eliz.* (a branch of the *Wises* of **Devonshire**, as by some antient writings shewd unto me, may seem:) whose nephew *Richard Wise* (*scil.* son of his Brother *William*) now enjoys it.

t xv. *Pasch.* 18. *E.* 3.
u *Ex autog. penes* Edw. Chisenhale *ar.*
w } *Ib.*
x }
y } *F. levat. Craſt. I.*
z } *Bapt.*
a } 39. *E.* 3.
b }
c *F. levat. craſt. Mart.* 12. *R.* 2.
d } *Ex autog.*
e } *penes*
t } Ric.
g } Wiſe
gen.

At the skirts of this Parish, (*sc.* **Colshill**, wherewith I have now done) **Cole** meets with **Blythe**, which carrieth away the name scarce half a mile further: for having there met with **Tame**, that River hath the prioritie; a little below which confluence, **Bourne** likewise enters; unto the head whereof, next having recourse, I come to **Coxley**.

Corley.

I Am of opinion that this place had its name originally from the situation, which is very high, **Coxyn** in the Brittish-tongue, signifying the Head or top of any thing: for in the Conquerour's Survey [h] it is written **Cornelie**. In that Record it is rated at one hide, the Woods belonging thereto, being a quarter of a mile in length and half as much in breadth; all which were then in the hands of the same *Godvine*, who was owner thereof before the Norman invasion, and valued at xxx *s.* The next that possest it, of whom I have seen any mention, were the *Hasting's* (Lords likewise of **Fillongley** hard by) yet how soon I cannot declare; but by some one of them, was *Hugh de Ringedon*, or his ancestor enfeoft thereof; which *Hugh* had [i] it in 4 *H.* 3. from whom descended *Raph de Rynge sdon*, who in 53 *H.* 3. was certified [k] to hold it of *Henry de Hastings*, by the service of half a Kt's. fee. It should seem that the heir generall of the said *Raph de Rynge sdon*, married to one of the *Mancesters* (Lords of **Pancester** in this Countie) for by severall [l] authorities it appears, that the family of *Mancester* held this Mannour of the heirs of *Hastings*.

h Domesd. *lib.*
i *Rot. F* 4. *H.* 3. *m.* 6.
k *Clauſ* 53. *H.* 3. *m.* 8.
l *Esc.* 14 *H.* 6. *n.* 35. *Clauſ.* 16. *H.* 6. *m.* 18.

But for want of light from private evidence, I cannot discern how it went from the *Mancesters*; nor of a long time after, who possest it; I must therefore pass from the later end of *Edw.* 3. time (for then did the male line of *Mancester* determine) untill the reign of *E.* 4. wherein I find [m], that *John de Champernoun* died seized of it in 15 *E.* 4. leaving two daughters and heirs, *viz. Blanche* the wife of Sir *Robert Willoughby* Kt. and *Joane*: Which Sir *Robert* was summoned [n] to Parliament amongst the Barons in 7 *H.* 7. and afterwards, by the name of *Rob. Willoughby de Brooke Chivalier*, by reason of his residence at **Brooke** in **Wiltshire**; and had issue [o] *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brooke*, whose heir was married to Sir *Fouke Grevill*, as in **Alcester** I have manifested; by which means this Lordship of **Coxley** is come, with the rest of *Grevill's* lands to the Lord *Brooke*, who now enjoys it.

m *Esc.* 15. *E.* 4. *n.* 30.
n *Clauſ.* 7. *H.* 7. *in d.*
o *Pat.* 18. *H.* 7. *p.* 2.

The Church was antiently given to the Monks of **Coventre**, yet neither by whom, nor the direct time when, have I seen; but in 44 *H.* 3. they had [p] it. In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [q] at four marks, and in [r] 26 *H.* 8. at iiii *l.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

p *Rot.* R. Molend *m.* 4.
q *MS. in Scac.*
r *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *a.*

In a North window of the Church.

Gules a Saltire varrè; betwixt xii. billets Or } Champernoun.

Patroni Ecclesiæ — Incumbentes.

Prior & Conv. de Coventre.	*Egidius de Trebys an.* 1250.	*Ex autog. penes D. & Cap.* Lich.
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Henr. Over Gen.	*D. Will. Forster Cap.* 5. *Maii* 1543.	*Sampſ. f.* 40. *b.*
Mich. Cameswell ar.	*D. Ric. Branker* 9 *Sept.* 1554.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 2. *a.*
	D. Nich. Caponhurste 16 *Sept.* 1557.	*Ib. f.* 10. *b.*
Nich. Harding Gen.	*Nic. Frauncys, alias Deakyn Cler.* 21 *Junii* 1571	*Bund. incert.*
Margar. Fox & Sam. Sanders Exec. Testam.	*Galfr. Jones* 19 *Apr.* 1572.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 44. *b.*
Tho. Sanders defuncti.	*Basilius Smyth* 2 *Oct.* 1621.	*Morton. bund. incert*
Joh. Gregorie.		

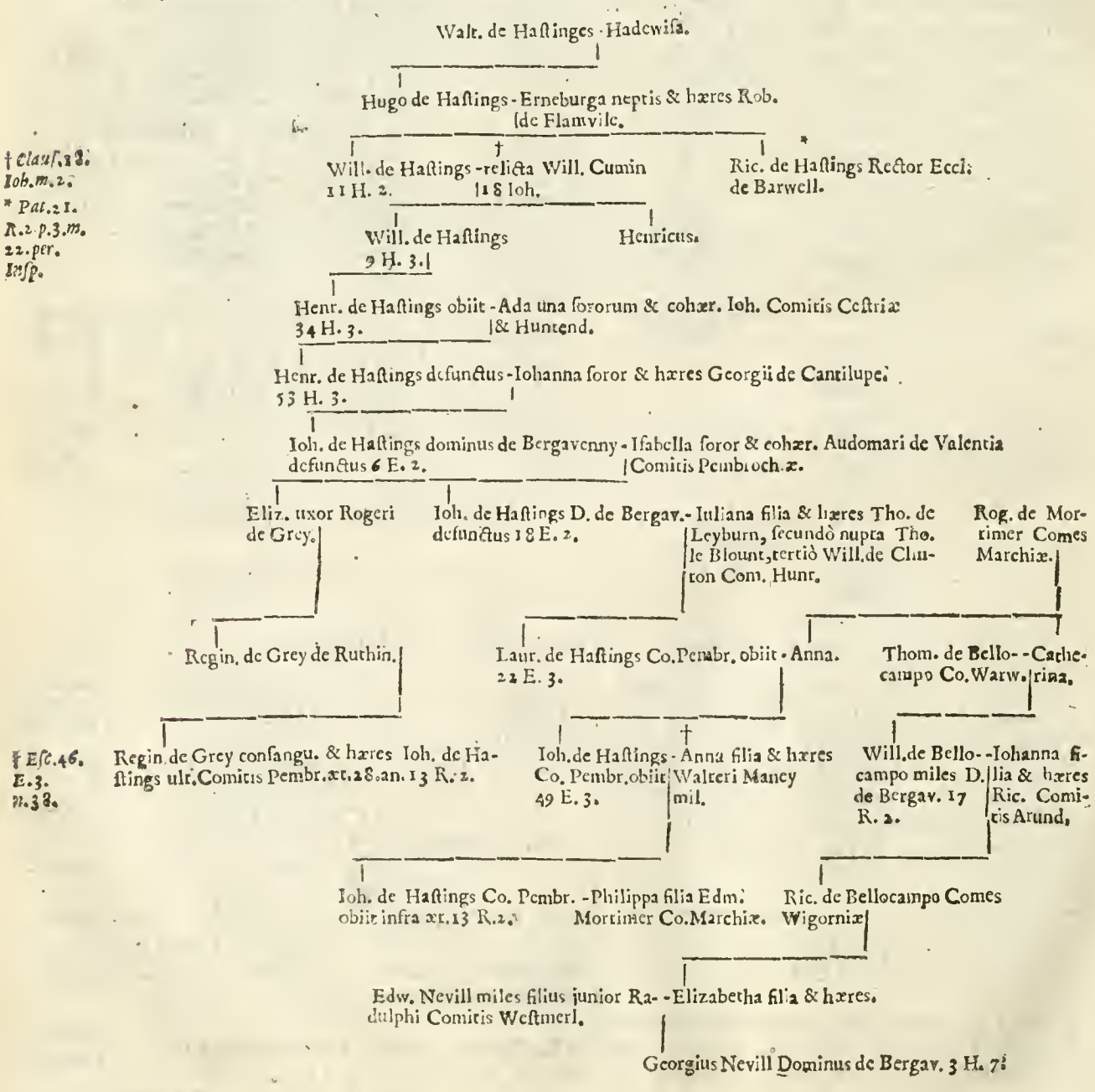
Fillongley.

IN the Conqueror's time, this place was rated [f] at two hides, and poſſeſt by ſeverall perſons: Half a hide thereof the Biſhop of **Conſtance** had, then held by *Leuuinus*, and valued at xxx. *s.* whereof the Woods extended to two furlongs in length, and one in breadth; another half the Monks of **Coventre** poſſeſt, valued at xxx *s.* more, the Woods belonging whereunto, were a quarter of a mile in extent: A third half hide one *Aſſi* then enjoyed, rated likewiſe at xxx *s.* whoſe inheritance it had been before the Norman invaſion, the Woods amounting to x *s.* thereof: and the fourth half hide did *Rob. Diſpenſator* hold which, though it was then valued but at xx *s.* had the Church therein, and Woods containing two miles in length and one in breadth. But the name of it is variouſly written in Domeſday Book, *viz.* **Filungelei, Filingelei, Felingelei**, and **Filunger.**

[f] Domeſd. *lib.*

Of theſe parcells, that one half hide, appertaining to the Monks of **Coventre**, came [t] afterwards to *Gerard de Alſpath*, who held [u] it of them in *H.* 3. time, it being then called **Old-Fillongley**, by the fourth part of a Kts. fee; but whether he were the firſt that was enfeoft thereof, I cannot affirm. That which *Rob. Diſpenſator* held, ſoon after divolved to *Marmion*, Lord of **Tamworth** Caſtle; and the reſidue to one of the old Earls of **Leiceſter**, as it ſhould ſeem, from whom *Hugh de Haſtings*, or rather *Walter* (whom I take to have been father of *Hugh*) was enfeoft in *H.* 1. time, as by circumſtance may be inferred; for certain it is, that *Hugh de Haſtings* (who lived about the later end of *H.* 1. time) poſſeſt [w] it: which *Hugh* had iſſue *William*, and he another *William*, and that theſe and their poſteritie held it of *Marmion* and the Earl of **Leiceſter**, I have proof [x] enough. Nor do I doubt that this Familie of *Haſtings* had in thoſe elder times their ſeat here, I mean before their marriage with the heir of *Cantilupe*, that they ſetled at **Bergavenny**; for here are the ruines of two Caſtles, the one North-East of the Church, about a quarter of a mile, to this day called by the name of the *Caſtle-hills*, and the other [y] Southwards from the Church ſcarce half that diſtance, bearing ſtill the name of *Caſtle-yard*, (and which was ſtanding in 18 *E.* 2.) unto which adjoyned a Park of a very large extent; and therefore, foraſmuch as they had other fair poſſeſſions in this Countie, I think it not amiſs to ſay ſomething, here, of them hiſtorically, beginning with *Walter*.

[t] *Teſta de N.*
[u] *Teſta de N.*
[w] *Ex autog. penès me. W. D.*
[x] *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *b. Eſc* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 36. *Teſta de N.*
[y] *Eſc* 18. *E.* 2. *n.* 83.



[t] *Clauſ.* 18. *Ioh. m.* 2.
[*] *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Inſp.*
[f] *Eſc.* 46. *E.* 3. *n.* 38.

This *Walter* was an especiall benefactor to the Nuns of **Polesworth**, for it appears [z] that he gave them **Oloburg**, with a large portion of land adjoyning, which was thenceforth made a Cell to that Monasterie. To him succeeded *Hugh de Hastings*, who wedded [a] *Erneburga*, neece and heir to *Rob. de Flamvile*; which *Erneburga* gave [b] the Church of **Barwell** to the said Nuns of **Polesworth**. The next was *William de Hastings*, whose lands in this Countie and **Leicestershire** were disposed [c] of, about the later end of K. *John*'s reign to *Will. de Roeley* and *Elias*, his Uncle, for their support in the said King's service: but whether he were then dead or in Armes against that King, is not directly manifest from the Record. Which *William* had issue *William*, of whom I have seen little memorable, other than his being [d] at the siege of **Witham**-Castle with K. *H.* 3. and that he was dead in 10 *H.* 3. for in that year did *Henry* his son and heir, give [e] *L.* marks Fine, to have Liverie of the lands descended to him by his Father's death, then doing his homage.

This *Henry* wedded *Ada*, fourth daughter to *David* Earl of **Huntingdon**, and of *Maud* one of the sisters unto *Ranulph* the last of that name, Earl of **Chester**, by which means he came to have a share in that great inheritance, I mean the Earl of *Chester*'s lands, after the death of *John* sirnamed *Scot* his wifes brother, and last Earl of that Familie: and in 26 *H.* 3. attending the King into **France**, was taken [f] Prisoner at that great defeat, which the English Army had neer **Xainte**, but soon released [g] by exchange. In 34 *H.* 3. he went [h] beyond Sea again, in the company of *Richard* Earl of **Cornwall**, and divers of the prime Nobilitie, who passed [i] through **France** in very great state, and with a pompous retinue, though to what purpose is not manifested. Whether he died in that journey, I know not, but certain it is, that it was the same year, *M. Paris.* having thereupon this expression [k]; *Eisdemque diebus obiit Henricus de Hastingo miles egregius & Baro opulentus*: To whom succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, at that time in [l] minoritie, of whose Wardship *Guy de Luzingnian* (half brother to the King) had, it seems, a grant; for in 36 *H.* 3. the said *Guy* past it over unto *Will. de Cantilupe*, the King confirming [m] the same; which *William* gave his daughter *Joane* in [n] marriage to him, as I shall farther observe anon.

This *Henry* in 44 *H.* 3. had Summons [o], amongst others of the great Nobilitie, to be at **Shrewsbury** on the Feast day of the *Nativitie* of the blessed Virgin, well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to march against *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales** and his complices, then in rebellion: and the next year following, had [p] the like Summons to be at **London**, the morrow after the Feast day of the Apostles *Simon* and *Jude*; So also in [q] 47. *H.* 3. to be at **Worcester**, on the Feast day of S. *Peter ad Vincula* (called *Lammas*) in like sort accoutred: but with what affection he came thither, is easie to ghess; for it appears, that being seduced by the turbulent spiritted Barons, he joyned with them in committing many great outrages [r] upon the Church and Clergie, that very year; for which he, together with *Henry* and *Simon*, sons to *Sim. Mountfort* Earl of **Leicester**, and many more of the rebellious Nobilitie, were excommunicated by the Archb. of **Canterbury**. After which, no man was more active against the King than he, being one [s] of those that on the Barons part, submitted to such a determination as the K. of **France** should make (unto whom the differences touching those Ordinances, called *Provisiones Oxoni*, so prejudiciall to the King, was referred,) and who did put himself in Armes, with the rest, under [t] pretence of asserting the Laws of the land, and the peoples just liberties, holding [u] out **Northampton** hostilely against the King, and likewise **Kenilworth** Castle, during that famous six-months siege (as in my discourse of that place is shewed) So that by the Decree [w] called *Dictum de Kenilworth* (which after his victorie a **Cycham** was made in favour of those Rebells, having been so prime an Actor in those disturbances, he was specially excepted, and referred to a seaven years imprisonment, or submission to the King's mercy.

But with his Lady, the King dealt very graciously, even in the height of her husband's violence; for in *September* 49 *H.* 3. he assigned [x] unto her, this Lordship of **Fillongley**, with **Allesley**, and **Berdingbury** in this Countie; as also **Barwell** and **Burbach** in **Leicestershire**, for her maintenance; which were then valued at *C l. per an.* and in *January* the year following, added [y] the Lordships of **Jerdele**, **Blimham**, and **Nayleston**, confirming [z], his assignation of this, and the rest above mentioned. The direct time of this *Henry*'s death I find not, but I suppose it to have been in 53 *H.* 3. for in that year had the said *Joan* his widdow, an allotment [a] of divers Kts. Fees, and parts of Fees, lying in sundry places, for her dower, which in the whole, came to no less than *xxiiii.* Which great Lady sealed [b] with her husband's Armes, *scil. a Manche*, the outside of the Seal being decked with her paternall coat, *viz. Flower de luces*.

To the last *Henry de Hastings* succeeded [c] *John* his son and heir; which *John* became a coheir [d] to *George de Cantilupe*, his Uncle by the mothers side; unto whom for his part (*inter alia*) was allotted [e] the Castle and Honour of **Bergavenny** the Castle of **Kilgaran**, as also the Mannour of **Acton**-*Cantilupe* in this Countie; of all which being in the King's hands in regard of his minoritie, he had liverie [f] in 11 *E.* 1. then doing his homage: and the next year following, had command [g] to attend the King in his Scotch expedition. In 15 *E.* 1. he was [h] in that Welch voyage with *Edm.* Earl of **Cornwall**, unto whom the K. being then in **Gascoign**, had committed [i] the custodie of this Realm: After which I find, that in 21 *E.* 1. he accompanied [k] *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of **Glouc.** and **Hereford** into **Ireland**; and that in 25 *E.* 1. he had Summons [l], amongst many other great persons, to be at **London** on the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of St. *John Bapt.* sufficiently furnisht with Horse and Armes, thence to attend the King in his expediton beyond Sea: As also the next ensuing year, the like Summons [m] to be at **Carleol** on *Whitson Eve*, to march against the Scots.

In 28 *E.* 1. he attended [n] the King with his Army into **Scotland**, and there performed militarie service, for five Knight's fees; in which year he obtained a Charter [o] for a **Mercate** at this his Mannour of **Fillongley**, weekly every Munday, and an annuall **Faire**, beginning on the *Eve* of St. *John* Bapt. *Nativitie*, to last for five days. In 31 *E.* 1. he attended the King

z *Examinatog. penes* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

a *Ex Coll.* W. Burton *ar.*

b *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp*

c *Pat.* 18. *Joh. m.* 6.

d *Pat.* 5. *H.* 3. *m* d.

e *Rot. F.* 10. *H.* 3 *m.* 8.

f M. Paris. *p.* 590. *l.* 51.

g

h *Ib p.* 772. *l.* 56.

i *Ib.*

k *p.* 798. *l.* 49.

l *Pat.* 35. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.

m *Cart.* 36. *H.* 3 *m.* 12.

n *Ex vet. membr. penes* Ham. le Strange *eq. aur.*

o *Clauſ.* 44. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 9.

p *Clauſ.* 45. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 3.

q *Pat.* 47. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 7.

r *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. *S. V.* 8. *Th. f.* 136. *a.*

s *Ib. f.* 137 *a.*

t Math. Westm. *in an.* 1264.

u *Rot. F.* 48. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.

w *Inter. Stat impr. Lond. an.* 1543.

x *Clauſ.* 49. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 3.

y

z *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 32

a *Clauſ.* 53. *H.* 3. *m.* 8.

b *Ex autog. penes* W. Burton *ar.*

c *Ex vet. membr. penes præf.* H. le Strange.

d *Eſc.* 1. *E.* 1. *n.* 16.

e *Rot. F.* 2. *E.* 1. *m.* 29. *Clauſ.* 2. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 12.

f *Clauſ.* 11. *E.* 1. *m.* 6.

g *Pat.* 12. *E* 1. *m.* 19.

h *Pat.* 15. *E.* 1. *m.* 7.

i *Hiſt. T.* Walſ.

k *Pat.* 21. *E.* 1. *m.* 18.

l *Clauſ.* 25. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 14.

m *Clauſ.* 26. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 6.

n *Cartul. de* Erdington *f.* 101. *a.*

o *Cart.* 29. *E.* 1. *n.* 49.

again into Scotland, and was at [p] that memorable siege of Kaerlaverok: The same year likewise was [q] he in the wars of Gascoigne; and in 34 *E.* 1. had speciall summons [r], amongst the rest of the great Nobilitie to be at Westminster, the morrow after *Trinitie*-Sunday, there to consider and take order concerning an Aid for the making of Prince *Edward* Knight: and from the 23 of *E.* 1. till his death, which hapned [s] in 6 *E.* 2. had summons [t] with the rest of the Barons, to the severall Parliaments then held: but departing this world not long after, left issue by *Isabell* his wife, daughter [u] to *Will. de Valence* Earl of Pembroke, *John de Hastings* his son and heir, who being of age at that time, did [w] his Homage, and had Liverie of his lands.

Which *John* in 16 *E.* 2. was made Governour [x] of Kenilworth Castle: but of him I have seen little else memorable, other than his marriage [y] with *Julian* the daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Leyburne*, and that he departed [z] this life in 18 *R.* 2. leaving *Laurence* his son and heir about five [a] years of age; which *Laurence* in 11 *E.* 3. was commitred [*] to the tuition of *Will. de Clinton* Earl of Huntingdon, who had marryed *Julian* his mother, to be educated with him, till he should become of full age, having an allowance of *CC.* marks out of the Exchequer yearly, for his support and maintenance during that time: Of whom I find [b] that the King had so much care, when he was at New-Castle upon Tine about four years before, that, having sent for the Queen to come thither to him, and considering that so long a journey might be dangerous to the Child (for he was then bred up in her Court) directed his speaciall Letters to the said *Julian*, desiring her, as a person most proper to undergo that trust, to take him into her charge, promising satisfaction for all costs and expences, which she should be at therein.

This *Laurence* was in 13 *E.* 3. (by the K's. Letters Pat. bearing date *Oct.* 13.) declared [c] Earl of Pembroke, in regard of his descent from *Isabell* the eldest sister and coheir unto *Aymere de Valence* Earl of Pembroke; and by *Agnes* [d] one of the daughters to *Rog. de Mortimer* first Earl of March had issue [e] *John* Earl of Pembroke, little more than a twelve month old at [f] his father's death, which hapned in 22 *E.* 3. Which *John* was in 46 *E.* 3. sent [g] over into Gascoign, to raise the siege of Rochel, beleagured by the French, being then [h] about xxv. years of age, but was attended with very ill success in that expedition: for no sooner did he arrive with his Army at the Port of Rochel, but that the Spanish Navie fell suddainly upon them, before they could put themselves in order to fight, so that few of them escaped death, wounds, or imprisonment; and yet without any considerable loss to the Enemy, who forthwith set fire on all the English Ships, carrying away the Earle and many gallant Gentlemen, as also no less than twenty thousand marks in money; sent over by the K. of England, to continue the war: which unhappy accident fell [i] out on the Eve of St. *John Baptist's Nativitie*, being the Festivall of St. *Æthelдred* the Virgin; and therefore was it censured by many (as my Author [k] observeth) that God's judgement so followed him, as a punishment for the injurie he had done to the Church of that holy Virgin (*sc.* Ely) in a cause betwixt the Church of St. Edmundsbury and it, before his departure out of England and that the money so lost had no better luck, forasmuch as it had been got from the Religious Houses and Clergy: But others attributed it to his living an adulterous life, being a married man; that he also had attempted in Parliament an infringement of the Church its Liberties, and that he perswaded the King to lay greater Taxes upon the Clergie than Laitie, for support of his wars: which practises of pilling and poling the Church, however the temporall Lords (saith the same Author) were pleased; yet what success they had, not onely England, but the whole world hath sufficiently found.

I now come to speak of his death, the circumstances whereof, were as followeth; *viz.* [l] that having undergone four years imprisonment in Spain, with most inhumane usage, he sent to *Bertrand Cleikin* Constable of France, desiring that he would use some means for his enlargement; who thereupon interceded for him to the Bastard of Spain, that called himself King, and obtained his libertie, in consideration of part of that money due to himself: whereupon he was brought to Paris, and a sum of money assigned, which he must pay for his redemption: but after his coming thither, it was not long, ere that he fell mortally sick of Poison as 'twas thought, given to him by the Spaniards, who were reputed to have such a speciall facultie in that Art, as that the potion should kill at what distance of time they pleased: The French therefore seeing death approaching him, being eager to get his ransome money before he died, made haste to remove him unto Calais; but on his journey thither he departed [m] this world, upon the very day of St. *Æthelдred* the Virgin (which Saint he had so much offended before his coming out of England, as hath been said) though the Inquis.[n] after his death expresseth it to have been the xvi[th]. of *Aprill*; his son and heir, *John* being [o] at that time but two years old and a half; and was buried in the Quire of the *Friers Preachers* at Hereford, as by his Testament [p], and what I shall hereafter say, may seem.

But here, before I proceed farther, I must observe, that this *John*, in 43 *E.* 3. (obtaining License for that purpose from the King) made a Feoffment [q] unto *Walter Amyas*, and others of all his Castles, Lordships, Mannours, *&c*: in England and Wales, to certain uses: which Feoffment, being left sealed up in the hands of the Feoffees, to be kept till his return from beyond Seas, was upon his death delivered to the King's Councell at Westminster; who opening it, found, that in case he died without issue of his body, the town and Castle of Pembroke should come to the King, his heirs and successors, and the Castle and Lordship of Bergavenny, and all other his lands in England and Wales, in Fee, to his Cosin *Will. de Beauchamp* (*viz.* his Mother's sisters son) provided that he should bear his Armes, and endeavour to obtain his title of Earl; and in case he neglected so to do, that then his Kinsman *Will. de Clinton*, to have them upon the same conditions.

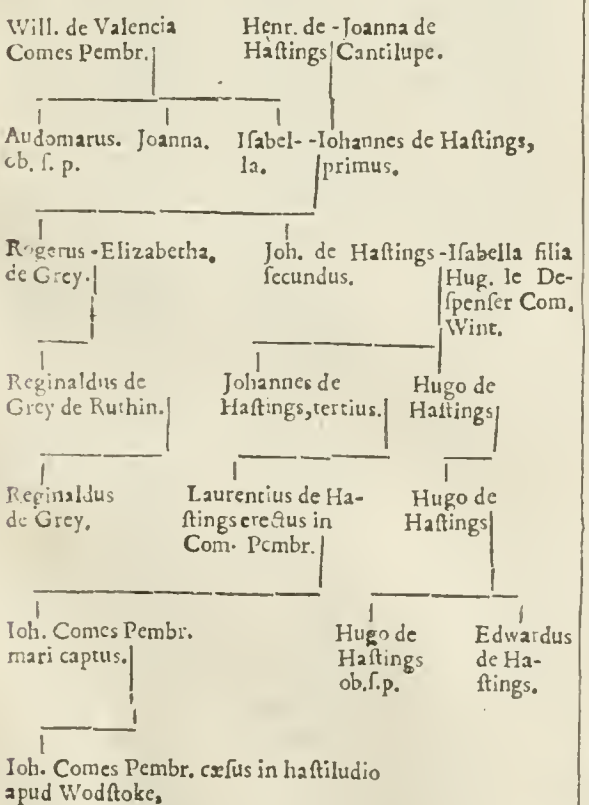
But I return to his said son and heir, of whom I find [r], that at the Coronation of K. *Ric.* 2. he claimed to carry the great gold Spurs, and that though he shewed sufficient evidence for his right so to do, yet, being under age, it was adjudged, that the King might appoint another for that time: whereupon *Edmund Mortimer* Earl of March was assigned thereto: And moreover, that he took

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p Ex vet. Rot. penes W le Neve eq. aur.
q Pat. 9. E. 2. p. 1. m. 31.
r Clauſ. 34. E. 1. in d. m 16. in ced.
s Rot. F. 6. E. 2. m. 6.
t Clauſ. de iſſd. an. ind.
u Ex præf. membr. penes Hale Strange eq. aur.
w Rot. F. 6. E. 2. m. 6.
x Pat. 16. E. 2. p. 1 m. 5. & m. 11.
* Clauſ. 11. E 3. p. 2. m. 18.
y Plac. coram. R. term. Hill. 12. E. 3. & 3. Kanc.
z Rot. F. 18 E. 2. m. 9.
a Eſc. 18. E. 2. n. 83.
b Clauſ. 7. E. 3. p. 1. m. 17.
c Pat. 13. E. 3. m. 12.
d T. Walſ.
e Eſc. 22 E. 3. n. 47.
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g T. Walſ.
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n Eſc. 49. E. 3. n. 10
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p Sudbury f. 92. b.
q Pat. 51. E. 3. n. 29. per. Inſp. Eſc. 49. E. 3. n. 10. Clauſ. 19. E 3. in d.
r Clauſ. 1. R. 2. m. 45.

to wife [f], whilst he was very young, *Philippa* daughter to the said *Edmund* Earl of **March**, but had no issue by her: for being at **Woodstoke**, where the King kept his *Christmass* in 13 of his reign, he tilted [t] with Sir *John* St. *John*, and by an unfortunate slip, was run into the bottome of his Belly, so that his bowells breaking out, he suddainly died, to the great lamentation of many, in regard he was a person of so noble a disposition, that in bountie and curtesie he exceeded most of his degree: So that it is observed [u], that from *Aymerie de Valence* Earl of **Pembroke** (his lineall ancestor) who was one that gave Judgement of death upon *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** in *E.* 2. time, even unto this *John*, the last Earl of the line, none of them ever saw his Father, nor any Father of them took delight in the seeing his Child, so young were they at their Fathers deaths. His body was interred in the Church of the *Gray Friers*, near *New-gate* in **London** (now called *Christ's-Church*) where he had a fair Monument [w], since (with all the rest) defaced.

Dying thus without issue, *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of **Ruthin**, was by some Inquis. [x] found his next heir of the whole blood, as descended from *Elizabeth*, sister to *John*, great-grandfather to the said Earl, so slain in tilting, as hath been said: and by other [y] Inquis. *Hugh de Hastings*, son of *Hugh*, son of *Hugh*, son of a second *John*, by *Isabell* the daughter of *Hugh le Despenser*, as the Pedegree here placed sheweth. But so little did *John* Earl of



Pembroke (Father to the last *John*) regard his next heir male, as it seems; and so much hate [z] *Reginald Grey*, father to the last *Reginald*, that he entailed the greatest part of his lands, as hath been said, on *Will. de Beauchamp* before mentioned. Notwithstanding which settlement, 'tis observeable, that the right of bearing Armes, was in those days of such esteem, as that the contest [a] for those of the Earls of **Pembroke** (*sc. Or a Manche gules*) betwixt *Reginald* Lord *Grey*, son to the before mentioned *Reginald*, and *Edw. Hastings*, brother and heir to the last mentioned *Hugh*, lasted little less than twenty years in the Court Militarie, before the Constable and Marshall of **England**: wherein, after much money spent, the said *Edw. Hastings*, who chalenged them as heir male of the Familie, was not onely condemned [b] in 970 l. 17 *s.* 10 *ob. q.* costs (*rey* swearing that he had spent a thousand Marks more) and the Armes adjudged [c] to *Grey*, but imprisoned [d] xvi. years for disobeying that Sentence. The particular proceedings in which business, with the hard measure, which the said *Edward* had, for brevities sake I pass by, referring my Reader to that learned Comment upon Sir *Henry Spelman's* discourse of Armes, lately published by my worthy friend *Edw. Byshe* Esq. where they are compendiously set forth; and return to the before specified *Wil. Beauchamp*.

Which *William* possessing this Lordship of **Fillongley**, and the greatest part of the said Earl of **Pembroke's** lands, by virtue of that entail, was impleaded [e] for the same by the above mentioned *Edw. Hastings*, and having invited [f] his learned Counsell to his House in *Pater Noster Row*, within the Citie of **London**, amongst whom, were *Rob. Charlton* (then a Judge) *Will. Pinchbeck*, *Will. Brencheſley*, and *John Catesby*, all learned Lawyers, after Dinner went into his Chapell, and at his coming out, in an angry fashion, threw to each of them a piece of Gold, saying [g], *Sirs! I desire you forthwith to tell me, whether I have any right and title to* Hasting's *Lordships and Lands:* whereupon, *Pinchbeck* stood up, the rest being silent, fearing that he suspected them, and said [h], *No man here, nor in* **England**, *dare say that you have any right in them, except* Hastings *do quit his claim therein; and should he do it, being now under age, it would be of no validitie.* Perhaps there had been some former entail to settle them upon the heir male of the Familie, which preceded that before spoken of; but what ever it was, sure we are, that *Hastings* apprehended the injury done to himself, so great, as that with extream anguish of mind, at his later end, he left [i] God's curse and his own, upon his Descendants, if they should not attempt the vindication thereof.

Of this *Will. de Beauchamp* (who was a younger [k] son unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, by *Catherine Mortimer*, sister [l] of *Agnes*, mother unto *John de Hastings* Earl of **Pembroke** before specified) I find, that he was in 4 *R.* 2. retained by Indenture [m] to serve the King in his wars, with *CCL.* men at Armes, and *CCL.* Archers, for a quarter of a year, under the command of *Edmund de Langley* Earl of **Cambridge**, (the King's Uncle) in the parts of **Portugall** and **Spain**; in which expedition the said Earl was Generall. So also in [n] 6 *R.* 2. with that warlike Bishop of **Norwich**, *sc. Henr. Spenser*, who was so victorious in the parts of **Flanders** about that time; and should have had 500. marks for the service of himself in particular, of which he received part; but because he had it not all beforehand, he refused to stir from home. After which, *viz.* in 7 *R.* 2. he was constituted [o] Governour of **Calais**, and retained by Indenture [p] for the safe custodie thereof, with *CXL.* men at Armes on Horseback, whereof himself with nine other Kts. to be part, *CL.* Archers on Horseback, *C.* men at Armes, and *CLxxxiii.* Archers on foot, and four Esquires on Horseback, with condition that *xx.*

f *Esc.* 2. *H.* 4. *n.* 54.

t T. Wals. *Pat.* 15. *R.* 2. *m.* 6. n *& 29.*

u Stow's *Survey of* Lond. *p.* 345.

w *Ex vet. cod. M. S. penès Cl. v.* Ioh. Seldenum.

x *Ib. Et ex vet. membr. penès* Ham. le Strang *eq. aur.*

y *Ex vet. membr. penès* Ham. le Strang *eq. aur.*

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i *Ex vet. membr. penès* Ham. le Strang *eq. aur.*

k *Pat.* 30. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 15.

l Langham *f.* 119.

m *Ex autog penès Cler. Pell.*

n *Vide* T. Wals.

o *Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.*

p *Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.*

men at Armes and ten Archers on Horſeback, as alſo ten Archers on foot, belonging to the Treaſurer of **Calais**, ſhould be under his command, in relation to that ſervice; and in conſideration thereof to receive four ſhillings *per diem*, for his own wages, for the reſt of the Knights ii *s.* and men at Armes ſerving on Horſeback xii *d.* Which retainer was for two years: but the next year enſuing, the like Covenants were renewed [q] for the terme of three years more, and in 11 and 12 *R.* 2. for each [r] of thoſe years, ſingly.

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In 10 *R.* 2. he was made Governour [f] of the Caſtles of **Pembroke** and **Kilgaran**. In 16 *R.* 2. firſt ſummoned [t] to Parliament, with the Barons, by the name of *Will. Beauchamp de* **Bergavenny** *chivalier*, and made Knight [u] of the Garter, being then poſſeſt of the Caſtle of **Bergavenny**, with the other lands, which the before ſpecified *John de Haſtings*, Earl of **Pembroke**, had ſo entailed upon him, as hath been ſaid. In 1 *H.* 4. made [w] Juſtice of **South-Wales**; and from [x] 2 *H.* 4. till 8. inclusive, was in Commiſſion for conſervation of the Peace in this Countie. But farther of his Militarie, or Civill imployments, I have not ſeen; nor can I ſay more of him, than that he gave [y] to the Collegiate Church of **Warwick**, for the good eſtate of K. *Ric.* 2. and Q. *Anne* his Conſort, as alſo of himſelf and *Joan* his wife, during their lives in this world, and for the health of all their ſouls afterwards, the advouſon of the Churches of **Spelſbury**, and [z] **Chadſley-Corbet** in **Worceſterſhire**: and that he was in ſome ſort a Benefactor to the *Gild* of the *Holy Trinitie*, *our Ladie*, and S. *John Baptiſt* in **Coventre**, as may ſeem by his portraiture ſet up in glaſs on the Eaſt ſide of St. *Mary Hall*, together with his Ladie, in robes of great ſtate, which in my diſcourſe of that place are moſt exactly repreſented.

f *Pat.* 10. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 23.

t *Clauſ.* 16. *R.* 2. *in d.*

u *Ex vet. MS. penès* Henr. *S.* George *eq. aur.*

w *Pat.* 1. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 4.

x *Pat. de iiſd. an. in d*

y *Reg. coll. de* Warw. *f.* 81. *b.*

z *Ib. f.* 104. *b.*

And laſtly that by his Teſtament [a], bearing date at **Bergavenny** 25 *Apr. an.* 1408. (9 *H.* 4.) he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of the *Friers Preachers* at **Hereford**, next and beneath the Tombe of the before ſpecified *John de Haſtings* Earl of **Pembroke**; appointing that five Tapers ſhould be hung about his Bodie as ſoon as might be after his death; as alſo that *xxiiii* men ſhould be cloathed in black, each of them holding a Torch in his hand, and to have ii *d.* a piece for the ſame. To which place of his burial he bequeathed xx. marks or more, as his Executors ſhould think fit; and over and above what hath been already expreſt Cl. for the charges of his Funerall, directing that ten thouſand Maſſes ſhould be ſung for his ſoul, in all the haſt that might be after his death, by the moſt honeſt Prieſts that could be got: as alſo that four good Prieſts be found, by the ſpace of ten years, ſinging for his ſoul, and for the ſoul of his Lord, Sir *John Haſtings* Earl of **Pembroke**, and for all the ſouls unto whom he had obligation. And moreover to his poor Tenants within his Lordſhips Cl. To *Joane* his wife a pair of Baſyns, covered, and overgylt, having the Armes of *Warwick* and *Arundell* empaled upon them. To *Richard* his ſon his beſt Sword and Harneis, to be armed withall, aſwell for War as Peace; as alſo all his other Harneis for the Juſts of Peace which belong'd to War. To *Joane* and *Elizabeth* his daughters a thouſand marks a piece to their marriage: And conſtituting *Thomas Arundell*, Archb. of **Canterbury**, *Thomas* Earl of **Arundell**, *Joane* his wife, *&c.* his Executors, departed [b] this life in 12 *H.* 4. leaving iſſue by the ſame *Joane* (who was * one of the daughters and coheirs to *Ric.* Earl of **Arundell**) *Richard Beauchamp* his ſon and heir.

a Arundell *vol.* 2. *f.* 155.

b *Eſc.* 12. *H.* 4. *n.* 32.

* *Com. de T. Mich.* 3. *H.* 7. *rot.* 51 *Suſſ.*

Of this deceaſed Lord, I have the rather taken occaſion to ſpeak, in regard that he made his reſidence at ſome times in this Countie, as I preſume his Lady alſo did, in her widdowhood: for I find that ſhe was at ſeverall [c] times in Commiſſion for treating with the people about Loanes to the King, within this Shire; ſurviving him many years, her death [d] hapning not till 14 *H.* 6. Of whoſe Teſtament [e], foraſmuch as by it, that greatneſs and ſtate, wherein the Engliſh Nobilitie in thoſe days lived, may in ſome ſort be ſeen; as alſo the pomp of their Funeralls, I have here tranſcribed the greateſt part.

c *Pat.* 4. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 8. *Pat.* 8. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 30.

d *Eſc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 35.

e Chichley *f.* 455. *a.*

In the name of the bleſſed Trynyte, Fader, ſonn and Holy Ghoaſt, the x^th. day of Janyver in the yeer of our Lord MCCCxxxiiii. I Johanne Beuchamp *Lady of* **Bergavenny**, *as a meke daughter of holi Chirche, full in the Chriſten fayth and belive, hool in minde and body (bleſſed be God) conſidering that the freel condicion of this wrechid and unſtable lief, ys ful of perels; and the yend and concluſion thereof is not elles but Deth, fro the which no perſone of none aſtate ſchall eſcape: and therfore purpoſyng, with the leve of God, to dyſpoſe ſuch goods as of his grace he hath lent me, in ſuch uſe as myght be moſt to hys pleſaunſ, and profit to my ſoule, and all theirs that I am bounden to; I have ordeyned and make my Teſtament and laſt Will, in this forme.*

Firſt I bequethe my ſoule to the mercy of my bleſſed Saviour and maker Jheſu Chryſt, through the beſechyng of his bleſſed Moder Mary, *and alle holy companye in Hevene, and my ſymple and wreched body to be buried in the Queer of the* Frere-Prechours *of* **Hereford**, *in a new Tumbe by my worthi Lord and ſomtime husband Sir* Will. Beuchamp *on whoos ſoule God have merci. But I wol that my Bodi be kept unburied, in the place where hit hapneth me to die, unto the time my maigne be clethed in black, my Hers, my Chare, and other covenable purviance made, and then to be carried unto the place of my buryeng before reherſed, with alle the worſhip that ought to be done unto a woman of myne aſtate; which God knoweth wele procedeth not of no pompe or vayn glorie that I am ſet in for my Bodi, but for a memorial and a remembrance of my ſoule, to my kyn, frends, ſervants, and alle other. And I wol that every Pariſh Chirch that my ſeid Bodi reſteth ynne a night after hit paſſeth fro the place of my dying, be offred two Clothes of Gold: and if hit reſt ynne any College or Conventuall Chirche, three Clothes of gold. Alſo I devyſe that in every Cathedrall Chirche or Conventuall, where my Bodi reſtes a nyght, toward the place where my Bodi ſhall be buried, that the Dean, Abbot, or Prior, have* vi *s.* viii *d. and everi Chanon, Monk, Vicar, Preſte, or Clerke, that ys at the* Dirige *at the* Maſs *in the morning, ſhall have* xii *d.*

Alſo I ordeyn, that anon aftur my burying, there be done for my ſoule five thouſand Maſſes in alle the haſt that they may goodly. And I bequethe unto the Houſe of the ſeid Freres *at* **Hereford** *in generall* CCC. *marks, for to fynd two Preſtes perpetuall for to ſyng for my Lord my Husbond, my Lord my Fader, my Lady my Moder and me, and Sir* Hugh Burnell *Kt. and alle my good doers, and alle Cryſten ſoules: the one Preſt to ſyng the fyrſt Maſs in the mornyng in the ſame Houſe, and the other*

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the last Mass that ys done in the day yn the same House; so that it be sene, that there be sure ordinauns made therefore, to be kept perpetually, as Law wolle. And I bequethe ech Frere of the same House, in speciall, the day of my burying, to pray for my soule iii *s.* iiii *d. And I wool that the forseyd Freres have a hool sute of black; that ys to sey a Chesepyl, two Tunycles, three Coopes, with my best pair of Candelsticks of sylver, wrethen; and my best sute of vestments of Clothe of gold, with Pecocks, with Autere-clothes and Aubes, and alle that longeth thereto, for a memoriall perpetualle to use hem euerie yere at the Anniversarie of my Lord my Husbond and of me. And for the costes of myne enterement, upon my deth and burying, I ordain and devyse a thousand Marks.*

And I devyse C. *marks to be dalt peny mele, or more after the discretion of myne Executors among poer men and women, that come to myne enteremen: the day of my burying. And I ordain and devise to have five Prestes for to syng for me* xx. *wynters, for my Lord my Fader, my Lady my Moder, my Lord my Husband, my son* Richard *Earl of* **Worcestre**, *Sir* Hugh Burnell *Kt. and alle my good doers, and alle Crysten soules; and that of the most honest persones and good conversacions that mow be founden: of which five Prestes, I ordeyn and devyse two to syng in the parish of* **Rocheforde**, *and other three in* **Kirkeby**-Belers *in the Counte of* **Leycestre**, *duryng the terme aforeseyd. Moreover I devyse* CC. *marks to be departed among my poer Tenants in* **England**, *in such place as mooste nede ys, after the discrecion of myne Executors. Also I devise* C *l. to be dysposed in clothyng, Bedding, Hors, Oxen, and other bestial and necessaries, within halve a yere after my deth, & to be yeven & dalt among Bed-red men and other poer people, dwellyng in the Lordships that I have. And also I devyse that* Bartholmew Brokesby, *and* Wauter Kebyll *be everi yere at* **Hereford**, *the day of my* Anniversarie, *seing that my* Obite, *with the remnant of my* obsequies *be done in due wise, to the most profit of my soule, spendying about the execution thereof, at every time* x *l. after here discrecion.*

Moreover I devise to the marriage of poer Maydens dwellyng withyn my Lordships. C *l. And to the makyng and emendyng of febull Brugges and foul weyes* C *l. And to the synding and deliverans of poer Prisoners, that have ben well condicioned* xl. *l. Also I bequethe to Sir* James *son and eyre of the Erle of* Ormond *Five hundred pounds to be dispent by myne Executors about the defence of the lands that I give and assigne him, by the Will of my Landes, in caas they be chalenged or ympugned wrongfully within his age; or elles to have the same money, or elles so much thereof as ys unspend at hys ful age, to the same intent: and a payr of Baysins of silver gylt and covered with my Armes. And I devyse and bequethe to the same Sir* James *a Bed of gold of Swans, with tapetter of grene Tapesery, with branches and floures of divers colours, and two pair shetes of Raynes, a paire of Fustiaunce, sixe pair of other shetes, six pair of Blankets, six Materas, six Pelowes, and with Quissons and bancours that longen to the Bedde aforeseyd, with alle my stuffe at* **Bergevenny**; *a pane of Menyvere, with alle my Armure in* **England** *and* **Wales**: *which goods I wyll that yt shalle abyde in the kepyng of* Robert Darcy, Barth. Brokusby *and* Wauter Kebell, *till the seyd Sir* James *be* xx. *yere of age, and then to be delivered to him and ells not. And in caas that the said Sir* James *dye withyn the seyd age, withouten yssue of his body lawfully begoten, than I wol and devyse all the forseyd goods, to be delivered to* John *of* Ormund *his broder in the same wise that the seyd Sir* James *shulde have hit. And if* John *dye er he come at the same age, I wol that* Thomas Ormund, *his brother, have hit in the same wise that* John *shulde have hit. And if* Thomas *dye or he come at that age, than I wol that alle these goods be solde and done for my soule and heres, and alle my good deers.*

And I bequethe unto the same John *of* Ormund *a Bed of cloth of gold, with Lebardes; with those Quesshions and Tapettes of my best rede wosted that longen to the same Bed, and bancours and Formes to longe to the same Bede: also four pair of Shetes, four pair of Blankets, three Pelowes, and three Materas. And I bequethe unto* Thomas *of* Ormund *his broder, a Bede of Velvet, white and black paled, with Quyssions, Tapettes and Formers, that long to the same Bede; three pair of Shetes, three pair of Blankets, three Pelowes, and three Materas. And I bequethe unto* Elizabeth *hys sister a Bede of blew Band kyn with Quyshions, Tapetes of blew wosted, and Formes that long to the same Bede; Four pair of Shetes, four pair of Blankets, four Pelowes, and four Materas. And I bequethe to my sone Sir* James *of* Ormund *three of the best Hors in my chare; and* John *his broder my next best; and* Thomas *hys broder my next best after hym: and* John Gray *the sixth. And I bequethe to* John *of* Ormund *and* Thomas *hys broder, in defence of her livelyhood that I have bequest hym, eyther of them* DCC. *marks. Also I bequethe to* Bartholmew Brokusby *my Hallyng of black, rede, and grene, with morys Letters, with Quyshons, with bancours and costers.*

And I bequethe unto the same Bartholmew, *my Bede of Sylke, black and rede, embroydered with wodbynd floures of sylver, and alle the costers and apparyl that longeth thereto. And I wol that the seyd* Barth. *have* xii. *pair of Shetes, of the best cloth that I have, save Raynes; six pair of Blankets, and a pane of Menyver; and a bolle of sylver callyd* Playce-bolle, *and my best Cup of gold, covered; and my round basyn of sylver pounced with morys letters, with the Ewer that longeth to the same Basyn. And I bequethe unto the same* Bartholmew *a dozen vessell of sylver, garnysshed; and two Basyns and two Ewers of sylver; and my best Gown furred with Marters.*

And I devyse to Rob. Darcy CCCC. *marks, and my ymage of our Ladie that the Erle of* March *gaf me; and a Cup of gold covered. Also I devise to* Wauter Kebell C. *mark, and three of my best lowe Hors. And I wol that the seid* Wauter *have my best blak Bede of sylke, with alle the apparell of a Chambre of the best blak Tapeter that I have; and six pair of Shetes, and six pair of Blankets, three Materas; and my round Basyn of silver with Bolles, and a Ewer that longeth thereto; and my litle Saler, and six Spones of sylver that byn in my Mannour at the* **Snyterfelo**; *and my best stayned Halle, with a Potel Pot, and three pece of silver, and a grete Maser covered, that was Sir* Adam Persale's; *and my second Gown of Marters. And I bequethe the remnant of my Gownes furred with Marters, to my son Sir* James *of* Ormund, *and to his two brethren, after the discresion of myne Executors. And I bequeth to* Isabell Muton C. *marks for her marriage. And I bequethe to* Florys Lee C. *marks, and two Hors to his marriage. And I bequeth to* Richard Burley C. *marks, so both they be ruled by me and mine Executors, and dwell with me whilst I live.*

And

And I bequethe to Raynald Moton C. *marks. And I bequethe to* Thomas Besford C. *marks. And I bequethe to* John Daunsey xx *l. And I bequethe to* Henry Leceſter xx *l. And I bequethe to* Henry Filongley C. *marks. And I bequethe to* Alyſon Darcy C. *marks. And I bequethe to* Henry Brokusby C. *marks, under the condition that he be governed by me, and by the worthieſt of his kynn. And I bequethe to* John Maſſy C. *marks. And I bequethe to* Philip Cuberley xx *l. and to* VVill. Loudham C. *marks. And I bequethe to* Eliz. *daughter of the Earl of* Ormund C. *marks: and to* Thomas Blankany xx *l. And to* John Yerdley x. *marks. And to* John Bultus x *l. And to littel* Lewes x. *marks. And to* John Hulle C s. *And to* Thomas Burton x *l. And to* Thomas VVelby C *s. And to* John Foteman xl *s. And to* John Gardener *of* Bergevenny *four marks.*

And alſo I wol that alle the remnant of my ſervants be rewarded aftur the diſcrecion of mine Executors. Alſo I devyſe to my Preſtes and Clerkes of my Chapell, if they go with my Body and do my Obſequies *daylie till I be buried, on my coſtes, and to ben ruled aftur myne Executors,* C. *marks. And I wol that my Wardes, with her mariages, and all the livelihode that I have by hem, be under the governauns of* Rob. Darcy, Barth. Brokusby, *and* Wauter Kebell, *they ſer to fullfill hit and to diſpoſe hit to the moſt advantage of my ſoule; and to performe hit and put in Execution my Will and my devyſe aforeſeyd.*

I ordeyn and make myne Executors Mr. John Bathe, *Chanon of* Welles, *takyng for his labour* xl *l. and if he take myniſtracion,* Rob. Darcy, Barth. Brokusby, Wauter Kebell, *Sir* Will. Creke, *takyng for hys labour, if he take myniſtracion* xx *l. and* John Bultus. *And I wol that* Wauter Kebell, *ne* John Bultus *admyniſter, ne do nothing that toucheth my Teſtament in any wiſe, wythout the adviſe or commandment of the remnant of myne ſeyd Executors. And the reſidue of my goods, I wol and ordeyn hem to be diſpoſed by myne Executors, to here yerely charges of my* Obits; *and in Almeſdeedes doyng in the mene time, whiles they wol laſte. Requiryng and preying all theſe perſones, Executors aforenamed, and ſo far as I dare or may, charging hem, that as my ſingular truſt ys on hem afore other, they refuſe not but to take upon hem the Adminiſtration of this Teſtament, with the conditions afore reherſed, and put it in execution, as they wolde I ſhulde do for hem in like caas; and as they wol anſwere before the moſt hygh and mightifull Juge at the dredfull day of Dome, where both they and I ſhall appere. In witnes that this ys my laſt Will I have ſet hereto my Sele; ywritten in the day and yere aforeſeyd.*

I now return to *Richard*, ſon and heir to the before ſpecified Sir *William*. This *Richard* was created [f] Earl of **Worceſter** in 8 *H.* 5. but ſlain in **France** within two years after, leaving one onely daughter his heir; *ſcil. Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Edw. Nevill* Kr. (a younger ſon to *Raph* Earl of **Weſtmerland**) firſt ſummoned [g] to Parliament in 29 *H.* 6. by the name of *Edw. Nevill de Bergavenny chivalier*: From whom is deſcended (as the Pedegree ſheweth) *John Nevill* Lord *Bergavenny*, now Lord of this Mannour.

The Church (dedicated to *our Lady* and *All Saints*) was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [h] at *xvi.* marks; the advouſon whereof in 19 *E.* 3. being purchaſed [i] from *Laurence de Haſtings* Earl of **Pembroke**, by *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntendon**, was by him given [k] to the Canons of **Marſtoke** the ſame year; whereupon they ſoon obtained an appropriation [l] thereof. And in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was rated [m] at *viii* l. *ix* s. *ix* d. over and above *x* s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. But all that I have farther found relating to this Church, is that in *H.* 3. time, *viii* s. *per an.* was aſſigned [n], by one *Nich. Burbache* Clerk (out of certain lands lying in this Pariſh) for the maintenance of a *Lampe* burning in the body thereof, to the honour of the bleſſed Virgin; the ſaid annuitie having been appointed to be ſo diſpoſed of, by Sir *Thomas de Haſtings*, who for the ſouls of his Anceſtors, gave to the ſame *Nicholas* thoſe lands out of which it was ſo charged, and upon that condition.

f *Lel. Itin. vol. 6. f. 89.*

g *Clauſ. 29. H. 6. in d.*

h *MS. in Scac.*

i *Pat. 19. E. 3. p. 1. m. 9.*

k *Ib. m. 8.*

l *Northb. f. 117.*

m *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 57. b.*

n *Ex autog. penès Will. Paulet ar.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
D. Henr. de Haſtings.	*Thom. de Burbache Cler. ar. 1248.*	*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich*
D. Joh. de Haſtings miles.	*Conradus de Howeſchill de Alemania Cler. Cal. Nov. 1305*	*Langt. f. 7. b.*
Patroni Vicariæ.		
Prior & Conv. de Maxſtoke.	*Adam de Overton Cap. 2. Non. Sept. 1345.*	*Northb. f. 43. a.*
	Hen. de Corley Cap. 2. Non. Jan. 1345.	*Ib f. 44. a.*
	Will. Prelate Cap. Id. Apr. 1351.	*Ib. f. 54. b.*
	Joh. de Aldeſtre 2 Cal. Nov. 1351.	*Ib.*
	Rog. de Aſton Cap. 2. Non. Maii 1353.	*Ib. f. 56. b.*
	Galſr. le Fitz Cap. 4. Cal. Aug. 1353.	*Ib.*
	Ric. Rymyll Pbr. 2 Dec. 1383.	*Stret. f. 31. a.*
	Rob. Baſcote Pbr. 8. Cal. Dec. 1386.	*Sk. f. 1. b.*
	Joh. de Shenyndon Pbr. 11 Feb. 1394.	*Ib. f. 10. a.*
	Rog. Wylkins Pbr. 26. Feb. 1394.	*Ib.*
	Joh. Heward Cap. 25. Febr. 1399.	*Burgh. f. 6. b.*
	D. Will. Eyre Pbr. 26. Maii 1422.	*Heyw. f. 9. 2*
	Joh. Cowper Pbr. 5. Oct. 1434.	*Ib. f. 33. a.*
	Joh. Brackley Pbr. 4. Aug. 1435.	*Ib. f. 33. b.*
	Joh. Bounde Pbr. 6. Maii 1437.	*Ib. f. 35. b.*
	Will. Eſteby Pbr. 4. Nov. 1438.	*Ib. f. 37. a.*
	Ric. Littleton Cap. 24. Feb. 1450.	*Bo. f. 12. a.*
	Tho. Haddeley Canon. de Lilſhull 7. Febr. 1452.	*Bowl. f. 3. a*
	Mr. Thom. Palmer, in Leg. Bac. 17. Apr. 1529.	*El. f. 14. b.*
	D. Joh. Nicholſon Pbr. 5. Apr. 1531.	*Ib. f. 17. b.*
Georgius Coldwell gen. ex coneſſ. Pr. & C. de Maxſtoke	*D. Thurſtanus Morrey Cler. ult. Dec. 1556.*	*Sampſ. & E. f. 9. b.*
Nich. Strange ar.	*Thom. Graunger 2. Martii 1581.*	*Ib. f. 48. b.*
Jac. Rex.	*Chriſtoph. Forde Cler. 24. Sept. 1608.*	*Overton. bund. F.*

Old

Old Fillongley.

OF this place I have but little to say. In 13 *Edw.* 1. the Prior of **Coventre**, [o] claymed a **Court Leet** and divers other Priviledges here, by vertue of King *H.* 3. Charter, which were allowed; and in 20 *Edw.* 3. was certified [p] to hold it of the Lord *Hastings* by the eighth part of a Knight's Fee, this being as he was superior Lord thereof. Nor from hence till *Hen.* 7. time have I seen any more thereof, by the light of our publique Records: but, in 14. of that King's reign, *Thomas Froxmere* Esquire, was found [q] to die seized of it, leaving *Francis* his son and heir *xiv.* years of age. Which Family of the *Froxmeres* had it by a daughter and heir of *Fillongley*, if we may credit some [r] mens Notes; of which name there were, that long since resided at this place, as by tradition I have heard; whereof I am the more credulous, in regard it appears, that *William de Fillongley* had imployment as a Commissioner [s], in some publique affaires of the County in 51 *Edw.* 3. and 2 *Ric.* 2. and that *Henry de Fillongley* Esquire, Sergeant [t] of the Scullerie to King *H.* 4 was [u] one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of 31 *H.* 6. as also Shiriff [w] of this Countie and **Leicestershire** in 37. of the said King's reign.

o *Rot. de Quo. W.*

p *Ex vet. Rot. penes* S. Clarke *B.*

q *Esc.* 14. *H.* 7.

r Arth. Gregorie *de* Stichall *ar.*

s *Rot. F.* 51. *E.* 3. *m.* 14. *Rot. F.* 2. *R.* 2. *m.* 9.

t *Claus.* 1. *H.* 4. *m.* 29.

u *Rot. F.* 31. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.

w *Rot. F.* 37. *H.* 6. *m.* 16.

Metley.

THis part of **Fillongly**, now called **Metley-end**, lyeth westward from the Church neer two miles: but the most antient mention I find of it, is, in 6 *E.* 2. *Nicholas de Burbache* then holding half [x] a Knight's Fee here, of the heirs of *Henry de Hastings*. In which line of *Burbache* it continued till 3 *E.* 6. that *Richard Burbache* sold it [y] to *Edw. Pye* (of **Harrtoke-Hall** Esquire) by the name of the Mannour of **Metley**.

x *Esc.* 6. *E.* 2.

y *Fin. levat. term. Pasch.* 3. *E.* 6.

Ansley.

BOurne passing on, about a mile below **Fillongley**-Church, is enlarged with another torrent, that riseth in **Ansley**; of which place I am next to take notice. In *Edw.* the Confessor's time the Countess *Godeva* (of whom I have spoke in **Coventre**) enjoy'd [z] it: but after the Norman Invasion, being in the King's hands, it was, together with **Coventre**, and the other lands which belong'd to that Countess, ferm'd [a] out to one *Nicholas*; and in the generall Survey then taken (where it is written **Hanslei**) is joyned with **Hartshill**, there also recorded by the name of **Ardreshille**; both which were valued at *C* s. as also from *H.* 1. time, for many ages afterwards, possest jointly, by a Family of good note, whose cheif seat being at **Hartshill**, assumed that place for their sirname. But by a daughter and heir of *Hardreshull*, came at length to *Culpeper*, as the Descent in **Hartshill** doth shew.

z } *Domesday*
a } *lib.*

Which Family of *Culpeper*, having their principall seat at **Bedgebury** in **Kent** (for the most part) made little residence in this Country; so that, in process of time, they sold away all their interest here, Sir *Alexander Culpeper* Knight, first passing [b] in Fee-ferm, unto *John Ludford* Gentilman (his Receiver and [c] Officer for this Mannour and **Hartshill**) much of the demesns in 20 *H.* 7. And afterwards, *John Culpeper* (a younger [d] son to the said Sir *Alexander*) on whom, it seems, this was setled, all [e] the rest, together with the Mannour, unto *Robert* and *Edmund Wyethe* of **Loughborough** *in Com. Leic.* Gentilmen. Which *Robert* and *Edmund* in 5 *H.* 8. for the summe of *xlviii* li. granted [f] it to *John Rampton* of **Atherston** Yeoman; of whom *George Wightman* of **Elmesthorpe** *in Com. Leic.* Gentilman, having purchased [g] it in 1 *Eliz.* past [h] it in mortgage unto *William Glover*, Citizen and Dyer of **London**, in 34. of the said Queen's reign; who in 43. *Eliz.* obtained a Release [i] from *Tho. Wightman* of **Burbage** Gentilman, son and heir to the said *George*, of all his right, and title therein.

b } *Ex autog. penes* G.
c } Ludford *gen.*

d *Ex Coll.* Edw *Dering Ar.*

e *Rec. de T. Hill.* 4. & 5. *E.* 6. *Rot.* 148.

f } *Ex autog. penes præf.* G Ludford.
g }
h }
i }
k }
l }

To which *Will. Glover* (afterwards a Knight and Alderman of **London**) succeeded Sir *Thomas Glover* of **Wilsdon** *in Com. Midd.* Knight, his son and heir; who, together with the Lady *Anne* his mother, sold [k] it in 6 *Jac.* unto *James Wightman* of **Brackman** in the said Countie of **Leicester**: which *James* in 10 *Jac.* past [l] it unto *George Ludford* of **Ansley** Gent. (descended from the before specified *John Ludford*) who left issue *George*, now owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) being given [m] to the Nuns of **Polesworth** in King *John's* time, by *William de Hardredeshull*, son of *Robert*, and grandchild to *Hugh*, was appropriated to them shortly after; and thereupon an assignation made [n] of what the perpetuall Vicar should have for his paines in serving the Cure: which being found too little, and complaint made to the Bishop, there was an augmentation [o] thereof, by vertue of a Provinciall Constitution, which the Archbishop of **Canterbury** and the rest of the Bishops within his Province had made to that purpose; *viz.* that whereas the small Tithes and Obventions pertaining to the Altar, were valued but at *L* s. and the Tithe-corn at *xxiv.* marks; the Vicar and his successors should thenceforth have the fift sheaf of the Tithe-Corn throughout the whole Parish, to be delivered out of the Tithe-Barn belonging to the said Nunns, after it should be gathered in by them, at their charge. This was done by M^r *Simon de Balidon*, Officiall to the B^p. of **Cov.** and **Lich.** and by authority from the said B^p. on Friday next after the Feast of S. *Dennis an.* 1275. (3 *E.* 1.) In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) the Rectorie here was valued [p] at *vi.* marks, and the Vicaridge at half a mark: but in 26 *H.* 8. the same Vicaridge was rated [q] at *vi* li. *vi* s. *viii* d. over and above *ii* s. *iv* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

m *Pat.* 11. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*

n } *Ex autog. penes* Edw. Stratford.
o }

p *MS. in Scac.*

q *MS. penes* S. *Aug. eq. aur. f.* 61. *a.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Abbatissa & Conv. de Polesworth.	*Rog. de Eton. Cap.*	*Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.*
	Dominus Nicholaus;	
	D. Rad. de Thamworth Cap. an. 1248.	
	Joh. fil. Ric. de Polleſworth 10 *Cal. Martii* 1315.	*Langt. f.* 40. *a.*
D. Philippus de Somervile, hac vice.	*Joh. de VVarton Cap.* 3. *Cal. Oct.* 1349.	*Northb. f.* 51. *a.*
Abb. & Conv. de Polesworth.	*Henr. Pynſon Pbr.* 19. *Jan.* 1430.	*Heyw. f.* 25. *b.*
	VVill. Hamond 3. *Dec.* 1440.	*Ib. f.* 39. *a.*
	VValt. Seyrton Pbr. 11. *Martii* 1444.	*Ib. f.* 43. *a.*

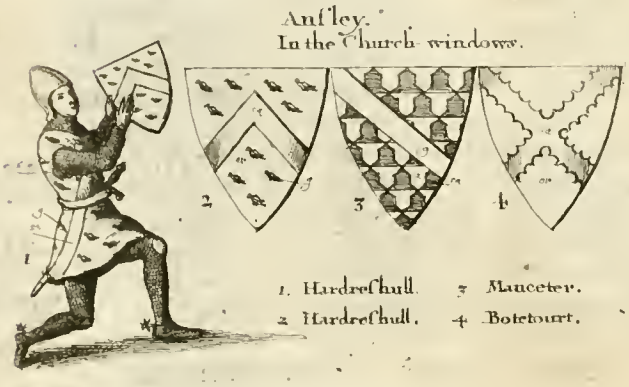
Sampſ. 40.*b.*	*Tho. Cope de Poleſw. ratione conceſ. Abb. & C. de Poleſw.*	*D. Edw. Bower* 20. *Junii* 1543.
*Sampſ.& B.f.*8.*b.* *Ib.f.*10.*a.*	*Philippus & M. Rex & Regina.*	*Thom. Wylſon Cler.* 7. *Nov.* 1554. *Henr. Hondys Cler.* 15. *Julii* 1557.
*Ib.f.*30.*a.*	*Elizabetha Angliæ Regina.*	*Rob. Coope Cler.* 12. *Julii* 1561. *poſtea deprivatus.*
*Ib.f.*45.*b.*		*Thom. Arnefeild Cler.* 27. *Julii* 1574.
*Sampſ.& B.f.*46.*b.*		*Rob. Cope* 2. *Martii* 1575.
Overton hund.E.		*Will. Foxe Cler.* 22. *Dec.* 1591.
Overton hund.C.		*Jac. Buſh Cler.* 10. *Junii* 1600.
Mort. hund incert.	*Ric. Chamberlain arm.*	*Franc. Bacon art. Magr.* 13. *Sept.* 1625.

Upon a plate of Braſs, fixed on a Marble grave-ſtone in this Church.

Orate pro animabus Johanne, que fuit uxor Roberti Palmer nuper de Stont-Stanton gentilman, unius ſororum Willielmi Bret nuper de Anſteley gentilman, ac pro animabus Johannis & Elizabeth liberorum dicti Roberti & Johanne, que quidem Johanna obiit ultimo die menſis Octobris anno domini Milleſimo CCCCxxx. quorum animabus propitietur Deus Amen. Nec non pro bono ſtatu cujuſdam Roberti. Willielmi, Ricardi, Henrici, Johanne, Jocoſe, & Margarete, filiorum & filiarum predictorum Roberti & Johanne.

In a window on the North ſide of the Church, is this Inſcription.

Orate pro bono ſtatu Johannis Ludford, & Alicie uxoris.



Bret's-Hall.

IN this Pariſh there is a place, though but of mean, conſideration, yet noted in the common Maps by the name of **Bret's-Hall**, from a Family of that name, ſometime owners thereof. Of which the firſt, as I thinke, was *William*, unto whom *Will. de Hardreſhull* (Lord of **Anſley** in *H.* 3. time) gave [f] certain lands here: From Which *William* deſcended another *William*, unto whom the Biſhop of this Dioces in 34 *E.* 3. granted licenſe [f] to have divine Service celebrated, for the ſpace of two years, in a private Oratorie, here. But from theſe *Brets*, who poſſeſt [t] it till the beginning of *H.* 4. time (which is above two hundred years) it came [u] to *Nicholas Palmer* of **Stanton** *in Com. Leic.* and by the [w] daughters and coheirs of *William Palmer*, to . . . . . *Harecourt*, and *William Pouchin*. Which *William Pouchin* in 37 *H.* 8. paſt [x] away his intereſt to *John Purefey*, it being then reputed a Mannour. Whereupon in 14 *Eliz.* [y] partition was made betwixt the ſaid *John* and *George Harecourt*. To which *John Purefey* ſucceeded *Michael*, who ſold [z] his part thereof unto *John White* of *Buſby* in **Leiceſterſhire**.

Ex autog. penès Thomam White

f *Strett. f.*3. *b.*

t u w x y z

Monwode.

THis lying on the Weſt ſide of **Anſley**, and in the ſame Pariſh, had heretofore the reputation of a Mannour; for by that name did Sir *John de Hardreſhull* call it in 39 *E.* 3. at which time he ſetled it [a] with **Anſley** and **Hardreſhull** in the hands of certain Feoffees; and ſo by Records [b] of later time, hath it often been termed: But as it was originally a member of **Anſley**, ſo is it now deemed to be; no part (that I know) retaining the name, but a piece of Waſt-ground lying on the utmoſt skirt thereof, called **Monwode-Lee**.

a *Ex autog. penès* W. Sheldon *ar.*

b *Clauſ.*15. *E.*4. *in d.m.* 17. *Eſc.*22. *E.* 4. *n.*6.

Whitacre ſuperior.

LOwer on the Northern ſide of **Bourne**, lyes **Whitacre** *ſuperior*, and adjoyning to it **Whitacre** *inferior*; which, though they now are, and have long been diſtinct Lordſhips and Pariſhes, were not originally ſo. In the Conqueror's time ſeverall perſons were [c] intereſſed here; *Turchill de Warwick* had two hides, excepting one virgate, the Woods belonging whereto extended to one mile in length, and half as much in breadth; all which being then held of him by one *Edwinus*, was valued at *x* s. and in *Edward* the Confeſſor's days appertained to two *Ulrics*. Half a hide had *Hugh Grentemaiſnill*, then held of him by one *Walter*, and valued at *ii* s. which before the Conqueſt had been the freehold of one *Baldvine*. And three virgates had *Robert de Veci*, held at that time of him by one *Robert*, and rated at *ii* s. which before the Norman Invaſion was eſteemed to be worth *x* s. it being then the freehold of *Ailricus*. But in that Record [d] it is written in two places **Witecroz**, and in the third **Witacre**.

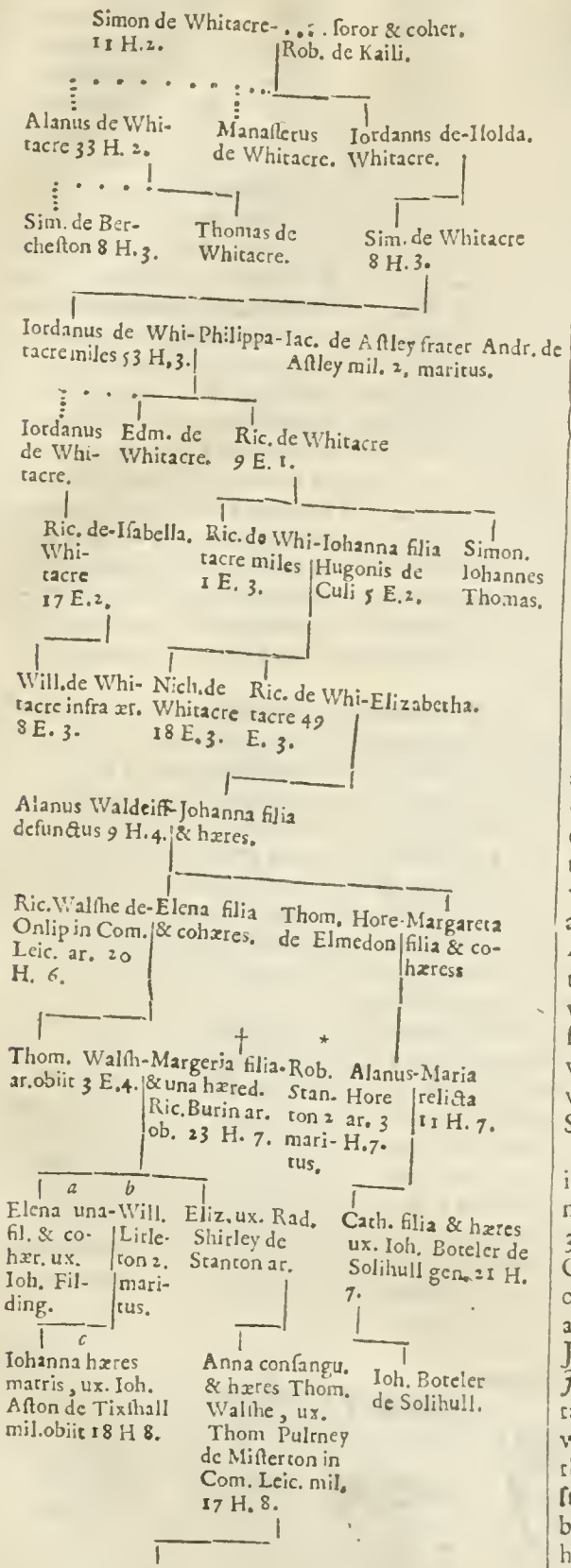
That the greateſt part of theſe, came ſoon after to the *Marmions* (Lords of **Tamworth**-Caſtle) is not to be doubted; for of ſo much thereof, as lyes in that which is now called **Whitacre** *ſuperior*, was the Anceſtor of *Simon de Whitacre* enfeoffed [e] in *H.* 1. time, to hold by the ſervice of half a Knight's Fee; who alſo obtained the reſidue from the Anceſtors of thoſe *Ardens* whoſe ſeat was at **Hampton** in **Arden**, as by what I ſhall ſhortly ſay will appear: All which continued in the male line of the ſaid *Simon* (who had their reſidence here) till about the later end of *Edward* the third his reign; but then it was by daughters and heirs transferred to other Families, as the following Pedegree ſheweth.

c Domeſd. *lib.*

d *Ib.*

e *Lib. rub. f.*104. *b.*

Simon



f *Ret.* 33. *H.* 2.

To this *Simon* succeeded [f] *Alanus de Witacre*, and to *Alan*, *Simon*; who (as by circumstance may be concluded) seating himself at **Bercheston**, assumed that place for his firname; for in 8 *H.* 3. upon an Accord [g] made betwixt the said *Simon de Bercheston* and *Simon* the son of *Jordan de Whitacre*, this **Whitacre** appears to have been of his inheritance, and that he granted the same, together with **Elmedon** in this Countie, to the same *Simon de Whitacre* and his heirs, to be held of him he said *Simon de Bercheston*, by the service of one Knight's Fee; *viz.* **Whitacre** by the one half of a Knight's Fee, and **Elmedon** by another; the same agreement being in Warrantie [h] of a Charter formerly granted thereof to that purpose. And to make it farther manifest, it appeareth by another Fine, levied [i] in 23 *H.* 3. betwixt the parties abovesaid, touching the same half Knight's Fee in **Whitacre**, that the same *Simon de Whitacre* was to performe such military service, in Warding at **Tamworth** Castle: but the said *Simon de Bercheston* and his heirs, to have Ward, Marriage, and Relief, from the same *Simon de Whitacre* and his heirs, whensoever occasion should require: and that the said *Simon de Whitacre* and his heirs should perform suit to the Castle of **Tamworth** before mentioned, for the same *Simon de Bercheston*, and his heirs for ever.

g *Fevet. Oct. Trin.* 8. *H.* 3.

h *Vide Testa de* N.

i *Craft. Anim.*

Howbeit, by what service the rest was given, I have not seen: but in *H.* 3. time, did the before specified *Simon de Bercheston* grant [k] the same unto *Hugh de Arden* (then Lord of **Hampton** in **Arden**, and superior Lord of the Fee thereof.) to be held of him the said *Simon de Bercheston* and his heirs by the tenth part of a Knight's Fee. From which severall *Simons* that were owners of this place, it was antiently called **Whitacre-***Simund*, as by severall [l] Records appeareth. But I return. This *Simon de Whitacre* was a Knight [m] about the 30th of *H.* 3. and in 38 *H.* 3. being grown weak and impotent, obtained the King's speciall precept, [n] directed to the Shiriff of **Warwickshire**, to exempt him from appearing personally at the Countie, or Hundred Court, as also at his *Turnes*; provided that he did by his Letters Patent substitute an Atturney to do suit for him there. And in 41 *H.* 3. had a Charter [o] of **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesn lands here, together with those at **Elmedon** and **Freseley**; and confirm'd [p] to the Canons of **Lillshull** *in Com. Salop.* what *Robert de Kaily* his uncle, whose heir he was, had given to them in **Freseley**,, in this Shire.

k *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

l *Testa de* N. *Inq. per Hundr.* 4. *E.* 1.

m *Ex autog. penès* H. Mere.

n *Clauf.* 38. *H.* 3. *m.* 6.

o *Cart.* 41. *H.* 3. *m.* 14.

p *Ex regist. de* Lillshull *penès* Ric. Leveson *de balneo mil. p.* 59.

To him succeeded *Jordan de Whitacre*, who being guilty of some youthfull extravagancies, obtained the King's pardon [q] in 36 *H.* 3. And in 41 *H.* 3. had a speciall Patent [r] exempting him from the Office of Shiriff, Coroner, &c. and from serving on Juries. After which, *viz.* in 50 *H.* 3. he was a Knight [s], and in 52, and 53 *H.* 3. one [t] of the Justices for Gaol-delivery in this Countie. This *Jordan*, being a man potent in the Countrie, and taking advantage of those turbulent times, in which the Barons put themselves in Armes against the King, entred [u] upon *xl.* acres of Wood in **Freseley**, which belong'd to the Canons of **Lillshull** before specified, and continued possest thereof, till his death. By reason of which seizure *Philippa* his widow afterwards held it: whereupon the Abbot of **Lillshull** brought an Assize of *Novell disseisin* against her; but by mediation of friends the matter was composed, and in 56 *H.* 3. *Richard de Whitacre* son and heir to the said *Jordan*, quitted [w] his title thereto.

q *Pat.* 36. *H.* 3. *m.* 10.

r *Pat.* 41. *H.* 3. *m.* 16.

s *Ex autog. penès* I. Maine *gen.*

t *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*

u *Ex Reg. de* Lillshul *ut supra.*

w *Ex Reg. de* Lillshul *ut supra.*

This *Richard de Whitacre*, being a Knight [x] in 9 *E.* 1. in 16 *E.* 1. attended [y] *Edm.* Earl of **Cornwall** in that famous expedition of **Wales**, and bore [z] for his Armes, *upon a Fesse three Escalops with two Mullets in Chief.* Upon that grant to the King, made by the Parliament in 25 *E.* 1. of a Ninth part of all their moveable goods, for confirmation of *Magna Charta*, and *Charta de Foresta*, he was appointed [a] one of the Commissioners in this Countie, for the more equall assessing and

x *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

y *Pat.* 15. *E.* 1. *m.* 7. T. Walf. *in an.* 1289

z *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.

a *Pat.* 25. *E.* 1. *p.* 2. *m.* 3. *in ced.*

collecting thereof: But after 4 *Edw.* 2. I find no more mention of him, than that he left issue [b] *Richard* his son and heir, and severall other sons: which last mentioned *Richard*, having been in that rebellion with *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** in 15 *E.* 2. for which he purchased his Pardon [c], that cost *C.* marks, found sufficient sureties for his future good behaviour, *viz.* [d] Sir *John Murdak* Knight, *Simon de Whitacre*, and *Alan de Wodelowe*. And the next year following, being [e] a Justice of Assize in this County, bore [f] for his Armes *Sable, three Lozenges Argent*. After which, *viz.* in 1 *Edw.* 3. he was a Knight,[g] and in 11 *Edw.* 3. one of the three, for this County, that had speciall summons [h] to attend the King in his great Councell held at **Westminster** the Friday next after *Michaelmas*-day.

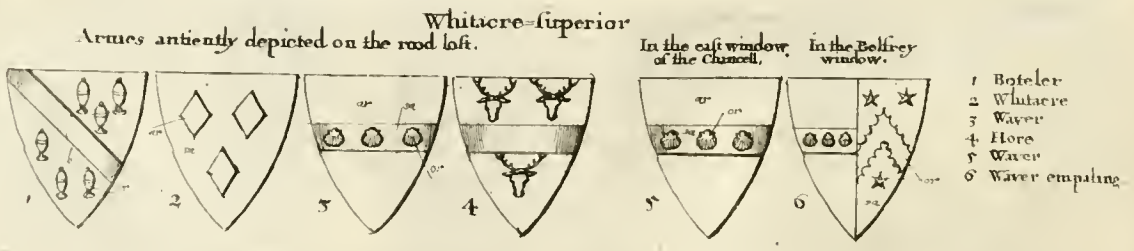
The next year following, he had the like summons [i] to be at **Westminster** on the morrow after the *Clause* of *Easter*, the King being then resolved upon an expedition beyond Sea: in which year also, he was constituted [k] a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, and to see that all persons were sufficiently armed according to the Statute of **Winchester**. In 17 *E.* 3. he was in Commission [l] to arrest such Proctors, as were then imployed here in **England**, as also other Purveyors from the Court of **Rome**, which by vertue of the Pope's Bulls did put in practise divers things derogating from the King's Royall power. In 18 *E.* 3. again joyned in Commission [m] for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. In 19 *E.* 3. he had summons [n], amongst sundry other persons of note, to be well accoutred with Horse and Armes, on the Feast of S[t] *Laurence* to attend the King in his French expedition: and by *Joane* [o] the daughter of *Hugh de Culi*, of **Radclive** in **Leicestershire**, had issue [p] *Richard* his son and heir, who bore [q] for his Armes *Argent upon a bend sable, cotized Gules, three Lozenges of the first.*

Which *Richard* in 27, and 28 *E.* 3. was imployed as a Commissioner [r] for levying and collecting a *xv*[th] and *x*[th] in this Countie: So likewise in [s] 47, and 48 *Edw.* 3. but farther of him I have not observed any thing memorable, other than that he left issue one onely daughter called [t] *Joane* wedded [u] to *Alan Waldeif* of **Alspath**; by whom she had two daughters and heirs, *viz.* *Elene* [w] married to *Richard Walsh* of **Onelip** in **Leicestershire**, and *Margaret* [x] to *Thomas Hore* of **Elmedon**. Which *Richard Walsh* and *Thomas Hore* were certified [y] to hold this Mannour, joyntly, in 10 *H.* 6. but afterwards *Hore* had it wholy, as it seemes; and left *Alan* his son [z] and heir, and he *Katherine* an onely daughter, married [a] to *John Boteler* of **Solihull** Gentleman. Which *John* and *Katherine* had issue *John Boteler*, who sold [b] his moytie to *Thomas Marow* then of **Wrydon** Esquire. In whose hands it continued but a while; for by his Deed [c] bearing date 3. *Martii* 2, & 3 *Ph.* & *M.* in consideration of *CCC* li. he past away the same unto *Richard Kyfe*, alias *Coke*, and *John Miller* (both of this town) Yeomen, and to the heirs and assigns of the said *Richard*. Which *Richard*, by his last Will and Testament [d] (bearing date about *November* 5, & 6 *Ph.* & *M.*) bequeathed all his lands to *Katherine Corbet*, his wifes daughter, and the heirs of her body; whereby the inheritance thereof came to the posterity of the same *John Miller*, unto whom she was wedded.

But the other moytie descended [e] from the before specified *Richard Walshe* and *Elene* his wife, to *Thomas Wilshe* their son and heir, and so to [f] *Anne* the wife of Sir *Thomas Pultney* Knight, cosin and heir to the said *Thomas Walshe*. Which Sir *Thomas Pultney* had issue [g] *Francis*, and he *Gabraell* [h], who in Queen *Elizabeth's* time, aliened [i] it to the heirs of the said *John Miller*; most, if not all the Fermes, (as of *Marow's* moytie before specified) and part of the demesns, having been sold out before, to the particular Tenants.

The Church here (dedicated to S. *Leonard*) was originally but a Chapell belonging to **Colshill**, as may seem by what I have in **Colshill** already manifested; yet did the patronage thereof pass by the name of a Church in 3 *Joh.* as appears by the grant then [k] made unto the Nuns of **Pergate** in **Bedfordshire**, from *Jordan de Whitacre*: the appropriation whereof, I have not seen, conceiving that it was very antient; but the Cure hath been served by a Stipendiarie, there being no Vicar endowed. [l]

u *Clauſ.* 6. H. 4. *in d. m.* 33.
w *Ex Coll.* S. Erdswike *ar.*
x *Ex autog. penès præſ.* E. Marow.
y *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
z, a } *Ex autog. penes præſ.* b E. M.
c, d } *Ex autog. penès* Arth: Miller
e, f } *F. levat.* xv *Paſch.* 17. H. 8
g Populwell 9. 8.
h, i } *Ex Rot. Cur. penès præſ.* A. M.
k *F. levat.* 3. *Joh.*
l *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur.* f. 56. b.



Whitacre inferior.

THis being part of that, which in my discourse of **Whitacre** *superior*, is contained under the name of **Witecote**, without any distinction, came totally to the *Marmions* Lords of **Tamworth**-Castle, as the other did; and in King *Stephen*, or beginning of *Hen.* 2. reign, was granted [m] by *Robert Marmion* to *William Fitz Raphe*, to hold by the service of one Knight's Fee. Which *William* being a very devout man, gave [n] to the Nuns of **Polesworth** all his lands lying in **Aldulvestre** (now called **Austrey**) in this Shire. To whom succeeded *Raphe*, also firnamed *Fitz Raphe*, one of [o] the pledges for *Robert Marmion* in 2 *H.* 3. that he should faithfully keep the Castle of **Tamworth** to the King's use; who in 6 *H.* 3. was one of [p] the Justices of Assize in this Countie, and in 20 *H.* 3. certified [q] to hold this Mannour of the said *Robert Marmion*, by the service of one Knight's Fee; whereat both he and his successors for

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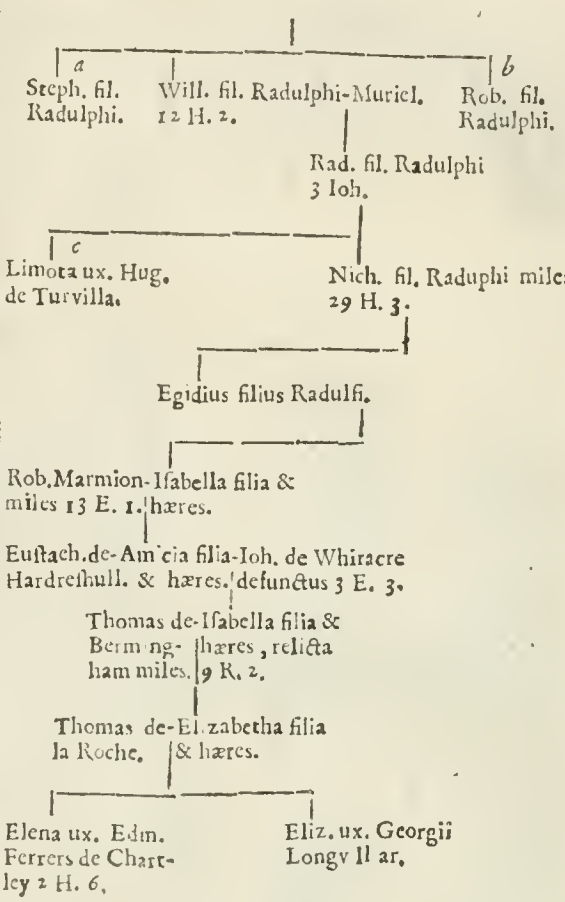
n *Ex autog. penès* Finthicle *eq. aur.*
o *Rot. F.* 2. *B.* p. 1. *in dn.* 6.
p *Rot. F.* 6. 53. *m.* 7.
q *Testa de* I.

for some descents, resided, as I guess, there being the site of a fair Mannour place, which had anciently a Park belonging thereto.

The next of which line, was *Nich. Fitz-Raphe* (whom I take to be son and heir to *Raphe* before specified) who being a Knight [r] about the 29. of *H.* 3. and in [s] 34 *H.* 3. one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, bore for his Armes *two Barrs*, as by his Seal [t] appeareth; and had [u] issue *Giles*, whose daughter and heir *Isabell* took to husband [w] *Robert* a younger son to *Philip Marmion*, Lord of **Tamworth**-Castle. Which *Robert*, being by that means possest of this Mannour, gave [x] to the Nuns of **Polesworth** a yard land lying therein, for the health of his soul, and the soul of the said *Isabell*; and by his Deed [y] bearing date at **Drayton-Basset**, the Wednsday next before the Feast of S. *Leo* the Pope 14 *E.* 2. in consideration of an annuity of *XL* li. to be payd during his naturall life, past away all his title and right in this Mannour; as also in **Haughton**, **Pericroft**, and **Glascote**, unto *Raphe* Lord *Basset* of **Drayton**, to hold during that terme; unto which Deed his Seal of Arms is affixt, *viz. three Swords in pale, pointing downwards, with a Cheif varrè.*

This *Robert* had issue a daughter called *Amice*, first married to *Eustace de Hardreshull*, as it seems; for the said *Eustace* and she, in 14 *Edw.* 2. covenanted [z] to passe away all their interest and right herein, as also in those other before specified, unto the said Lord *Basset*; which was done accordingly by a Fine levied *xv. Mart.* the same year: But she was afterwards married to *John de Whitacre*; and in 3 *Edw.* 3. having buried him, released [a] to the said Lord *Basset* all her right only to the moytie thereof. As for the other moytie, I cannot clearly see when or how it past from the said *Robert Marmion* and *Isabell*; but the next mention I find thereof, is in 5 *Edw.* 3. where it appears [b] to have been entailed by *Richard* the son of *Simon de Whitacre* and *Amabil* his wife, on the heirs of their two bodyes lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, on the heirs of Sir *Richard de Whitacre* Knight. Which Lord *Basset*, after he had thus gained an interest in this Lordship, gave *xx* li. of Land and Rent lying therein, for the endowment of a *Chantrie* consisting of three Priests; founded by him in the Church of **Drayton-Basset**, as appears by the King's license in [c] 12 *Edw.* 3. as also of the like License from Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, then superior Lord of the Fee: and in 14 *Edw.* 3. past [d] away all the residue thereof to *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntindon**, and his heirs: which Earl, by his Deed [e] bearing date at **Marstoke** the Tuesday next after the translation of S. *Thomas* the Martyr in 16 *Edw.* 3. granted away the same in exchange, unto *Richard de Whitacre* and *Amabil* his wife, and their heirs, in lieu of their other moytie of their Mannour of **Pericroft.**

But from hence, for a while, I cannot well discern how the succession thereof went: howbeit, by a Fine levied [f] in 38 *Edw.* 3. betwixt Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight Plantiff, and *John Waryn* of **Burton** *Stather* (*in Com. Linc.*) and *Hulma* his wife deforc. it appeares that the said *John* and *Hulma* granted two Messuages and two yard land, *xvi* acres of Pasture, and the moytie of one Mess. lying here and in **Haughton**, with the third part of this Mannour; and the third part of the Mannour of **Pericroft**, which were the dowrie of the said *Hulma*, unto the same Sir *Fouk* and his heirs: From whom, as it seems, it descended to *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, and *George Longville* of Little-**Billington** *in Com. Northampt.* For in 10 *H.* 6. the said *Edmund* and *George* were [g] certified to be Lords of the whole, the residue divolving to them by *Isabell* the daughter and heir of *John de Whitacre* and *Amice* his wife, as the Pedegree here inserted, and that in **Bermingham** do shew.



Of these, *Longvill's* moytie was sold [h] by *Arthur Longvill* Esquire, (descended from the before specified *George*) in 34 *Hen.* 8. to *John Cheyney* of **Chesham waterside** *in Com. Buck.* Esquire. And the other moytie, coming by a daughter and heir of *Ferrers*, to *Devereux* (as the Descent in **Bromwich** sheweth) was purchased [i] from *Walter Devereux*, Vic. *Hereford*, Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, by *Edmund Skirning* of **Croxbury** in this County Esquire, in 12 *Eliz.* Which *Edmund* in 18 *Eliz.* [k] sold the same to *Henry Cheyney* son and heir to the before specified *John*. The whole Mannour being thus totally in the said *Henry Cheyney*, was by him conveyed [l] the next year following, to *John Puresey* Gentleman, who by his Deed [m] bearing date 24. *Febr.* 25 *Eliz.* past it to *Laurence Washington* of *Gray's-Inne* in the Countie of **Middlesex** Gentleman. Which *Laurence* in 31 *Eliz.* sold [n] it to *George Villers* of **Brokesby** *in Com. Leic.* Esquire, from whom, about the 40th. of the same Queens reign, Sir *Edward Brabazon* Knight, purchased [o] it; whose son and heir, *William* Earl of **Methe** in **Ireland**, 15 *Aug.* 6 *Car.* sold [p] it to Sir *John King* and Sir *Robert King* his son and heir (both Knights) which Sir *Robert* now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Giles*) antiently given and appropriated [q] to the Nunns of **Pergate**, as **Lea**, and **Over-Whitacre** were,

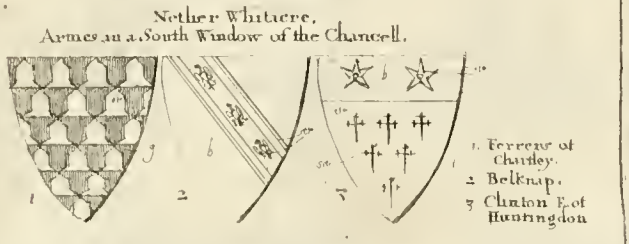
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s *Pat.* 34. *H.* 3. *in d.*
t *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.
u *Plac. de Jur & Ass.* 13 E. 1. *Esc.* 20 E. 1. *n.* 39.
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x *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per Insp.*
y *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
z *Ex Cartul. penès* Will. *Vicecom.* Staff. *f.* 77. *b.*
a *Ib.*
b *F. levat. xv. Pasch.* 5. *E.* 3.
c *Ex præf. Cartul. f.* 76. *a.*
d *Ib. f.* 75. *b*
e *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton, *ar.*
f *xv. Pasch.*
g *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. K.*
a, b *Ex autog. penès præf.* F. N.
c *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. B.
h *F. levat. term. Trin.* 34. *H.* 8.
i *Ex autog. penès* Rob. King *eq. aur.*
k *F. levat. mens. Mich* 18. *Eliz.*
l, m, n, o, p *Ex autog. penès præf.* Rob. King.
q Northb. *f.* 25. *a.*

was reputed [r] for a Chapell belonging to **Colshill**: But in 32 *H.* 3. Sir *Nicholas Fitz-Raphe* then Lord of this Mannour, chalenged [s] a title of presenting thereto, it being then void; and to that end directed his Caveat [t] to the Bishop, that he should admit no other Clerk, than his. In which Church there was never any Vicar endowed; but the Nuns of **Pergate**, receiving all the Tithes, have provided a Stipendiary to serve the Cure.

r *F. levat. Craft. Mart* 8. *E.* 1.

s *Ex autog. penès D.*

t *& Cap. Lich.*



Shustoke.

ON the other side of **Bourne** lyes **Shustoke**, which by the Conqueror's Survey [u] is certified to contain four hides, having Woods extending to a mile in length, and half so much in breadth, and valued at *xl*s. It was then possessed by *Geffrey de Wirce* (of whom in **Monks-kirby** I have spoke) and held of him by one *Sotus*; by reason whereof it had the name of **Sotus stoke**, or **Sotestoke**; for so I have seen it antiently written, though in that Survey above mentioned it be **Scotescote**. But, as the rest of the said *Geffrey Wirce* his lands came to *Nigel de Albani*, progenitor to the Family of *Moubray*, so did this Lordship; and from *Moubray* was granted to the Ancestour of *Walter de Camvill*, together with **Bentley**, to hold by the service of one Knight's Fee, as may be cleerly inferred from sundry [w] Records, being one of those nine Knight's Fees, whereof the said *Walter* in 12 *H.* 2. certified [x] that his said Ancestour had been so enfeoffed in *H.* 1. time.

u Domesd. *lib.*

w *Lib. rub. f.* 134. *in ced. Testa d* N. *Esc.* 29. 1. *n.* 80.

x *Lib. rub. f.* 118. *a.*

To which *Walter* succeeded *Roger de Camvill*, who in 12 *Joh.* gave a Fine [y] of *xxx.* marks, that it might be certified by Inquisition, whether he held those two Knight's Fees, and a fourth part of the King, for which he had summons to go beyond Sea in the King's service, or not. This *Roger* gave [z] a Rent of *viii*s. issuing out of certain lands lying in this Lordship, unto the Nuns of **Henwood**, for the health of his Father's, Mothers, and Ancestours souls; and dying without issue, left this Mannour, with **Bentley** before specified, as also **Creke** and other fair possessions in **Northampton-shire**, to be divided [a] betwixt his three Sisters and heirs; *viz.* *Alice* wedded to *Robert de Esseby*, *Maud* to *Thomas de Estley* (Lord of **Astley** in this Countie) and *Petronill* to *Richard Curson*, as the Descent in **Arrow** sheweth. Of which lands *Robert de Esseby* had [b] this Mannour, *inter alia*. Whereupon by inheritance from the said *Robert* and *Alice*, it came at length to *William de Esseby*, who about the 52. of *H.* 3. being convicted [c] of Felony, *scil.* for killing a man maliciously in the Priory of **Catesby**, forfaited all; so that this Lordship eschaeting, by that means, to the Lord *Moubray*, of whom it was held, was in 9 *E.* 2. possest by [e] *John de Moubray*.

y *Rot. P.* 12. *Joh.*

z *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Hugford *ar.*

a *Esc.* 16. b *E.* 2. *n.* c *70.*

d *Cart.* 52. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.

e *Esc.* 16. *E.* 2. *n* 70. *Esc.* 9. *E.* 2. *n.* 129.

But long he enjoyed it not; for taking part with *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** in 15 *E.* 2. he was beheaded at **Pozke**: after which it became soon disposed [f] of by the King, together with **Creke** *in Com. Northampt.*) unto *Elianore* the wife of *Hugh le Despenser* the younger, to hold during her life, to the use and behoof of *Gilbert le Despenser*, son to the said *Hugh*: which I suppose she held accordingly, during the remainder of the said King's reign; and no longer as may seem by an [g] Inquis. then taken, and a confirmation [h] made the year following by *John de Moubray*, son and heir to the last mentioned *John*, unto Sir *Richard Pesehale* Knight of the third part thereof, together with the advouson of the Church, which *Aliva de Moubray*, mother of the said *John*, of whose dowrie it was, had granted [i] to him the said *Richard*, to hold during life.

f *Cart.* 16. *E.* 2 *n.* 18.

g *Esc.* 1. *E.* 3. *n.* 87.

h *Clauſ.* 3. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 27.

i *Pat.* 2. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.

But besides this third part, it seems that the said Sir *Richard* obtained an estate in the rest, to hold likewise during his own life: for in 16 *E.* 3. when *William de Clinton* then Earl of **Huntendon**, had began the Foundation of **Maxstoke** Priorie, having a minde to endow it with lands and possessions situate convenient thereto, it appears [k] that after he had agreed with the Lord *Moubray* to have this Lordship in Exchange for the Mannour of **Hinton** in **Cambridgeshire**, he gave unto the said Sir *Richard*, in lieu of his terme in this, the inheritance of the Mannour of **Gudesdon** (*juxta* **Colshill**) with leave to take down a new House, which he had built here at **Shustoke**, and to remove it whither he should think fit; as also all such timber as was then fallen by the said *Richard*, in the Park here at **Shustoke**; and libertie to cut down in the said Park six more Oaks for Timber, and six for Fewell: the same grant bearing date 5 *Jan.* 16. *E.* 3. After which, *scil.* the morrow following *Ascension* day, the said Lord *Moubray* granted [l] the same, with the advouson of the Church, unto that Earl and his heirs for ever. Whereupon he, accordingly, by his Deed [m] dated the Saturday before the *Translation* of S^t *Thomas* the Martyr, setled it upon the Canons of **Maxstoke** and their successors; who the next year following, for their better conveniencie, past [n] it away unto *John de Clinton* (nephew to the before specified Earl) in exchange for that part of **Maxstoke**, which was afterwards, and still is called the Priorie-Lordship.

k *Ex autog. penès* W. Paulet *ar.*

l *Ib.*

m *Ib. Pat.* 17. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 24.

n *Pat.* 18. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 10.

All which being thus performed, the same *John de Clinton* immediately granted [o] it unto the said Earl, his uncle, to hold during life: who being so seized thereof, procured a Charter [p] bearing date 20. *Jan.* the year ensuing, that himself for his life and his said nephew, and his heirs for ever, should have a **Court Leet** within this Mannour, extending likewise into the Hamlets of **Bentley** and **Blithe** (within the same Parish) together with Assize of Bread and Beer, Pillorie, Tumbrell; as also the Liberties of *Infangthef*, and *Outfangthef*, Gallows, and *Weyfs*; rendring for the same to the said King his Heirs and Successors *xviii* d. yearly, by the hands of the Shiriff, in augmentation of the ferme of the Countie. By which Charter there was farther granted to the said Earl, as also to his nephew and his heirs, **Free warren** in all his demesn lands within the precincts aforesaid. Upon whose death, in 28 *E.* 3. his said nephew Sir *John de Clinton* had liverie [q] thereof.

o *Pat.* 20. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 23.

p *Cart.* 21. *E.* 3. *n.* 2.

q *Clauſ.* 29. *E.* 3. *m.* 35.

From whom descended [r] *John* Lord *Clinton* and *Say*, whose lands were seized [s] on in 38 *H.* 6. for adhering

r *Pat.* 38. f *H.* 6. *p.* t *2. m.* 10.

adhering to the House of **Yorke**; at which time this Lordship, *inter alia*, was given[t] by the King to Sir *Edmund Mountfort* Knight, one of his Kervers, in consideration of his faithfull service against the said King's enemies: but the depossall and ruine of King *Henry* hapned so soon after, as that the Lord *Clinton* was not long out of possession thereof: in whose line it continued till 31 *H.* 8. that *Edward* Lord *Clinton*, and *Say*, sold it unto *James Leveson* of **Wolverhampton**. Esquire (a rich Merchant of the Staple) as by his Deed[u] bearing date 6. *Febr.* the same year appeareth. Which *James*, gave[w] it in marriage in 36 *H.* 8. unto *Walter* the son and heir of Sir *Edward Aston* of **Tickfall** *in Com. Staff.* Knight, whose grandson Sir *Walter Aston* Knight of the Bathe, being plunged into vast debts by supporting himself in that Embassie of **Spaine**, towards the later end of King *James* his time, first sold the greatest part of the Fermes to the severall Tenants, and soon after the Mannour it self unto Sir *George Devereux* of **Sheldon** Knight, the now owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Cuthbert*) was in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued[x] at *x.* marks; and the advouson thereof in 17 *E.* 3. given[y] by *William de Clinton* Earl of **Huntingdon** (together with the Mannour) unto the Priorie of **Maxstoke**, then newly by him founded; whereupon soon ensued its appropriation[z], *scil.* 4. *Id. Julii* the same year: And in 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued[a] at *Cvii* s. over and above *ix* s. *vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

t *Ibid.*

u *Ex autog. penès G. Devereux eq. aur.*

w Alen *q.* 47.

x *MS. in Scac.*

y *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. Paulet.

z Northb. *f.* 62. *a.*

a *MS. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur. f.* 56. *b.*

Shustoke

In a North Window of the Church



In another North window



PRIEZ PVR LES ALMES WILLIAM DE BLICHE ET ALIS SA FEMME

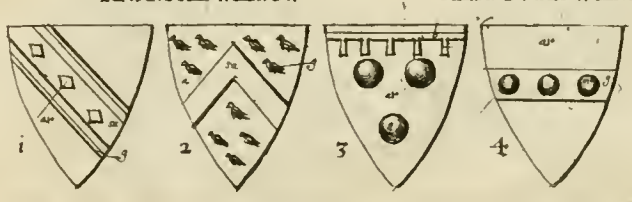


ET ROGER SOVN FEZ ET IO-NA SA FEMME

1. Whitacre
2. Hardresshull
3. Courtney
4.

In a North window

In a South window



Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes &c.	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	
D. Rad. fil. Nicholai ex concess. D. Regis, ratione custodiæ hæredis D. Will. de Eseby. (*Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*)	*Rad. le Breton Cler. (post mortem Gilb. de Camvile ult. Rectoris.) an.* 1250.	*Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*Will. Edithe Cap. Cal. Martii* 1343.	*Ib. f.* 42. *a.*
			Rob. le Spicer Cap. 4. Cal. Martii 1349.	*Ib. f.* 52. *b.*
			Will. Edithe Cap. 12. Cal. Aug. 1353.	*Ib. f.* 56. *b.*
D. Joh. de Monbray miles. (*Northb. f.* 30. *a.*)	*Joh. de Acom Pbr. 3. Id. Oct.* 1336. (*post mortem Ric. de Colshull ult. Rectoris.*)		*Ric. de Linley Pbr. 7. Id. Martii* 1365.	*Stret. f.* 15. *a.*
			Joh. Kytewyld Pbr. 21. Dec. 1390.	*Sk. f.* 5. *b.*
			Ric. Bishop. Pbr. 24. Aug. 1398.	*Burgh. f.* 3. *a*

Joh.

Heyw. f. 16. a. Bowl. f. 24. b. Ib. f. 141. a. Ib. f. 205. a. Ib. f. 206. b. Str. & P. f. 14. a.	*Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*Joh. Pryce Diac.* 21. *Sept.* 1425. *Will. Orme Pbr.* 5. *Martii* 1456. *Ric. Eliot Cap.* 18. *Junii* 1494. *Thomas Perkins Pbr.* 20. *Oct.* 1500. *Henr. Sutton Cap. penult. Julii* 1501. *D. Joh. Kobynson Cap.* 7. *Apr.* 1536.
Sampf. f. 42. a. Bentham bund. H	*D. Edw. 6. Rex Anglia.*	*D. Rad. Pykering* 13. *Febr.* 1547.
Sampf. & B. f. 47. a. Overton bund. C.	*D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.*	*Nich. Haighe Cler.* 9. *Maii* 1562. *Georgius Mutley Cler.* 2. *Oct.* 1576. *Ric. Warde Cler.* 29. *Oct.* 1594.
	Jac. Rex Angl. &c.	*Josephus Harison Cler.* ..... 1605.
Mort. bund. incert.	*Carolus Rex Angl. &c.*	*Joh. Warde in art. Magr.* 18. *Maii* 1632.

The present fabrick of this Church was erected in King *Edw.* 2. time, as is evident by the picture of *Richard de Colshull*, the last Rector, which stood within these few years in a South window thereof: and therefore that portraiture, in one of the North windows, of *John* Lord *Moubray*, kneeling before S. *Cuthbert*, must be of that *John* that was beheaded at **Pozke** for his adhering to *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster**: which *John* being, doubtlesse, a great Benefactor to that new structure, and bearing an extraordinarie respect to S. *Cuthbert*, sometime Bishop of **Duresme** (whose fame for sanctitie and miracles was very great in the Northern parts, where the said Lord *Moubray's* estate most lay) did, upon the rebuilding thereof, honour him with the Dedication.

Bentley.

THis place, though it do lye two miles distant, & interposed by **Whitacre-***superior*, is within **Shustoke** parish; the reason thereof being plain; *viz.* that in antient time, being both possest by one and the self-same Lord, who founded and endowed the Church, it was both lawfull and proper that he should dispose of the Tithes thereto, arising out of it, for the better support of the Incumbent (the payment of them being then arbitrarie, I mean to what Church any man pleased, as in **Church-Over** I have shewed:) which custome of payment ever after continuing to **Shustoke**, hath fixt it to be of that Parish.

By the Conquerour's Survey[b], having Woods of half a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth, it was rated for one Hide, and is there recorded by the name of **Benechelie**, then being possest by *Geffrey de Wirce*, (with **Shustoke**,) and valued at *Lxiv.* pence; at which time one *Ansgot* a Priest, held it of the said *Geffrey* in pure Almes: but afterwards, with *Wirce* his lands, it came to *Nigel de Albani*, by whom, as it appears by these authorities, which I have cited in **Shustoke**, the Ancestor of *Walter de Camvile* was first enfeoft thereof. Which *Camviles* had large Woods here; part whereof being given[c] by *Walter de Camvile* in *H.* 2. dayes to the Monks of **Merevale**, have since that time, born the name of **Monks-Park**, and been reputed a member of **Merevale**.

Out of the residue, antiently imparked, I find that King *H.* 3. gave command[d] to the Shiriff of this Countie, in 24. of his reign, to deliver unto *Alexander de Savensby*, then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, six Bucks; in which Precept it is said to have belonged unto *Maud de Kamvile*, wife of *Thomas de Astley* (as the Descent in **Arrow** sheweth:) by which *Maud*, most of this Lordship, upon partition betwixt those coheirs came to the Familie of *Astley*; and was by Sir *Thomas de Astley*, in King *H.* 3. time, granted[e] unto *John de Wilnechote* (of **Wilnecote** *juxta* **Stratford** *super* **Avon**) and his heirs, excepting the Park and Out-wood, and the service of certain persons residing in the said Hamlet of **Bentley**; to be held of him the said Sir *Thomas* and his heirs, by the Rent of five marks of silver, yearly payable at the Feast of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist* and *S. Andrew* the Apostle, by even portions, for all services and demands whatsoever: which grant was afterwards confirmed[f] by Sir *Andrew de Astley* Knight, son and heir to the before specified Sir *Thomas*, who reduced[g] the Fee-ferm Rent to *xl* s. *per annum* to be payd at the termes aboveseid. Which Rent in 12 *R.* 2. did Sir *William de Astley* Knight, (lineall heir of the said Sir *Andrew*)[h] give to the Sacrist of the Collegiate-Church at **Astley**, and his successors for ever.

But of the Park above mentioned, had the said Sir *Thomas de Astley* no more than a moytie; for so it appears[i] by the Extent thereof in 50 *H.* 3. *Henry de Curson* being seized of the other part, by Descent from another coheir of *Camvile*: Which Sir *Thomas* and *Henry*, being both Rebells, the one slain, and the other taken Prisoner in that memorable battail of **Evesham** 49 *H.* 3. it was extended and valued at *i* li. *vi* s. *viii* d. About the beginning of King *Edw.* 2. time, was this Mannour of **Bentley** (for so I find it then called) granted[k] by the before specified *John de Wilnecote*, unto *Henry de L'isle* and *Joane* his wife, and the heirs of the said *Henry*; to whom in the male line it still continueth, as by the Descent in **Porhull** (the seat of that Familie) it appeareth.

Here is now but the carcasse of a Chapell (dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*) which antiently was of use to the Inhabitants, being a Presentative, as the Institutions do manifest; the Patronage whereof, pertaining to the Lords of **Shustoke**, and granted[l] in 17 *E.* 3. with that Mannour and advouson of the Church, by *John* Lord *Moubray*, unto *Will. de Clinton* Earl of **Huntendon**; as also by the said Earl soon after, to[m] the Canons of **Parkstoke**, became involved in the appropriation, with **Shustoke**, as being part of that Parish. The endowment it had, as by a Certificate[n] to the Bishop in 34 *H.* 3. appeareth, was an Annuitie of four Marks (the Rectorie of **Shustoke**, being then valued[o] but at ten Marks) which summe of four marks was payable by the heirs of *Roger de Camvile*; *viz.* three marks and a half, out of the Ferm of a Mill lying in **Shustoke**, and the rest out of **Duckhirne-grange**; all which being swallowed up by the Appropriation before specified, there doth not appear to have been any more than one Presentation[p] thereto, afterwards; and that (as the words of the Institution do import) to a *Chantrie*

c *Cart.* 21. *E.* 1. *n.* 2. *per. Insp.*

d *Clans.* 24. *H.* 3. *m.* 5.

e *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Lisle *ar.*

f } *Ib.*

g }

h *Pat.* 12. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 32.

i *Esc.* 50. *H.* 3.

k *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. L.

l } *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. Paulet

m }

n } *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.

o }

b Domesd. *fib.*

p *Ib.*

trie there: so that, how the Cure was serued, for a long time, I have no certaintie: Howbeit, in 1 *H.* 5. did Sir *William de Clinton* Knight, then Lord of Marstoke, and *John Boteler* of Eccleshale (*juxta* Coventre) by their Feofment [q], bearing date on *Michaelmas*-day, give a certain Tenement and half a yard land, lying here in Bentley, unto one *Thomas Serjeant* of Bentley, and others, and their heirs, for the maintenance of a Priest, celebrating divine Service every day in the said Chapell, for ever.

But how, or by whom, this Priest was presented or placed there, I have not seen, till 2 *R.* 3. that the Canons of Marstoke admitted one *Will. Moore* thereto, by a speciall Instrument [r] dated 18 *Junii*, under the Covent Seal, enjoyning him to perform divine Service therein, onely upon Sundays, and double Festivalls; and at all other times, at least three dayes in the week, at the Altar of *S. Catherine* in the Priorie of Marstoke, in case he should be in bodily health, and not otherwise lawfully hindred, for the souls of the Founder and Benefactors of the said *Chantrie*, and all the faithfull deceased. Which Mill before specified, did belong to this Chapell; for by a Letter [s] Patent from *John* Lord *Clinton*, directed to the Prior and Covent of Marstoke, and dated 6. *Febr.* 2 *R.* 3. taking notice that it was decayed, and the VVater-course thereto, filled up for want of clensing; as also that the said Prior and Covent had a purpose to repair it, for the benefit of this Chapell, the said *John* signified his pleasure, that they should have leave so to do, by cutting down wood in the antient Water-course, and scouring the same for that purpose.

By the Survey [t] made in 26 *H.* 8. I find that the Priest weekly celebrating divine Service here, had a stipend of *Liii s. iv d. per annum* payd by the Canons of Marstoke; but this was in lieu of the Mill in Shustoke, which they had; for of the Tenement and half yard land lying in Bentley, it doth not appear by that Survey, that they were possest.

q *Ex autog. penès præf. I. L.*

r *Penès præf.* s *W.P.*

t *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 51. b.*

Patroni	Incumbentes.
Ex autog penes D. & Cap. Lich. — *Rad. fil. Nicholai, ratione custodiæ terræ & hæredis VVill. de Asseby.*	*VValt. de Stretton temp. H. 3.*
Nich. de Astley miles.	*Rob. Morlanges* . . . . . 1311.
Northb. f. 25. b. — *D. Joh. de Moubray.*	*D. Rob. Ireland Cap. 3. Id. Febr. 1331. (post mortem Rad. de Oulmor.)*
Ib. f. 45. b. — *Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.*	*Joh. VVillie Cler. 10. Cal. Jan. 1347.*

Arms in the East window of this Chapell.

Azure a Cinquefoile Ermine. } Astley.

Argent three Eaglets gules. } L'isle of } Morhull.

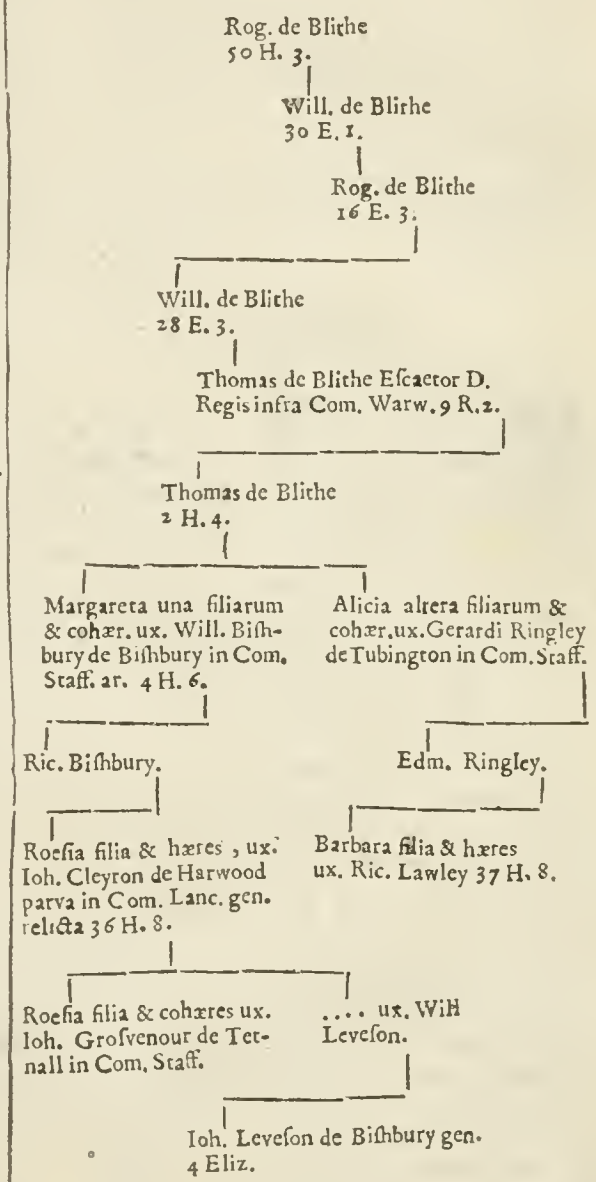
Blithe.

THis, being originally a member of Shustoke, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey, came to *Nigel de Albani* (out of doubt) with Shustoke; and by the said *Nigel*, as I guess, was disposed of in *H.* 1. time, unto the Ancestor of that Family, whose seat being at Th'ester-waver, now called Ester-Over, assumed that place (*viz. VVaver*) for his sirname: and to fortifie this conjecture, I have these evincing circumstamces, whereof, wanting better light (at so great a distance) I presume to make use, *scil.* the Tenure thereof [u] from the descendants of the before specified *Nigel*, who took the name of *Moubray*; and that *VVilliam*, a younger [w] son of *VVilliam de VVaver*, seeling here in King *John's* time, had his sirname [x] from hence, his posteritie bearing the same Coat as *VVaver* did, *viz. Argent, on a Fesse sable, three Escalops Or*, as by a Pedegree [y] drawn about the beginning of King *H.* 7. time, appeareth.

u *Esc. 1. H. 4. Esc. 1. E. 4.*

w *Ex autog. penès me* x *W. D.*

y *Penes* T. Molesley *de* Molesley *in Com.* Staff.



To which *VVilliam de Blithe*, succeeded *Roger*, who in 50 *H.* 3. was [z] (amongst other persons of good note) of the Jury, for extending the lands of those in this Hundred, that had taken part with the rebellious Barons, then newly vanquisht in the battail of Evesham: From which *Roger*, I have here drawn the Descent [a] of this Familie, so long as the male line, (that continued possessors hereof,) lasted; and through the heire female, till they past away

z *Esc. 50. H. 3.*

a *Ex ipsis autog. penes me W. D.*

away their interest here, to the end that its successive owners may the more perspicuously be discovered: By which it appeareth, that by the coheirs of *Thomas de Blithe*, in *H.* 6. time, it came to *Bishbury* and *Ringley*; who making no division of it, their posterity became Tenants in common thereto: But long they kept it not; for in 37 *H.* 8. did *Reginald Bellers* purchase[b] that moitie belonging to *Richard Lawley* and *Barbara* his wife; and [c] in 13 *Eliz.* the other moytie, from *John Leveson* of **Bishbury**, cosin and heir to *Rose* the Widow of *John de Cleyton*, as the Pedegree sheweth: So that then being possest of the whole, by his Deed[d] bearing date 6. *Julii* 21 *Eliz.* he conferred[e] the inheritance thereof upon *William* his second son: which *William* reserving an estate therein for himself and his wife, during their lives, sold[f] the reversion to Sir *Edward Aston* of **Tixhall** in *Com. Staff.* Knight, who by his last Will and Testament[g] disposed thereof unto *Henry Skipwith* of **Tugby** *in Com. Leic.* Gent. and *Jane* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies (the said *Jane* having been his Concubine.) But of them did *Sir Walter Aston* Knight of the Bath, son and heir to the said *Sir Edward*, purchase[h] it again in 5 *Jac.* Which *Sir Walter* (afterwards Lord *Aston* of **Forfare** in **Scotland**) by his Deed[i] of bargain and sale, dated 14. *Nov.* 1 *Car.* conveyed it unto me *William Dugdale*, it being the place of my residence, and where I compiled this present Work.

b *F. levat. Oct. Mich.* 37. H. 8.
c d e *Ex autog. penes me* W. D.
f *Ex autog. penes* Walt D. Aston.
g *Ex autog. penes* Walt D. Aston.
h i k *Ex autog. penes me* W. D.

Ousthirne.

ON the skirts of **Shustoke**-parish, is the confluence of severall Rivers, *viz.* **Blithe** and **Cole**, **Tame**, and **Blithe**, as also of **Tame**, and **Bourne**, as the Map sheweth; in pursuance therefore of my methode, I must passe over to the Western bank of **Tame**, where I first behold **Ousthirne**, sometime a Grange[l] belonging to **Merevale** Abby, and for that respect still reputed a member thereof: but originally the greatest part of it did belong[m] to **Shustoke**, being first given to the Monks of **Merevale** (as I guess) by *Walter de Camvile*, in *H.* 2. time: for at that time was the said *Walter*, Lord of **Shustoke** (as I have shewed) and that he gave lands to that Monasterie, King, *H.* the second's confirmation[n] doth manifest, though the particular names thereof are not there expresst; But upon the dissolution of **Merevale**, this Grange coming to the Crown, was[o] granted, with the site of that Monasterie, unto *Sir Walter Devereux* Knight, Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**; and by him given, as it seems, to *Sir Edward Devereux* Knight, and Baronet, his son by a second wife: whose son and heir, *Sir Walter*, hath within these few years, sold the site thereof, and most of the lands thereto belonging, unto *Charles Adderley* Esquire (now Knight) Lord of **Lea**, hard by.

l *MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R.*
m *Ex autog. penes* W. Paulet *ar.*
n *Cart.* 21. *E.* 1. *n.* 2. *per Insp.*
o *Pat.* 32. *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

Lea.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, it being then involved with **Whittacre** (of which Constablerie it is, till this day) and so consequently possest therewith by the *Marmions*, Lords of **Tamworth**-Castle. From one of those *Marmions*, as it seems, was the Ancestor of *James de la Launde* enfeoft thereof; which *James* lived[p] in *H.* 3. time, and in 37. of that King's reign, had a Charter[q] of **Free warren** in all his demein lands here. From this *James* descended *John de la Launde* (as the Pedegree in **Langdon** sheweth) who manifesting[r] that his Ancestors had enjoyed a **Court-Leet** here, with Assize of Bread and Beere, and other Liberties thereto belonging, in 3 *E.* 3. obtained a[s] Charter from the King, for confirmation thereof to himself and his heirs, with *Infangthef*, Tumbrell, and Pillorie; and bore[t] for his Armes *a Bend Cotized*, as by his Seal appears.

To whom succeeded *James* his son and heir, the last of this Family, that had to do here; for in 41 *E.* 3. he quitted[u] all the interest he had in this Mannour, to *Alianore* his mother: which *Alianore*, by her Deed[w] bearing date at **Tamworth** in 44 *E.* 3. past away the same unto Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, and his heirs, reserving only an estate for life. By which means, upon partition[x] made in 31 *H.* 6. betwixt the three sisters and heirs to the said *Sir Baldwin*, it was allotted to *Thomas Ferrers*, at that time Tenant by the Curtesie of **England** to all the lands, which were of the inheritance of *Eliz.* his wife deceased, eldest of the said three sisters: In whose line it continued till Sir *John Ferrers* Knight, about the beginning of King *Charles* his reign, sold it to *Charles Adderley* Esquire, afterwards an Equerie to the said King, and by him Knighted; who now enjoys it

The Church (dedicated to *S. John Baptist*) was antiently given to the Nuns of **Pergate** *in Com. Bedf.* by one of the *De la Launds*, as I guess: But it seems that the title which those Nuns had, was not very firme: for in 26 *H.* 3. *James de la Launde* recovered[y] the right of Presentation thereto: Howbeit afterwards they grew to[z] Composition with him, and gave him 57. marks of silver to quit his claim to it; which he did in 36 *H.* 3. whereupon it became appropriated to them, but no Vicar endowed; so that the Curate there was provided by those Nunns as a Stipendiarie to them.

p *Plac. apud.* Westm. xv. *Pasch.* 26. *H.* 3. *rot.* 3.
q *Cart.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 11.
r s *Esc.* 3. *E.* 3. *de Ad quod. D. n.* 36. *Cart.* 3. *E.* 3. *n.* 19.
t *Ex autog. penes* I. Lisle *ar.*
u *Ex autog. penes* I. Ferrers. *ar.*
w *Esc.* 49. *E.* 3. *n.* 57.
x *Ex autog. penes præf.* I. F.
y *Plac ut supra*
z *F. levat.* 3. *Sept.* J. Bapt. 36. *H.* 3.

Merston (juxta Lea) and Coton.

THis place, having its name from the flat moorish ground bordering upon it, was possest[a] by *Turchil de Warwick*, in the Conqueror's time, and then rated at three hides, valued at *xxx* s. which were at that time held of him by one *Roger*: But it was not long (I presume) ere it came to the *Marmions* of **Tamworth**-Castle; for in[b] 20 *H.* 3. *Robert Marmion* answered for half a Knight's Fee in respect thereof, at which time it had the name of **Merston-***Marmion*, for distinction from the other **Merstons** in this Hundred: but whether *Marmion* were any other than superior Lord of the Fee, at that time, I make a question, the *Limsies* of **Marstoke** holding it immediately of them: for it appears[c] that in 5 *E.* 1. *Raph de Limesie* and *Joane* his wife, gave to a *Chantrie-Priest* celebrating Divine Service at **Solihull**, five marks of yearly Rent, issuing out of certain lands, lying here and in **Cotes** (now called **Coton**) and that the Family of *Odingsels*, who were antiently Lords of **Marstoke**,

a *Domesd. lib.*
b *Testa de N.*
c *Esc.* 9. *E.* 1. *n.* 71.

Stoke, by the marriage of *Limesie's* heir possest [d] it; there being [e] *xiv.* Freeholders here and in Coles, which held their Tenements of *William de Odingsells* in 23 *E.* 1. paying *xxxvi* s. *viii* d. *per ann.* Rent. But from *Odingsells* by an heir female it came to *Clinton*, together with Marstoke; and with it, being past in Exchange, from Sir *John Clinton* to *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford*, in 16 *H.* 6. (as the authorities which I have vouch't in Marstoke will manifest) hath been reputed, as it is, a member of that Lordship, and so continueth to this day.

d *Clauſ.* 18. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 16.

e *Eſc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 130.

Midleton.

OF this place there is mention made twice in the Conqueror's Survey [f]; first under the title of the lands then belonging to *Hugh de Grentemaiſnill*; where it is rated for four hides, having a Church, as also a Mill esteemed at *xx* s. which [with the rest were all valued at *vi* li. having been the inheritance of one *Pallinus* in *Edward* the Confessor's dayes: And next under the title of the lands belonging to *Adeliz* the wife of the said *Hugh*, where the quantity and value, in the grosse summe, do not differ: but there it is said to have been the freehold of one *Turgot*, before the Norman Invasion. After which, ere long, it was disposed of to one of the *Marmions*, as I guess, together with Tamworth-Castle; and (if we may believe the antient Windows of that Church, and some other authorities) by the Conqueror himself, as in Tamworth I shall more fully shew: Neither is it unlikely; for by an accompt [g] of the *Templars* revenues, taken in 31 *H.* 2. it appears, that they were then possest of certain lands here, that had been bestowed on them by *Geffrey Marmion*.

f Domeſd. *lib.*

g *Ex cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

In which Family of *Marmion*, it continued whilst the male line lasted, *Philip Marmion*, in 13 *E.* 1. claiming [h] by Prescription a Court Leet and Gallows here, which were allowed; as also Free warren within his demesn lands of this place: But to this the Jury answered, that the Earls of Warwick had free Chase within the same, taking forfaitures for all offences done therein; and that the said *Philip* had no Warren, except by grant from *Ela* Countess of Warwick, onely for terme of her life; whereupon he was amerced for his undue chalenge. But this *Philip Marmion* dying without issue male, his lands came to be divided betwixt severall coheirs, (as the Descent in Tamworth sheweth:) Of which, *Alexander* [i] *Frevill* and *Joane* his wife, *Raphe Boteler* [k] the elder, with *Maud* his wife, and *Henry Hillary* [l] and *Joane* his wife, had their particular shares in this Mannour: till at the length, by purchase [m], *Hillarie's* part became united to that which *Frevill* had; whereupon Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight procured from *Richard Scroope* Bishop of Coventre and Lichfield, about the 14th of *R.* 2. License [n] to have an Oratorie, or private Chapell within his Mannour-house here.

h *Rot. de Quo W.*

i *Eſc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 51.

k *Eſc.* 35. *E.* 1. *n.* 8.

l *F. levat. Oct. Mart.* 17. *E.* 2.

m *Clauſ.* 36. *E.* 3. *in d. m.* 44.

n Scroope *f.* 122. *b.*

Of the accession of *Boteler's* part, I have not seen any thing; but do conclude that it was before the partition made in 31 *H.* 6. betwixt the Sisters and heirs to the last Sir *Baldwin Frevill*; for thereby it appeareth [o], that *Margaret* the youngest of them, had (*inter alia*) this Mannour of Midleton, wholy, as parcell of her purpart, she being then, wife to *Richard Bingham*, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and afterwards a [p] Knight. Which Sir *Richard* resided here till he died, *scil.* in [q] 15 *E.* 4. being joyn'd in all Commissions [r] of the Peace and other matters of importance with the superior Gentlemen of this Countie: After whose death she continued a widow, even to a very great age, as by her Presentation [s] to the Church of Preston-*Bagot* in 20 *H.* 7. appears. To whom succeeded in the inheritance of this Lordship Sir *Henry Willoughby* Knight her grandson (by [t] Sir *Hugh Willoughby* of Wollaton, *in Com. Nott.* [u] Knight her first husband) as the Pedegree here inserted sheweth.

o *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Ferrers *ar.*

p *Ex autog. penès* Rob. Arden *ar.*

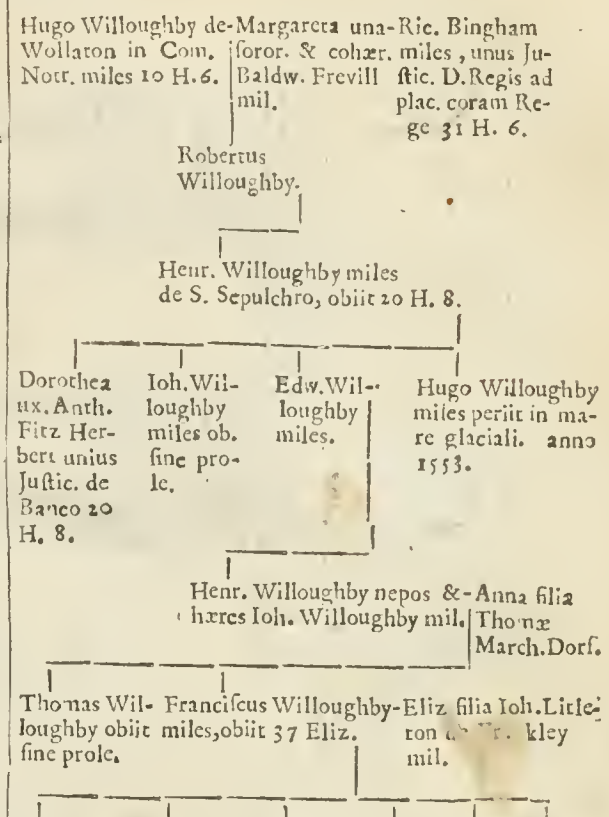
q *Inſcrip. Tum. apud.* Midleton.

r *Pat. ab. an.* 31. *H.* 6. *m.* 16. *E.* 4. *in d.*

s *Mort. f.* 2. *a.*

t *Clauſ.* 7. *H.* 5. *in d. m.* 11.

u *F. levat. Oct. Purif.* 10. *H.* 6.



Which Sir *Henry*, being made a Banneret [w] at the battail of Stoke 11. *Junii* 2 *H.* 7. and in 4 *H.* 7. a Commissioner [x] in this Countie, for appointing Archers to the relief of Brittanny, as also a Knight [y] of the Sepulcher; by his [z] Testament bearing date 20 *H.* 8. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of S. *Leonard* at Wollaton *in Com. Nott.* and departed [a] this life 11. *Maii* the same year, leaving issue Sir *John Willoughby* Knight his son and heir, that married [b] *Anne* one of the sisters and coheirs to *Edward Grey* Viscount *L'isle*; Sir *Edward Willoughby* Knight his second son, and Sir *Hugh Willoughby* Knight (the third) famous for his skill in Navigation, but unhappy in his adventure *in Anno* 1553. being then frozen up in the Northern Seas, as our Historians relate. Which Sir *John Willoughby* dying [c] without issue, *Henry*, son to his brother *Edward*, became heir to the estate; who wedded [d] *Anne* daughter of *Thomas Grey* Marques *Dorset*, and departed [e] this life in 3 *E.* 6. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir; who dying issuelesse, the estate came to *Francis* his yonger Brother, afterwards a Knight. Which Sir *Francis* built that stately House at Wollaton *in Com. Nott.*

w *MS. in bibl.* Cotton. [*ſub. effigie* Claudij *C.* 3.] *f.* 16.

x *Pat.* 4. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *in d.*] *m.* 20.

y *Lel. Itin. vol.* 4. *f.* 190.

z Porth *q.* 34.

a *Eſc.* 20. *H.* 8.

b *Eſc.* 20. *H.* 7.

c *Eſc.* 3. *E.* 6.

d *Lel. Itin.*] *vol.* 4. *f.* 190.

e Popul-well *q.* 45.

being the moſt eminent piece of Architecture in all thoſe parts: but departing [f] this life 16. *Nov.* 38 *Eliz.* without iſſue male, the inheritance of his lands divolved to daughters; ſo that this Mannour of **Middleton** (*inter alia*) being alotted [g] to *Briget* the eldeſt, Wife to Sir *Percivall Willoughby* Knight, (deſcended from the *Willoughbyes* of **Erſby** in **Lincolneſhire**, by Sir *Thomas Willoughby* one of the Juſtices of the Common Pleas in King *H.*8. time, a younger ſon of that Houſe, as their Pedegree ſheweth) whoſe ſon and heir Sir *Francis Willoughby* Knight now enjoys it.

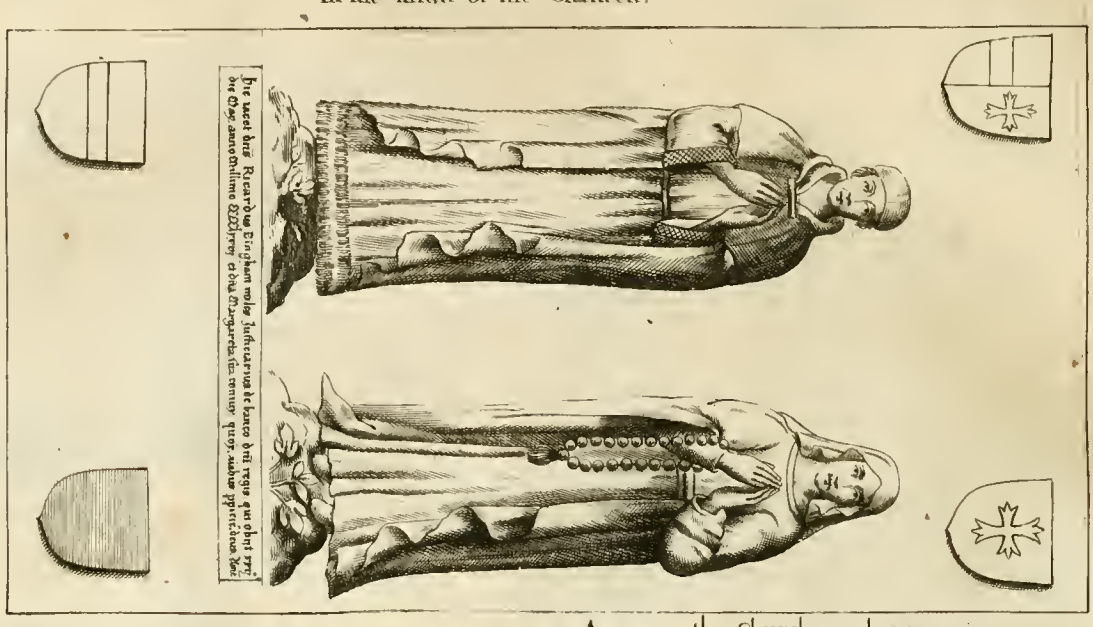
f { *Eſc.*39 Eliz
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Of the Church (dedicated to S. *John Baptiſt*) the Advouſon was purchaſed [h] from Sir *Philip Marmion* by the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate-Church at **Tamworth** in 41 *H.* 3. After which, being appropriated thereto, it became a Prebend thereof, ſo that the Cure was ſerved be a Stipendiarie.

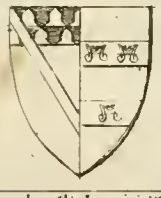
h *F. levat.* xv. *Paſch.* 41. *H.*3

Middleton.

In the midſt of the Chancell.

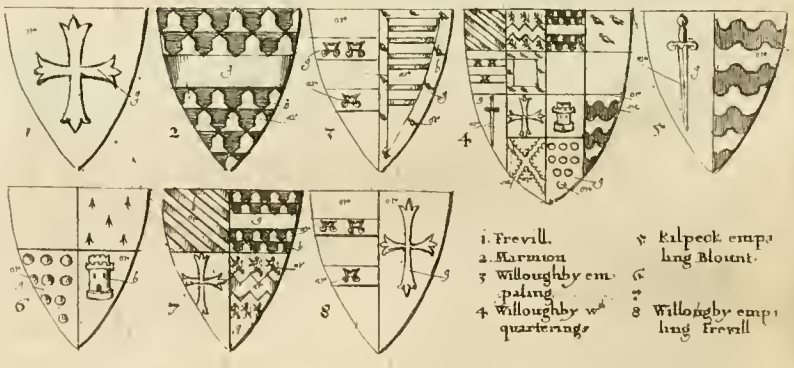


This coat w^th the Epitaph under it, is cut in braſſe and fixed on the wall upon the North ſide of the Chancell.



Hic iacet Dorothea filia Henrici Willoughby militis, ac vxor Antonii fitzherbert, que obiit quinto die Novembris a dñi MCCCCC ſeptimo.

Armes in the Church windows.



1. Frevill.
2. Marmion
3. Willoughby empaling
4. Willoughby w^th quarterings
5. Kilpeck empaling Blount.
6.
7.
8. Willoughby empaling Frevill

Baxterley.

PAſſing the River, now, to the other ſide, I come to **Baxterly**, ſituate at the head of a ſlender torrent, which coming by **Hurley**, enters **Tame** a little above **Kingſburie**: But of this place there is no particular mention in the Conqueror's Survey, it being then involved with **Grendon**, and ſo conſequently poſſeſt by *Henry de Ferieres*: From whom it came to one of the old Earls of **Warwick**, and ſo to *Harecourt*, as may ſeem by the [i] Record of 36 *H.* 3. where it is plain, that, *Richard de Harecourt* held the ſixt part of a Knight's Fee, here, of the Earl of **Warwick**: And from *Harecourt* to *Luvell*; for about the beginning of King *Edw.* 1. reign, did *John Luvell* the ſon of *William Luvell*, grant [k] to Sir *John de Chetwyvd* his kinſman, the inheritance thereof, paying to him the ſaid *John* and his heirs, or to *Richard de Harecurt* Chief Lord of the Fee (as the Deed expreſſeth) a pound of Pepper yearly at *Eaſter*. After which, *ſcil.* in 9 *E.* 1. it was found [l] that the ſame Sir *John de Chetwynd* had certain Cuſtomary Tenants here, who payd unto him 6 s. *per annum* Rent, and did ſuit twice a year at his Leet, the extent of what he had here, being certified [m] at *iv.* yard land; but in 17 *E.* 3. it appears [n], that Sir *John de Chetwynd* had *xvi.* Meſſuages, *vi.* yard land, *vi* acres of Paſture, and two acres of Wood in this place.

i *Teſta. de* N

k *Ex autog. penès* T. Leving ſon.

l *Eſc.* 9. *E.*2 *n.* 6.

m *Clauſ.*10 *E.*1. *m.*4.

n *F. de div. com. levat.* xv. *Hill.*17. *E.*3.

It ſeems that the *Chetwynds* did not long after this, retain the poſſeſſion of theſe lands; for in 19 *E.* 3. the moytie of this Mannour, together with the advouſon of the Church, was given [o] by ſome Eccleſiaſtique perſons, who were Feoffees to one *William de Henover*, unto the Abby of **Merevale**

o *Pat.*19. *E.*3. *p.*3 *m.* 12.

to

to find certain Priests, to celebrate divine Service in the Chapell of our Ladie, near the Gate of the said Monastery, for the soul of the said *William de Henovere* deceased: so that 'tis like, they were about that time purchased of Sir *John de Chetwynd*, for that purpose, in regard of their vicinitie to **Merevale**. All which after the dissolution of that House, were in 32 *H.* 8. (together with it) purchased [p] from the Crown. by Sir *Walter Devereux* Knight Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**; and so descended to *Robert* Earl of **Essex**, Lord thereof *in anno* 1640.

p *Pat.* 32. *H.*8. *p.*5.

Within this moytie, is a fair mansion, called **Barterley** Hall, built in King *Edw.* 6. time, by *John Glover*, then a Retainer to the Lord *Ferrers* (as may appear by the Armes and Badges carved upon the timber-work thereof) but formerly a Servant to the Abbots of **Merevale**, as by tradition I have heard. Unto which House, did that famous assertor of the Protestant Religion, *scil. Hugh Latimer*, sometime Bishop of **Worcester**, resort; whose ghostly Instructions, so well grounded *Robert Glover*, Brother to the said *John*, that rather than he would recede from them, he chose to lay down his life, being burnt at **Coventre** in 5, & 6 *Ph.* & *M.* as M[r] *Fox* in his Catalogue of Martyrs hath declared. Which *Robert* had issue *Hugh*, who inherited these lands, as cosin * and heir to his uncle *John*; in whose line they continue till this day.

* *Esc.*7. Eliz.

As for the other moytie, the soonest discoverie, that I have made thereof afterwards, is in 12 *E.* 4. where *Thomas Litleton*, at that time one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, [q] gave it to *Roger Wall*, then one of the Canons of **Lichfield**, and other his Feoffees, for performance of his last Will: From whom descended Sir *Edward Litleton* of **Pillaton-Hall** *in Com. Staff.* Knight, who sold it of late years, to *George Corbyn*, *George Ludford*, and *Richard Whitehall*, Gentlemen, Trustees for the Freeholders, in whom it now resteth.

q *Ab exemc pl. ejusdem conces. penès* W. Burton *ar.*

The Church being originally but a Chapell, belonging unto **Dxton** on the Hill (antiently written **Overton** *subtus* **Arden**) was with it given [r] to the Monks of **Merevale** by *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, Pope *Lucius* the third confirming [s] the grant, *in anno* 1185. (32 *H.* 2.) But the patronage thereof, after the grant of the moytie of the Mannour, together with the Advouson, to the Monks of **Merevale** (as formerly hath been said) was jointly in the said Monks & the heirs of *Harecurt* (superior Lords of the Fee) being exercised by turns, as the Institutions will manifest. In *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued [t] at five marks; but [u] in 26 *H.* 8. at *C* s. over and above *iv* s. *vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

r *Ex Regist. de Merevale penès Ric.* Chamberlein *ar.*

s *Ex Regist. de Merevale penès Ric.* Chamberlein *ar.*

t *MS. in Scac.*

u *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.*57. *b.*

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.	*W. filius Roberti de Henover.*	*Will. le Archer Cler. an.* 1302.
Langt. f. 6. *b.*	*Rob. de Stokes per conces. D. Ric. de Harecurt.*	*Thomas de Boudon Cler.* 2. *Id. Apr.* 1303.
Northb. f. 41. *a.*	*Will. de Schulton Rector Eccles. de Asheshо.*	*Joh. de Walton Pbr,* 16. *Cal. Julii* 1343.
Ib. f. 46. *b.*	*D. Will. de Harecurt miles.*	*Rog. de Roderham* 7. *Cal. Apr.* 1345.
Abbas & Conv. de Merevale.	*Thom. de Poleye Cap.* 5. *Id. Sept.* 1348.	*Ib.*
Rob. de Ferrers dominus de Bosworth miles.	*Joh. Woodcock. Pbr.* 12. *Cal. Nov.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 51. *b.*
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale.	*Joh. de Rommessere Pbr.* 6. *Cal. Jan.* 1349.	*Ib. f.* 52. *b.*
	Joh. Fynch Cap. 18. *Cal. Dec.* 1358.	*Ib. f.* 62. *b.*
D. Rad. de Ferrers miles.	*D. Joh. Scropton* 4. *Id. Martii* 1358.	*Stret. f.* 2. *a.*
D. Thomas de Astley.	*Thomas Boton Pbr.* 8. *Junii* 1376.	*Ib. f.* 23. *a.*
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale.	*Joh. de Polesworth Pbr. ult. Maii* 1379.	*Ib. f.* 26. *b.*
Thomas de Astley junior miles.	*Ric. de Derset ult. Martii* 1382.	*Ib. f.* 29. *a.*
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale.	*Ric. Rymyld* 8. *Cal. Dec.* 1386.	*Sk. f.* 1. *b.*
Thom. de Astley de Appulby ar.	*Will. Aleyn Cap.* 26. *Junii* 1416.	*Bull. f.* 2. *b.*
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale.	*Henr. Cloghes Cap.* 13. *Febr.* 1456.	*Bowl. f.* 24. *b.*
Hug. de Astley Cler. & alii, ex conces. Tho. Astley de Patshull ar.	*D. Ric. Hall Cap.* 14. *Julii* 1541.	*Str. & P. f.* 18. *a.*
Henr. Porter & alii ratione conces. Pr. & Conv. de Kenilw.	*D. Joh. Farmer Cler.* 9. *Sept.* 1552.	*Sampf. f.* 43 *a.*
Geo. Stoneynge, ex conces. Abb. & Conv. de Merevale.	*D. Will. Wood* 19. *Sept.* 1554.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 2. *a.*
Gilb. Astley ar. fil. & hær. Tho. Astley de Patshull.	*Ric. Morgan. Cler.* 25. *Martii* 1561.	*Bentham. bund. H*
Tho. L'isle de Moxhull ex conces. Tho. Astley de Pateshull.	*Ric. Slanye* 26. *Nov.* 1561.	*Sampf. & B. f.* 30. *a.*
Joh. Wood ex conces. Gilb. Astley ar.	*Ric. Browne Cler.* 3. *Apr* 1569.	*Ib. f.* 43. *a.*
T. Bromley miles Cancellar. Angl. ad implend. ult. volunt. Walt. Comitis Essexiæ.	*Will. Bate Cler.* 1. *Nov.* 1583.	*Bund. B.*
Will. Crompton de Stone ex conces. T. Astley de Patshull ar.	*Joh. Foxe Cler. . . . Jan.* 1591.	*Overton bund. E.*
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Kingsbury.

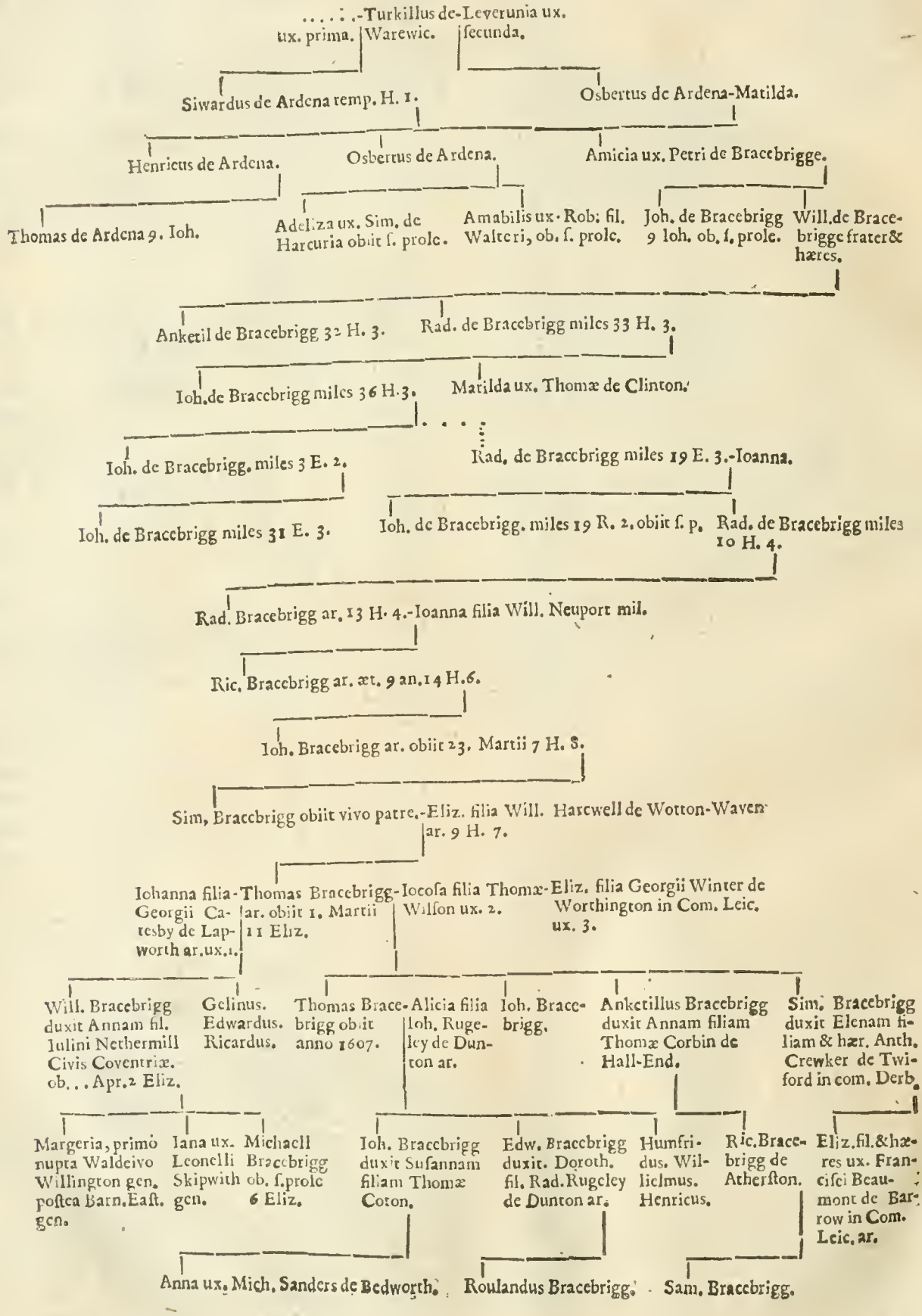
I Come next to **Kingsbury**, which is a large Parish, containing these Villages and places of note; *viz.* **Kymberley-Hall**, **Hurley**, **Plumpton**, **Flanders-Hall**, **Hallaton**, **Drakenege**, **Whateley**, **Slateley**, **Holt**, **Cliffe**, and **Dolhill**; of all which in their order.

That this place in the Saxons time, was a Seat belonging to some of the *Mercian* Kings, is not to be doubted, the name it self importing no lesse. Besides, if we regard the situation for delight, few in these parts will equall it, considering the vicinity of the River, bordered on the one side with Hills and Woods, and on the other with spacious and pleasant Meadows. And that the verge of **Sutton-**

Chase, in those days a *Forest* (as by what I have in **Sutton** observed) extended to the skirts thereof: So that, if I shall hence conclude, that this is the same **Kingsburie**, where *Bertulphus* King of **Mercia** residing, had a [w] grand Councell of his Prelates and great Nobles in the yeare from our Saviour's Incarnation *DCCCLI*, I think it will be no great presumption. But of these antient times, as we have little Discoverie, so is there no great certaintie to be found: I shall therefore descend somewhat neerer the Norman Invasion, where, by the light of that generall Survey [x] (where it is written **Chinesburie**) which King *William* here made shortly after his Conquest, I find that the Countess *Godeva* (of whom in **Coventre** I have spoke) held it in *Edward* the Confessor's days; whence I guess that Earl *Leofrike*, her husband, possest it in his time. By which Survey here are said to have been six hides of land, two Priests, one Mill valued at *ix* s. *iv* d. *xii*. acres of Meadow, and Woods extending to a mile in length, and as much in breadth; which, together with the rest, were rated at *xiii* li. by weight, being then in the possession of one *Nicholas*, as Fermour to the King of all the lands that had belong'd to the said Countess.

w Ingulphi *hist. f.* 490. *n* 20. Spelm. *Concil. p.* 347.

x Domesd. *ib.*



But

But after that great change, made by the Norman Conquerour, *Turchill de Warewic* had it [y] in right of *Leverunia* his second wife, whose inheritance it was, Which *Turchill* (in imitation of the Normans who had their *Cognomina* long before their coming into **England**, with Duke *William*) residing here, as I presume, assumed *Arden* for his surname, in regard that all this tract of the Countie Northwards of **Avon**, being *Woodland*, was antiently so called, as I have elsewhere observed. By the said *Leverunia* he had issue [z] *Osbert de Arden*, whose service (for this Mannour, as I take it) did *Randulph* Earl of **Chester** (possessing a great part of the lands which belonged to the Countesse *Godeva* before mentioned) about King *Stephen's* time, grant [a] unto *Robert Marmion* (of **Tamworth**-Castle) and his heirs: Howbeit, notwithstanding this grant, it appears [b] that this Mannour was afterwards held of the Earl of *Chester's* heirs, as of their Mannour of **Cheylesmore**, in **Coventre**.

But I return. To this *Osbert* succeeded [c] *Osbert* his son, and to him two daughters and heirs, *scil. Adeliza* the wife of *Simon de Harecurt*, and *Amabil* of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, as the Descent in **Curdworth** sheweth, Which *Amabil* gave [d] with her body, for sepulture, to the Nuns of **Polesworth**, the Mill here at **Kingsburie**, with some grounds thereto belonging, her sister *Alice* confirming [e] the grant, and adding the Mill at **Hurley** for the health of her soul. But these sisters having no Children, this Lordship descended to *Amicia* their Aunt and heir, wife to *Peter de Bracebrigge* (so called from a place of that name neer **Lincolne**, whereof he was possest) The Descendants of which *Peter* and *Amicia*, had their principall seat here, till about the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, divers of them being Knights, as the Pedegree in the foregoing page sheweth.

This *Peter de Bracebrigge* was a militarie man, as it seems; for I find that he gave [f] unto *William* the son of *Fundus* and his heirs, certain lands lying within the precinct of this Lordship, in a place called **Esbyrc**, to the intent that the said *William*, should upon lawfull warning carry hither to **Kingsbury**, such painted Lances, from **London** or **Northampton**, at the charges of him the said *Peter*, as he might have occasion to use in any Tourneament there: and that whensoever the said *Peter* should take a journey beyond Sea, for performance of such martiall exploits, he the said *Will.* to attend him, and to bring back his Lances. To which *Peter* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who had much adoe in defending this his inheritance; for in 7 *Joh.* did *Thomas de Arden* begin his claim, and gave [g] five marks to the said King, for a Writ of *Right*, to trye his title thereto; which in 9 *Joh.* he did set [h] forth, as lineall heir to *Turchil* (*de Warwic*) who was seized of it in King *H.* 1. time; and offred to decide his right to it by *Duell*, naming one *William de Kopland* his Champion: which *William*, receiving comand from *Ulfeill* his Father (as being Tenant to the said *John*) assented to undertake the Combate.

Whereupon *John de Bracebrigge* answered, that he denied not the said *Turchil's* seisin, but tendred triall by the *great Assize*, as to the time and right thereof. Unto which the said *Thomas* replied, that the *great Assize* ought not to be in this case, because they were both descended from one stock, *viz.* from *Turchil*, of whose inheritance it was: Howbeit, *John* answered, that though he acknowledged their descent from *Turchil*, yet he claimed nothing thereby; because the said *Turchil* had two wives, and that it was from the first that the said *Thomas* descended; but that this land being the inheritance of *Leverunia* his second wife, who held it all her life, and after her decease *Osbert* her son, and after him another *Osbert*, that had severall daughters, which died without issue, it came to *Amicia* their Aunt, mother to him the said *John*; tendring to put himself upon the *great Assize*, to determine whether he had not more right thereto from the before specified *Leverunia*, than the said *Thomas* from *Turchil*; and whether the same *Turchil* were so seized of it, the day and year that the said King *Henry* dyed. And lastly, because the said land did lye bordering on two Counties, *scil.* **Warwick** and **Stafford**, he offered [i] *xx.* marks to have Knights of both Counties for triall thereof; the said *Thomas* offring *xx.* marks and a Palfrey: whereupon it was concluded, that the cause should be so decided: and so I suppose it was, or by some friendly Agreement; for I find that the next year following, the same *Thomas de Arden* quitted [k] all his right and title therein, to the said *John*.

And yet, it seems that they were not quiet; for in 11 *Joh.* the said *Thomas de Arden* gave [l] a Palfrey, that the determination thereof might be before the King: and the next year after, *John de Bracebrigge* payd [m] *xl* s. for to have another Jury: but other particulars I have not seen. This *John de Bracebrigge* confirmed [n] the grant of **Kingsburie**-Mill, &c. and **Hurley**-Mill made to the Nunns of **Poleswoth**, as hath been observed; and [o] died without issue in 2 *H.* 3. leaving *William* [p] his Brother and heir. Which *William* in 19 *H.* 3. was a [q] Justice of Assize at **Warwick**: and afterwards confirm'd [r] to the Monks of **Merevale**, the grant of a yard land in **Holt**, made to them by *John* his Brother, and whatsoever else he the said *John* had given to that Monasterie. But to *William* succeeded *Raph* his son and heir, who questioned [s] the title that the Nuns of **Poleswoth** had to **Kingsburie**-Mill, and **Hurley**-Mill; whereupon they came to a Composition [t] with him, giving six marks of silver.

This *Raphe* was at that time a [u] Knight, and shortly after commenced [w] suit against the Nuns of **Nergate** for the advouson of **Kingsburie**-Church; but to this they pleaded [x] the grant of *Osbert de Arden*, and exhibited the Charter of *Peter de Bracebrigge* before specified, with the consent of *Amicia* his wife, confirming the same; whereupon he had no more to say. To which *Raphe* succeeded *John de Bracebrigge*, betwixt whom and the Prioresse of **Nergate** there was a Fine [y] levied in 36 *H.* 3. for certain lands lying within this Lordship of **Kingsburie**, that were setled upon the said *John* and his heirs, paying *iii* s. yearly Rent to the Nuns. In 40 *H.* 3 this *John* gave a Fine [z] to the King of two marks in gold, that his Knighthood might be respited for three years longer; within the compasse of which time, being amerced at a mark by the Justices Itinerant in **Lincolnshire**, because he was not a Knight, he had a speciall [a] Mandate to the Barons of the Exchequer for acquitting him of that summe. But adhering to the rebellious Barons, who in 48 *H.* 3. did put themselves in Armes (as in **Kenilworth** hath been shewed) was on the fift of *April* the same year, taken [b] Prisoner in **Northampton**, at the surprisall thereof by the King's Army, being at that time a Knight (for which this

Lordship

[y] *Plac. de T. Trin. 9 Joh. Rot. 9.*
[z]
[a] *Ex autog penès Joh. Ferrers, ar.*
[b] *Esc. 31 E. 1. n. 29. Esc. 19. K. 2 n. 8. Rot. F. 18. H. 3. m. 11.*
[c] *Plac. de T. Trin. ut supra.*
[d] *Ex Cod. MS. penes T. Willington gen.*
[e]
[f] *Ex autog. penès Will. Purefey gen.*
[g] *Rot. F. 7. Joh. m. 3.*
[h] *Plac. de term. Pasch & Trin. 9. Joh. rot. 9.*
[i] *Rot. P. 10. Joh.*
[k] *F. levat. 10. Joh.*
[l] *Rot. P. 11. Joh.*
[m] *Rot. P. 12. Joh*
[n] *Pat 2 R. 2 p. 2. m. 10 per. Insp.*
[o] *Rot. P. 2. H. 3.*
[p] *Plac. apud. Westm. Oct. Mich. 33. H. 3. rot. 39.*
[q] *Pat. 19. H 3. in d.*
[r] *Ex Regist. de Merevale.*
[s]
[t] *F levat xv. Hill. 33. H. 3*
[u] *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*
[w]
[x] *Plac. & ut supra*
[y] *Mens. Ioh. Bapt.*
[z] *Rot. F. 40. H. 3. m. 7.*
[a] *Rot. F. 43. H. 3. m. 5.*
[b] *MS. in bibl. Bodl. [8. V. 8. Th.] f. 138 b.*

Lordship was seized and given [c] by the King, to *Roger de Clifford)* and imprisoned at **Shrewsbury**, as appears by the King's Precept [d] for his deliverie; directed to the Bayliffs of that town, and dated 9. *Jan.* 49. *H.* 3. But the Inquisition [e] upon the extent of his lands says, that *Hugh de Turberville* had the charge of him, till he had got his redemption: yet after this he fled [f] into the Isle of **Arholme** with young *Simon Montfort* and others where he continued till he saw all his partie totally vanquisht, and then submitted [g] to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, *James de Audele* undertaking [h] on his behalf.

It seems that his composition did cast him into some distress; for in 53 *H.* 3. he made a Lease [i] of this whole Lordship, excepting a yard land that one *Walter le Plummer* sometime held, unto *Robert de Typetot*, and *Eva* his wife, during their lives, for which he received of them 500 *li.* sterling. Which *Robert*, having thus got footing therein, procured a Charter [k] of **Free warren** *(inter alia)* extending into all his demesn lands here: howbeit, this was but temporarie; for it appears that *John de Bracebrigge*, son [l] and heir to the last mentioned *John*, at length enjoying it again, did in 29 *E.* 1. obtain another Charter [m], for **Free warren** here, as also at **Bracebrigge** and **Wrauby** in **Lincolnshire**. Which *John*, having in 3 *E.* 2. a speciall Patent [n] from the King, exempting him from serving on Juries, or undergoing the place of Shiriff, Coroner, or any other Office against his own liking, being at that time, a [o] Knight also bore for his Armes *Varrè Arg. and Sable a Fesse Gules*, as by his Seals [p] and certain old Rowles appeareth; and departed [q] this life in 9 *E.* 2. leaving *John* his son and heir ten years of age; of whom I have not seen any thing farther, till 25 *E.* 3. that he presented [r] to the *Chantrie* of **Kynebaldley**; nor after 31 *E.* 3. at which time he was a Knight [s].

But the next *Bracebrigge* that had to do here, after the death of the before specified Sir *John*, was *Raphe*, whom I suppose to have been his Brother: which *Raphe* presented [t] to the said *Chantrie* in 9 *E.* 3. and in 11 *E.* 3. levied a Fine [u] of two parts of this Mannour. This Sir *Raphe* (for he was then a Knight) had Summons [w] in 19 *E.* 3. to fit himself with Horses and Armes, against the Feast of S. *Laurence*, to attend the King into **France**; and in 22 *E.* 3. had a speciall Patent [x] of exemption from serving on Juries, or undergoing the Office of Shiriff, Eschaetor, Coroner, &c. In 8 *R.* 2. he was in Commission [y] for arraying of men in this Countie, and in 19 *R.* 2. died [z] leaving Sir *John Bracebrigge* Knight his son and heir, then *xix.* years of age; which Sir *John* died soon after; for by severall [a] authorities it appeareth, that *Raphe* succeeded him as heir, whom one Inquisition [b] taken in 1 *H.* 4. calls *Frater Johannis*, & *propinquior hæres prædicti Radulphi*: But the Ladie *Joane* his mother, was Mistresse here for her life, as it seems; for in 20 *R.* 2. she obtained License [c] from *Richard Scroope* then Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, to have Divine service in a private Chapell, within this her Mannour-house.

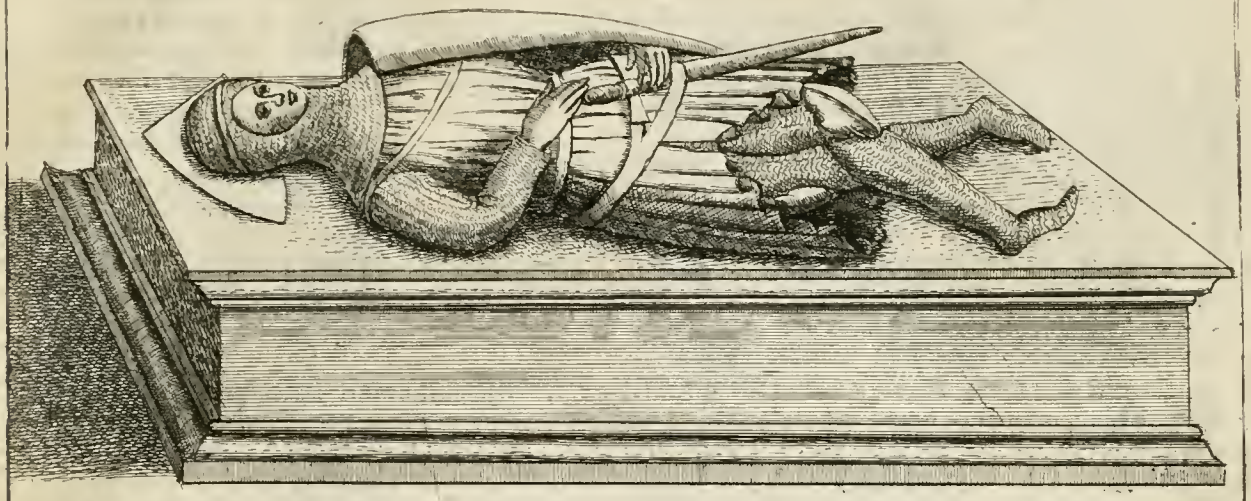
Of which last mentioned *Raphe*, I find, that he was a Knight [d] in 10 *H.* 4. that in 13 *H.* 4. he married [e] his son *Raph* (though then but yong) unto *Joane* the daughter of Sir *William Newport* Knight; that in 7 *H.* 5. amongst other persons of note, *Arma portantes*, *de Armis antiquis* (as the words of the Writt are) having speciall [f] summons to attend the King in person for defence of the Realm, he was the first in the list of those, which were returned by the Shiriff of this Countie: In which seventh year of King *H.* 5. he took a Lease of [g] the Mannour-house, Park, and Pooles, at **Sutton**, of *Richard Beauchamp*, then Earl of **Warwick**, to hold for life; one of which Pooles beareth the name of **Bracebrigge-Pool** to this day; and was afterwards retained [h] with the said Earl, to serve him with *ix.* Lances and *xvii.* Archers, for the strengthening of **Calais**. To him succeeded *Raphe* his son and heir (before mentioned) who is rankt [i] amongst the Esquires of this Countie, for the subscription of the Articles agreed on in the Parliament of 12. *H.* 6. And in 14 *H.* 6. departed [k] this life, leaving *Richard* his son and heir *ix.* years of age; of whom I find little memorable, other than that difference which *Walt. Arden* of **Park-Hall**, had with him, touching the stealing away of *John Arden* his son and heir, to marry unto *Alice* his daughter, concerning which I have already spoke in **Curdworth**.

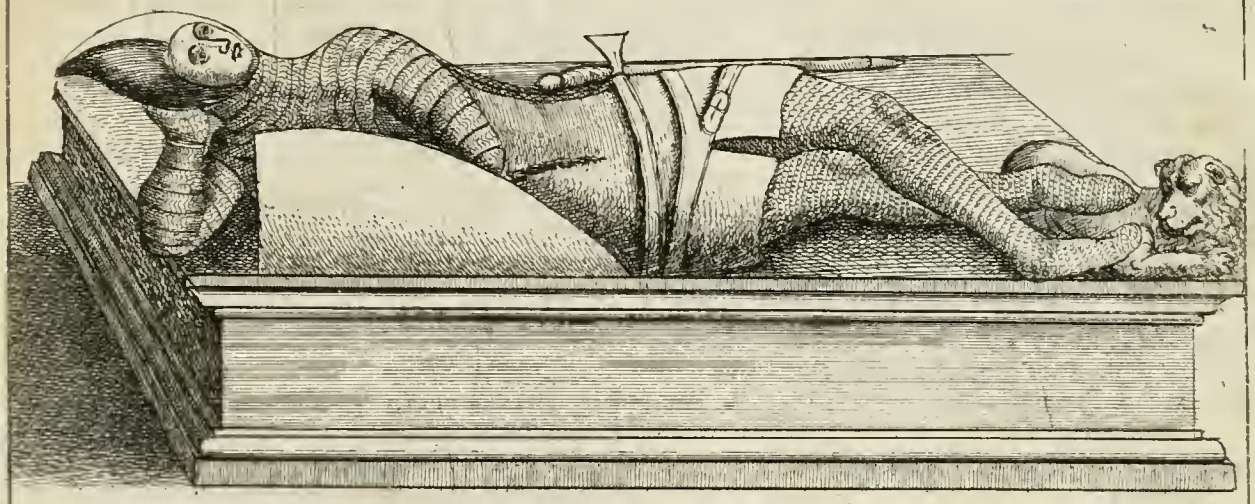
Neither after this last mentioned *Raphe*, was there one of them imployed in any publique affairs of the Countrey; so that having deduced the Descent down to the last that possest this place, I have little to observe, farther, than that, after this Eclipse, *Thomas* the fourth in succession from the said *Richard*, having buried his first wife, who was of an antient & good Family; and marrying a second of mean parentage, became so much alienated in affection, to his issue by the former, that by a Feoffment [l] made of this Lordship unto Sir *George Griffith* Knight and others, bearing date 16. *Aug.* 5. *E.* 6. he utterly disherited them thereof; setling the same, after reservation of a meere estate for life, to himself, and *Joyse* at that time his wife, upon *Thomas* his eldest son by the said *Joyse*, with remainder, for want of heirs male of his body, to *John*, and so to *Ankitill*, his other sons by that woman. But what succeesse came of that causeless disherison of the true heir, I cannot omit to take notice, which (in brief) was this, In *November anno* 1557. (5 & 4 *P.* & *M.* his said wife [m] dies, whereupon his love to those Children that were ere while his darlings, cooled; so that in 2 *Eliz.* having run himself into many debts by extravagant courses, he contracted [n] with Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight, then Chancelour of the Dutchie of **Lancaster**, and by a Deed [o] of bargain and sale, passes unto him, the inheritance of the Mannour-house, with the demesns; of which act his son *Thomas* took such advantage, that he entred [p] upon that, and layd claim to all the rest, as forfeited by vertue of the Feoffment before mentioned: but getting a piece of money of Sir *Ambrose*, makes [q] good the sale, reserving only an Annuitie of *xliii li. per annum* to himself and his heirs, and continued his claim to the residue; whereof, after much striving, he at length had possession: About a year after which, *viz.* 1 *Martii* 11 *Eliz.* his Father died [r], so that then, though he had no interruption for enjoyment of it, yet did he so intangle himself with debts, that at last he sold it all to Sir *Fancis Willoughby* of **Middleton** Knight, and through his great improvidence, came to die miserably. So that here I am to put a period to my story of this antient Family, having taken notice of the issue male, still remaining in the Pedegree before inserted.

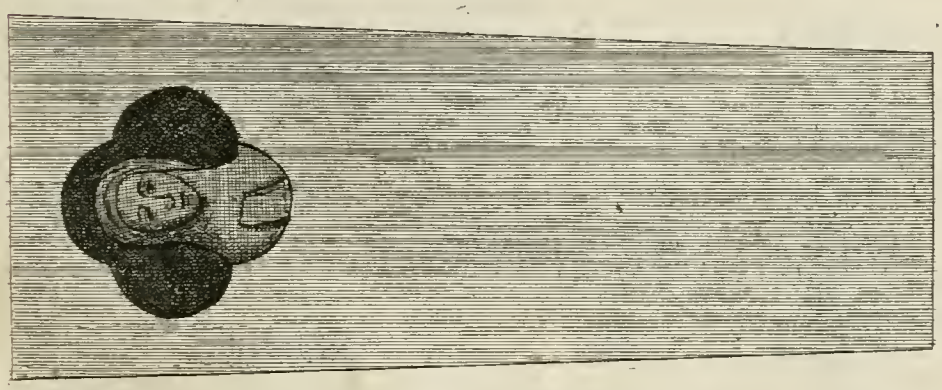
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q *Esc.* 9. *E.* 2. *n.* 56.
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x *Pat.* 22. *E* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 41.
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e *Fin. levat. Oct. Mich.* 13. *H.* 4.
f *Ex Rot. penes Camer. Scac.*
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h *Ex vet. membr. in bibl.* Hatton.
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k *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 3.
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m *Ex Regist. Eccl. de* Kingsburie.
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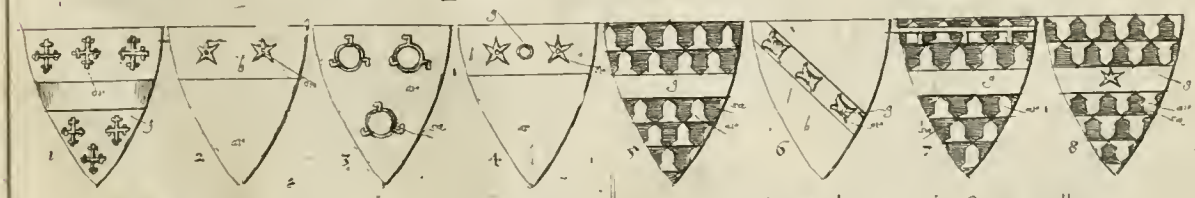
Monuments in the North Ile, called Bracebridge's Chapell.

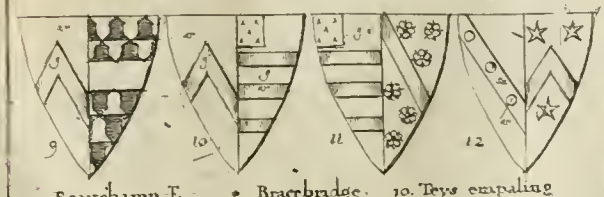






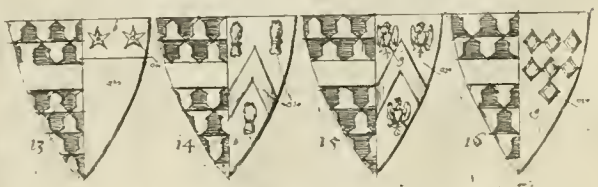
Armes in the Church windows





1. Beauchamp E. of Warwick
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3. Trivet
4. Clinton
5. Bracebridge
6. Boule
7. Bradebridge
8.
9. Teys empaling Bracebridge
10. Teys empaling
11.
12.
13. Bracebridg empaling Clinton.

Armes in the Windows of Kingsbury Hall.



14. Bracebridg empaling Hutton.
15. Bracebridge empaling Trantes
16. Bracebridg empaling Ferrers of Groby.

From which Sir *Ambrose Cave*, did the premisses descend [f] unto *Margaret* his onely child, the wife of *Henry Knolls* Esquire, who leaving issue by her, two daughters; *scil.* *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, the one married to the Lord *Paget* of **Beaudesert** in **Staffordshire**, and the other to Sir *Henry Willoughby* of **Risley** in **Derbyshire**, an equall division was in our time made thereof, betwixt them. But from Sir *Francis Willoughby* before specified, the Mannour and Tenements, so by him purchased, did in right of *Briget* his eldest daughter and coheir, come to Sir *Percevall Willoughby* Knight, who sold the Fermes to the Tenants, as I have heard, but left the Mannour to Sir *Francis* his son and heir.

[f] *Esc.* 10. Eliz.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) was given to [t] the Nunns of **Mergate** in **Bedfordshire**, by the first *Osbert de Arden*, about the beginning of King *Stephen's* time: Howbeit, till 36 *Hen.* 3. they did not quietly enjoy it, as by what I have observed in my discourse of Sir *Raphe Fracebrigge*, and *John* his son appeareth: but the moytie thereof was antiently appropriated to them, though the direct time when, I have not found. In *anno* 1291. (19 *Edw.* 1.) the said appropriated moytie was valued [u] at *xiii.* marks, and the other at *xv.* Which other moytie became afterwards also appropriated [w] to them, *viz.* in 12 *Rich.* 2. whereupon in a short time, *scil.* in *anno* 1397. (21 *Rich.* 2.) ensued the Ordination [x] of the Vicaridge, *vi* s. *viii* d. yearly *Pension* being then reserved to the Bishop and his successors, and *ii* s. to the Arch-Deacon. Which Vicaridge in 26 *Hen.* 8. was valued [y] at *viii* li. *ix* s. *x* d. over and above *iii* s. *per annum* deducted for *Synodalls*.

[t] *Plac. de T. Trin.* 15. *Joh. rot.* 10.

[u] *MS. in Scac.*

[w] *Pat.* 12. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.

[x] Scroope *f.* 83. *b.*

[y] *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *a.*

Patroni Medietatis Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Ex antog. penes D. & cap. Lich.	*Will. de Stanford anno* 1248.	
	D. Thomas de Craul Pbr. an. 1250.	
	Nigellus filius Remundi an. 1256.	
Langt. f. 5. *b*	*Gilebertus de Kynesburi Pbr. Cal. Junii* 1300.	
Ib. f. 36. *a.*	*Will. de Muneworth Accol.* 16. *Cal. Dec.* 1310.	
Ib. f. 38. *a.*	*Thomas de la Grave Pbr.* 8. *Id. Febr.* 1313.	
Northb. f. 50. *a.*	*Thom. Barle Cap.* 2. *Non. Aug.* 1349.	
Stret. f. 8. *a.*	*Ric. de Boule Cler.* 13. *Cal. Apr.* 1360.	
Sk. f. 5. *b.*	*D. Joh. Clerk Pbr.* 5. *Febr.* 1390.	
Burgh f. 26. *b.*	Patroniæ Vicariæ.	
Ib f. 27. *b.*	*Hugo Freman de Tamworth, hac vice.*	*Rad. Herlaston Cap.* 18. *Oct.* 1410.
Ib. f. 29. *b.*	*Pr. & C. S. Trin. de Bosco.*	*Arnoldus Thorpe* 4. *Febr.* 1410.
Heyw. f. 7. *a.*		*Joh. Freman Cap.* 9. *Dec.* 1411.
Ib. f. 36. *b.*		*D. Will. atte Mille* 6. *Dec.* 1421.
Ib. f. 37. *b.*		*Joh. Smyth* 8. *Apr.* 1438.
		Rob. Trulufe 17. *Sept.* 1439.
		Thomas Lancashire Pbr. ..... 1439. *Ib. f.* 38. *b.*
Pr. & C. S. Trin. de Bosco.		*Thomas Wenloke in Decr. Bac.* 26. *Sept.* 1499. *Bowl. f.* 203. *a.*
		D. Ric. Hutton in Leg. Bac. 3. *Martii* 1521. *Bl. f.* 7. *b.*
D. Regina.		*Magr. Will. Smyth Succentor Eccl. Cath. Lich.* 25. *Maii* 1554. *Sampf. & B. f.* 1. *b.*
D. Eliz. Regina.		*Henr. Fletcher Cler.* 15. *Febr.* 1584. *Bund. B.*
		Nich. Rushall Cler. 25. *Oct.* 1587. *Ibid.*
		Joh. Foxe Cler. 1. *Martii* 1587. *Ibid.*

Monumentall Inscriptions.

In the body of the Church.

Here lyeth the body of Hugh Beresford, sometime of Slateley, and Elizabeth his wife; which Hugh died the xxv^th of June Anno 1610.

In the midst of the Chancell.

Here lieth the Body of Francis Benet, sometime of Dosthill, who died the xi^th day of June anno Dom. 1634.

Kimberley-Hall.

HEere was antiently a Chapell [z] of S. *Edmund*, and in it a *Chantrie*, founded [a] by one of the *Bracebriggs* of **Kingsburie**, about the beginning of King *Edw.* 2. time, as may seem by the Presentations thereto, and called [b] *Cantaria de* **Kynebaldesley**. By the Survey [c] of 26 *H.* 8. this *Chantrie* is said to be in the Church of **Kingsburie** (which, if so, then was it not long before removed thither) and the value thereof, over and above reprises, certified at *Cvi* s. *viii* d. But I rather think that to be a mistake; for in 37 *H.* 8. it is called [d] *Cantaria de* **Hurley**, forasmuch as 'tis situate within the precincts of that Hamlet, and then valued [e] at *Cxiii* s. *x* d.

[z] Langt. *f.* 36. *b.*

[a] *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 15. *a.*

[b] Langt. *ut supra*

[c] *MS. penès præf.* S. A. *f.* 58. *b.*

[d] *Ex alio MS. penes eund.* S. A. *f.* 15. *a.*

[e]

Hurley.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, by reason it was then involved with **Kingsburie**: but I have seen it very antiently written **Hurnlet**, which apparently shews, that the name at first grew from its situation, **hurne** or **byrne** in the Saxon, or old English, signifying a *nook* or *corner*, which rightly agreeth with the position thereof, it lying in the utmost corner of **Kingsburie** Lordship, Eastwards. As it was a part of **Kingsburie** heretofore, so were the *Bracebriggs* in those days Lords thereof, as appears by a grant of it from [f] *Raphe de Bracebrigge*, about the 25. of *H.* 3. unto *Amicia* his mother, in name of her dowrie, where it is called *Manerium de* **Hozleye**; yet by some other [g] authorities of later time, it appears to have been only a member of **Kingsburie**; So also by the Inquisition [h] after the death of *Thomas B.*

[f] *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Netherfole *eq. aur.*

[g] *Rot. penès* S. Clark B. *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 3.

[h] *Esc.* 19. Eliz.

Bracebrigge Esquire, in 19 *Eliz.* But notwithstanding that, there is a Mannour within it, at least in reputation, whereof one *John Waldiff* Esquire, dyed [i] seized in 31 *H.* 8. which descended to *Joane* the sole daughter of *Nicholas Nightingale*, by *Joyce* sister and heir to the said *John*; which *Joan* was then [k] the wife of *Thomas Willington*, cosin of *William Willington* Esquire (of whom in **Barcheston** I have spoken) the posteritie of which *Thomas* do still enjoy it.

i *Esc.* 32 H. 8. k

It seems that the *Waldyve* have lived antiently in this place; for in 36 *H.* 6. was *Joane* the daughter of *William Waldyve* of **Hurley**, marryed unto *Robert Willenhale* of **Grenburgh**, in the Chapell here, by speciall License [l] from the Bishop directed to the then Vicar of **Kingsbury** for that purpose. Which *William Waldyve* was son to *Richard* [m], a branch of the *Waldyves* of **Alspath**.

l *Bowl. f.* 91. a.

m *Ex autog. penès* T. Willington *gen.*

Plumpton.

THis place is now known onely by certain grounds lying on the East side of **Kingsbury** Parish, so called; whereof one *Walter de Plompton* was possest [n] in *H.* 3. time, who held them by a certain weapon, called a *Danish Axe*: which being the very Charter [p] whereby the said land was given unto one of his Ancestors, hung [q] up for a long time in the Hall of the capitall messuage belonging thereto, in testimony of the said tenure, untill that the said House was seized upon by Sir *John Bracebrigge* Knight, Lord of **Kingsbury** in *E.* 3. time, and pulled to the ground: After which it remained [r] a great while in the Hall of the mansion belonging to *William de Plompton*, in **Hardwishull** (about two miles distant) being commonly reputed, and called [s] *the Charter of* **Plomton**. What title the said Sir *John Bracebrigge* had to it, I know not; but by severall [t] authorities it appears, that his posteritie were seized of it, by the name of the Mannour of **Plomton**: And in 12 *H.* 4. did Sir *Raphe Bracebrigge* Knight, [u] sell the same (the content thereof being *C.* acres of Land, *xl.* acres of Wood, and *xl.* acres of Moore, then called **Plumton fields**) unto *Robert Waterton* Esquire, and his heirs: All which came afterwards to the hands of one *Roger Horton*, who died seized [w] of them *ult. H.* 5. leaving *William* his son and heir *xviii.* years of age.

n *Ex vet. Cod. MS.* o p q *penès* r *cund.* s T.W.

t *Esc.* 19. R. 2. *n.* 8. *Rot. F.* 1. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 8. *Esc.* 1. *H.* 4. *n.* 32.

u *Fevat. mens. Pasch* 12. *H.* 4.

w *Es.* 1. *H.* 6. *n.* 36.

But upon the death of the said *Roger*, were they taken [x] into the King's hand, and continued in the Crown till 13 *H.* 6. that *William Waldeff* and *Thomas Wylcok* obtained a [y] grant of them, for the space of ten years. Which *William* in 26 *H.* 6. being cosin [z] and heir to *Joyce Plompton* of **Nottingham**, one of the daughters and heirs of *Roger Plompton*, and sister [a] and heir to *Phippa* the other daughter and heir to the said *Roger* (as he stiled himself) of whose inheritance they were, [b] granted [b] them to *Thomas Waldeyve* his son; From which *Thomas*, by an heir female the *Willingtons* of **Hurley** do derive themselves, and are still owners of all, or a great part of these lands.

x *Rot. F.* 13. *H.* 6. *m.* 9. y

z *Ex autog. penès præf.* a b T.W.

Flanders-Hall.

THis place was antiently so denominated from one *Hugh* a younger brother to *William de Odingsells* (of which Family I have spoke in **Ichington**, **Solihull**, and **Harrocke**) as *Mr. Burton* in his Description [c] of **Leicestershire**, affirmes, in regard that his Ancestors came out of **Flanders**, whose descendants assumed it for their surname: but upon the death of *John de Flanders*, the last male branch of this line, it was allotted by partition [d] in 13 *H.* 6. to *Elianore*, the wife of *Sampson Erdswike*, one of his three daughters and heirs; by which means it descended [e] to the issue of *John Herdwick* of **Lindley** in **Leicestershire**, her first husband; and so came to the *Purefeys* of **Caldecote**, in marriage (as I have heard) with *Joyce* [f] one of the daughters and coheirs to the last *John Herdwyck*, wife to *Michael Purefey*: From which *Michael* descended *William Purefey* Esquire, who in our time sold it unto Sir *Robert Fisher* of **Packington** Knight and Baronet.

c p. 254.

d *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton *ar.*

e *Claus* 37. *H.* 6. *in d. m.* 13.

f *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. B.

Hallaton.

OF this place I have not seen any mention till 17 *H.* 3. at which time it was reputed a member [g] of **Coshill**, and part of the dowry of [h] *Elisant* the widow unto *Osbert de Clinton*: But after this it came to be possest [i] by the same *Robert Marmion*, of whom I have spoke in **Nether-Whitacre**; and by those authorities, which I have there voucht, seemeth to have gone with that Mannour till Q. *Eliz.* time: for it appeareth that *Walt. Devereux* Vise. *Hereford* in 12 *Eliz.* sold [k] it with **Nether-Whitacre** unto *Edmund Skerning*, then of **Ordbury** Esquire.

g *F. levat.* 5. *sept* h *Pasch.* 17. *H.* 3.

i *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.

k *Ex autog. penès* Rob. King *eq. aur.*

Drakenedge.

THis was originally a member of **Nether-Whitacre**, as I conceive, and so consequently possest by the *Marmions* of **Tamworth**-Castle; and from one of them, granted therewith, to *Nicholas Fitz Raphe*, or his Ancestour; for it is evident that the Familie of *Mancestre*, who for a good while enjoyed it, held [l] it of the heirs of *Nicholas Fitz Raphe* (Lords of **Nether-Whitacre**) by the service of a pair of gilt Spurrs, and that they held [m] it over, of those *Marmions*. Of which *Mancestres* I find, that *Hugh*, in 36 *Hen.* 3. had a Charter [n] of **Free warren**, extending to all his demesn lands here; and that from him, it descended to *Guy de Mancestre*, his grandchild, who in King *Edw.* 3. time, past [o] it to *Robert de Herle* and his heirs, by the name of a *Mannour*: Which *Robert* dying without issue of his body, it divolved to Sir *Raph de Hastings* Knight, his cosin and heir, *viz.* son [p] of his sister *Margaret*; and from him (through divers descents) to *William* Lord *Hastings*, Chamberlain to King *Edward* the fourth, who died [q] seized thereof in 1 *Ric.* 3. leaving Sir *Edward Hastings* Knight, his son and heir *xvii.* years of age: But farther hereof, I have not seen, than that *Richard Hastings* in 9 *H.* 8. was presented [r] for depopulating the Capitall Messuage, and *CC.* acres of arable land, lying thereto.

l *Claus.* 20. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 9.

m *Esc.* 20. *E.* 1 *n.* 36. *Esc.* 49. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *n.* 57.

n *Cart.* 36. *H.* 3. *m.* 27.

o *Plac. coram. R. T. Mich.* P 20. *R.* 2 *rot.* 36.

q *Esc.* 1. *R.* 3.

r *Inq. super. Depop.* 9. *H.* 8.

Whateley.

IN this place (which was originally a [f] member of **Kingsburie** are there certain lands that were antiently given [t] to the Canons of **Studley**; all which after the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, were (*inter alia*) granted [u] out of the Crown, in 36 *H.* 8. unto *John Beaumont* Eſquire, by the name of the Mannour or Lordſhip of **Whateley**; who paſt [w] them away the ſame year, unto *Nicholas Wilſon* and ..... his wife: by whom they were ſold [x] to *Thomas Overton*; who died [y] ſeiſed of them in 32 *Eliz.* leaving *Nicholas* his ſon and heir fifty years of age.

[f] *Rot penès S.Clarke B.*
[t] *MS. in Scac. penès Rem.R.*
[u] *Pat.36.H. 8.p.1.*
[w] *Ib.p.15.*
[x] *Pat 1. M.p.14.*
[y] *Eſc.32. Eliz.*

Slateley.

THis is a petty Hamlet, and parcell of the Mannour of **Kingsburie**, as by ſeverall [z] Records is evident; ſo that there needs no more to be ſaid thereof.

[z] *Rot.penès præſ. S.C. Eſc 14.H. 6.n.3.*

Holt.

IN this, which is alſo parcell of the Mannour of **Kingsburie**, had the Monks of **Merevale** a yard land given [a] unto them by the firſt *John de Bracebrigge*, whoſe grant thereof *William de Bracebrigge*, his brother and heir, [b] confirmed: But the Village was in part depopulated by *John Bracebrigge* Eſquire, who in 19 *H.* 7. [c] decayed three Meſſuages upon the Incloſure thereof; of which lands *Thomas Bracebrigge* was poſſeſt [d] in 3 *Edw.* 6.

[a] *Ex Col.*
[b] *WBurton ar.*
[c] *Eſc.3. E6.*
[d] *Eſc.3. E6.*

Cliffe.

THis hath its name from the ſituation thereof, near to the deſcending ground, towards the bank of **Tame**; but of it, I have not ſeen other mention, than that *Thomas Herthill* was [e] preſented in 10 *H.* 8. for depopulating two Meſſuages, and incloſing *xl.* acres of land here.

[e] *Eſc.10. H 8.*

Doſthill.

I Am not ſure, whether this place be particularly taken notice of in the Conqueror's Survey [f]; if it be, that which is there written **Dercelai** is intended for it, which *R. de Oilgi* had at that time in pawn, from *Turchill de Warwick*; and is ſaid to contain two hides, having a Mill of *xxxii* d. yearly value, and Woods extending to two furlongs in length, and as much in breadth, the whole being valued at *xl s.* But in 12 *H.* 2. certain it is that *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (of whom in **Hatton** I have ſpoke) was poſſeſt of it, as appears by that Certificate [g] which *William* Earl of **Warwick** then made, whoſe Father or Grandfather had enfeoffed the ſaid *Hugh* thereof, with other lands of a great extent, in King *Henry* the firſt's time, it being then written **Derteulla**. By this *Hugh*, was it doubtleſſe granted to *Thomas fil. Thurſtani*; for it is manifeſt [h] that *Robert de la Launde*, ſon to the ſame *Thomas*, gave to *Richard Fitz Raphe*, in marriage with *Amicia* his daughter, the Mill here, it being then written **Derchethull**.

From which *Robert* it deſcended to *James* (as the Pedegree in **Langdon** ſheweth) who was certified [i] to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** in 20 *H.* 3. But it appears [k] that *Albreda Marmion* (of whom I have made mention in **Arrow**) granted the ſervice of the ſame *James de la Laund*, for this place, unto *William de Camvile*, her ſon; whereby it ſhould ſeem, that the immediate grant, wh ch the Anceſtour to the ſaid *James* had of this place, was not from the Earl of **Warwick**, but from one of the *Marmions*, who obtained it from ſome of thoſe Earls. This *James*, in 31 *H.* 3. paſt [l] unto *Robert de Grendon* and his heirs, all the intereſt he had here, by the name of the Mannour of **Derſthull**, then amounting to half a Knight's Fee: Which *Robert*, in 40 *H.* 3. granted [m] the ſame, unto one *Robert de Wycheford* and his heirs, reſerving the Rent of a pair of gilt Spurs, to be yearly paid to himſelf and his heirs, at *Eaſter*, and performing the ſervice of half a Knight's Fee; which ſervice the ſaid *Robert de Wycheford*, at the requeſt of the above ſpecified *Robert de Grendon*, then granted [n] unto *Walter de Manceſtre* and *Erneburga* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but for want of ſuch iſſue, to return to the ſaid *Robert de Wicheford* and his heirs. So that after this, the poſſeſſion thereof continued to the heirs of the ſaid *Walter de Manceſtre*, together with **Manceſtre**, as by ſeverall [o] authorities appeareth, at length, being divided by the coheirs, was broken into ſuch ſmall parts, as is evident by what came [p] to the *Fildings*, which was *Prilley's*; and to [q] *Lewes*, which was *Rowley's* and *Arblaſter's*, that it is not worth while to trace the ſucceſſion thereof any farther.

[g] *Lib rub. f.104.a.*
[h] *Ex autog. penès, Will. Vicecom. Staff.*
[i] *Teſta de N*
[k] *Ex autog. penès Fr. Burdet Bar.*
[l] *F. levat. Menſ. Paſch.31. H. 3.*
[m] *F. levat.3. ſept. Paſch. 40. H. 3.*
[n] *F. levat.3. ſept. Paſch. 40. H. 3.*
[o] *F. levat. 3. ſept. Mich. 14. E.2. Eſc.3.H.5. n.12.*
[p] *Eſc.2.E. 6.*
[q] *Eſc.6. Eliz.*

Nun-Eaton.

FOllowing **Tame** further, I obſerve no place of note, bordering on it, before I come to **Tamworth**, where **Anker** joyns therewith: I muſt now therefore aſcend to the entrance of **Anker** into this Hundred, which is in **Nun-Eaton**-Pariſh.

This place hath its name from the Rivulet nigh which it ſtands, **Ea** in our old Engliſh ſignifying *Water*. Before the Norman invaſion one *Harding* poſſeſt [r] it; but after the Conqueſt, it was diſpoſed [s] of to Earl *Alberic* (Progenitor of the *Veres* Earls of **Oxford**) which Earl deceaſed before the generall Survey made by that King; ſo that afterwards, it with the reſt, being ſeiſed into the King's hands, was committed to the cuſtodie of *Geffrey de Wirce* (of whom in **Monks-Kirby** I have ſpoken): Howbeit, the number of hides that it contained, are omitted in the Record; but 'tis ſaid thereby, that there were *xxvi.* carucates of land, one Mill of *xxxii* d. *xx.* acres of Meadow, and Woods of two miles in length, and a mile and half in breadth; the whole being valued at *C s.* By the ſaid generall Survey [t] I find alſo, that *R. de Olgi* held three hides of land in this place, with Woods of a mile in length and as much

[r] *Domeſd.*
[s] *Domeſd.*
[t] *lib.*

much in breadth, which were the inheritance of *Alwine* in *Edward* the Confessor's days, and valued by the before specified Survey, at *iv* li.

But the direct time when this Lordship was given to *Robert* Earl of **Mellent** and **Leicester**, is hard, I think, to be found; yet certain [u] it is that he had it before the death of King *Henry* the first: which *Robert* had issue *Robert*, sirnamed *Bossu*, Earl of **Leicester**, who in King *Stephen*'s time, founded a [w] goodly Monasterie here, for Nunns, of the Order of those at **Font Ebraud** in **Normandie** (*id est Benedictines*) wherein *Amice* his Countess became one, and was buried. Which Monasterie he plentifully endowed with lands, whereof this whole Lordship [x] of **Eaton** was part, excepting what the Canons of **Leceister** then had in **Stockingford**, and that which the Nunns of *Casa Dei* (in **France**) held in **Atleberge**, and in this town. As also certain lands in **Kenetberie** (*in Com. Derbs.*) to the then value of *xxv* li. *per annum*. And with all his Lands, Rents, and Fishing in **Welle**, excepting the Tithe of the Eeles, which the said *Robert* Earl of **Mellent**, his Father, had formerly given to the said Canons of **Leicester**. Confirming [y] the grants of what others, at that time had made thereto; *viz.* of two Carucates of land in **Waltham** (*Com. Leic.*) with pasturage there, for *CCC.* Sheep, by *Isabell* his daughter, and *Simon* Earl of **Northampton**, her son: Of two yard land and a half lying in **Swinford** (*Com. Leic.*) by *Ric. Mallore*; and in **Leicester** *ii* s. Rent out of a House, which one *Guy Breadleas* then held of the said *Richard*; as also of all the lands, lying within this Lordship, whereof the said *Richard* was possest: And of what *Robert Fitz Jocelin* had bestowed thereon; *scil.* all his lands lying here in **Eaton**, betwixt the Water and the Wood; and beyond the Water, two yard land, and *vi* s. Rent, which *William de Neumarch* held of *Jocelin* his Father, with all his Woods.

Hereunto did King *Hen.* 2. adde his Confirmation [z]; and besides that, of his own gift, conferred [a] upon these Nunns, the Church of **Chauton** in **Hantshire**; ratifying [b] the grants of sundry other persons, which I shall briefly here [c] enumerate; *viz.* the Mill of **Ingepenne** in **Berkshire**, with the Meadows and Crofts thereto belonging, given by *Gervase Paganell*. The Village of great **Hodenhull**, by *Richard de Ibstoke*; the Church of **Merton** by *Robert de Craft*, both in this Countie. Certain lands here in **Eaton**, by *Geffrey de Turvill*. Twentie shillings yearly Rent issuing out of the Mill at **Haringworth** in **Northamptonshire**, by *Ada* mother to the King of **Scotland**. Half the town of **Burton** (now called **Burton-***Hastings* in this County, with the advouson * of the Church, and Chapell of **Stretton** (*id est* **Stretton-***Baskervill*) thereto belonging, by *Geffrey l'Abbe*, and *Emme* his wife whose inheritance it was. The Church of **Maple-Derham** (in **Hantshire**) by *William* Earl of **Gloucester**, and *Hawise*, the Countess, his wife: as also **Nutfort** Mill, and divers lands, lying within the Lordship of **Pimpre**, by the said *Hawise*. One yard land at **Calcote**, by *Robert Archer*, and *Margaret* his wife: and besides all this, gave them sundry ample Liberties and Priviledges, which for brevities sake I forbear to recite: Whereunto Pope *Boniface* the eight added the Appropriation [d] of the Churches of **Burtlei** in **Rutland**, and **Cleybrooke** in **Leicestershire**, with a speciall Indulgence [e] from payment of Tithes for any of their lands, which they should till, or stock with Cattell, at their own charge.

Having now therefore so plentifull an endowment, they obtained a grant [f] of a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Tuesday in 10 *H.* 3. to endure till the King should be of age: but this **Mercate** in 17 *H.* 3. was altered [g] to the Saturday: After which, within a short space, they rebuilt their Church; towards the Fabrick whereof the King gave [h] them ten Oaks out of **Kenilworth**-Woods, and [i] *xv.* more within a year following, out of **Cank**-Forest: And in 23. of his reign, granted unto them a Charter [k] for an yearley **Faire** here, for four days, beginning on the day of the *Invention* of the *Holy Cross*, (*scil.* 3. *Maii.*) Other grants of most note, from severall persons in succeeding times, for which I have seen any authorities, were these; *viz.* [l] two yard land lying in **Hodenhall**, and **Cttanescote** (now called **Alcote**) by *Nicholas de Muton*. In **Wibtoft** [m] one Messuage, and *Cxx.* acres of land, by *Gilb. de Houby*. The advouson of the Church of **Cleybrooke** (*in com. Leic.*) by [n] *John* the son of *Ernald de Boys*. The third part of the Mannour of **Skendelby** by [o] *Julian de Gaunt*, for maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service in the Church of this Monasterie, for the health of her soul, and the souls of her Ancestors. One Messuage here, in **Nun-Eaton**, by [p] *Robert de Herle*: Four Messuages also, lying here and in **Rotby** (*Com. Leic.*) by [q] *John Huwet*, and *William Wytherley* Priest. The appropriate Rectorie of this Parish-Church at **Nun-Eaton**, by [r] the Prior and Covent of **Shene**.

All which, with the rest, whereof I have not found the grants, or which being not very considerable, for brevities sake are omitted, were (as a preparative to that fatall dissolution soon after following) by the Survey [s] made in 26 *H.* 8. valued at *CCXC* li. *xv* s. *ob.* Out of which (*inter alia*) were deducted [t], for the Fees of *Henry* Marquess **Dorset**, then high Steward of this Monasterie, and *John Dabridgcourt* the Under-Steward *vi* li. *xiii* s. *iv* d. *per annum*. Of *William Fynderne* Receiver generall *ii* li. *xiii* s. *iv* d. and of *William Font* Auditor *i* li. *xiii* s. *iv* d. So that, being one of the greater Monasteries, it was not dissolved till 31 *H.* 8. But then did the Prioresse and her Covent, by their publique Instrument [u] under Seale, dated 12 *Sept.* surrender it to the King, whose names as they are subscribed thereto, with the severall *Pensions* by Patent allowed them for life, I have here added.

Agnes Oulton Prioresse,	*xl* li.
Agnes Wylsey,	*iii* li.
Isabell Purfrey,	*iii* li.
Joane Whalley,	*iii* li
Eliz. Milward,	*iii* li.
Joane Wetnail,	*iii* li.
Isabell Repington,	*Liii* s. *iv* d.
Joice Fitz-Herbert,	*Liii* s. *iv* d.
Anne Everat,	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Luce Haselrig,	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Joane Bate,	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Joane Haseley.	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Margaret Dixwell,	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Rose Ceton,	*Xlvi* s. *viii* d.
Marie Worsley,	*iii* li.
Joane Copston,	*Xl* s.
Marie Barington,	*Xl* s.
Elene Townsend.	*Xl* s.

u *Ex vet membr* w *penès D. & Cap.* x *Lich.*

y *Ib.*

z *Cart. 9. E. 1. n. 1. per.* a *Insp.* b c

* *Plac de temp. incert. to. R. Joh. rot. 1. & rot. 4. in d.*

d *Ex præf.* e *membr.*

f *Clauſ. 10 H. 3. m. 13.*

g *Cart. 17. H. 3. m. 4.*

h *Clauſ. 21. H. 3. m. 2.*

i *Clauſ. 22. H. 3. m. 3.*

k *Cart. 23. H. 3. n. 36.*

l *Pat. 12. E. 2. m. 15.*

m *F. levat. Oct. Mich. 13. E. 1.*

n *Pat. 23. E. 1. m. 3.*

o *Pat. 35. E. 1. m. 29.*

p *Pat. 19. E. 3. p. 1. m. 19.*

q *Pat. 16. R. 2. p. 1. m. 4.*

r *Pat. 38. H. 6 m. 17.*

f *MS. penès S. A.* t *q. aur. f. 37. b.*

u *In Curia. Augm.*

Dorothe Ryddell,	*Xl* s.
Joyce Clarke,	*Xl* s.
Eliz. Berdmore,	*Xxvi* s. *viii* d.
Eliz. Banaſter,	*Xxvi* s. *viii* d.
Joane More,	*Xxvi* s. *viii* d.
Agnes Kyngeſton,	*Xxvi* s. *viii* d.
Joane Palmer,	*Xxxiii* s. *iv* d.

But in the Crown it continued not long; for it appears, that King *Henry*, by his Letters [w] Patent dated 29. *Maii* 32. of his reign (which was about eight months after the Surrender) gave it, with all the lands in this Countie, thereto belonging, unto Sr *Marmaduke Conſtable junior*, of London Knight, then his ſervant (ſon [x] of Sir *Robert Conſtable* of Flamborough in Yorkſhire) which Sir *Marmaduke* ſold part thereof, but died ſeized of the ſite, as alſo of the Manrour, and greateſt proportion of the lands ſo given him, 28. *Apr.* 2 *Eliz.* leaving *Robert* his ſon and heir *xxx.* years of age: unto whom the ſaid *Queen* in the ſixt of her reign, for the ſumme of *CCCxxxv* li. *xiii* s. granted the reverſion of the premiſſes, *ſcil.* to him and his heirs generall: Of which Sir *Robert*, they were ſoon after purchaſed [y] by Sir *Ambroſe Cave* Knight, who died [z] ſeized thereof 2. *Apr.* 10 *Eliz.* leaving *Margaret* the wife of *Henry Knolls* Eſquire, his daughter and heir; by which means it is come to the Lord *Paget*, and Sir *Henry Willoughby*, in like ſort as Kingsburie is (whereof I have already ſpoken) and divided accordingly.

w *Pat.*32. *H.*8.*p.*3.

x *Inſcrip: Tum. apud.* Nun-Eaton.

y *Pat.*6. *Eliz.f.*9.

z *Eſc.*10. *Eliz.*

In farther reference to this town, the moſt notable paſſages, which have come to my obſervation, are theſe; *viz.* That after the Mercate and Faire, was ſo obtained by the Nuns, in 7 *E.* 2. as hath been ſaid, they procured a ſpeciall Patent [a] to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities, coming thither by the ſpace of five years, towards the charge of paving it: and next: that in 9 *E.* 3. the Townſmen had the like Patent [b] to take *Toll* for four years, of all ſuch commodities, for repairing the Bridge there.

a *Pat.*7.*E.* 2.*p.*2.*m.*13

b *Pat.*9 *E.* 3.*p.*2.*m.*7.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) was given [c] to the Monaſterie of Lira in Normandie, by *Robert* ſirnamed *Boſſu*, Earl of Leiceſter, in *Hen.* 1. time; whoſe Charter thereof (*inter alia*) King *H.* 2. confirmed [d]. In *anno* 1291. (19 *E.*1.) it was valued [e] at *xxxxii* marks: but after the diſſolution of the *Priories-Alien* (whereof in Wolſton and Wootton *Wawen* I have ſpoke) it was ſetled [f] upon the *Carthuſian*-Monks at Shene in Surrey, by King *H.* 5. in 3. of his reign, when he founded that Religious Houſe; of whom the Nuns here at Eaton obtained [g] it in 38 *H.* 6. In 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued [h] at *xix* li. *xiv* s. *vi* d. over and above *ix* s. *vi* d. *per annum* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and C s. *per annum* Stipend to the Curate ſerving in the Chapell at Attleborough.

c *Ex' Reiſt. de Lira* (*penès* d Fr. du. Cheſn) *n.*12.

e *MS. in Scac.*

f *Cart.*3. & 4.*H.*5.*m.*8.

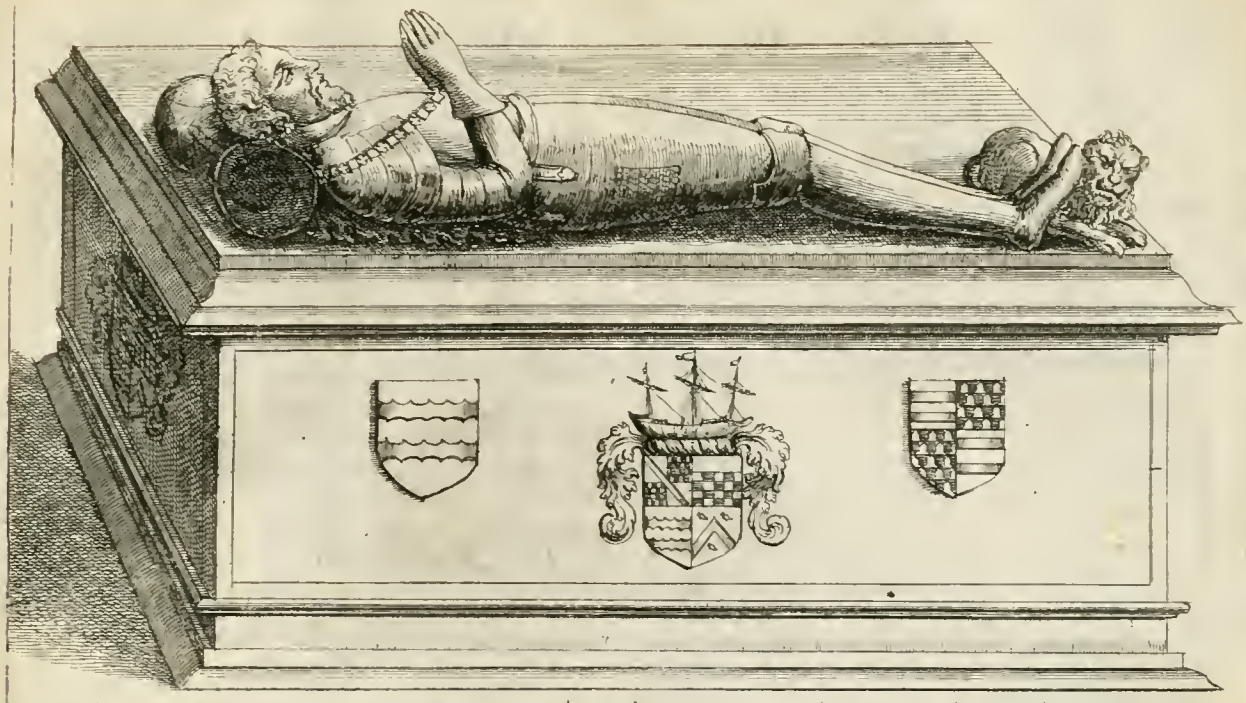
g *Pat.*38. *H.*6.*m.*17.

h *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 38.*a.*

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Procurator Abb. & Conv. de Lira.	*Galfr. de Vilers* 14. *Cal. Apr.* 1310.	*Langt.f.*36 *b.*
	Thomas de Blyburgh Non. Julii 1318.	*Ib.f.*78.*a.*
	D. Edm. de Schireford Cap. xv. Cal. Apr. 1321.	*Northb.f.* 2.*a.*
Edw. Rex Angl. ratione poſſeſſ. Abb. de Lira in manu ſua exiſt.	*Sim. de Thorp Pbr.* 4. *Id. Jan.* 1341.	*Ib.f.*38.*a.*
	Walt. de Heyworth 5. *Cal. Oct.* 1351.	*Ib.f.*54.*b.*
	Sim de Thorp 2. *Id. Nov.* 1351.	*Ib.f.*55.*a.*
	*Rob. de Haſelbech Cap.*18. *Cal. Julii* 1357.	*Ib.f.* 61.*a.*
Procurator Abb. & C. de Lira.	*Joh. Boſevill Cap.* 19. *Cal. Sept.* 1361.	*Stret.f.*8.*b.*
	Magr. Joh. de Carſwell 4. *Non. Aug.* 1364.	*Ib.f.*12.*b.*
	Will. Lorkin Pbr. 7. *Id. Febr.* 1368.	*Ib.f.*17.*b.*
Dominus Rex, ratione ut ſuprà.	*Henr. Hunt* 3. *Cal. Nov.* 1373.	*Ib.f.*21.*b.*
	*Nich. Derby Pbr.*10. *Nov.* 1390.	*Sk.f.*5.*b*
Abb. & Conv. de Lira.	*Will. Deper Cap.* 29. *Julii* 1402.	*Burgh.f.* 10.*a.*
D. Henr. Rex Angl. ratione ut ſuprà.	*Joh. Wylton Cap.* 2. *Dec.* 1406.	*Ib.f.*18.*b.*
D. Johanna Regina Angliæ.	*Joh. de Tybbay Cap.* 13. *Dec.* 1412.	*Ib.f.*32.*a.*
	*D. Ric. Mortomy Cap.*20. *Febr.* 1412.	*Ib.*
D. Johanna Regina, & Joh. Tybbay Cler.	*Nich. Derby Cap.* 2. *Julii* 1413.	*Ib.f.*33.*b.*
Prior & Conv. Domus Jeſu de Bethlem apud Shene.	*Thomas Waryn Cler.* 14. *Junii* 1501.	*Bowl.f.* 206.*a.*
	*Thomas Dei gratia Paradenſis Epiſc.*4. *Junii* 1505.	*Bl.f.*4.*a.*
	D. Rob. Whittinton 10. *Junii* 1521.	*Ib.f.*7.*b.*
Rob. Langley gen.	*Jac. Lyngard in art. Bac.* 14. *Martii* 1558.	*Sampſ. & B.f.*12.*a.*
Elizabetha Regina Angl.	*Thomas Stonynge Cler.* 5. *Maii* 1561.	*Ib.f.*30.*a.*
	Nich. Cleyton Cler. 10. *Apr.* 1565.	*Ib.f.*42.*a.*
	Georgius Downes Cler. 7. *Junii* 1572.	*Ib.f.*44.*b.*
	*Jac. Perſons Cler.*24. *Sept.* 1583.	*Bund.B.*
	Will. Gurrie Cler. 24. *Febr.* 1591.	*Overton bund. E.*
Jacobus Rex.	*Will. Butterton in Art. Magr.* 11. *Oct.* 1604.	*Overton bund. F.*
Carolus Rex.	*Sampſon Hawkhurſt Cler. S. Theol. Bac.*19. *Maii* 1626.	*Morton bund. incert.*
	Will. Cradok Art. Magr. 3. *Sept.* 1627.	*Morton bund. incert.*

Leek's

Nun Eaton
On the North side of the Chancell.



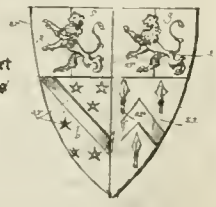
✻ Here lyeth Sr Marmaduke Constable knyght wch dyed the xx day of Aprill in ye yere of o lord M. d. & threscore
sone and heyre to Sr Robartt Constable knyght lord of Flambourghe & Home [illegible] Speldyngmore & the
sey Sr Marmaduke hadde two Wiffe Elezabethe dawghter to the lord Darsse, by hur he hadde two sons Robart
& Marmaduke & vnn dawghters. ye second Wyff Margaret Bootlir dawht of Willm Bootlir gent.

In the east window of the North Ile



1 [illegible]
2 Knightley

In a South window of the Church



Orate pro bono statu Johis Leeke, et Agnetis vroris eius, et quorū bonis hec capella reedificata, et Cantaria in eadem facta fuit.

Leek's-Chantrie.

IN this Parish-Church did one *John Leek* found a [i] *Chantrie* in 23 *H.* 7. of one Priest, to celebrate Divine service, for the good estate of him the said *John*, during his life in this world, and after his death for the health of his Soul; as also for the health of the Souls of his Parents, Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased: but of this there is no remembrance in the Survey, of 37 *H.* 8. so that when it was dissolved, I know not.

i *Pat.23. H.7.p.2.*

The Free-Schoole.

THis was founded in 6 *E.* 6. by the Inhabitants of this town, unto whom the King gave [k] for that purpose, three Closes of ground, lying within the Liberties of **Coventre**, which sometime belonged to the *Trinitie-Gild*, there, and were then valued at *x* li. *xv* s. *viii* d. to be held of the Mannour of **East-Greenewich** in Socage.

k *Pat.6.E. 6.p.4.*

Horeston-Grange.

THis was originally part of the Lordship of **Nun-Eaton**, but thereof I have not seen any particular mention till 19 *E.* 1. where it is called [l] the **Grange** of **Horeston**, belonging then to the Nunns, and certified to contain six Carucates of land, which by the Survey [m] in 26 *H.* 8. were valued at *xv* li. *ix* s. *viii* d. and past [n] with the Monasterie unto Sir *Marmaduke Constable* Knight, in 32 *H.* 8. Which Sir *Marmaduke* sold [o] the Grange it self, with certain lands thereto belonging, unto one *Jasper Fisher* Esquire, who died [p] seized thereof in 21 *Eliz.* leaving *Katherine Norwood* widow, and *Anne* the wife of *Richard Wolriche*, his cosins and heirs: But the grounds called **Horeston**-fields, together with **Horeston**-Wood, were aliened [q] in 4 *Eliz.* by *Robert Constable*, son and heir to Sir *Marmaduke*, unto *Stephen Hales* Esquire.

l *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*
m *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 37. *a.*
n *Pat.* 32. *H.8.p.3.*
o *Esc.2.* Eliz.
p *Lib.4.ced.*
q *Pat.4.* Eliz. *p.9.*

Attilborough.

THis being part of the Lordship of **Nun-Eaton**, was at length totally possest by the Nunns, as may seem by the Survey [r] taken in 26 *Hen.* 8. But had a Chapell for the benefit of the Inhabitants; whereunto, for maintenance of a Priest there serving, was antiently the summe of *C* s. allowed [s], but with the dissolved Monasterie it passed [t] out of the Crown in 32 *H.* 8. to Sir *Marmaduke Constable*: Since which they have not been severed.

r *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur. f.36.b.*
s *Ib. f.38. a.*
t *Pat.32. H.8.p.3.*

Stockingford.

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THis was originally a member of **Eaton**, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey; but afterwards by the Earl of **Leicester** (*scil. Robert Bossu*) granted [u] in exchange to *William de Newmarch*, for **Wittelwike** in **Leicestershire**; which *William* gave [w] it to the Canons of **Leicester**. About that time also had those Canons the Chapell here, by the grant [x] of *Geffrey de Turvill*, and certain lands bordering on **Hardreshull**, which *Geffrey* the Heremite bestowed on them. Within the precincts of this place, the Nunns of **Eaton** had likewise a Grange, containing three Carucates of land, as is certified [y] by the valuation thereof in 19 *E.* 1. At which time all that the Canons of **Leicester** had here, was rated but at one Carucate; so that what the said Nunns were then possest of, was, it seems, formerly granted to them by those Canons.

But afterwards it came into Lay hands, though how I find not; for it appears by a Fine [z] levied in 10 *E.* 3. betwixt *Roger Jabet* Plaintiff, and *William Jabet* and *Maud* his wife, Defors. that it was entailed upon *William Jabet* son of the said *William*, after his Father's decease, and upon the heirs of the said *William* the younger, by *Elene* his wife; but for default of such issue, on the right heirs of the before specified *Maud*: From which time till 14 *H.* 4. I have seen no more of it; but then did the reversion of it belong [a] unto *Hugh Lilburne*, *John* the son of *Thomas Boteler* of **Erhale**, holding it for the life of the same *Hugh*: which reversion in 1 *H.* 5. was granted [b] by *Will. Boteler* and *William Babington* to the Canons of **Croburie** in this Countie, the Canons of **Leicester**, (of whom it was held) giving License [c] for the same, reserving to themselves Fealtie, and securitie for *Lxiii s. iv d.* to be payd to them in the name of a Relief; which summe by the Survey [d] of 26 *H.* 8. appears to have been an yearly Rent: So that upon the dissolution of the Priorie at **Croburie**, it was therewith granted [e] unto *Charles Brandon* Duke of **Suffolk** in 30 *H.* 8. Which Duke (*inter alia*) past it [f] unto Sir *Edward Wootton* Knight, *John Danet*, and *Anthony Cooke* Esquires; betwixt whom, being as it seems divided, *Marie Danet* in 35 *H.* 8. conveyed [g] a third part thereof, unto *George Medley*, to certain uses. Of the other two parts, Sir *Anthony* dying [h] seized in 18 *Eliz.* left *Richard* his son and heir of full age. But that which belonged to **Nun-Eaton**, was with that Lordship, granted out of the Crown to Sir *Marmaduke Constable* Knight, and hath been possest by the owners thereof, ever since.

u *Cart.* 11. *E.* 2. *n.* 10. *per Insp.*

w *Reg. de Leic. in bibl.* x *Bodl. f.* 131.

y *MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

z xv. *Mich.*

a *Fin. levat. mens. Mich.* 13. *H.* 4. *Record. Oct. Hill.* 14. *H.* 4.

b *Pat.* 1. *H.* 5. *p.* 1. *m.* 12

c *Reg. de Leic. ut supra f.* 131

d *MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f.* 34. *a.*

e *Record. de T. Mich.* f 14. *Eliz.*

g *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8. *m.* 12.

h *Lib.* 3. *cedul.*

Chilverscoton.

IN the Conqueror's Survey [i] this is written **Celverdestoche**, which shews that it was at first so called from him that possest it in the Saxons time; whom I suppose to have been one *Ceolfredus*, that being a name then in use. It is there rated at *viii* hides, the Woods containing a mile and a half in length, and a mile in breadth, the whole being valued at *L s.* and held by *Haroldus fil. Raalfi*; which *Raphe* was Earl of **Hereford**, and owner thereof in *Eaward* the Confessor's days. In the line of this *Haroldus* (Lords also of **Sudley** *in Com. Glouc.* whence they assumed that surname) it continued for divers generations, and at length by an heir female divolved to the *Butlers*, as by the Descent in **Ozsse** is manifested. But there is little to be said of this place in particular, other than that *Bartholmew de Sudley*, in 51 *H.* 3. ha **Free warren** [k] (*inter alia*) granted to him in all his demesn lands here, it having attended the succession of **Ozsse**, ever since, as a member of that Mannour.

Within the precinct of this Parish had the Knights *Templars* certain lands given to them; which the Record [l] of 31 *Hen.* 2. says, were *de feodo Radulfi de Suthlega*, being (probably) of his or his Father's gift, and afterwards reputed for a Mannour; for by that name, had those *Templars* **Free-warren** granted [m] to them and their successors therein, in 32 *H.* 3. Which Mannour coming to the Crown in 30 *Hen.* 8. with all other the possessions belonging to the Religious Houses, was in 4 *Eliz.* sold [n] unto *John Fisher*, and *Thomas Dabridgcourt*. Which *Thomas Dabridgcourt* having obtained a Release from *Fisher* of all his right therein, by his last Will and Testament in 44 *Eliz.* gave it to *Christian* one of his daughter, who became the wife of *William Belcher* of **Gilsborough** *in Com. Northampt.* From whom it was purchased [o] by *Walter Giffard* of **Chillington** *in Com. Staff.* Esquire, and since that of him or his son, by *Richard Chamberlain* Esquire, Register of the Court of Wards

The Church was given [p] to the Canons of **Croburie**, together with two yard land, by *Raphe de Sualey*, Founder of that Monasterie; and *in anno* 1291. (19 *Edw.* 1.) valued [q] at *viii* marks, being then appropriated to that Religious House; and the Vicaridge but at half a mark. But in 26 *Hen.* 8. the said Vicaridge was estimated [r] at *vii li. iv s.*

i Domesd. *lib.*

k *Cart.* 51. *H.* 3. *m.* 5.

l *Ex cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

m *Cart.* 32. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.

n *Pat.* 4. Eliz. *p.* 6.

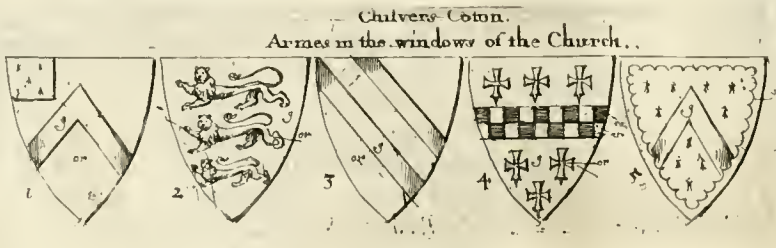
o *Ex autog. penès* Ric. Chamberlein *ar.*

p *Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.*

q *MS. in Scac.*

r *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 60. *b.*

Chilvers Coton.
Armes in the windows of the Church.



1. Stafford of Grafton.
2. England
3. Sudley.
4. Botoler.
5. Revell.

	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Langt.f. 34.*b.*		*D. Will. de Knychtcote Cap.* 14.*Cal.Jan.*1308.
Ib.f. 37.*b.*		*Rob.de Herdwyk Pbr.* 11 *Cal. Jan.*1311.
*Ib.f.*38.*b.*		*D.Steph.de Stocton Pbr.* 4. *Id.Sept.*1314.
*Northb. f.*33.*b.*		*Will. de Merſhton Cap.* 6. *Cal. Maii* 1339.
*Stret.f.*10.*a*		*Will. del Hull Pbr.* 13 *Cal. Sept.*1361.
*Ib.f.*22.*a.*		*Joh.de Sampſon Pbr.* 3. *Id. Feb.*1373.
*Sk.f.*9.*b.*		*Joh. Parker Pbr.*4. *Nov.* 1394.
Burgh.f. 34.*a:*	*Prior & Conv.de Erdburie.*	*Will. de Deene Cap.* 24. *Jan.* 1413.
*Heyw.f.*30. *a.*		*Joh. Cooke Cap.* 9. *Apr.* 1433.
*Ib.f.*33.*a.*		*Frater. Will. de Woodcote Canon.de Erdbury* 28 *Martii* 1435.
*Bo.f.*13.*a.*		*Joh. Lolleworth Cap.*1. *Apr.* 1452.
*Bowl.f.*21. *a.*		*Will. Outelade Cap.*26. *Sept.* 1454.
*Ib.f.*141.*a.*		*Amias Halghton Pbr.* 26. *Oct.* 1494.
*Bl.f.*7.*b.*		*D. Joh. Keldermore Canon.* 21 *Maii* 1521.
*Sampſ.& B f.*10.*a.*	*Phil. & M. Rex & Regina.*	*Henr. Wylkins Cler* 14. *Maii* 1557.
*Ib.f.*30.*b.*		*Will. Pate Cler.* 21. *Nov.* 1561.
*Ib.f.*45.*b.*	*D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.*	*Hugo Conwey Cler.* 30. *Martii* 1574.
Ib.		*Joh. Aſhby Cler.* 17. *Aug.* 1574.
Overton bund.E.		*Ric.Tayler Cler.*1. *Dec.*1591.
Ib.bund.F.		*Arth. Oldame Cler.* 1. *Martii* 1603.
Morton bund.incert.	*Jacobus Rex.*	*Joh. Malen in art. Bac.* 12. *Sept.* 1621.

Griffe.

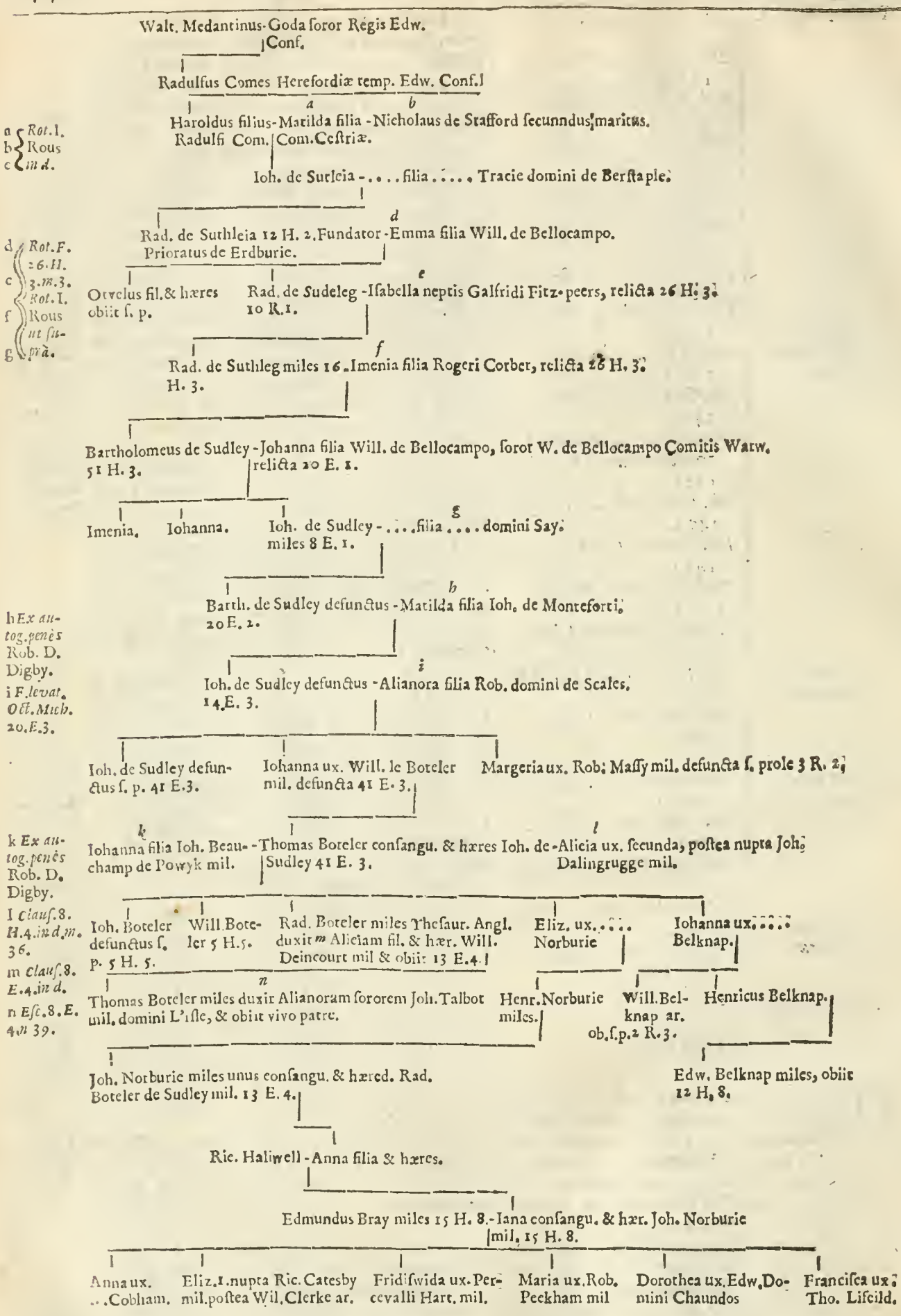
OF this place there is no particular mention in the Conqrs. Survey, it being then involved with **Chilverſcoton**, and poſſeſt by *Harold*, the ſon of *Raphe* Earl of **Hereford**; whoſe poſteritie took the ſirname of *Sudley*, yet ſometimes made their reſidence here. Whil'ſt the male line of which Family laſted, it continued theirs; but afterwards came to *Boteler*, *Norbury*, and *Bray*, ſucceſſively, as the Deſcent on the next page inſerted will ſhew.

This *Raph* Earl of **Hereford**, was ſon [c] to *Walter de Maunt*, by *Goda* ſiſter to K. *Edw.* the Confeſſor; but of him there is little obſerveable, other than his puſillanimitie, whereby he ſuffered [t] the Citie and Countie of **Hereford** to become a prey to the VVelch, in the year 1055. (13 *Edw.* Conf.) It ſeems that he was diſpoſſeſt of his Earldome, in the firſt year of K. *Will.* the Conqrs. reign; for *Will. fitz Osberne* then had it conferred [u] upon him; but found favour to enjoy ſome of his inheritance, which deſcended to *Harold*, his ſon [w]; whereof this Lordſhip was part. To this *Harold* ſucceeded *John*, firnamed *de Sutlei* (from his reſidence at **Sudley** *in com. Glouc.*) Of whom I have ſeen no more mention, than that he was a witneſs [x] to the Charter of *Margaret* Counteſs of **Warwick** (widow to Earl *Henry*) made in K. *Stephen's* time to the Canons of **Kenilworth**. And to *John*, ſucceeded *Raphe*, who gave [y] divers lands lying in **Herdwike** (*juxta* **Derſet**) to the Knights *Templars*, as alſo founded [z] the Priorie of **Erdburie**, adjoyning to this Lordſhip, and left iſſue, *Otvel*, [a] and *Raphe* [b]; which *Raphe*, by his brother's death, became heir to the eſtate, and reſiding here at **Griffe**, had a peculiar Chapell in his Manour-houſe, wherein he had a ſpeciall Licenſe from [c] the Canons of **Erdburie**, to have divine ſervice celebrated, at ſuch time onely, as himſelf or his heirs, their wives, or mothers, ſhould be perſonally there preſent, excepting *Chriſtmaſs*-day, *Eaſter-day*, *Whitſunday*, *All Saints-day*, *Candlemaſs-day*, and the Feaſt-day of the Church its *Dedication*, on which there ſhould be no ſolemnitie kept therein, unleſs by ſpeciall Licenſe obtained; and that in caſe of their disabilitie to come unto the Mother-Church, by reaſon of ſickneſs or other good cauſe: And provided that all Oblations made in the ſaid Chapell, ſhould be delivered to the Vicar of **Chilverdeſcote**, for the time being, ſo that no indempnitie thereby, nor in any thing elſe might accrue to the ſaid Mother-Church of **Chilverdeſcote** by means of the ſaid Chapell.

VVhich *Raphe* had iſſue *Raphe*, concerning whom I have no more to ſay, than of his marriage and death, and therein, for brevities ſake, do refer my ſelf to the Pedegree. To this laſt *Raphe*, ſucceeded * Sir *Barth de Sudle* Kt. who in 54 *H.* 3. being conſtituted [d] Shiriff of **Hereford**-ſhire and Governour of **Hereford**-Caſtle. and in 7 *E.* 1. a Juſtice [e] of Aſſize in this Countie, gave [f] the Monks of **Stoneley** leave to incloſe two toſts in **Radway**; and by *Joan* his wife, daughter [g] to *Will. de Beauchamp* of **Elmeley** (ſiſter to *William*, the firſt Earl of **Warwick** of that name) left iſſue [h] Sir *John de Suthley* Kt. aged about *xxiiii.* years at his Father's death; which *Joane* was interred [i] in the Conventuall Church at **Erdburie** before ſpecified; for the health of whoſe ſoul, did *Walt. de Langton* Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** in 13 *E.* 2. grant a ſpeciall Indulgence [k], releaſing *XL.* days of their enjoyned Penance, to all ſuch as ſhould, with a devout mind, ſay a *Pater noſter*, and an *Ave*, for the health of her ſoul; and the ſouls of all the faithfull deceaſed.

VVhich Sir *John* in 13 *E.* 1. claimed [l] a **Court Leet** here, with Aſſize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, *Infangthef*, Tumbrell, *Weyf*, and **Free-warren**; as alſo to be quit of Murther, and ſuit to the Countie and Hundred Courts; exhibiting K. *H.* 3. Charter for the **Free-warren**, and pleading Preſcription for the reſt: All which were allowed [m], excepting his immunitie for Murther, foraſmuch as he ought to partake with the Hundred therein. And in 15 *E.* 1. had the King's ſpeciall Licenſe [n] to travail beyond Sea. In 26 of that King's reign, he was, with other great men ſummoned [o] to be at **Karleol**, on *Whitſon-Eve*, well fitted with Horſe and Armes to go into **Scotland**; and was ſummoned [p] to Parliament, amongſt the Barons, from 28 *E.* 1. till 13 *E.* 2. incluſive, having been a liberall Benefactor to the Canons of **Erdburg**, by granting [q] them certain lands, and paſturage

x *Regiſt.de* Kenilw. *p.* 19.
y *Ex cod. MS. in Officio Arm.* [*L.* 17.] *f.*148. *a.*
z *MS. penès* S.A. *eq.aur.f.* 34.*a.*
a *Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.*
b *Rot.P.*10 *R.*1.*Glouc.*
c *Ex autog. penès* Ric. Newdigate *ar.*
* Gim. *j.* 11.*b.*
d *Rot.F.*54. *H.*3.*m.*9.
e *Pat.*7.*E.* 1.*in d.*
f *Cart.*19. *E.*2.*n.*6. *per.Inſp.*
g *Rot.* I. Rous.
h *Eſc.*8.*E.* 1.*n.*7.
i *Ex autog.*
k *penès præf:* R.N.
l *Rot.de Quo*
m *W.*
n *Pat.*15. *E.*1.*m.*2.
o *Clauſ.*26. *E.*1.*in d.m.* 6.
p *Clauſ. de iiſd.anniz d.*
q *Pat.*11. *E.*2.*p.*2.*m.* 10.
t *W. Malm. f.*45.*b. n.*10.
u *R.Hoved. f.*258.*a.n.* 10.
w *Domeſd. lib.*



a Rot. 1. Rous in d.
b Rot. 1. Rous in d.
c Rot. 1. Rous in d.
d Rot. F. 26. H. 3. m. 3.
e Rot. 1. Rous ut supra.
f Rot. 1. Rous ut supra.
g Rot. 1. Rous ut supra.
h Ex autog. penès Rob. D. Digby.
i F. levat. Oct. Mich. 20. E. 3.
k Ex autog. penès Rob. D. Digby.
l Clauſ. 8. H. 4. in d. m. 36.
m Clauſ. 8. E. 4. in d.
n Esc. 8. E. 4. n. 39.

pasturage for Cattell, in **Dorset**, **Radway**, and **Chelverscote**: But after 20 *E.* 2. I have not found any more mention of him; neither of *John* his grandchild, *scil.* son of *Bartholmew*, is there much to be sayd, who died [r] in 14 *E.* 3. leaving *John* his son and heir little more than a twelve month old: which last *John* departed [s] this world without issue in 41 *E.* 3. whereupon *Thomas Boteler*, son of Sir *Will. Boteler* of **Wemme**, by *Joane* eldest daughter to the last *Bartholmew*, and *Margerie* her sister, afterwards married to Sir *Robert Massy* Kt. became his Cosins and next [t] heirs.

r Esc. 14. E. 3. n. 9.
s Esc. 41. E. 3. n. 14.

This *Thomas Boteler* was a Kt. [u] in 9 *R.* 2. To whom succeeded, as heir [w] to his Mother Sir *Raphe Boteler* Kt. a man eminently imployed, and highly advanced, as I shall forthwith shew: For, having in 8 *H.* 6. served [x] the King, with *xx* men at Armes and *Lx.* Archers in his personall expedition

u Ex autog. penès Rob. D. Digby.
w Mich. Fin. Relev. 23. H. 6.
x Ex autog. penès Cler. Pell.

on for **France**, he was in 20 *H.* 6. created [y] Baron of **Sudley**, with an Annuitie of *CC.* marks *per an.* to himself and his heirs, for the better support of that dignitie; and became soon after Lord [z] Tresurer of **England**: But in that Office he continued not long; for in 28 *H.* 6. he was retained by Indenture [a], to serve the King for five years, as Governour of the Cittadell at **Calais** with .... men at Armes on Horseback, *xxix* men at Armes on foot, and *xx* Archers, all able men of war, taking for himself *ii* s. *per diem*, for his men at Arms on foot *viii* d. and for his Archers vi *d.* besides the speciall Fee of *C* s. the quarter for himself: And immediatly thereupon, being made the King's Lieutenant of that Town, covenanted [b] for the defence and safeguard thereof, and the Marches adjoyning, to keep *C.* men at Arms, over and above the number before specified, and *DCCCC.* Archers, for a quarter of a year, taking for his men at Arms *xii* d. a man, and his Archers *vi* d. besides the reward accustomed.

And was in so great esteem with the Canons of **Erdburie**, for his munifence to them, in sundry wise; but specially in procuring [c] for them the Appropriation of the Church at **Leyth** in **Lancashire** (dated 15 *Jan.* 28 *H.* 6.) that, in consideration thereof, they did by their publick Instrument [d], ordeign, that two of their Covent, should every day celebrate divine service in that Monasterie, for the health of his soul, appointing particular Masses for each day of the week, binding themselves and their successors to observe his *Anniversarie*, after his decease, with *Placebo*, *Dirige*, and *Masse of Requiem*; and to spend *vi* s. *viii* d. yearly on the day of his said *Anniversarie* in their Covent, by way of Pittance, over and above their usuall allowance. After which, *viz.* in 30 *H.* 6. he had a speciall Pardon [e] granted to him, for all offences, whereby any advantage might be taken against him, in respect of his great and generall imployments: in which pardon his particular services to King *H.* 5. aswell as to the said K *H.* 6. in **France**, and in the Dutchie of **Normandie**, even from his very youth, are gratefully acknowledg'd: For he had been [f] Lord Tresurer, and Chamberlain to K. *H.* 6. and Standard-bearer and chief Butler of **England**, as also Knight of the Garter, and Steward of his Household.

But after this, I find no more of him till his death, which hapned 2 *Maii* 13 *E.* 4. where it appears [g], that *John Norburie* and *Will. Belknap* were his cosins and heirs (for Sir *Thomas Boteler*, his son, died [h] before him without issue) So that this Mannour came at length (*inter alia*) by Partition [i] made 15 *Maii* 11 *H.* 7. to Sir *John Norburie*; and so by *Jane* his grandchild and heir to Sir *Edmund Bray*; which *Jane* died [k] seized thereof 24 *Aug.* in the last year of Q. *Maries* reign, leaving severall daughters and heirs (as the Descent before inserted sheweth) whereof *Frances* married to *Thomas Lifeild*; who, by the name of *Thomas Lifeild* of **Stoke**-*Dabernon in com. Sur.* Esq. together with the said *Frances* his wife, did by his Deed [l] of bargain and sale, Dated 7 *Maii* 3 *Eliz.* in consideration of 1050 *l.* sell and convey it, unto *John Giffard* of **Chillington** *in com. Staff.* Esq. whose grandchild (*sc. Peter* son of *Walter Giffard*) in our memorie, passed the Mannour, consisting of a Royaltie and certain chief Rents, to Sir *John Newdigate* of **Erdburie** Kt. and the Demesns, to certain persons in trust, for the use of *Thomas* Lord *Coventre*, late Lord Keeper of the great Seal of **England**: So that at this day, the said Mannour is now enjoyed by *Ric. Newdigate* Sergeant at Law, son to the same Sir *John*; and the demesns by the Lord *Coventre*, son and heir to the said Lord Keeper.

[y] *Pat.* 20. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 9.
[z] *F. de div. com. levat. Oct. Purif.* 23. *H.* 6.
[a] *Ex autog. penes Cler. Pell.*
[b] *Ex autog. penes Cler. Pell.*
[c] *Ex autog penes* Ric Newdigate *ar.*
[d] *Ex autog penes* Ric Newdigate *ar.*
[e] *Pat.* 30. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 23.
[f] *Ex Rot.* 1. Rous *in d.*
[g] *Esc.* 13. *E.* 4 *n.* 58.
[h] *Esc.* 8. *E.* 4. *n.* 39.
[i] *Claus.* 13. *H.* 7.
[k] *Esc.* 1. Eliz.
[l] *Claus.* 3. Eliz. *in d. F. levat.* 3. *sept. Trin* 3. Eliz.

The Priorie of Erdburie.

WIthin the precincts of **Chilverscoton** Parish, stood the Monasterie of **Erdburie**, built in K. *Henry* 2. time, by *Raphe de Sudley*, for *Canons Regular* of St. *Augustine*; the Foundation Charter whereof, I never saw: but do conceive, that the substance wherewith he at first endowed it, was as followeth; *viz.* the Church of **Chelverdescote**, with two yard land belonging thereto; as also six yard land, and a Wood there, reputed for half a hide, ten Acres of land lying in *Broadmedow*, and a place called the **Breche** at **Whitemore**, with certain messuages, and half a VVood called the **Hudells**: And besides this, with some lands and a meadow at **Sulingfen**, together with the Church of **Dercet**, and *CC.* acres of land, lying in one of **Dercet** fields: As also ten Acres of Meadow, half a yard land there, then held by one *Fulk*, and a Messuage for barning: And at **Radway** with one hide of land, as by his grant [n] appeareth. Giving thereby likewise to these his Canons, sufficient timber for their buildings, and fuel for fire, to be taken upon all occasions throughout his demesn Woods; and libertie for their Hoggs therein, without any thing to be rendred for paunage. All which he confirmed to them for the health of his soul, and for the soul of *Emme* his wife, *Otwell* his son and heir, and other his Children, his Father's soul also, and all his Ancestors.

Besides this, they had [o] antiently the Church of **Weston** *subtus* **Wethele**, given to them, but by whom I have not seen: yet so it hapned, that for want of good government, they at length, totally in a manner, deserted their Rule; insomuch as *Alex. de Savensby*, Bishop of this Dioceses, shortly after the beginning of *H.* 3. reign, wrote an earnest Letter [o] to the Abbot of **Derley** (in **Derbyshire**) desiring that he would send some of his Covent thither, for a time, for the better instructing, and guiding them therein. The substance of what they had from other Benefactors, was as followeth; One yard land in **Shirefold**, granted [p] by *Robert de Chartres*, and confirmed by *Raphe* his son, who added [q] ten acres more thereto, of his own gift. In **Dercet** a certain meadow, called *Radwey-brok*, with the amerciaments of all their Tenants, as also Common of pasture for eight Oxen, within that Lordship, given [r] by *John de Sudley*, son and heir to Sir *Bartholmew* about the 31th. of *E.* 1. Which *John*, in 11 *E.* 2. added [s] two Messuages, one toft, eight acres of land, seven acres of meadow, and *vii* s. *viii* d. yearly Rent, lying within the said Lordship of **Dercet** and **Chelverscote**.

After which, *viz.* in 15 *E.* 3. they obtained [t] a Messuage and *xxxvi.* acres of land in **Wolvey**, of Sir *Thomas de Astley* Kt. towards the support of one Canon, to celebrate divine Service daily in this Priorie, for the good estate of him the said Sir *Thomas*, and *Eliz.* his wife, *Alice de Wolvey*,

[m] *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*
[n] *Ex autog. in Curia Augm.*
[o] *Ex vet. Cod. MS. penes* S. Roper *ar.*
[p] *Exautog. penes* [q] *praef.* [r] Newdigate.
[q] *Exautog. penes* [r] *praef.* Newdigate.
[r] *Exautog. penes* [q] *praef.* Newdigate.
[s] *Pat.* 11. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10.
[t] *Pat.* 15. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 6.

and *Andrew de Aſtley*, during this life, and for their ſouls afterwards. And in 1 *H.* 5. did they purchaſe[u] of *Will. Boteler* and *Will. Babington*, *xx.* Meſſuages and one toft, four yard land, a fourth part and ſix acres, with *ii s. i d. ob.* Rent, lying in **Nun Eaton**, **Attleborough**, **Wyken How**, **Coventre**, **Hyde**, and **Chilverſcote**; as alſo the reverſion[w] of the Mannour of **Stockingford**, from the Canons of **Leiceſter**, after the death of *Hugh de Lilburne*. And being then grown wealthy by ſo fair an enlargement of their poſſeſſions, in 23 *H.* 6. they procured Licenſe[x] from *Raphe Boteler* then Lord **Sudley** (of whoſe patronage the ſaid Priorie was) to buy other lands of *C.* marks *per an.* value: whereupon, the year next enſuing, they acquired[y] the Advouſon of the Rectorie of **Weſtleigh** in **Lancaſhire**, from *Will.* Lord *Lovell*: ſo that, by the Survey[z] taken in 26 *H.* 8. the whole yearly revenue then belonging to this Religious Houſe, was eſteemed at *Cxxii l. viii s. viii d.*

u Pat. 1. H. 5. p. 1. m. 12.
w
x Pat. 23. H. 6. p. 2. m. 21.
y Pat. 24. H. 6. p. 1. m. 27.
z MS. penès S. A. eq. aur.
a
b f. 34. a.

Out of which, *xvi s. viii d.* being deducted[a] for keeping the *Anniverſarie* of the Lord *Sudley*, the Founder, *xl s.* for the *Obit* and *Anniverſarie* of the Lord *Lovell*; *xlvi s. viii d.* for the Fee of *John Dabridgcourt* High Steward of their lands; *Lii s. iiii d.* to *Will. Wigſton* Receiver generall; and other diſburſements, which in the totall, with theſe now mentioned, came to *xxviii l. ii s. v d. per an.* the cleer remainder[b] amounted to *XCiiii l. vi s. i d.* by reaſon whereof, it was expoſed to diſſolution with the other ſmall Houſes in 27 *H.* 8. *William Clement* being then[c] Prior, who had an Annuitie[d] of *xx* marks *per an.* by Patent allowed him during life. But in the Crown it continued not long; for in 30 *H.* 8. did *Charles Brandon* Duke of **Suff.** obtain[e] it, together with a multitude more of Monaſterie lands, by which means the ſite thereof, with ſome part of the demeſn lands thereto belonging, came in partition[f] to *Margaret*, wife of *John Kerſey*, one of the coheirs to the ſaid D. of **Suff.** Which *John* ſold[g] the ſame to Sir *Edm. Anderſon* Kt. chief Juſtice of the Common Pleas in Q. *Eliz.* time; who totally demoliſhing the old fabrick of the Houſe, and Church, built out of their ruins a very fair ſtructure, in a quadrangular form; and having ſo done, in 28 *Eliz.* paſt[h] it away unto *John Newdigate* of **Yerſeſlo** *in Com. Midd.* Eſq. great grandchild to *John Newdigate* Sergeant at Law, in K. *H.* 8. time (deſcended by a younger branch, from the antient Family of *Newdigate*, of **Newdigate** in **Surrey**) in exchange for his ſaid Mannour of **Yerſeild**. Which *John*, by *Martha* daughter and coheir to *Anthony Cave* Eſq. had iſſue Sir *John Newdigate* Kt. who by *Anne*, one of the daughters to S r *Edw. Fitton* of **Gollworth** in **Cheſhire**, left iſſue two ſons, *viz. John* and *Richard*; which *Richard* (now Sergeant at Law) as heir to his Brother, is the preſent owner hereof.

c Ex Regiſt. in Curia Augm.
d
e Pat. 30. H. 8. p. 8.
f Rec. de T. Hill.
g 14. Eliz.
h Ex autog. penès præf. R. N.

Priores de Erdburie.

Langt. f. 39. b.

Stret. f. 27. a.

Heyw. f. 38. a.

Conſtituti per Epiſc. Cov. & Lich.

- *Frater will. de Bloxham 6 Cal. Apr. 1315.*
- *Rob. de Merſton.*
- *Will. de Hulls 17 Cal. Nov. 1380.*
- *Frater Will. Catton Canon. Priorat. de Greſley 8 Oct. 1439.*
- *Will. Woodcock.*
- *Joh. Bromley Canon. 5 Sept. 1456.* — Bowl. f. 23. b.
- *Frater Thomas Dawkyn Prior de Calwich, penult. Apr. 1507.* — Bl. f. 10. b.
- *Frater Will. Clement 23 Oct. 1512.* — Ib. f. 11. a.

Manceter.

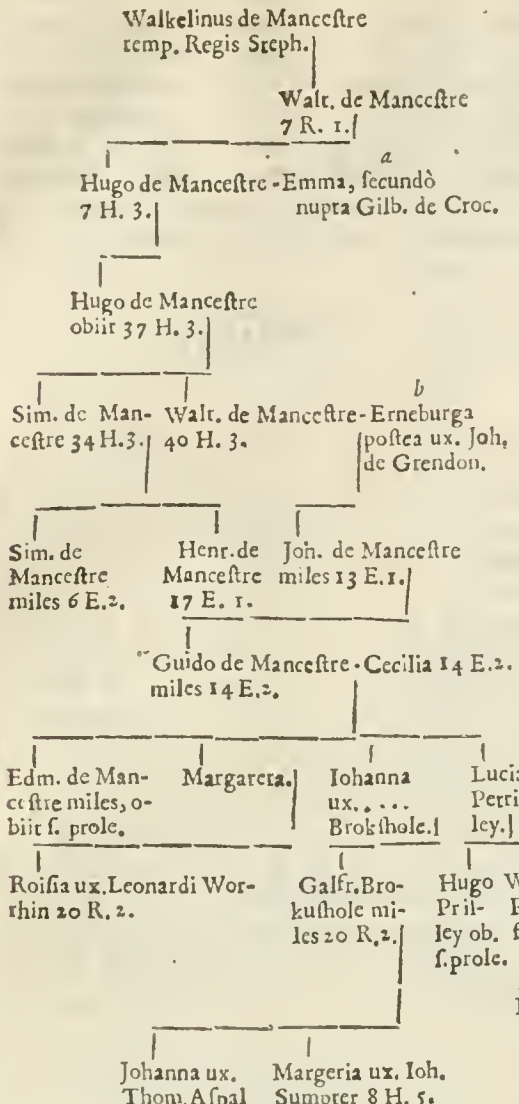
DEſcending lower on this ſide the River **Anker**, I come next to **Manceter**, heretofore a Romane ſtation, as the forme of that entrenchment, through which the great Way called **Watling ſtreet** paſſeth, doth manifeſt, where divers coynes of ſilver and braſs have been, by digging and plowing, frequently brought to light: but now it is no more than an ordinary Countrey-Village, containing **Partſhill**, **Oldburie**, and **Atherſton**, within its pariſh. That the name originally proceeded from the condition of the place, which was fortified, the later ſyallable doth ſufficiently manifeſt, **Ceaſtre** (but antiently **Ceaſtre**) importing the ſame in our old Engliſh, as *Caſtrum* doth: but perhaps the firſt ſyllable **Man**, may be Britiſh, in which language it ſignifieth *exiguum* or *parvum*, as 'tis like this Fortification was.

In the Conq[rs]. Survey, there is no mention at all thereof, it being involved with **Atherſton**: but as the reſt of thoſe lands, whereof the Counteſs *Godeva* (of whom in **Coventre** I have ſpoke) was poſſeſt in *Edw.* the Conf[rs]. days, came to the firſt *Hugh* Earl of **Cheſter**, ſo doubtleſs did this: by whom, or his Kinſman and ſucceſſor, *Ranulph*, there is no queſtion, but that *Walt. de Haſtings* (of whom I have made mention in **Fillongley**) was enfeoft; and that from him, *Walkeline*, who aſſumed it for his ſirname, in reſpect of his reſidence here, originally had it: For though we have little light to diſcover the paſſages of theſe elder times, the grant of lands being then not frequently by Charter (as I have elſewhere obſerved) yet from what is manifeſted by divers[i] Records, in reference to the tenure, no leſs than what I have ſayd, may cleerly be inferred. The male deſcendants of which *VValkeline* till *E.* 3. time, continued Lords thereof, but then by heirs Female other Families enjoy'd it, as I ſhall forthwith ſhew.

Teſta de N. *Cartul. Warw. Com. f.* 186. *b. Eſc.* 18. E 2. *n.* 83.
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But of this *VValkeline de Manceſtre*, I have ſeen no more, than that he was witneſs[k] to a Charter, by which *Rob. Marmion* gave to the Nuns of **Poleswoꝛth**, the Church of **Quinton** *in com. Glouc.* about the beginning of K. *H.* 2. time; and that he confirmed[l] **Oldbury** to the ſaid Nuns of **Poleswoꝛth**, which *VValter de Haſtings* originally gave to them. To which Nuns was *Hugh de Manceſtre* (grandchild to the ſaid *VValkeline*) alſo a Benefactor, by granting[m] unto them ſome ſpeciall favours concerning their Mill at **Oldburie**. To whom ſucceeded *Hugh*, his ſon and[n] heir, who in 29. 30. 31. and 32 *H.* 3. was one[o] of the Juſtices for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**; and in 36 *H.* 3. obtained a ſpeciall Charter[p] of **Free-Warren** in all his demeſn lands here, for which he gave[q] *xi.* marks: At which time he was[r] one of the Coroners for this Countie; and the next year after, being made[s] Eſchaetor,

k Ex autog. penès T. Corbin gen.
l Ex autog. penès Fr. Nether-ſole eq. aur.
m
n F. levat. xv. Hill. 16. H. 3.
o Pat. de iiſd. an. in d
p Cart. 36. H. 3. m. 27.
q Rot. F. 36. H. 3. m. 22.
r Clauſ. 36. H. 3. m. 31.
s Clauſ. 37. H. 3. m. 3.



a F. levat. menſ. Hill. 16. H. 3.

b F. levat. 3. ſeptim. Paſch. 40. H. 3.

tor, departed [c] this life, leaving iſſue *Walter* and *Simon*: which *Simon* ſetled [u] himſelf within the Lordſhip of **Tanworth**, where a certain large moated place (though the buildings be gone) beareth yet the name of his habitation; and had iſſue [w] Sir *Simon de Manceſtre* Kt. who in 6 *E.* 2. was [x] one of the Knights for this Countie in the Parl. then held at **Weſtminſter**, and gave for diſtinction [y] in his Armes, from thoſe of the elder Houſe, *three Lions upon the Bend.*

c *Clauſ.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.

u *Ex autog. penès* S.A. *eq. aur.*

w *Ex autog. penès* Will. Somervile *ar.*

x *Clauſ.* 6. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 5.

y *Ex autog. penès præſ.* S.A.

Of which *Walter* I find little memorable: But to him ſucceeded Sir *John de Manceſtre* Kr. who in 13 *E.* 1. covenanted [z] to diſcharge the Nuns of **Poleswoꝛth** from any Scutage in reſpect of their lands ſituate here in **Manceter** and **Oldburie**; and about that time, claimed [a] a **Court Leet**, by Preſcription, within this Mannour, as alſo **Free-warren** by virtue of K. *Henrye's* grant made to *Hugh* his grandfather, both which were allowed. In 16 *E.* 1. he was with the King's Armie in that Welch expedition, under the conduct [b] of *Edmund* Earl of **Cornwall**, bearing for his Armes [c] *varrè Arg. and Sable, with a Bend gules*; and left iſſue [d] Sir *Guy de Manceſtre* Kt. and he Sir *Edmund* [e], who altered his Armes, *engrailing* [f] *the Bend*; but dying without iſſue, left the inheritance of this Lordſhip to the Children of his three ſiſters, by which means it came to be divided, and ſcattered: For having iſſue [g] *Roſe* (the eldeſt) wife of *Leonard VVorthyn*, from whom deſcended [h] Sir *Thomas Holt* of **Gyſleburge** *in Com. Lanc.* Kt. the ſaid Sir *Thomas* ſold [i] his third part, to one *Robert Greene* of **Atherſton**; of which *Robert* it was purchaſed [k] by *Thomas Ludford* of **Anſley** Gent. whoſe poſteritie enjoy it (as I think) at this day.

z *Ex autog. penès præſ.* Fr. N.

a *Rot. de Quo. W.*

b T. Walſ. *p.* 1. *n.* 10.

c *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.

d *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*

e } *Ex autog. penès D.*
f } *& Cap.* Lich.

g *Plac. coram R. term. Trin.* 20. R. 2. *rot.* 36.

h } *Ex col.*
i } W.
k } Burton
l } *ar.*

To *Geffrey Brokuſhole*, ſon of *Geffrey*, who wedded the ſecond, ſucceeded [l] *Joane* the wife of *Thomas Aſpall*, and *Margerie* the wife of *John Sumpter*, as daughters and heirs, whoſe third part came ere long, to *VVill. Harper*, *Nich. Rouley* (both of this place) and *Thomas Arblaſter* of **Longdon** *in Com. Staff.* Eſq. for in 10 *H.* 6. they were joyntly [m] poſſeſt of it: but made partition thereof as it ſeems; for *Thomas Harper* (the laſt of that name, that had to do here) ſold [n] his ſhare to *John Glover* of **Barterley**, in whoſe line it ſtill continues, the Mannour houſe being part of it. But *Rouley's* and *Arblaſter's* came [o] to *Thomas Lewes* Gent. in *Edw.* 6. time, of whoſe great-grandchild *George*, did *VVill. Cumberford* of **Cumberford** *in Com. Staff. Eſq.* of late time purchaſe it. And *Prilley's*, by *Anne* the daughter [p] and heir of *Edm. Prilley* in *H.* 6. time, to .... *VVaver*, in marriage; whoſe grandſon *Ric. VVaver* in 7 *H.* 7. ſold [q] it to *Ric. Cave* of **Stanford** *in Com. Northampt.* Which *Richard*, by his Deed [r] bearing date 20 *Julii* 9 *H.* 8. paſt it with certain lands in **Dorſtell**, **Kingsburie**, and **Nun-Eaton** in this Countie, as alſo in **Swinford** and **Forton** *in Com. Leic.* unto *VVill. Filding* of **Newnham** Eſq. in exchange for divers lands in **Stormyswoꝛth** in the ſaid Countie of **Leic.**

l *Clauſ.* 8. *H.* 5. *m.* 13.

m *Rot. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

n *Ex Coll. præf.* W. B.

o *F levat. T. Paſch.* 4. *E.* 6.

p } *Ex Col.*
q } *ejuſdem* W. B.

r *Ex autog. penès* Baſil. *Com.* Denbigh.

Of whoſe great grandchild, *viz. Baſill Filding* Eſq. did *Alice* Lady *Dudley*, wife to Sir *Robert Dudley* Kt. about the twentith year of K. *James* his reign, purchaſe [s] it; cauſing a conveiance to be made thereof to the ſaid King, and to be enrolled in the Chancerie; to the intent [t] that his Majeſtie ſhould regrant the ſame to the then Incumbents, of **Manceter**, **Leke-Wootton**, **Aſhow**, **Kenilworth**, **Monkskirby**, and **Stonley**, for the augmentation of thoſe ſmall Vicaridges xx *l. per an.* a piece: which was accordingly done, with *proviſo* that the Patentees and their ſucceſſors, ſhould preach one Sermon every Sunday throughout the year, and upon every Whitſunday, a ſpeciall Sermon, in commemoration of the ſaid Ladie *Dudley*, and *Aleezia* her daughter, then deceaſed; who by her laſt Will and Teſtament, bequeathed moſt of her eſtate unto her ſaid Mother, to be imployed to ſuch uſes as ſhe ſhould think fit. To each of which Churches, this pious Ladie alſo gave a fair proportion of plate to be uſed at the Communion.

s } *Pat.* 20.
t } Iac.

The Church, was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [u] at *xxii.* marks, the advouſon whereof in 28 *H.* 6. did the Monks of **Mereval** purchaſe [w] from the then Lords of this Mannour (*ſc. Thomas Arblaſter* the elder and *Alice* his wife, *Anne* the widow of *Thomas Porter*, *Rob. Armeburgh* Eſq. *Reginald Armeburgh*, *Clem. Draper*, *Joan* the Widow of *VVill. Harper*, and *Raphe Holt* and *Elene* his wife:) whereupon the Appropriation [x] of it ſoon enſued, by *VVill. Booth* then Biſhop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** the yearly *Penſion* of xiii *s.* iiii *d.* to him the ſaid Biſhop and his ſucceſſors, and iiii *s.* iiii *d.* to the Archdeacon of **Coventre** being reſerved: As alſo a Vicaridge endowed [y]; which Vicaridge in 26 *H.* 8. was valued [z] at x *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d. per an.*

u *MS. in Scac.*

w *Pat.* 28. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 14.

x } Bothe
y } *f.* 61. *a.*

z *MS. penes* S.A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

	Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 5. b.	Joh. de Manceſtre miles.	Hugo de Stanford Cler. 1287.
	Rob. de Herle.	Joh. de Herle. ſubdiac. 14. Cal. Apr. 1298.
Northb. f. 27. b.	D. Guido de Manceſtre miles.	Rog. de Crophull Pbr. 11. Cal. Apr. 1333.
Ib. f. 48. b.		Ric. de Bulcote 15 Cal. Aug. 1349.
Ib. f. 50. a.	D. Edm. de Manceſtre miles.	Ric. de Gybbeſmore Cap. Cal. Aug. 1349.
Sk. f. 8. a.	D. Galf. Brochull miles, Petr. Prilley, & Leonardus Worthyn.	Will. Brynklow Pbr. xxii. Junii 1392.
Heyw. f. 9. a.	D. Epiſc. per lapſ.	The. Heton Cler. 10 Nov. 1432.
	Patroni Vicariæ.	
Bo. f. 10. a.	D. Epiſc. hac vice.	Joh. Mounford, alias Barbour Pbr. 20 Feb. 1449.
Bl. f. 6. b.		Magr. Rob. Whitinton 21. Aug. 1514.
Ib. f. 17. b.	Abbas & Conv. de Merevale.	D. Rob. Barfot 14. Oct. 1530.
Str. & P. f. 15. b.		Thomas Allrad Cap. 1. Junii 1538.
Sampſ. & E. f. 1. a.	Anna Hyll de Atherſton.	Thomas Smyth Cler. 9 Nov. 1553.
Ib. f. 46. a.	D. Eliz. Regina.	Wilfridus Roſſe Cler. 26. Aug. 1574.
Morton band. incert	Jacobus Rex.	Ric. Abell Cler. Art. Mag. 31 Julii 1622.

The Chantrie.

IN 37 *H.* 6. the Abbot and Covent of **Merevale** founded [a] a *Chantrie* at the Altar of the holy Trinitie, within this Church, for one Prieſt to celebrate divine ſervice daylie thereat, for the ſoul of K. *H.* 6. after his departure out of this life, and for the ſouls of *Thomas Slawteley*, *Alice* and *Catherine* his wives, and all the faithfull deceaſed: The lands belonging whereunto, lying in **Whittington** and **Atherſton**, were in 26 *H.* 8. valued [b] at vi *l.* vii *s.* iii *d. per an.* over and above all repriſes; and in [c] 37 *H.* 8. at vi *l.* x *s.* ii *d. ob.*

[a] *Pat.* 37. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 10.

[b] *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

[c] *Ex alio MS. penès eund.* S. A. *f.* 11. *b.*

The Gild.

THis was likewiſe founded [d] in the ſaid 37th. year of K. *H.* 6. at the inſtance of *John Riggeley* then Abbot of **Merevale**, and did conſiſt of divers men & women, Inhabitants of **Atherſton** & this Pariſh of **Manceter**; who were every year upon *Trinitie-Sunday*, to chooſe amongſt themſelves, for the better rule and government of that Fraternitie, two Maſters: unto which *Gild* did belong one Prieſt to celebrate divine ſervice at the Altar of the bleſſed Virgin, in this Church of **Manceter**, for the good eſtate of the ſaid K. *H.* 6. and his Queen during this life, and for their ſouls afterwards; as alſo for the good eſtate of all the Brethren and Siſters of the ſaid Fraternitie. Which Prieſt ſo ſerving there, had in 26 *H.* 8. a Stipend [e] of vi *l. per an.* allowed unto him: but in 37 *H.* 8. all the lands belonging thereto, were valued [f] at x *l.* x *s.* out of which *xx s.* was yearly given to poor people.

[d] *Pat.* 37. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 10.

[e] *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

[f] *Ex alio MS. penès eund.* S. A. *f.* 11. *b.*

Manceter
In the east window of the North Ile.



1 Crophull
2 Manceter

Hartſhill.

THis place is joyned with **Anſley** in the Conqtrs. Survey [g], where it appears, that both of them were then eſteemed for two hides, and valued at C *s.* being then fermed out by the King, together with **Coventre**; and with **Manceter** (doubtleſs) came to the Earl of **Cheſter**; for it appears [h], that it was held of thoſe Earls and their heirs; and that one *Hugh* was the firſt that ſeated himſelf here, aſſuming [i] this place for his ſirname, having a fair Mannour houſe, ſituate with very much advantage for defence, *viz.* at the utmoſt point of a ridge that ſtretcheth itſelf betwixt two deep and narrow Vallies, and had the reputation of a Caſtle,

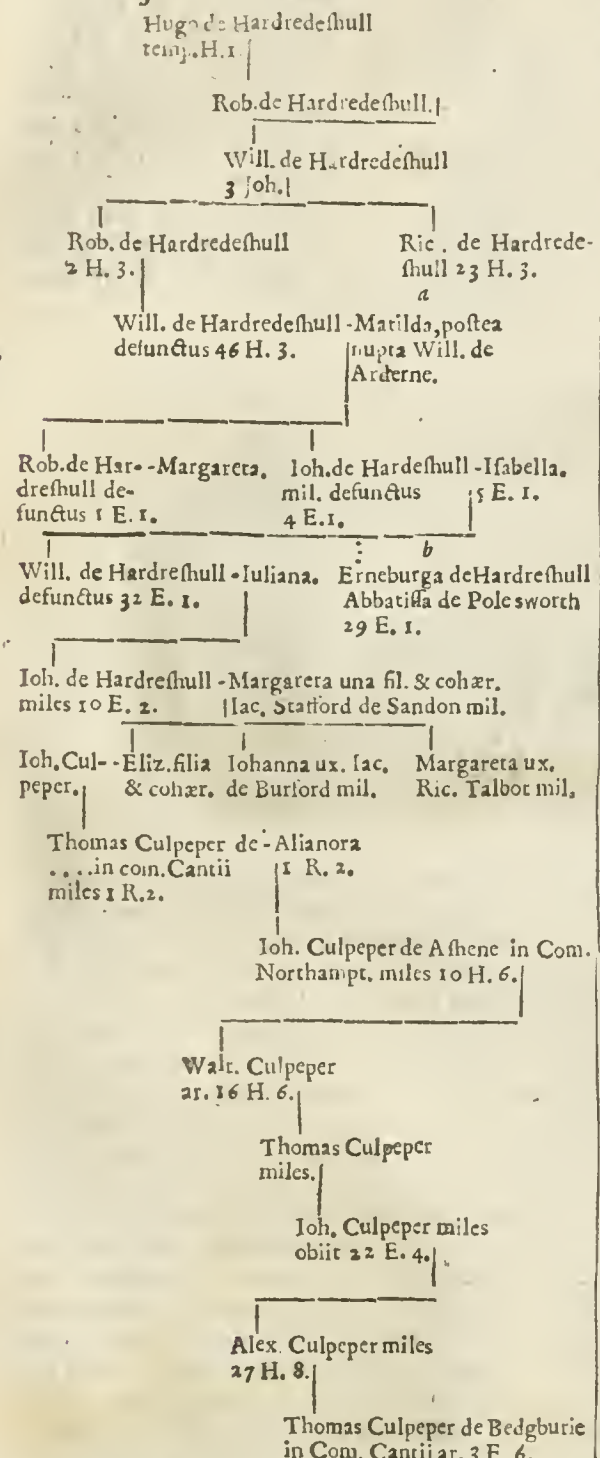
[g] Domeſd. lib.

[h] *Clauſ.* 13. *H.* 3. *m.* 17. *Clauſ.* 27. *H.* 3. *m.* 2.

[i] *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Netherſole *eq. aur.*

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as the tradition is, there being some embattelled Walls yet standing, to testifie as much. To this *Hugh* succeeded *Robert*, and to him *William*, who wrote [k] himself *Will. de Hardreshulle*, as his grandfather did, and in 31 *Joh.* underwent the Shiriffaltie of this Countie and **Leicestershire**, for that great man *Will. de Cantilupe*, of whom in **Aston-Cantilupe** I have made mention; as also gave [m] the Church of **Anstey** to the Nuns of **Polesworth**, and left issue [n] *Robert* his son and heir, who in 2 *H.* 3. was one [o] of the sureties, in the behalf of *Robert Marmion*, for his safe custody of **Tamworth** Castle, to the King's use; and in [p] 5. and 6 [q] *H.* 3. one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie.



To which *Robert* succeeded *Will. de Hardredeshull* his son and heir, who in 9 *H.* 3. gave [r] xx. marks to the King for his Releif, and [s] 447 *l.* 7 *s.* 5 *d.* being a debt due by him to the Jews. In the same year he was in [t] Commission for levying and collecting a xv^th. in this Countie and **Leicestershire**, so likewise [u] the next year following; And for [w] taking Assizes of *Novel disseisin* in this Shire. In 23 *H.* 3. he gave [x] x. Marks Fine, for the custodie of the lands, which were belonging to *Ric. de Hardredeshull*, his Uncle; and in 43. of the said King's reign, did [y] his Homage for all those lands in **Lincolnshire**, which *Grace de Li'sle* died seized of, and were of his inheritance: But in 46 *H.* 3. he departed [z] this life, leaving *Robert* his son and heir, who gave [a] *Lx s.* to the King as a Releif for the lands which his Father died seized of, that were held of the said K. in *Capite*, and doing his Homage had liverie [b] of them. Which *Robert*, siding with the Earl of **Leicester**, and other the rebellious Barons in 49 *H.* 3. and being slain, fighting on their part in the battail of **Evesham**, his lands were seized, and this Mannour by name, given [c] to *Wa ine de Bassingburne*: yet to *Margaret* his widow, the King allowed [d] certain of her said husband's forfeited possessions, lying in **Pultenhethe** and **Parton**, for the maintenance of her self and her Children: but what Children these were, doth not appear to me, nor what became of them; for the inheritance of this Lordship (considering that the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth** exempted it from forfeiture) came [e] to Sir *John de Hardreshull* Kt. brother to the said *Robert*, who first [f] bore for his Armes *a border with Martlets*, but afterwards [g] *Arg. a Cheveron sable betwixt ten Martlets gules*, and died [h] in 4 *E.* 1. leaving *William* his son and heir, five years of age, who in 20 *E.* 1. doing his Homage, had liverie [i] of his lands.

This *Will.* in 21 *E.* 1. obtained a Charter [k] of **Free-warren** in all his demesn lands here, as also at **Saleby**, **Cukewold**, and **Kelesey** *in Com. Linc.* and **Pultenepe** in **Leicestershire**, and bore [l] for his Armes *a Cross engrailed, with a Martlet in the dexter quarter.* In 29 *E.* 1. he had Summons [m] amongst divers other eminent persons, to attend the King at **Barwick** upon **Tweed**, on the Feast day of S. *John Bapt. Nativitie*, to march with him into **Scotland**, and departed [n] this life in 32 *E.* 1. leaving *John* his son and heir ten years of age, whose marriage (for he was in Warde) was granted [o] unto *Nich. Malemeyns*, a servant to the King. Which *John* became of full age in 6 *E.* 2. and doing his homage had liverie [p] of his lands; immediatly whereupon he attended the King, in that unfortunate Scotch expedition, the same year, and was taken Prisoner [q] in the battail of **Bannoksburne** After which, *sc.* in 10 *E.* 2. I find, that having had some contestation with the Abbess of **Polesworth**, touching an hereditarie right, to present two Nuns into that Religious House, to be there admitted by the said Abbot and Covent; upon better consideration of his title, he quitted [r] any farther claim thereto, being at that time a Kt. And that in 15 *E.* 2. he was, with *Nich. de Grey*, joyned [s] in the Governourship of **Donington** and **Melburne** Castles in **Leicestershire**; as also the next ensuing year, one [t] of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Countie, for the Scotch expedition: In 17 *E.* 2. imployed [u] into **Gascoign** on the King's service; and in 20 *E.* 2. made Governour [w], both of St. *Briavell* Castle, and the Forest of **Dene** in **Gloucestershire**.

And moreover, that in 1 *E.* 3. he obtained a speciall License [x] from *Rog. Northburgh* then Bishop of this Dioces, for a Priest to celebrate divine service within this his Mannour house at **Hardreshull**; that in 3 *E.* 3. he was constituted a [y] Commissioner for conservation of the peace in this Countie, and bore [z] for his Armes *Argent a Cheveron sable betwixt ten Martlets gules*, as his grand-

k *Ib.*
l *Rot. P.* 3. *Joh.*
m *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*
n *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.
o *Rot. F.* 2. *H.* 3. *m.* 6. *in d.*
p *Rot.* 5. *H.* 3. *in d.*
q *Rot. F.* 6. *H.* 3. *m.* 7.
a *Clauſ. ab. an.* 42. *uſq.* 47. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.
b *Pat.* 29. *E.* 1. *m.* 14.
r *Rot P.* 9. *H.* 3.
s *Pat* 9. *H.* 3. *in d*
u *Clauſ.* 10. *H.* 3. *in d.*
w *Pat.* 10. *H.* 3. *in d.*
x *Rot. P.* 23. *H.* 3.
y *Rot F.* 43. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.
z *Rot. P.* 46. *H.* 3.
a *Rot. F.* 46 *H.* 3. *m.* 12.
b *Rot. F.* 46 *H.* 3. *m.* 12.
c *Cart.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 3.
d *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 29.
e *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. Burton.
f *Ex autog. penès* G. Ludford *gen.*
g *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. B.
h *Eſc.* 4. *E.* 1. *n.* 35.
i *Clauſ.* 20. *E.* 1. *m.* 12.
k *Cart.* 21. *E.* 1. *n.* 30.
l *Ex autog. penès* T. White.
m *Clauſ.* 29. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 13.
n *Eſc.* 32. *E.* 1. *n.* 50.
o *Pat.* 32. *E.* 1. *m.* 26.
p *Clauſ.* 6. *E.* 2. *m.* 20.
q *Clauſ.* 8. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 24.
r *Ex autog. penes præf.* Fr. Nethersole.
s *Rot. F.* 15. *E.* 2. *m.* 13.
t *Clauſ.* 16. *E.* 2. *in d. m.* 12.
u *Pat.* 17. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 8.
w *Rot. F.* 10 *E.* 2. *m.* 3.
x Northb. *f.* 5. *b.*
y *Pat.* 3. *E.* 3. *p* 1. *in d. m.* 16.
z *Ex autog. penès* W. Sheldon *ar.*

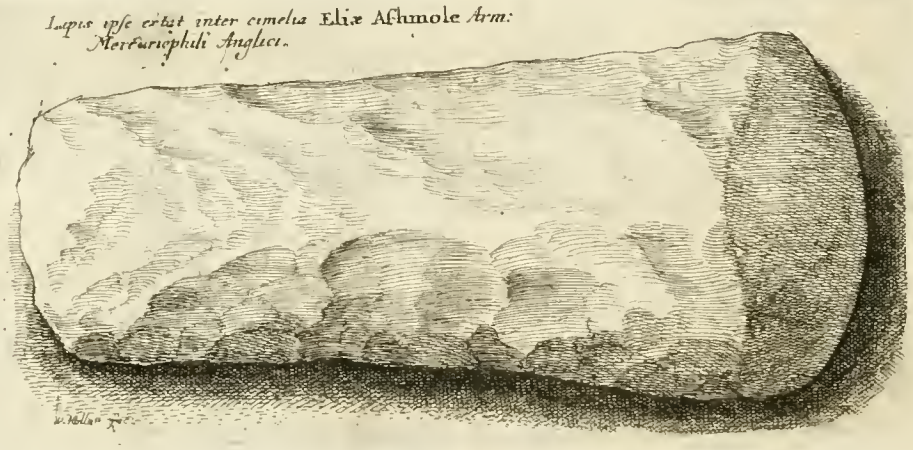
grandfather did; and lastly, that he wedded *Margaret* [a] one of the daughters and coheirs to Sir *James Stafford* of **Sandon** Kt. by whom he had issue [b] three daughters and heirs, *viz. Eliz.* the wife of *John Culpeper*, *Joane* of Sir *James de Burford* Kt. and *Margaret* of Sir *Ric. Talbot* Kt. Upon partition betwixt which coheirs, this Lordship, together with **Astley**, came [c] to *Elizabeth*: From whom descended Sir *Alex. Culpeper* Kt. upon whose attainder in 1 *R.* 3. it was granted [d] to Sir *Charles Pilkinton* Kt. for the Bodie to that King. I have not seen for what cause the said *Alexander* became attainted, but do suppose it was for adhering to *Henry* D. of **Buck.** But I find [e], that *Thomas Culpeper* of **Bedgburie** in **Kent** Esq. son and heir to the said *Alex.* repossest it: Of which *Thomas*, Sir *Anthonie Cook* of **Giddie-Hall** in **Essex**, purchased [f] it, and died seized [g] thereof in 18 *Eliz.* leaving *Richard* his son and heir of full age.

a *Ex col. præf.* W. Burton.
b *Ex col. præf.* W. Burton.
c *Ex col. præf.* W. Burton.
d *Rot. Confirm.* 1. *R.* 3.
e *Ex Col. præf.* W. B.
f *Ex Col. præf.* W. B.
g *Lib.* 3. *cedul.*

Oldburie.

OF this, is there not any particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey (it being then involved with **Atherston**, as I guess) though it be a place of great antiquitie, as may appear by that quadrangular Fort, whence at first it had this name, which contains about seven acres of ground, as by the rampires, whose height and largeness do still shew the strength it was of, is manifest; being situate upon the most eminent crest, of all that mountanous tract, bordering upon this nook of the **Woodland**, and purposely chosen (without doubt) by the Romans in respect of its vicinitie to **Manceter**, where they had a fixed station. On the North part of this Fort, have been found, by plowing, divers Flint stones, about four inches and a half in length; curiously wrought by grinding, or some such way, into the form here expresst; the one end shaped much like the edge of a Pole-Axe, which makes me conjecture, that, considering there is no flint in all this part of the Countrie, nor within more than *xl.* miles from hence, they being at first so made by the native Britans, and put into a hole, boared through the side of a staff, were made use of for weapons, inasmuch as they had not then attained to the knowledge of working iron or brass to such uses.

Lapis ipse exstat inter cimelia Eliæ Ashmole *Arm: Mercuriophili Anglici.*



On the South side of this Fort, had the Nunns of **Polesworth** very antiently a Cell, as appeareth by part of a Chapell, yet standing, which was dedicated to St. *Laurence*: and if we may credit that old historicall *MS.* voucht in my discourse of that Monasterie, it must not be denyed but that it was theirs before the Norman Conquest. 'Tis true, that in K. *Henry* the first's time *Walter de Hastings* and *Athawis* his wife, did by their speciall Charter [h], in the presence of *Roger de Clinton* then Bishop of this Dioces, grant unto these Nuns, *Osanna* being then the Prioresse, the site of this **Oldburie**, and all **Stiperstull**, in fields and woods, down to the midst of the Valley on that side **Manceter**: As also a certain part of the wood lying South-east of **Oldburie**, and extending to the rivulet which comes from **Hardresthull**. And moreover all those grounds called **Calve-croft**, and **Birchley**, lying betwixt these two ways, *sc.* **Mere-street**, and **Birchley street**, unto *Hugh's wood* *, in circumference.

h *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.
* *sc.* Hug. *de* Hardresthull.

But this I do not account to be any other than in the nature of a Confirmation, which was very fit for these Nuns to have, considering that notwithstanding the Conqueror by those Laws [i] he made in the fourth year of his reign, seemed favourable to Religious persons, yet by the Preamble to [k] those of K. *Henry* the first, there is an acknowledgement of manifold oppressions; which had there not been, how expedient it was for them to obtain some good assurance from their new Lords, will easily be judged: And that this, though it pass by the words *dedit & confirmavit*, was no other than a ratification, seems likely to me, both by that declaratorie Instrument [l] made thereupon by the before specified Bishop in these words, *Rogerus Dei gratia Cestriæ Episcopus, Omnibus, &c. Noverint tam præsentes quam futuri*, Walterum de Hastings, & Hadevisam *ejus uxorem, in mea præsentia dedisse & concessisse, & religioni & conversationi pauperum mulierum deputasse locum de* Aldeberia, *cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ita quod nichil proprii juris, vel dominii, vel advocationis terræ inibi sibi retinuerunt, præter hoc quod eundem locum debent munire, & protegere contra omnes importunitates ut suam elemosynam, &c.* And that of *Walcheline de Manceastre*, who having the first grant of **Manceastre** (within the territories whereof this place lyeth) from the said *Walt. de Hastings*, in his Charter [m] to the said Nuns, which could be no other than for corroboration, hath the words *Concessi & confirmavi*, expressing all the lands, with the bounds as aboveside.

i *Hist. Anglic. Script. edit.* 1652. *Col.* 2355. *n.* 10.
k *Ib. Col.* 310. *n.* 40.
l *Ex autog. penès* Fr. N.
m *Ib.*

Other particulars (wherewith I have met) which specially relate to this place, were, briefly these; That the Nuns here residing had two yard land in **Waverton**, given [n] to them by *Raphe Foteler* of **Tamworth**, with his Daughter, whom he there placed [o]

n *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*
o *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*

placed to be a Votreſſe: As alſo that a ſpeciall Indulgence [o] for releaſe of *Xv.* dayes Penance, was granted by *Robert* Biſhop of Hereford, to all ſuch as ſhould contribute to theſe Nuns, towards their buildings here: And laſtly, that after much controverſie, betwixt the Nuns of Poleswoth, and the Parſon of Manceter, (about the beginning of *E.* 1. time,) for the right to all *Oblations* made in the Chapell of St. *Laurence*, at this place, and the Tithe Corn of two pieces of incloſed ground, one lying on the South part of the Houſe and the other on the North, they grew at length to this concluſion [p], for themſelves and their ſucceſſors; *viz.* that the ſaid Nuns ſhould totally have the benefit of them; in conſideration whereof, they were yearly, every *Michaelmaſs* day, to bring to the Church of Manceter three pounds of Wax, and there before Noon, deliver the ſame to the Parſon for the time being, upon the High Altar.

Provided nevertheleſs, if it did happen in time to come, that God ſhould work any ſtrange Miracles here, by reaſon whereof there might be a more than ordinary confluence of people to this Chapell, and ſo conſequently a multitude of Offrings, that then all ſuch extraordinary offrings to be divided equally betwixt the ſaid Nuns and the Parſon: And alſo provided that the Prieſt ſo celebrating Divine Service here, ſhould not admit any of the Pariſhioners of Manceter thither on Sundays, or Holy-days, either to the Sacrament or Divine Service, without the expreſs Licenſe of the ſaid Parſon, or his Deputie. Which Agreement bears date on the Eve of the Feaſt of St. *Philip* and *James* the Apoſtles *an.* 1284. (12 *E.* 1.)

Which lands, lying here in Oldburie, ſo belonging to thoſe Nuns, were in 26 *H.* 8. valued at [q] *vi* l. *x* d. and coming to the Crown, together with the ſaid Monaſterie of Poleswoth in 30 *H.* 8. were in 33. of the ſaid King's reign, granted [r] to *Charles Brandon* D. of Suff. and his heirs, by the name of *Dominium & Manerium de* Oldburie, *ac Capitale Meſſuagium de* Oldburie, *&c. Monaſterio de* Poleswoth *ſpectans.* Which Duke immediatly thereupon, paſt [s] the ſame unto one *Robert Green*, who in 3 *Eliz.* ſold [t] it to *John Symings* Doctor of Phyſick. Neither did he keep it long; for in 21 *Eliz. Jaſper Fyſher* Eſq. died [u] ſeiſed of it, leaving *Cath. Norwood* widow, and *Anne* the wife of *Richard Wolriche*, his coſins and heirs. But after this it came again to the Crown; for in 3 *Jac.* Sir *Edw. Stanhope* Knight and *Edw. Littleworth* Gent. had a grant [w] of it in Fee. From whom it is ſince come to Maſter *Richard Whitehall*, the preſent owner thereof.

[o] *Ex autog. penès præſ. Fr. N.*

[p] *Ex autog. penès præſ. & Scol. Coll. Regal. Cantab.*

[q] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 54. b.*

[r] *Pat. 33. H. 8. p. 6.*

[s] *Ib. p. 4.*

[t] *Pat. 3. Eliz. p. 4.*

[u] *Lib. 4. cedul.*

[w] *Pat. 3. Jac. p. 6.*

Atherſton.

OF this place was the Counteſs *Godeva* (of whom in Coventre I have ſpoke) poſſeſt, before the Norman invaſion; but after the Conqueſt King *William* ferm'd it out, with all the reſt of thoſe lands formerly belonging to that noble Ladie. By the generall Survey [x], made towards the later end of the Conqueror's reign, it was rated at three hides, the Woods then belonging thereto, being eſteemed at two miles in length and as much in breadth, which with the reſt were valued at *Lx* s. but herein were Manceter and Oldburie, (without queſtion) involved. In that Record [y] it is written Adreſtone, and in [z] ſome others of great antiquitie, Edredeſtone, and Aldredeſtone, ſo that 'tis apparent, that the name at firſt aroſe from ſome antient poſſeſſor thereof in the Saxons time, both *Edredus* and *Aldredus* being appellations then in uſe. But, as the reſt of the lands, belonging to that Counteſs, came to thoſe Earls of Cheſter of the Norman line, ſo did this place, and was by the firſt *Hugh*, given [a] to the Monks of Bec in Normandie: which Monks in 30 *H.* 3. obtained an yearly Faire [b] here, to laſt three days, beginning on the Eve of the bleſſed Virgins *Nativitie* (*ſc.* 7. *Septembris*) And the next year enſuing, a Mercate weekly on the Tueſday; for which they having a ſpeciall Charter [c], with a confirmation of the ſaid Faire, gave a Fine of [d] *C* s. to the King.

What it was that *Robert* Earl *Ferrers* (whoſe Anceſtour founded Merevale Abby, hard by) had to do within the precinct of this Lordſhip, I know not, which occaſioned him to releaſe [e] to thoſe Monks of Bec, in *H.* 3. time, all his right therein; but, about the beginning of *E.* 1. time, *Raphe de Culy* layd claim to this Mannour, pretending that his Anceſtour was poſſeſt of it; whereupon there grew a great ſuit [f] betwixt him and thoſe Monks; howbeit in 3 *E.* 1. the Monks recovered [g] it: and in 13 *E.* 1. challenged [h] divers Liberties and privileges here, *viz.* Gallows, Pillorie, *Thewe*, Aſſize of Bread and Beer, Mercate, Fair and *Toll*, exhibiting King *H.* 3. Charter for the ſame, & proving that they had enjoyed them accordingly without interruption; all which were allowed. But after this, ere long, it came to be reputed as a member of the Priorie of Okeburne *in Com. Wilts.* for ſo doth that taxation [i] of the temporalties belonging to the Religious Houſes in 19 *E.* 1. ſpeak it to be; as alſo the Record [k] called *Nomina Villarum* in 9 *E.* 2. but this was no other than as the Priorie of Okeburne was a Cell to Bec before ſpecified.

As the Mercate, in time, growing very much to be frequented, by reaſon it ſtands ſo opportunely both to the *Woodland* and *Feildon*, brought no ſmall advantage to the Inhabitants here; ſo did it, by ſuch concourſe of people, make the town very foul and dirtie in Winter time; for remedy whereof they procured a Patent [l] from the King in 12 *E.* 2. for Licenſe to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities coming hither for the ſpace of four years, towards defraying the charge in paving thereof; *viz.* for every Quarter of Corn a farthing, *&c.* but this not performing the work, they obtained another Patent [m] in 17 *E.* 3. to take *Toll* for five years more, to that purpoſe, *ſcil.* of every Horſe-load of Corn a half peny, *&c.*

About this time, the Monks of Bec, being very weary of the frequent ſeizures, which were made of their lands in this Realm, into the King's hands, by reaſon of his wars with France, began to think of quitting their intereſt, for ſome certain advantage; and therefore in 18 *E.* 3. got Licenſe [n] to paſs this Mannour away, unto the Monks of Merevale; but it was not accordingly conveyed; for in 7 *H.* 4. upon ſeizure of the lands belonging to thoſe forraign Monaſteries, for the reaſons before expreſt, as a member of the Priorie of Okeburne (which was a Cell to Bec, before mentioned) it was demiſed [o] to *Will. de Brynklow* Clerk, and *Peter Purly* Eſq. by *John* the King's ſon (afterwards Duke of Bedford) and *Thomas*

[x] *Domeſd. lib.*

[y] *Ib.*

[z] *Ex autog. penès præpoſ. & Scol. Coll. Regal. Cantab.*

[a] *Cart. 12. H. 3. n. 11. per. Inſp.*

[b] *Clauſ. 30. H. 3. m. 6.*

[c] *Cart. 31. H. 3. m. 14.*

[d] *Rot. F. 31. H. 3. m. 13.*

[e] *Ex autog. penès præſ. Præpoſ. &c.*

[f] *Plac. de Banco term. Mich. 2. E. 1. rot. 11.*

[g] *Plac. coram Concil. Regis T. Trin. 3. E. 1. rot. 51.*

[h] *Plac. de Quo. W.*

[i] *MS. in Scac. penès Kem. R.*

[k] *Rot. in Scac. penès Kem. R.*

[l] *Pat. 12. E. 2. p. 2. m. 16.*

[m] *Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 1. m. 42.*

[n] *Pat. 18. E. 3. p. 1. m. 43.*

[o] *Pat. 7. H. 4. in d. m. 10*

Longley Chancelour of **England** (who had the King's grant of all the lands belonging to the said Priorie of **Okeburne**) to hold for *xx.* years, at the rate of *xl* l. *per an.* After which time, *viz.* in 16 *H.6.* (the Duke of **Bedford** being then dead) the King gave [p] it to *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford*, for life; and within six years after, granted [q] the reversion thereof, for ever, unto the Provost and Scholars of *King's Colledge* in **Cambridge**, then newly by him founded.

p *Pat.16. H.6.p.2.m. 33.*

q *Pat.22. H.6.p.2.m. 15.*



W. Hollar fecit.

Heremitanus S.ti Augustini.

Yet of this grant, had that Colledge no benefit, as it seems; for in 31 *H.* 6. did the said King bestow [r] it upon *Edm.* Earl of **Richmund**, his half Brother, and the heirs of his body: but that Patent held good no longer than the life of that King; for it appears that King *Edward* 4. in the first year of his reign, disposed [s] thereof, unto the *Carthusian* Monks of **Montgrace** in **Yorkshire**, who accordingly enjoy'd it till the dissolution of that House by King *Henry* 8. Whereupon, coming to the Crown, it was granted [t] to *Henry* Marq. **Dorset**, and *Thomas Duport*, and to the heirs of the said Marquess, for ever: upon whose attainder in 1. *Mariæ* (whereof in **Astley** I have spoke) it returned again to the Crown, and in 1 & 2 *Ph.* & *M.* was past [u] to *William Devereux* Esquire and his heirs; Which *William* (being afterwards a Knight) died [w] seized thereof in 21 *Eliz.* leaving *Margaret* the wife of *Edward Littleton* of **Pillaton-Hall** *in Com. Staff.* Esquire, and *Barbara* the wife of *Edward Hastings*, his daughters and heirs. But since, it is come, by purchase to Sir *John Repington* Knight, whose son and heir, *sc.* Sir *John R.* of **Amington** Knight, now enjoys it.

r *Pat.* 31. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 26.

s *Pat.* 1. *E.* 4. *p.* 4. *m.* 11.

t *Pat.* 37. *H.* 8. *p.* 13.

u *Pat.* 1. & 2. *Ph.* & *M. p.* 10.

w *Esc.* 22. Eliz.

Within the precincts of this town, there was very antiently a Chapell, whereunto the Monks of **Bec**, about the beginning of *H.* 2. time, gave [x] *xii.* acres of land, *viz.* six lying on the one side of the town, and six on the other. Concerning which Chapell, the said Monks and the Parson of **Manceter**, then came to this agreement [y]; *viz.* that the Rector of **Manceter**, for the time being, should cause Divine service to be celebrated therein, three days every week, *sc.* Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday; and if a Holy-day did happen on any other than of these, to be accounted for one of them, solemn Service being then to be there performed: And moreover, in case the passion of St. *Peter* should happen on any of those days, that Mass should be there and then celebrated, but on all other days omitted; all Tithes and Obventions, arising out of this Hamlet, to be payd to **Manceter**; yet, that Buriall and Baptism should be performed here, for the Inhabitants of **Atherston**, except any particular person, on his death bed, should rather desire sepulture at **Manceter**, than in this Chapell-yard; which Agreement was ratified by *Richard Peche* then Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.**

x *Ex autog. penes præf. Præpos. & c. Coll. Regal.* Cantab.

y *Ib.*

The Friers.

THis House was founded [z] by *Raphe* Lord *Basset* of **Drayton** in 49 *E.* 3. for *Friers Heremites* of St. *Augustine*; over the Gate whereof, is yet to be seen his Armes, cut in a fair Shield of Stone. Touching the originall of this Order, there is no absolute certaintie, as *Polydore* [a] affirmeth. Some alleadge [b], that St. *Augustine* Bishop of **Hippo**, retiring into the Wilderness, during the rage of the *Manichean* Hereticks, then instituted it, gathering together into one Covent, those that were dispersed in the Desert: Others [c], that, divers devout persons, desiring to imitate the piety and singular learning of St. *Augustine*, even whil'st he lived, left all that they had, and betook themselves to the Wilderness, whereupon they were called *Heremites*. By which of these means it was, I shall not farther stand to enquire; but *Mendicants* they were, for certain; and for their Habite did wear in their Cloister a white garment close girt to them, and when they went out, a Black over it, with a broad lethern Girdle, buckled, (as on the last page is represented) being shorn on the Head, as the *Dominicans* are.

z *Pat.* 49. *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 17.

a *De invent. rerum Lib.* 3. *cap.* 3.

b *De invent. rerum Lib.* 3. *cap.* 3.

c *De invent. rerum Lib.* 3. *cap.* 3.

These first [d] began to propagate in **England**, about the year 1250. (34 *H.* 3.) as did the *Carmelites*; but in this Countie, not of a long time after; for to this in **Atherston**, which was the onely House of them therein, it was the 49th. of *Ed.* 3. ere the said Lord *Basset* gave the land, *sc. xii.* acres, whereupon it stood; at which time they begin to build their Church, and came to an Agreement [e] with the Parson of **Manceter** (in the presence of the said Lord *Basset*, the Abbot of **Leicester**, *Tho. Harecurt* Lord of **Bosworth**, and others; *John Combe* being their Procurator, or *Warden*, at that time.) Which was, in substance, this; that for the Tithes of those places whereupon that structure was to be made, and for the rest of the lands before specified, they should pay to the said Parson and his Successors *xx* s. *per an.* at the Feast of St. *Michaell* the Arch-Angell and *Easter*, by even portions; in default whereof, a distress to be taken; and that if they should acquire any more land, then to pay Tithe in kind for the same.

d Math. Westm. *in an.* 1250.

e *Burgh. f.* 133. *b.*

It seems, the Church and buildings were not perfected till King *Ric.* 2. time; for it appears, that the said Lord *Basset*, by his Testament [f], bearing date at **London** 12 *Sept. an.* 1383. (7 *R.* 2.) gave them a Legacie of five hundred marks, for compleating thereof. This is he that was the last Lord *Basset* of **Drayton** (for he died without issue) and lieth magnificently entombed in **Lichfield**, Cathedrall, on the South side of St. *Chad's* Shrine, though the place be not now known by that name, the Lord *Paget's* Monument being erected where that Shrine stood. But I do not find, that they ever had any more lands, than what are above expresst; for by the Survey [g] taken in 26 *H.* 8. all that belonged to them, was valued but at *xxx* s. *iii* d. *per an.* over and above reprises, and came to the Crown by the Act of dissolution in 27 *H.* 8. After which, *viz.* in 35 *H.* 8. the King granted [h] the site and circuit of the House, with a Dove-cote, Barn, Orchard, and two Messuages (that stood upon the before specified ground, first given thereto) unto one *Henry Cartwright* and his heirs, to hold by the *xxx*th. part of a Knight's Fee. Which *Henry* the same year, sold [i] it to ....*Hill*. Since which, by purchase it came to Sir *John Repington* Knight, who having bought the Mannour (as hath been already shewed) built a fair House of Brick upon the ruins of this Friery, where residing, he died in *an.* 1625.

f *Ex autog.* penès Will. *Vicecom.* Staff.

g *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 61. *b.*

h *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8 *p.* 3.

i *Ib. p.* 18.

The Gild.

OF this *Gild*, forasmuch as it consisted of the Inhabitants of the whole Parish, I have spoke in **Manceter**.

The Free-School.

THis was founded in 15 *Eliz.* by Sir *William Devereux* Kt. who (then residing at **Merevale**) obtained License [k] to purchase lands, and to give them thereunto, the substance whereof are situate in **Dosthill**, near **Kingsburie**.

k *Pat.* 15. Eliz. *p.* 1.

And farther of this Town, I have not to say, than that it gave birth to one of our late famous Poets, *scil. Michaell Draiton*; who being one of the Esquires that attended Sir *Walter Aston* of

Tirhall *in Com. Staff.* Kt. when he was made Kt, of the Bath at the Coronation of K. *James*, lieth buried in the South Crosse Isle of **Westminster** Abby, with this Epitaph on his Monument.

Doe pious Marble, let thy Readers know,
What they and what their Children owe
To Draiton's *name, whose sacred dust*
We recomend, unto thy trust.
Protest his memorie, and preserve his storie,
Remain a lasting Monument of his glorie;
And when thy ruins shall disclaim
To be the Treasurer of his name,
His name that never fades shall be,
An everlasting Monument to thee.

Feldon-Bridge.

AT the further side of **Atherston** field, stands this Bridge, over **Anker**; which being ruinous in 6 *E.* 3. License was [l] granted to *Edmund de Shireford* to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities passing over it, by the space of three years, towards the charge in repairing thereof.

l *Pat.* 6. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 16

Merevale.

WEstwards from **Atherston**, scarce a mile, stands **Mirvale**, of which there is no particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey, in regard it was involved with **Orendon** (lying on the other side the River) whereto it then belonged as an Out-wood, and therewith became possest by *Henry de Feriers*, a great man in these parts (as I shall shew anon) whose grandson *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, having a reverend esteem of the *Cistertian* Monks, which in his time began to multiply in **England**, made choice of this mountainous and woody Desert (as fittest for solitude and devotion) to found therein a Monasterie of that Order; which was begun [m] accordingly in the *xiii*th. year of K. *Stephen's* reign; and being propagated [n] with Monks from **Bordesley**-Abby in **Worcestershire**, had, by reason of such its situation, the name of **Mirvalle** attributed thereto; the lands wherewith he endowed [o] it, being these; *viz.* all his Forest of **Arden** (*id est* his Out-wood in that part of the *Woodland*, which then bore the name of **Arden**) and also what he had in **Whitington**, together with the Mannour of **Overton** (now called **Ozton** on the Hill *in Com. Leic.*) as also **Herdwike** in the **Peake** of **Derbyshire**, unto **Cranokesoune**; with Common of pasture in **Hertendon** and **Pillesburie**, for Sheep and other Catteli, as the words of his Charter do import.

m *Annal. S. Werb.* n *Cestriæ. in bibl. Cotton.*

o *Ex ipso autog. penès* Ric. Chamberlein *ar. Vide Pat.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 11. *per. Insp.*

But besides this, it had severall other Benefactors; of which the principall were these [p]; *scil.* *Gerard de Limesi*, *Walt. de Camvile*, *Raphe de Baskervile*, and *Pain de Baskervile*. as K. *H.* 2. Charter, whereby he ratified their grants, manifesteth: So that about 30 *H.* 2. there were the Granges of **Moze** (now **Moze-Barne**) **Brosle**, **Sotle**, Litle-**Petling**, the Church of **Overton** (on the Hill) with the Chapells of **Orendon**, **Twicrosse**, **Gopshull**, and **Barterley** (some in this Countie, and some in **Leicestershire**) belonging thereto, as the Bull [q] of Pope *Lucius* the third, whereby he confirmed them, doth manifest. Divers lands had these Monks afterwards bestowed on them also, through the bountie of sundry other persons; *viz.* [r] in Litle **Sheple** by *Henry de Appelby* and others; In **Overton** *subt.* **Arden**, by *John de Overton* and *Rob. Stapleton*. In **Brantingthorp** by *Rob. de Brantingthorp* and others; In **Sheppe** by *Nich. de Temple* and others. In **Hertyndon**, as parcell of the Mannour of **Pillesburie**, they obtained [s] *Cxx.* acres of land more, from *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster**, in lieu of *xx* s. yearly Rent, which they usually did receive at his Exchequer of **Tutbury**.

p *Cart.* 21. *E.* 1. *n.* 2. *per. Insp.*

q. *Ex Reg. de Merevale penès præf.* R. Chamberlein.

r *Pat.* 14. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.

s *Pat.* 19. *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 9.

In 2 *E.* 3. they had a grant [t] of two Messuages, three Shops, and *xii* s. Rent in **Leicester**, by *Petronill Oliver* of **Leicester**, to finde a Priest for celebration of Divine service in the Conventuall Church of **Mirvale**, for the soul of her the said *Petronill*, her ancestors and all the faithfull deceased. In 11 *E.* 3. they had more lands bestowed [u] on them, lying in **Overton**, **Peatling**, and **Brantingthorpe** before specified, by sundry persons. In 18 *E.* 3. they purchased [w] *xvii.* Messuages, and divers lands in **Atherston**, **Bentley**, and **Barterley**, with the moytie of the Mannour of **Barterley**. In 31 *E.* 3. they had a Messuage and a yard land in **Bentley**, bestowed [x] on them by *John de L'isle*, then Lord of that Mannour, to find *xv.* Tapers in the Chapell of our Ladie, near the Gate of the Abby. In 10 *R.* 2. they purchased [y] six other Messuages in **Atherston**, and certain Rents in **Whitington** and **Barterley**. In [z] 16 *R.* 2. four Messuages and certain lands in **Tamworth**, and **Wilmecote**, as also two Messuages more in **Atherston**. And in 28 *H.* 6. they obtained [a] the Church of **Manceter**, with an appropriation [b] thereof. The value of all which lands and all other their possessions, amounting [c] unto *CCLiiii* l. *i* s. *viii* d. as appears by the Survey of 26 *H.* 8. preserved it from ruin, when the lesser Houses went to wrack in 27 *H.* 8. But in 30 *H.* 8. it was overwhelm'd in the generall deluge, being surrendred to the King's use, by the then Abbot and Covent, as their publick Instrument [d], under the Conventuall Seal, dated 13 *Oct.* the same year, whereunto their names are particularly subscribed, doth manifest; whose *Pensions* during life, as they were by Patent granted to them, I have here also added.

t *Pat.* 2. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27

u *Pat.* 11. *E.* 3 *p.* 1. *m.* 2.

w *Pat.* 19. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 12.

x *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Lisle *ar.*

y *Esc. de Ad quod D.* 10. *R.* 2. *n.* 100.

z *Esc. de Ad quod D.* 16. *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *n.* 140.

a *Pat.* 28. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.* 14.

b Bothe *f.* 61. *a.*

c *MS. penès* S. A. *cq. aur. f.* 54. *a.*

d *Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.*

Willielmus Arnold Abbas,	*xl* l.
Joh. Ownsbe Sub-Prior,	*v* l. *vi* s. *viii* d.
Edm. Bromley, alias Crockell,	*v* l. *vi* s. *viii* d.
Will. Tunnan,	*v* l. *vi* s. *viii* d.
Rob. Fenne,	*v* l.
Th mas Benson,	*v* l.
Will. Robynson Sacrista.	*v* l. *vi* s. *viii* d.
Joh. Dunne,	*v* l. *vi* s. *viii* d.
Will. Bron,	*v* l.
Joh. Spey,	*Liii* s. *iiii* d.

After which, *viz.* 2 *Dec.* 32 *H.* 8. was the site hereof, with the lands and woods adjacent, together with **New-House**-Grange, and **Pinwell**-Grange, *in Com. Leic.* As also **Dwthirn**-Grange in this Countie, granted [e] to Sir *Walt. Devereux* Kt. Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, and to the heirs male of his body; so that there being a reversion in the Crown, for defect of issue male, in 4 *E.* 6. he obtained [f] another Patent (being then arrived to the dignitie of Vicount **Hereford**) for the same site, and the other lands, to himself and his heirs generall. Which *Walter* disposed thereof to Sir *Will. Devereux*

e *Pat.* 32. *H.* 8 *p.* 4.

f *Pat.* 4. *E.* 6. *p.* 8.

Devereux Kt. his younger ſon, as it ſeems; for he it was that patcht up ſome part of the ruins here, and reſided thereon, as I have heard. And by his Teſtament[g] bequeathing it to *Joan* his wife for life, gave the remainder to *Walter* Vicount **Hereford** (his nephew) and his heirs: Which *Walter* (afterwards created Earl of **Eſſex**) left iſſue *Robert* Earl of **Eſſex**, attainted in 43 *Eliz.* Whoſe ſon and heir *Robert*, being reſtored, now (*ſcil. an.* 1640.) poſſeſſeth the ſite thereof, and much of the lands.

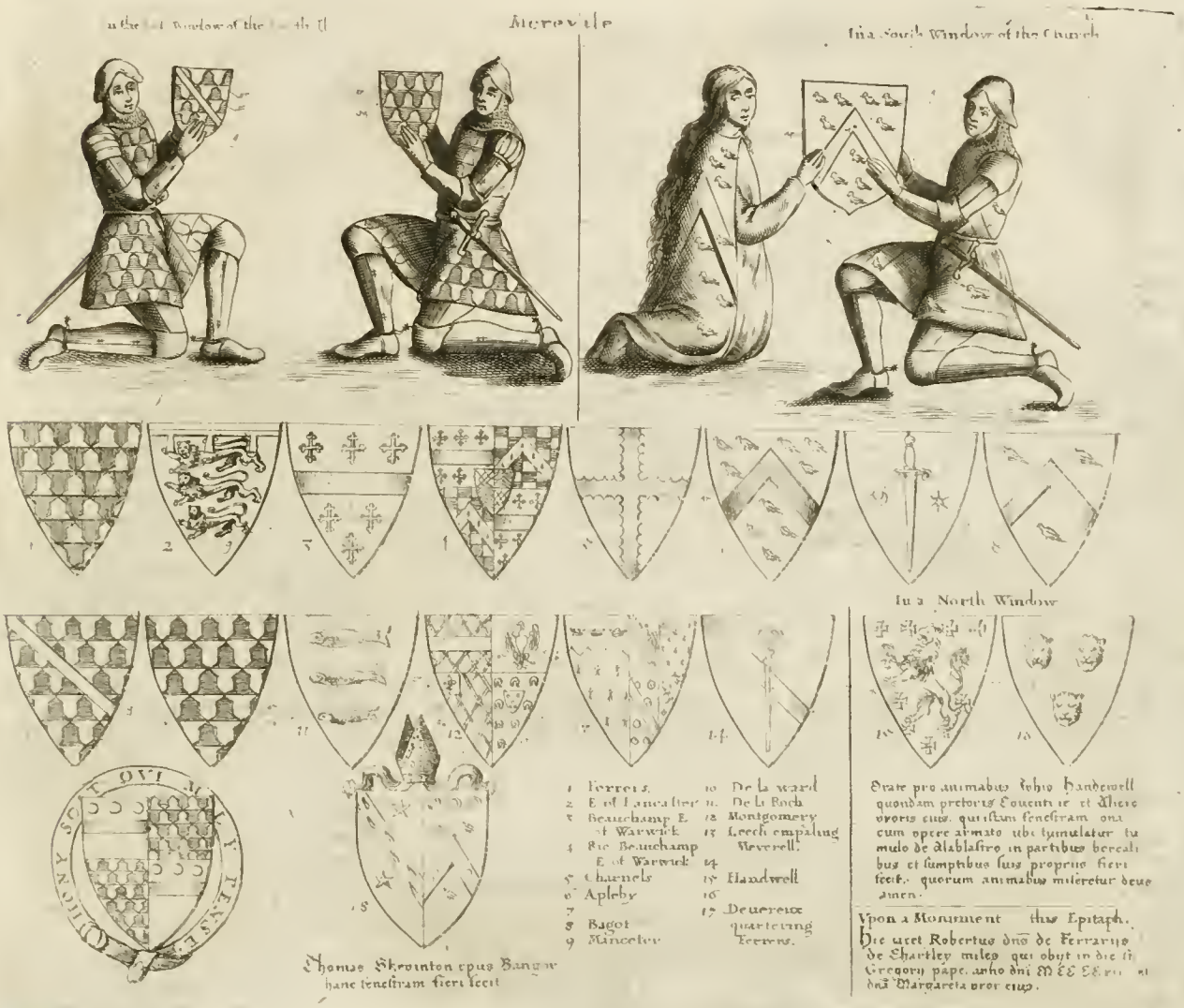
g *Eſc.* 22. Eliz.

Of the Abbots, I have not found the names of any more than theſe three.

Ioh. Buggeley 12 *H.* 6. — *Pat.* 12. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.

Thomas Arnold 23 *H.* 8. — *Regiſt. Coll. de knoll. f.* 201. *a.*

Will. Arnold. 26 *H.* 8. & 30 *H.* 8. — *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur. f.* 52. *b.*



THough I have now done with this Monaſterie, and ſhould, according to my method, proceed to **Wedington**, which is next in order to be ſpoke of; yet in reſpect that the Family of the before ſpecified *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, have had for many ages ſuch large poſſeſſions in this Countie, and that the principall male branch now remayning of it, with another fair ſtemme, do flouriſh here to this day (as in **Tamworth**, and **Badſley**-*Clinton* is manifeſted) I ſhall here digreſs a little in ſpeaking hiſtorically thereof.

The firſt of them that ſetled in this Realm, was *Henry de Feriers*, ſon[a] to *Gualcheline de Feriers*, a Norman: which *Henry*, having a great proportion of land, by the Conqueror's gift, lying in the Counties[b] of **Berkſ. Wiltſ. Northampt. Hereford**, this of **Warwick, Leiceſter, Glouc. Nottingham, Derby, Eſſex**, and **Stafford**, ſeated himſelf[d] at **Tutburie** Caſtle in **Staffordſhire**; near unto which he founded[e] a goodly Monaſtery for *Cluniac* Monks, endowing it with large poſſeſſions: But there is little elſe, at this diſtance, that I have ſeen memorable of him, ſaving that he was amongſt other of the great Nobilitie one of the witneſſes[g] to King *William* the Conqueror's Charter made to the Monks of St. **Edmundsburie** in *an.* 1181. (14. of his reign) whereby he confirmed the lands and poſſeſſions, which they had by the grant of former Kings, and that he gave[h] to the Monks of **Abingdon**, the Tithes of **Laking**.

a Ord. Vit. p. 522. D.

c *Domeſd. lib.*

d Ord. Vit. *ut ſupra*

To which *Henry* ſucceeded *Robert* (for, it ſeems, that *Eugenulfus* and *William*, died without iſſue) which *Robert* was a witneſs[i] unto the Charter of King *Stephen*'s Laws, made in the firſt year of his reign; and having brought[k] in, and commanded the **Derbyſhire** men, in that famous Battail[l] near **North-Alverton** in 3. *Stephani*, where the King had[l] a glorious Victorie againſt *David* King of Scots

f *Ex Regiſt. de* Tutbury *penès* Henr. Agard *eq. aur. f.* 53. *b.*

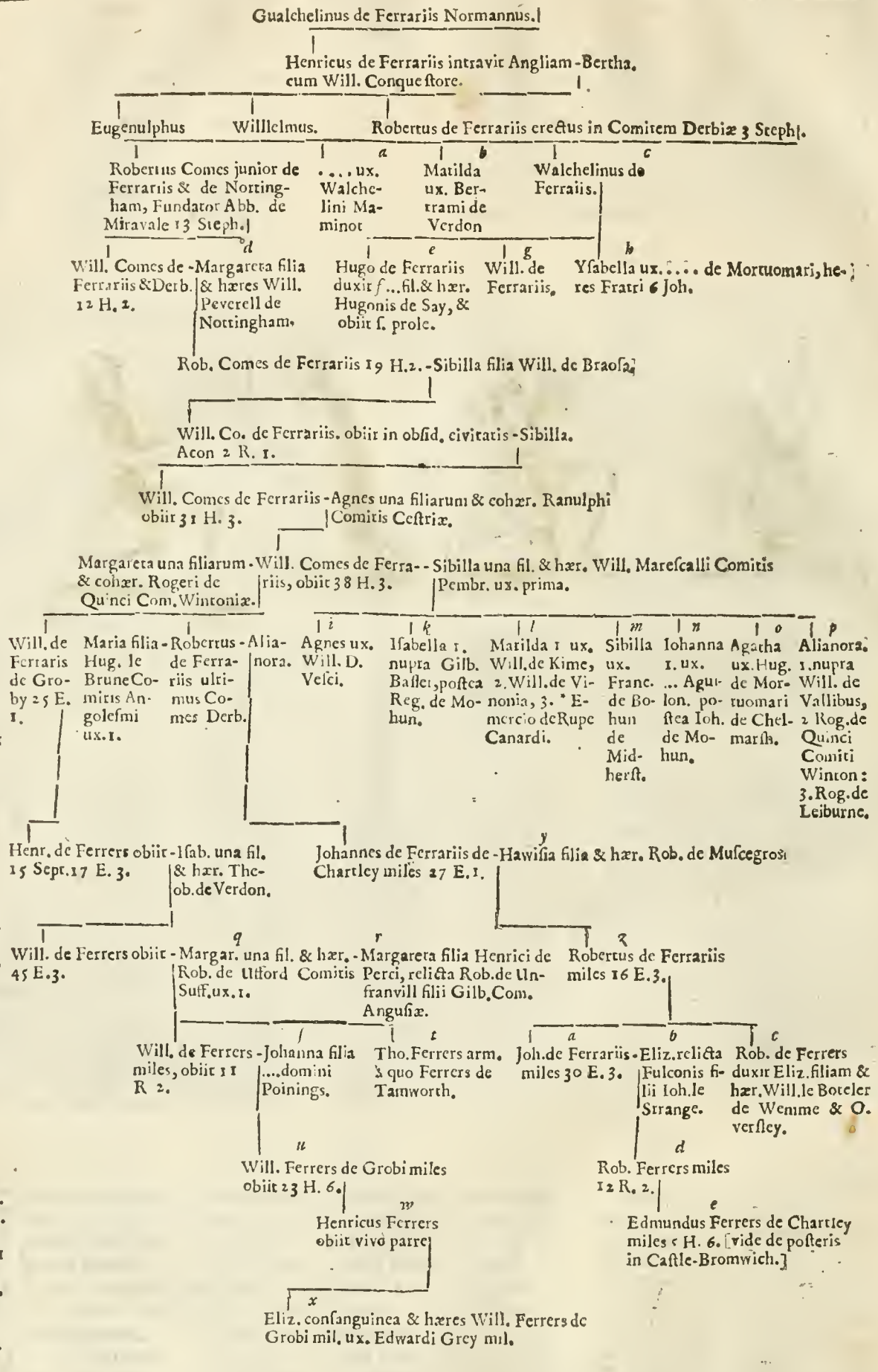
g Mariani Scori *Annal. MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*V.* 3. 7. *Jur.*]

h *Regiſt. de* Abbend. *in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 140.

i *Hiſt. Angl. Scrip. edit.* Lond. 1652. *Col.* 315. 13.

k *Ib. Col.* 262.

l 35.



a Ord. *vit.* *p.* 917. B.
b *Ex Regiſt. de* Novo-loco *penès* Rob. *Com.* Kingſton.
c *Rot. P.* 6. *Joh.* Glouc.
d *Plac. coram. R. T. Mich.* 25. *H.* 3.
e *Regiſt. de* Noſtel *f.* 305.
f *Rot. F.* 1. *Joh.* Heref.
g *Cart.* 8. *E.* 2 *n.* 4. *per. Inſp.*
h *Rot. P.* 6. *Joh.* Glouc.
i *Com. de T. Paſch.* 10. *E.* 2. *rot.* 9. *Suſſ.*
k *Clauſ.* 34. *H.* 3. *in d. m.* 6.
l *Comun. de T. Paſch. ut ſupra.*
* *Eſc.* 3. *E.* 1. *m.* 53. *in Brevi.*
m *Rot. F.* 31 *H.* 3. *m.* 2.
n *Com. de T. Paſch. ut ſupra.*
o *Ib.*
p *Clauſ.* 51. *H* 3. *m.* 2.
q *Eſc.* 19. *R.* 2.
r *Eſc.* 45. *E.* 3.
ſ *Ex autog. penès* l. Ferrers *ar.*
t, u, w, x *Eſc.* 23. *H.* 6.
y *Plac. coram R.* 30. *E.* 3. *Rot.* 42.
z *Ib.*
a *Ib.*
b *Clauſ.* 41. *E.* 3. *m.* 14.
c *Orig.* 50. *E.* 3. *Rot.* 41
d *Pat.* 12. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.
e *Paſch. Fines* 5. *H.* 6. Warw. Leic. *f.* 105
m *Hiſt. Ang. Script. Col.* 262. *l.* 66.
n *Ib. col.* 330. 44. *& Col.* 265. 51
o *Reg. de* Tutbury *cap.* 52.
p *Ib. cap.* 70

Scots, was for that good ſervice advanced [m] to the Earldome of **Derby**, but died [n] the year following *ſc. an.* 1239. leaving iſſue *Robert* his ſon and heir, who ſtiled [o] himſelf *Robertus Comes junior de Ferrariis*, and likewiſe [p] *Comes junior de* **Nottingham**: Which *Robert* gave [q] the Church of **Bredon** *in Com. Leic.* with the Tithes of his Tenants in **Tonge, Andreskirke**, and **Wilvelestone**; as alſo the Chapells of **Worthington**, and **Stanton**; and the Tithes of **Newbold** and **Dicheswoth**, of his Fee, to the Canons of **Noſtel** in **Yorkſhire** (which Church of **Bredon** became thenceforth a Cell to that Houſe of **Noſtell**.) And having been alſo the pious Founder of the before ſpecified Abby of **Merevale** in 13 *Steph.* lyeth there buried [r], wrapt in an Oxe hide.

q *Ex Reg. de* Noſtel *in bibl.* Hatton *f.* 305.

r *Ex Regiſt. de* Mere-vale.

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To whom succeeded *William*, as appears by that Certificate [f] made in 12 *H.* 2. of the Knight's Fees he then held, which amounted to *Lxxix.* And to him another [t] *Robert*; of whom the first mention I find, is in 19 *H.* 2. at which time, hearing how the King's territories in **France**, were invaded by the adherents of young *Henry*, who, through the assistance of the King of **France**, then brake out into high Rebellion against his Father, and of some ill [u] successes, which his said Father's forces had in those parts) joyning with the Earls of **Chester**, **Leicester**, **Norfolk**, and other great men, here, in **England**, in the like hostile Actions, manned [w] the Castles of **Tutbury** and **Duffield** against his sovereign; and not onely so, but raysing [x] the power of **Leicestershire**, marcht [y] early in the morning to **Nottingham**, which then was kept for the King by *Reginald de Luci*, and having without any great difficulty entred the [z] town, burnt and plundred it, slaying [a] and taking Prisoners most part of the Inhabitants.

But, the year following, the King having notice of these outrages in **England**, returned; at whose entrance his good Subjects took courage, and prevailed [b] over the Rebells in every place; against whom, *Rhese* Prince of **Wales** came also with a great power, and besieged **Tutbury**-Castle: whereupon this *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, apprehending what danger he was in, hastned [c] to the King, then at **Northampton**, and to obtain his favour, rendred [d] the said Castles of **Tutbury** and **Duffield**, giving securitie [e] for his future fidelitie: but so little did the King trust him, that though he received him to outward favour, he caused [f] those Castles to be demolished. This *Robert* was a Benefactor [g] to the Abby of **Doze** in **Herefordshire**, and by *Sibilla* his wife, daughter [h] to *William de Braose*, left issue [i] another *William* Earl *Ferrers*; who not onely confirmed [k] to the Monks of **Geroldon** the incloſed ground at **Hethcote**, and pasture for *C.* Sheep there, which his Father had given to them, but added [l] another piece of Inclosure adjoyning thereto, with pasturage for *CC.* sheep more, at six score to the Hundred, five Kine and a Bull, and six Oxen. And in 1 *Richard* 1. gave [m] to the Monks of St. *Denis* in **France**, for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Sibill* his wife, one Wax Taper yearly, price *xiii* d. as also a Stag and a Boar in their proper seasons, to be sent thither annually at the Feast of St. *Dennis*, by the Messengers of him the said Earl and his heirs: And likewise [n] to the Monks of **Lenton**, all his right to the Church of **Woodham** in **Esser**, specially [o] for the health of the souls of those that were with him at the burning of **Nottingham**, which (belike) was the time that his Father made such spoil there, as I have before expreſt.

But this *William* was outed of his Earldomes of **Nottingham** and **Derby** by King *Richard* 1. in the first year of his reign, as it seems; for upon the said King's first arrivall in **England**, after his Father's death, I find that he bestowed [p] them, with divers other, upon *John* Earl of *Moreton*, his brother: yet I hardly think that the said *William* continued long so dispossest of them; for it appears, that the same year, he attended King *Richard* in the *Holy Voiage*, and died [q] at the siege of **Acon** (*an. scil.* 1190, 2 *R.* 1.) leaving issue [r] *William* his son and heir. Of the great misfortunes that befell that King in his journey, by being taken Prisoner, I shall not here stand to tell, forasmuch as our Historians speak so fully thereof; nor of the advantage which *John* Earl of *Moreton* before specified, made upon it, in seizing divers Castles here into his hands, reporting that his Brother was dead, whereupon he layd claim to the Crown: But shall observe, that upon the King's enlargement and return, order [s] was given for the siege of those Castles; whereupon our *William* Earl *Ferrers* joyned [t] with the Earl of **Chester** in besieging of **Nottingham** Castle, which after a while, was rendred; and for his fidelity was made choice of by the same King, to sit [u] with the rest of the Peers in that great Councell held there, on the 30th. of *March* next ensuing.

At the second Coronation of which King, he was one of the four that carried [w] the rich silken Canopie over his head. With the Earls of **Clare**, **Chester**, and others of the great Nobilitie, he swore [x] Fealtie to King *John* in the first year of his reign; but conditionally, that he should render to each of them his own. At the Coronation of that King in the Church of St. *Peter* at **Westminster** on *Ascension* day, he was also present [y]; and one the seventh of *June* following, being solemnly invested Earl of **Derby**, by a speciall Charter [z], then dated at **Northampton**, was girt with the Sword, by the said King's own hands, having a grant likewise of the *Tertium Denarium de omnibus Placitis* confirm'd to him and his heirs. In 5 *Joh.* he obtained a speciall Mandate [a] to *Geffrey Fitz-Piers* (then *Justiciarius Angliæ*) for livery of those lands in **Stapleford** *in Com. Leic.* that belong'd to the Vidame of **Chartres**, and were of his Fee: which Vidame died [b] in a voyage to the *Holy land*: and was a *Ferrers*, though he bore [c] for his Armes *a Bend betwixt six Martlets.*

This Earl was very loyall to King *John*, even in his greatest distresses; for in 14 of his reign, when that the Pope had depos'd [d] him of his Kingdome, and that *Pandulfus* his Legate came over to treat with him, the French King being then upon the Seas with a powerfull Navie, threatning an Invasion; so that King *John*'s condition was so desperate, as that he became necessitated to yeild to what termes he could get, he manifested his great affection to him, in becomming [e] one of the four, that gave his solemn Oath, for the King's performance of those Articles, whereunto he had submitted; which Agreement was made 13 *Maii* the same year: as also a witness [f] to the Charter of K. *John* (dated within two days following) whereby he gave up his Realm to the Pope: Of whose favour to him, I cannot omit to take notice of this singular instance; *viz.* that on the 27th. of *June* following, he had a speciall grant [g] to himself and his heirs, sitting at Dinner upon all Festivalls in the year, when they should solemnly celebrate those days, with his Head uncovered, and without any Cap, having a Garland thereon, of the breadth of the said King's little Finger.

In 16 *Joh.* he had the Castle of **Hareston** *in Com. Derb.* committed [h] to his charge; and the next year following, (when the Barons put themselves in Armes, and seized divers Castles) having raised Forces on the said King's behalf, he took [i] from them by assault, the Castles of **Bolesover** and **Pec**, in **Derbyshire**, whereupon he had a speciall Patent [k] constituting him Governour of

[f] *Lib. rub. f.* 106. *a.*
[t] *Hist. Ang. Script. Col.* 1085.
[u] *Ib.* 20.
[w] *Ib.*
[x] *Ib. col.* 1093. R. Hoved *f.* 307.
[y] *b. n.* 10.
[z] *Annal. de* Lewes *in bibl.* Cott.
[a]
[b] *Hist. Ang. Scrip. Col.* 577. *n.* 40. *&* 50.
[c] R. Hoved *f.* 308. *b. n.* 40.
[d]
[e] *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [Med. 10.] *f.* 44. *b.*
[f] *Hist. Angl. Script. Col.* 588. 26.
[g] Vinc. *contra* Broke
[h] *p.* 677.
[i] *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Ferrers *de* Tamworth *ar.*
[k]
[l]
[m] *Ex Cartul. Abb. S.* Dionysii.
[n] *Ex Regist. de* Lenton.
[o]
[p] R. Hoved *f.* 373. *b. n.* 20.
[q] *Ib. f.* 390. *b.*
[r] *Ex autog. penès pref.* I. Ferrers.
[s] R. Hoved *f.* 418. *b.*
[t] *Ib. n.* 20.
[u] *Ib. f.* 419. *a. n.* 30.
[w] *Ib. f.* 420. *b. n.* 50.
[x] *Ib. f.* 450. *n.* 50.
[y] *Ib. f.* 451. *n.* 30.
[z] *Cart. antiq. B. n.* 20.
[a] *Rot. de terr. &c. liberat. in Angl.* 5. Joh. *m.* 9.
[b] *Ib.*
[c] *Ex autog. penès* W. Burton *ar.*
[d] M. Paris. *p.* 234. *n.* 30
[e] *Ib. p.* 235. *n.* 20.
[f] *Ib. p.* 237. *n.* 20.
[g] *Ex cod. MS. in Offic. Ducat. Lanc. cap* 1.
[h] *Pat.* 16. Joh *p.* 1. *m.* 2.
[i] *Chron. de* Dunstaple *MS. in bibl.* Cotton. *f.* 12. *b.*
[k] *Pat.* 18. *Joh. m.* 5.

of them. And upon the death of King *John*, ſtood ſo firm to the young King *Henry* the third, as that, with the reſt of the loyall Nobilitie, he not onely aſſiſted [l] at his Coronation on *Simon* and *Jude's* day, but immediatly after *Eaſter*, accompanied the [m] famous *William Marſhall* (then Governour of the King and Kingdome) the Earls of **Cheſter**, **Albamarle**, and many other great men, to the ſiege of **Mountſorell** Caſtle in **Leceſterſhire**, then held out by *Henry de Braibroke* and ten other ſtout Knights. The ſame year he was [n] alſo with thoſe noble perſons at raiſing the ſiege of **Lincoln**, which the Rebellious Barons, with *Lewes* K. of **France**, whom they brought into the Realm had made: And having new Patents [o] from the King, for the cuſtody of thoſe Caſtles, held the government of them for full [p] ſix years. But in the ſecond year of this King's reign, he made a journey [q] to the *Holy Land*, with *Ranulph* Earl of **Cheſter** and ſome others, appointing [r] his Steward, *viz. Raphe Fitz-Nicholas*, to tranſact all buſineſſes concerning him, which ſhould relate to the Exchequer, till his return from Pilgrimage: And in 8 *H.* 3. was conſtituted [s] Governour of the Caſtle and Honour of **Lancaſter**.

The next obſervable paſſage, relating to this ſtout Earl (wherewith I have met) is, that upon the difference betwixt the King and *Richard* Earl of **Cornwall** (his Brother) in 11 *H.* 3. whereupon the King gave away the ſaid Earl of **Cornwall's** Caſtle of **Berkhamſted**, he with others, more reſenting the injury, which he thought was offred to the ſaid Earl, than the obligation of loyaltie to his ſovereign, ſtuck not to put [t] himſelf in Arms on that Earl's part: but the King wiſely diſcerning, that unavoidable miſchief might have enſued, by claſhing with his Nobilitie, which were then ſo potent, attributed the fault to his Chief Juſtice, and fairly compoſed the buſineſs. Nay this was not all, for they threatned him, that if he would not reſtore to them that Charter touching the Liberties of the Foreſt, which he had lately cancelled at **Oxford**; *ipſi illum gladiis diſcurrentibus compellerent*, ſaith my Author [u]: but in all theſe things the King gave them ſatisfaction [w] at **Northampton**, in *Auguſt* following.

In 13 *H.* 3. this *William* Earl *Ferrers* was imployed [x] by the King in his ſervice of **Wales**. In 8 *H.* 3. he had liverie [y] of the lands lying betweene **Ribbel** and **Perſe**, which belonging unto *Ranulph* Earl of **Cheſter** (his wives Brother) were aſſigned unto *Agnes* his wife in part of her portion of the inheritance belonging to her ſelf, and her other ſiſters and coheirs; for which he and ſhe were then bound to pay yearly unto the King's Exchequer a Goſhawk or *xl s.* In 21 *H.* 3. he was [z] one of the three chief Councellors recommended to the King, by the Barons, upon that reconciliation of their diſcontents for the violation of *Magna Charta*, the King then renewing his promiſe for the ſtrict obſervance thereof, and thoſe his Councell making Oath, that they would not, for any reſpects, give him other than wholeſome advice: which ſo well contented the people, that they gave [a] him a *xxx^th.* part of all their moveable goods, excepting of Gold, Silver, Horſe, and Arms. But in 31 *H.* 3. (*ſcil.* 10 *Cal. Oct.*) he died [b], *vir bonus & plenus dierum*, *Math. Weſtm.* [c] calls him, and *Math. Pariſ.* [d] *vir pacificus & juſtus*, ſaying that he had lain long afflicted with the Gout: His Counteſs departing [e] this life the ſame month, *ejuſdem ætatis, famæ, & bonitatis*. They had been man and wife at leaſt *Lxxv.* years, if my Author miſtake not; for he affirmeth [f] that St. *Thomas* of **Canterbury** celebrated the marriage betwixt them, who died in 18 *H.* 2. But I have ſeen an autograph, [g] mentioning their marriage to have been in *an.* 1192. (4 *R.* 1.) which falls ſhort no leſs than *xx.* years thereof.

To which Earl ſucceeded *William* his ſon and heir, a diſcreet and good man, ſaith [h] *M. Pariſ.* but troubled with his Father's infirmitie, who the next year following (*viz.* 32 *H.* 3.) did his Homage, and had liverie [i] of **Chartley**-Caſtle, and all other the lands of his Mothers inheritance; and the ſame year ſate [k] in that Parliament held at **London**, where the King made ſo ſtout an anſwer [l] to the high demands of his impetuous Barons. This Earl gave [m] to the Canons of **Derley** in **Derbyſhire**, the Church of **Boleſover** in that Countie, for the health of his ſoul; whoſe grant *Robert* and *William* his two ſons, afterwards confirmed [n]. But there is no other matter memorable, that I have ſeen of him, till his death, which happned [o] to be violent 9 *Cal. Apr.* 38 *H.* 3. for being carried in a kind of Chariot, by reaſon of his Gout, which through the unskilfulneſs of the Driver, fell off the Bridge at *S. Neots*, his limbs were ſo broke, and body bruiſed, that he quickly died thereof; and was buried [p] in this Abby of **Dereval**, leaving iſſue by [q] *Margaret* his ſecond wife, *Robert* his ſon and heir, and *William* (for by *Sibill*, his firſt, he had none but Daughters, as the Deſcent ſheweth.)

Which *Robert*, being then in minoritie (for the cuſtodie of whoſe lands, the Queen, and *Peter de Savoy*, gave [r] ſix thouſand marks, till he ſhould accompliſh his full age) had the ill hap to be the laſt Earl of his Family: for no ſooner was he come to mans eſtate, but that meeting with a diſcontented Nobilitie, who under many fair and ſpecious pretences, infuſed into him all principles of diſloialty, his high and hot ſpiritted youth grew ſo inflamed, as that [s] in 47 *H.* 3. when the combuſtions of Civill war began to break out, none was more forward to increaſe them, than he: yet, *nec fidus Regi neque Baronibus, quaſi non in Baronum numero*, ſaith [t] *Math. Pariſ.* but a world of miſchief he did; for having got a power of Souldiers at his heels, he entred **Worceſter** demoliſhed [u] that place there, called the Jewrie, plundred [w] the Religious Houſes, as well as other, and deſtroyed [x] the King's Parks thereabouts. To retaliat which outrage, the King ſent [y] *Edward* his eldeſt ſon, down into **Staffordſh** and **Derbyſhires**, with a good Army, where he waſted his lands and Mannours with Fire and Sword, and demoliſhed his Caſtle of **Tutbure**.

The next remarkable thing, relating to him, whereof our Hiſtorians make mention, is, that after the King and Prince were made Priſoners by that unhappy defeat of the Royall Army, at **Lewes**; and that *Clare* Earl of **Gloucester** grew diſcontented at the Earl of **Leceſter's** aſſuming the rule of all to himſelf, he ſecretly adhered [z] to *Clare*: Of which, *Leiceſter* having notice, layd [a] hold on him: but notwithſtanding *Clare* ſtoutly adventured his life, afterwards, for the Royall intereſt, yet did this Earl *Ferrers* no whit incline that way; for though he were not in the battail [b] of **Evesham**, yet did he act otherwiſe with all the power he had; ſo that, being highly taken notice of

l M. Pariſ. p. 289. n. 10.
m *Ib.* p. 293. n. 30.
n *Ib.* p. 295.
o *Pat.* 1. H. 3. m. 6. & m. 15.
p *Pat.* 6. H. 3. p. 1. m. 3.
q *Chron. de* Dunſtaple, *ut ſupra* f. 13. b.
r *Memoranda de T. Trin.* 2. H. 3. rot. 1. Derb.
s *Pat.* 8. H. 3. m. 12.
t M. Pariſ. p. 337.
u } *Ib.* n.
w } 40.
x *Rot. F.* 13. H. 3. m. 11.
y *Rot. F.* 18. H. 3. m. 1.
z } M. Pariſ. p.
a } 436 n. 10. & ſ.
b *Annal. de* Burton *MS. in bibl.* Cotton.
c *In an.* 1247.
d } p. 742. n. 10.
f }
g *Penes* S. Roper ar.
h 742. n. 10.
i *Rot. F.* 32. H. 3. m. 14.
k M. Pariſ. p. 743. n. 50.
l *Ib.* p. 749. n. 30.
m *Ex Regiſt. de* Derley *penes* Rob. *Comitem de* Kingſton *an.* 1630.
n *Ib.*
o Math. Weſtm. *in an.* 1254. M. Pariſ. p. 884. 17.
p *Annal. de* Burton *ut ſupra.*
q *Commun. de T. Trin.* 1. E. 3.
r *Pat.* 41. H. 3. m. 12.
s } M. Pariſ. p.
t } 992. n. 30.
u }
w } *Ib.*
x }
y Math. Weſtm. *in An.* 1264.
z } *Ib. in*
a } *An.* 1265.
b 4. *Aug.* 49. H. 3.

of for a most malevolent man to the King, he was involved in that generall Sentence [c] of disherison, pronounc'd at **Westminster** on the Feast day of St. *Edward's* translation (*sc.* 13 *Oct.*) against the King's adversaries; and being thereupon in [d] person called into the Court before the King, and charg'd with many high Crimes, not daring to adventure that Judgement, which he foresaw would be delivered against him, *de vita & membris, terris & tenementis suis, gratiæ Regis se totaliter submisit*, saith the Record [e].

Whereupon the King, out of his gracious disposition, in consideration [f] of a Cup of gold adorned with precious stones, obtained by the said Earl from *Michael de Toni*, for which he mortgaged to the said *Mich.* the Mannour of **Pirie** in **Northamptonshire**, and for fifteen hundred marks to be payd at four severall payments, within the compass of a twelve month, pardoned [g] his misdemeanours, and undertook [h] to secure him against Prince *Edward*, and all others against whom he had been injurious, at any time during the troubles, untill the 5th. of *Dec.* 50 *H.* 3. as by his speciall Pat. then bearing date, appeareth. Howbeit, *sub tali pacto fuit restitutus, ut si fortè, quoquo tempore residaveret, sine spe restitutionis foret exhere dandus*, saith my Authoritie [i]; *Et ad hoc tenendum tam per Sacramentum prestitum corporale, quam per Cartam suam, se Domino Regi gratis obligaverit.* But of that pardon he had no benefit, partly for that the said sum was not [k] accordingly payd, and partly by reason of his second defection; For the next Spring after, he made head [l] again, in the Northern parts of **Derbyshire**, *contra* [m] *Sacramentum suum, cum copioso Excercitu:* unto which the King's forces under the conduct of *Henry*, eldest son to the King of **Almain** shortly advanc'd [n] and at **Chesterfield** on *Whitson-Eve*, routed [o] all his power, whereof many were slain; and of those that escap'd by flight, he himself being one, was hid in a Church, but by the trecherie [p] of a woman, discovered, and brought up Prisoner [q] to **London** by the said *Henry*.

The authorities, whereof I have been necessitated to make use, for the better illustration of this Storie, do (I confess) somewhat differ in point of time; to reconcile them therefore, I have followed those, which have most agreed with our publick Records.

Hereupon, in the Parliament held the same year at **Westminster**, he was disherited [r], according to the tenor of his obligation before specified, and *Edmund*, the King's son invested with his Earldome of **Derby**, as my said Authoritie [s] expresseth; and as those that have written [t] touching the succession of our English Earls do affirm: but that he really was so, though he had the greatest part of his lands, and exeercised (perhaps) the power of Earl in that Countie, I am not satisfied, forasmuch as I cannot find that the said *Edmund* had any Patent of Creation unto that Honour, as he had to [u] those of **Leicester** [w] and **Lancaster**; nor any other, till [x] *Henry* of *Monmouth*, his grand-son, (who was afterwards made [y] D. of **Lancaster**.) Which *Edmund* soon after; *viz.* 28 *Junii* next ensuing, had a grant [z] from the King, of all the goods and Chattells, whereof the said *Robert* Earl of **Derby** was possest, upon the day of the skirmish at **Chesterfield** before mentioned; and on the fift of *August* following, of [a] all the Castles and lands belonging to the same Earl, to hold during pleasure.

It seems, that this *Robert* continued a Prisoner for the space of three years or thereabouts; for of his enlargement I find no mention till [b] the beginning of *May* 53 *H.* 3. but then there was such mediation made for him, that the King accepted of securitie [c], whereby he might receive satisfaction for his misdemeanours committed in the turbulent times before spoken of; and commanded the said *Edmund* to make restitution to him of his lands. Hereupon (as I guess) was that agreement made betwixt them, *viz.* that to quit all his interest in those Castles and lands so granted to him, he should receive [d] fifty thousand pounds, all upon one day; for payment whereof the said Earl procured *Henry*, son to the King of *Romans*, *William Valence* Earl of **Pembroke**, *John* Earl of **Warren** and **Surrey**, *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, *Roger de Someri*, *Thomas de Clare*, *Rob. Walraund*, *Rog. Clifford*, *Hamon le Straunge*, *Bartholmew Sudley*, and *Robert Bruse* (all great Barons) to be bound; unto whom he passed, by way of counter-securitie all his Castles and lands, excepting **Chartley** in **Staffordshire** and **Holbroke** in **Derbyshire**: which sum, being not accordingly payd, those his sureties past [e] over their title therein unto the said *Edmund* and his heirs.

But hereupon there arose great suits in Law, betwixt them, about the beginning of King *Edward* the first's time; the Earl pleading [f], that according to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, he was capable of redeeming his lands, lying in the Counties of **Stafford**, **Derby**, **Leic.** and **Lancaster**, excepting **Chartley** *in Com. Staff.* and **Holbroke** *in Com. Derb.* for the sum of fifty thousand pounds, and that they were both formerly so agreed. In answer whereunto, the said *Edmund* exhibited a certain writing made, and enrouled in the Chancerie, by which it appeared, that he was to hold those lands untill the Earl did pay that sum at one intire payment. Unto which the Earl replied, that the said Writing ought not to oblige him, forasmuch as it was made *per dures*; but upon full hearing of the cause, Judgement [g] was given against him, whereupon he lost **Tutbury** Castle and other vast possessions, which came thereby to the said *Edmund*, then Earl of **Leicester** and **Lancaster**, as hath been shewed: But this was not all; for he lost [h] his Earldome likewise. All that I have seen, farther memorable of the before specified *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, is, that by his Letters Patent [i], bearing date at **Norhall**, on the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Fabian* and *Sebastian*, in 46 *H.* 3. he gave libertie unto Sir *Walter de Raleg* and his heirs, inhabiting at **Ulverater** in **Staffordshire**, to hunt and course the Fox and Hare, within the precincts of his Forrest of **Needwood** in that Countie, with eight Braches, and four Greyhounds. To which grant his Seal of Armes is affixed; wherein it appears, that, upon his Shield and the Caparisons of his Horse (waiving the *border of Horse-shoos* used by his Father) he bore onely *Varrè Or and Gules*: which Armes were afterwards continued by his posteritie, the Lords *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, so long as that line lasted; and since, according to the usage of later times, by the principall male branch, now remayning, of this great and noble Family, seated at **Tamworth**-Castle in this Countie. As for the time of his death, I cannot directly point it out; but in sted thereof shall close up his story with the words of the *MS.* [k] before cited, *viz. Robertus Comes de Ferrariis Christum dominum Regem, viz. suum dominum Henricum infestavit sine causa, non tantum*

c Math. Westm. *ut supra.*
d e } *Pat.* 49 *H.* 3. *m.* 96.
f g h } *Rot. F.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 9. *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 32. & 40.
i *Ex vet. membr. in offic. Ducat. Lanc.*
k *Plac. coram R.* 12. *H.* 4. *rot.* 20. Staff. *Et T. Hill. rot.* 21. Derb.
l M. Paris. *p.* 1001. *n.* 50. *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20.] *f.* 122. *b.*
m n } *Ex præf. membr.*
o *Chron. MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*K.* 84.] *f.* 65. *a.*
p *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20] *ut supra.*
q r s } *Ex præf. vet. membr.*
t Brooke & Vincent
u *Cart.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 1.
w *Cart.* 51. *E.* 3. *m.* 4.
x *Cart.* 11. *E.* 3. *n.* 50.
y *Pat.* 25. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 28.
z *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 12.
a *Ib. m.* 9.
b c } *Ib. m.* 16.
d *Hist. Angl. Scrip. Col.* 2438. *n.* 10.
e *Ex autog. in bibl.* Deuvef.
f *Plac. coram R. Term. Mich.* 2. *E.* 1. *rot.* 6. & 13. Staff.
g *Ib.*
h M. Westm. *in an.* 1265.
i *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. Ferrers.
k *Ex vet. membr. in offic. Duc.* Lanc.

tum semel sed sepius, & precipuè cum esset Pax domini Regis per Regnum proclamata. Ipse verò Robertus pauper obiit, nichil præter podagram possidens hæreditatis: sc. his Father's and Grandfather's infirmitie.

l *Clauſ.* 33. H. 3. *m.* 6. *in d.* *Pat.* 34. H. 3. *m.* 9.

Two wives he had, *Mary* [l] the first, neice to King *Henry* the third (*sc.* daughter [m] to *Hugh le Brun* Earl of *Angolesm*, his brother by the mothers side,) being married [n] very young, he at nine, and she at eight years of age. And *Alianore* [o], though whose daughter I cannot prove: For the health of whose souls, and his own, he gave [p] to the Canons of St. *Thomas juxta* **Stafford**, two Messuages in **Chartley** before mentioned, as also *xvii.* acres of land and the advouson of the Church of **Stow** *juxta* **Chartley**; appointing [q] his body to be buried in the Priorie of St. *Thomas*, whensoever he should depart this life.

m *Annal. de Burton ut supra.*
n *Annal. de Burton ut supra.*
o *Pat.* 12. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 12. *per.*
p *Pat.* 12. E. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 12. *per.*
q *Inſp.*

To this Earl succeeded *John* [r] his son and heir, within age in 9 *E.* 1. but somewhat of his Father's spirit, it seems; For in 25 *E.* 1. when the Earls [s] of **Hereford** and *Marshall* *, with other their complices, began to blow the Coals of discontent at the present Government, and prohibited [t] the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, to gather that Subsidie granted to the King in Parliament at St. **Edmundsbury** (which was the eighth part of their moveable goods) having allured the Londoners to stand with them for the recovering of their liberties (as they termed it) this *John* fell in to their partie: but by the timely care of Prince *Edward*, then Lieutenant here, in his Father's stede (who was at that time victorious in **Scotland**) the heat of these turbulent Spirits was allayed, by a condescension [u] to confirm *Magna Charta*, and that of the Forests; as also [w] that thenceforth no Taxe should be imposed upon his Subjects without their consent in Parliament, and that the offences of those Earls and their adherents should be pardoned: In which pardon this *John de Ferrers* is particularly [x] named, who shortly after grew in such esteem with the King, that he had Summons [y] to sit in Parliament amongst the Barons in 27 *E.* 1. and afterwards in all succeeding Parliaments; which favour was continued to his posteritie, who thereupon had the title of Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, that being their principall seat. But farther than what I have said, I shall not prosecute the Storie of these Barons, it being besides my busines, referring my Reader to the Descent before inserted, whereby the succession of them may be seen: a word or two now, of *William*, his uncle, from whom they of **Groby** sprung, and so consequently those of **Tamworth** and I have done.

r *Plac. de Jur. & Assis.* 9. E. 1. *rot.* 5. Derb.
* Hugh. Bigod.
s *T. Walsi.* *p.* 39.
t *T. Walsi.* *p.* 39.
u *Ib. p.* 42.
w *Ib. p.* 42.
x *Ib. p.* 42.
y *Clauſ.* 27. E. 1. *in d.*

This *William*, being in Armes against the King, with the Barons in 48 *H.* 3. was taken [z] in **Northampton** the same year, at the assault thereof by the Royall Army: but in 50 *H.* 3. conforming himself to obedience, had pardon [a], and was received to favour. By the gift of *Margaret* his Mother, one of the daughters and coheirs to *Roger de Quincie* Earl of **Winchester**, he had a grant [b] of the Mannour of **Groby** in **Leicestershire**, which came to her upon the partition of that inheritance; whereupon he payd a Fine [c] of *xl.* marks to the King, that he might hold it *in Capite* by the services antiently due, and did his Homage for the same; bearing for his Armes the Coat of the said *Roger de Quinci*, (*sc. Gules seven Mascles voided Or*) which his descendants continued till the male line of the elder House (*viz.* the Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**) became extinct, as hath been already observed. To which *William* who was dead [d] in 17 *E.* 1. succeeded *William* his son [e] and heir, summoned [f] to Parliament amongst the Peers in 25. *E.* 1. and afterwards, during his life, by the name of *William de Ferrers de* **Groby** *Chivalier* (being the first that brought the dignity of a Baron, to this branch of the Family,) and to him *Henry*, who married [g] *Isabell* the daughter and heir of *Theobald* Lord *Verdon*.

z M. Paris. *in an.* 1264
a *Pat.* 50. H. 3. *m.* 11.
b *Esc.* 23. H. 6
c *Rot. F.* 8. E. 1. *m.* 10.
d *Rot. F.* 17. E. 1. *m.* 15.
e *Commun. de T. Trin.* 1. E. 3.
f *Clauſ.* 25. E. 1. *in d.*
g *Clauſ.* 18. E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27.

Which *Henry*, in consideration of his good and acceptable services performed to King *Edward* the third, as also his chargeable expences and frequent endeavours for the defence of his rights (as the words of the Pat. do import) had, by the consent of the Prelates, Earls, and Barons, assembled in Parliament at **Westminster**, by Letters Pat. [h] bearing date 18 *Maii* 11 *E.* 3. a grant from the said King, of the Mannours of **Risebergh**-*Comitis* in **Buckinghamshire**, **Walton** *in Com. Derb.* and **Newport** *in Com.* **Essex**, &c. to himself and the heirs male of his body; some whereof are to this day enjoyed accordingly: But forasmuch as the seat of this branch, was in **Leicestershire**, I shall not farther pursue the Story of them, having already inserted the Descent so far as the male line continued; chiefly because I am to discourse of the principall stem now remaining, when I come to **Tamworth**-Castle, where, to this day, it flourisheth.

h *Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 1. 15.

And so, having already made my Apologie for this long digression, I must now step on the Northern side of **Anker**, forasmuch as the Mother-Churches, whereunto all those Villages and places of note, lying on this side the River, do or did antiently belong, are situate there.

Wedington.

BEfore the Norman invasion, this place was possest [i] by one *Hereuuarde*; but after the Conquest, *Robert* Earl of **Mellent** had it, with many other Lordships aswell in this Countie as elsewhere; at which time, by the generall Survey, it [k] was rated for three Hides, having Woods that belong'd thereto, containing two furlongs in length and one in breadth, and all together valued at *xxx* s. but in that Record it is written **Watstune**. That from this Earl of **Mellent**, it came to *Henry de Neuburgh* (his brother) the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman race, and that the progenitor of the *Astleys* had it with **Astley** and **Hill-Morton** (both in this Countie) by grant from the said Earl in K. *Henry* the first's time, to be held by the service of one Kts. Fee, I have in **Hill-Morton** and **Astley** already demonstrated: I shall now therefore take notice of what I find memorable thereof, during it's continuance in that Family, and the succession of it since, which, in brief, is as followeth; *viz.* That being seized into the King's hands for the Rebellion of *Thomas de Astley*, slain in the battail of **Evesham** 49 *H.* 3. it was given [l] to *Warine de Bassingburne*, with **Astley** and all other his possessions then forfeited: but afterwards upon the Composition made by *Andrew de Astley*, son and heir to the said *Thomas*, according to the *Dictum de* **Kenilworth**, the said *Andrew* had a grant thereof back, from the same *Warine*, which the King confirmed [m].

i *Domesd. lib.*
k *Domesd. lib.*
l *Pat.* 50. H. 3. *m.* 11.
m *Pat.* 50. H. 3. *m.* 11.

Which

Which *Andrew*, in 13 *E.* 1. clayming here by Preſcription a **Court Leet**, Gallows, **Free-warren**, and *Weyfs*, had allowance [n] thereof: To whoſe Deſcendants it continued whilſt the male line laſted; but then together with **Aſtley**, divolving to *Grey*, was incloſed [o], and for the moſt part depopulated by *Thomas Grey* Marqueſs *Dorſet* in 7 *H.* 7. who decayed [p] ten Meſſuages here, whereunto belonged *CCC.* acres of land: After which, his poſteritie did not long enjoy it; for by the attainder [q] of *Henry* D. of *Suff.* his grandſon, it eſchaeted to the Crown, and in 4. *Eliz.* was granted [r] to *Henry* Earl of **Huntingdon** and his heirs, to be held *in Capite* by the *xx*th. part of a Knight's Fee: of whom it was purchaſed (as I think) by *Humphrey Adderley* Eſquire; for I find that the ſaid *Humphrey* died [s] ſeized of it in 41. *Eliz.* whoſe grandchild now enjoys it.

The Church, in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) was valued [t] at ſix marks, and in [u] 26 *H.* 8. at *viii* l. *x* s. *vi* d. over and above *ix* s. *vi* d. for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes.
D. Nich. de Aſtley miles.	*Galfr. de Sutton Cap.* 3 *Cal. Nov.* 1312.
D. Thomas de Aſtley miles.	*Will. Ernald* 3. *Id. Oct.* 1347. *Rob. de Shakelthorp Pbr.* 9. *Cal. Nov.* 1361.
D. Will. de Aſtley miles.	*Henr. de Ilpton Pbr.* 28. *Dec.* 1386. *Thomas de Whatton Cap.* 7. *Feb.* 1407.
D. Reginaldus Grey.	*Henr. Shirewode Pbr.* 16. *Oct.* 1437.
D. Johanna Grey, nuper ux. Reg. Grey.	*Will. Staunton Pbr.* 13. *Apr.* 1445.
D. Eliz. domina Ferrers de Grobi.	*Rad. Wode Pbr.* 13 *Aug.* 1458.
Thomas Marchio Dorſet.	*Rob. Legge in Decr. Bac.* 15 *Martii* 1490.
D. Marmaduc[us] Conſtable miles, ex conceſſ. Henr. March. Dorſ.	*D. Rob. Thurman Cler.* 26 *Nov.* 1551.
Humfridus Adderley ar.	*Ric. Vyne Cler. in art. Mag.* 11 *Martii* 1627.

n *Rot. de Quo W.*

o } *Inq. ſuper*
p } *Depop.* 9. *H.* 8.

q *Pat.* 4. & 5. *Ph. & M. p.* 5.

r *Pat.* 4. *Eliz. p.* 4.

s *Eſc.* 41. *Eliz.*

t *MS. in Scac.*

u *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 58. *b.*

Langt. f. 33. *a.*

Northb. f. 45. *b.*

Stret. f. 10. *a.*

Sk. f. 2. *a.*

Burgh. f. 19 *b.*

Heyw. f. 36. *a.*

Ib. f. 43. *a.*

Bowi. f. 27. *a.*

Ib. f. 120. *b.*

Sampſ. f. 42. *b.*

Morton bund. incert.

Caldecote.

ABout a mile lower, ſtands **Caldecote**, poſſeſt [w] by one *Tonna* in King *Edw.* the Confeſſor's days; but after the Norman Conqueſt, it came to the Biſhop of **Cheſter**'s hands, who held it when the generall Survey was made; at which time it was rated [x] at two Hides, having a Church and a Mill, and Woods containing three furlongs in length and as much in breadth; all being valued at *Lx* s. How or when it went out of the hands of theſe Biſhops, I have not ſeen, the next poſſeſſor thereof, of whom I find any mention, being [y] *William le Archer* in 12 *H.* 3. Which *William* paſt [z] it away the year enſuing, unto one *William le Rous*: From whom deſcended (as I ſuppoſe) *Margerie le Ruſſe*, who in 32 *E.* 1. ſold [a] it to *Robert de Herle*; *John Painell*, ſon and heir to the ſaid *Margerie*, releaſing [b] to the ſaid *Robert*, all his title therein, as alſo to the advouſon of the Church.

w } *Domeſd.*
x } *lib.*

y *Clauſ.* 12 *H.* 3. *in d.*

z *F. levat. craſt. Anim.* 13. *H.* 3.

a *F. levat. Oct. Mich.* 23. *E.* 1.

b *Plac. coram. R. term. Mich.* 6. *E.* 2.

Unto whom ſucceeded *Will. de Herle*, which *Will.* died [c] ſeiſed of this Mannour in 21 *E.* 3. leaving *Robert* his ſon and heir *xxx.* years of age, afterwards a Knight, who departed [d] this life in 38 *E.* 3. Sir *Raph Haſtings* Knight being then found his Coſin and heir, *ſcil.* ſon of *Margaret*, ſiſter to the ſaid *Robert*. Which Sir *Raph*, excepting the Advouſon of the Church, within five years after aliened [e] it to the Prieſts of the Collegiate Chapell of **Mouſley** in **Leiceſterſhire**, for four hundred pounds: whereunto it continued till the diſſolution thereof by the Statute of 37 *H.* 8. But then, coming to the Crown, was by Letters [f] Pat. dated 6 *Aug.* 2 *E.* 6. paſt out (*inter alia*) to *William Gyes* of the **Stronde** *in Com. Midd.* and *Michaell Purefey* of **Whelleſboro** *in Com. Leic.* Gentlemen, and their heirs, to be held of the Mannour of **Yether** in Socage, without any Rent to be rendred for the ſame. Which *Michaell* being a younger [g] ſon to *Thomas Purefey* of **Drayton** *in Com. Leic.* Eſquire, and marrying [h] *Joice* the daughter and coheir to *John Herdwyk* of **Lindley** *in Com. Leic.* Eſquire, ſetled here, and left iſſue *William* his ſon and heir, *John* who reſided at **Netherwhitacre**; and *George*, who purchaſed **Wolverhill** in this Countie. Which *William*, by *Catherine* daughter to Sir *William Wigſton* of **Wolſton** Knight, had iſſue *Francis* his ſon and heir, who wedded *Elianore* the daughter to *John Baskervile*, and by her had iſſue *William* the preſent owner hereof, and reedifyer of the Mannour Houſe with a fair ſtructure of brick and ſtone, where the Armes and matches of his Family are in ſeverall pieces of ſculpture, very exactly repreſented.

c *Eſc.* 21. *E.* 3. *n.* 44.

d *Eſc.* 38. *E.* 3. *n.* 23.

e *Rot. F.* 43. *E.* 3. *m.* 2.

f *Pat.* 2. *E.* 6. *p.* 2.

g *Viſit. com.* Warw. 1619.

h *Inſcrip. Tum. apud.* Caldecote.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Theobald* and St. *Chad.*) was in *an.* 1291 (19 *E.* 1.) valued [i] at two marks; but in [k] 26 *H.* 8. at *vi* l. *xvi* s. over and above *v* s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes.	
Rob. de Herle miles.	*Petrus de Friſeby Cap.* 12 *Cal. Nov.* 1349.	*Northb. f.* 51. *b.*
Rad. de Haſtings miles.	*Will. Gower Pbr.* 3. *Non. Junii* 1368.	*Stret. f.* 17. *a.*
	Joh. Prechor de Wiſtow Pb. 4 *Non. Martii* 1368.	*Ib. f.* 17. *b.*
	Ric. Puſteler Pbr. 4 *Julii* 1387.	*Sk. f.* 2. *a.*
	Thomas Weſton Pbr. 9 *Martii* 1390.	*Ib. f.* 5. *b.*
	Rob. Paynter 9 *Oct.* 1392.	*Ib. f.* 8. *a.*
	Will. de Staveley Pbr. 11 *Jan.* 1403.	*Burgh. f.* 13. *a.*
Ric. de Haſtings miles.	*Ric. Stracur. Cap.* 3. *Febr.* 1414. *Ric. Inderay Cap.* 17. *Aug.* 1425.	*Arund f.* 143. *a.* *Heyw. f.* 16. *a.*
Leonardus Haſtings ar.	*Joh. Blawden Pbr.* 2. *Maii* 1441.	*Ib. f.* 40. *a.*
Joh. Osburne Cler. ratione conceſſ. Georgii Comitis Huntingdoniæ.	*D. Will. Cotterell Cap.* 15. *Jan.* 1540.	*Str. & P. f.* 17. *b.*
Jocoſa Purefey relicta Mich. Purefey ar.	*Jac. Worſhipp Cler.* 12. *Sept.* 1575.	*Bentham Bund. C.*
Will. Purefey ar.	*Will. Rowley Cler.* 28. *Julii* 1595.	*Overton bund. C.*
Will. Purefey ar.	*Ric. Vine in art. Mag.* 10 *Junii* 1630.	*Morton bund. incert.*

i *MS. in Scac.*

k *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.*

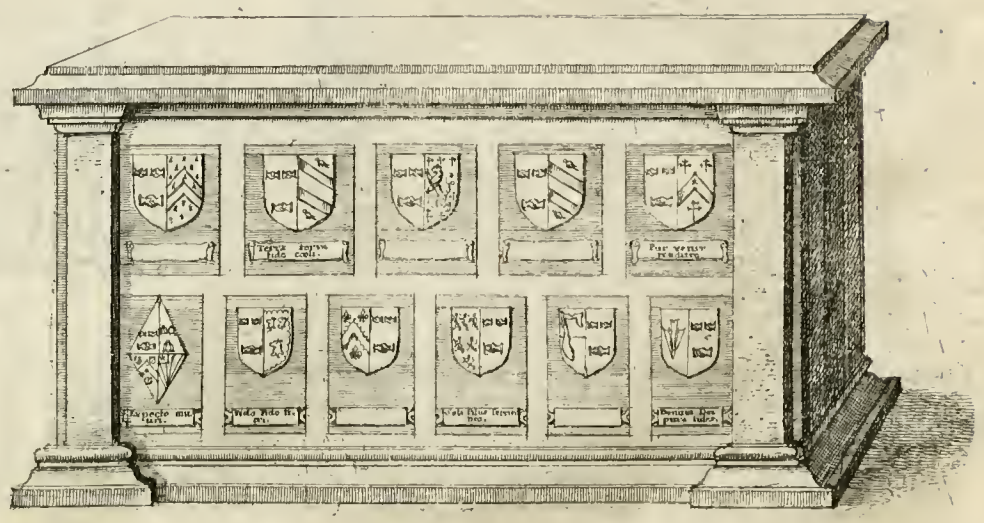
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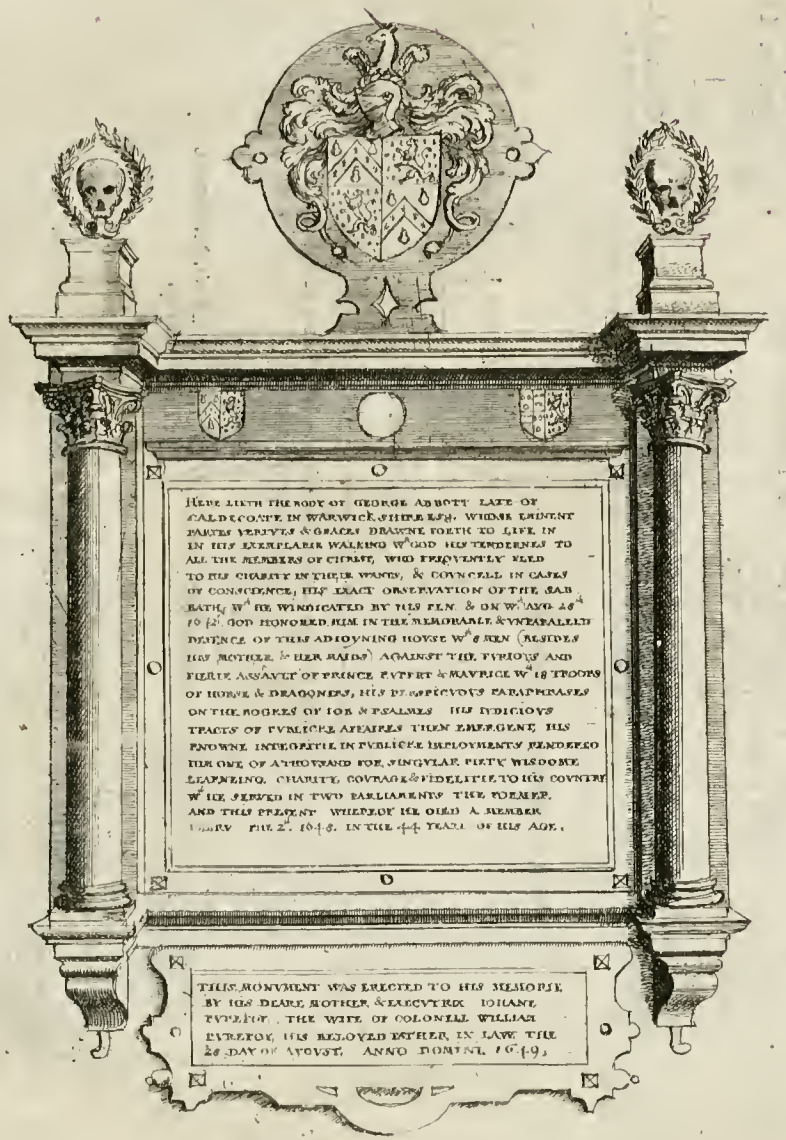
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HERE LIETH THE BODY OF GEORGE ABBOTT LATE OF
CALDECOTE IN WARWICK SHIRE ESQ. WHOSE EMINENT
PARTS VERTVES & GRACES DRAWNE FORTH TO LIFE IN
IN HIS EXEMPLARIE WALKING W^TH GOD HIS TENDERNES TO
ALL THE MEMBERS OF CHRIST, WHO FREQVENTLY FLED
TO HIS CHARITY IN THEIR WANTS, & COVNCELL IN CASES
OF CONSCIENCE; HIS EXACT OBSERVATION OF THE SAB
BATH, W^CH HE WINDICATED BY HIS FLN & ON W^CH AVG 26^TH
1642 GOD HONORED HIM IN THE MEMORABLE & VNEXPECTED
DEFENCE OF THIS ADIOYNING HOVSE W^TH 8 MEN (BESIDES
HIS MOTHER & HER MAIDS) AGAINST THE FVRIOVS AND
FIERCE ASSAVLT OF PRINCE RVPERT & MAVRICE W^TH 18 TROOPS
OF HORSE & DRAGONERS; HIS DEVOTIOVS PARAPHRASES
ON THE BOOKES OF IOB & PSALMES HIS IVDICIOVS
TRACTS OF PVBLICKE AFFAIRES THEN EMERGENT, HIS
KNOWNE INTEGRITIE IN PVBLICKE IMPLOYMENTS RENDERED
HIM ONE OF A THOVSAND FOR SINGVLAR PIETY WISDOME
LEARNING, CHARITY, COVRAGE & FIDELITIE TO HIS COVNTRY
W^CH SERVED IN TWO PARLIAMENTS THE FORMER,
AND THIS PRESENT WHEREOF HE DIED A MEMBER
VIZ^LIBET THE 2^D 1648. IN THE 64 YEARE OF HIS AGE.

THIS MONVMENT WAS ERECTED TO HIS MEMORIE
BY HIS DEARE MOTHER & EXECVTRIX IOHANE
PVRFOY THE WIFE OF COLONELL WILLIAM
PVRFOY HIS BELOVED BROTHER IN LAW THE
28 DAY OF AVGVST ANNO DOMINI 1649

On the South side of the Chancell.



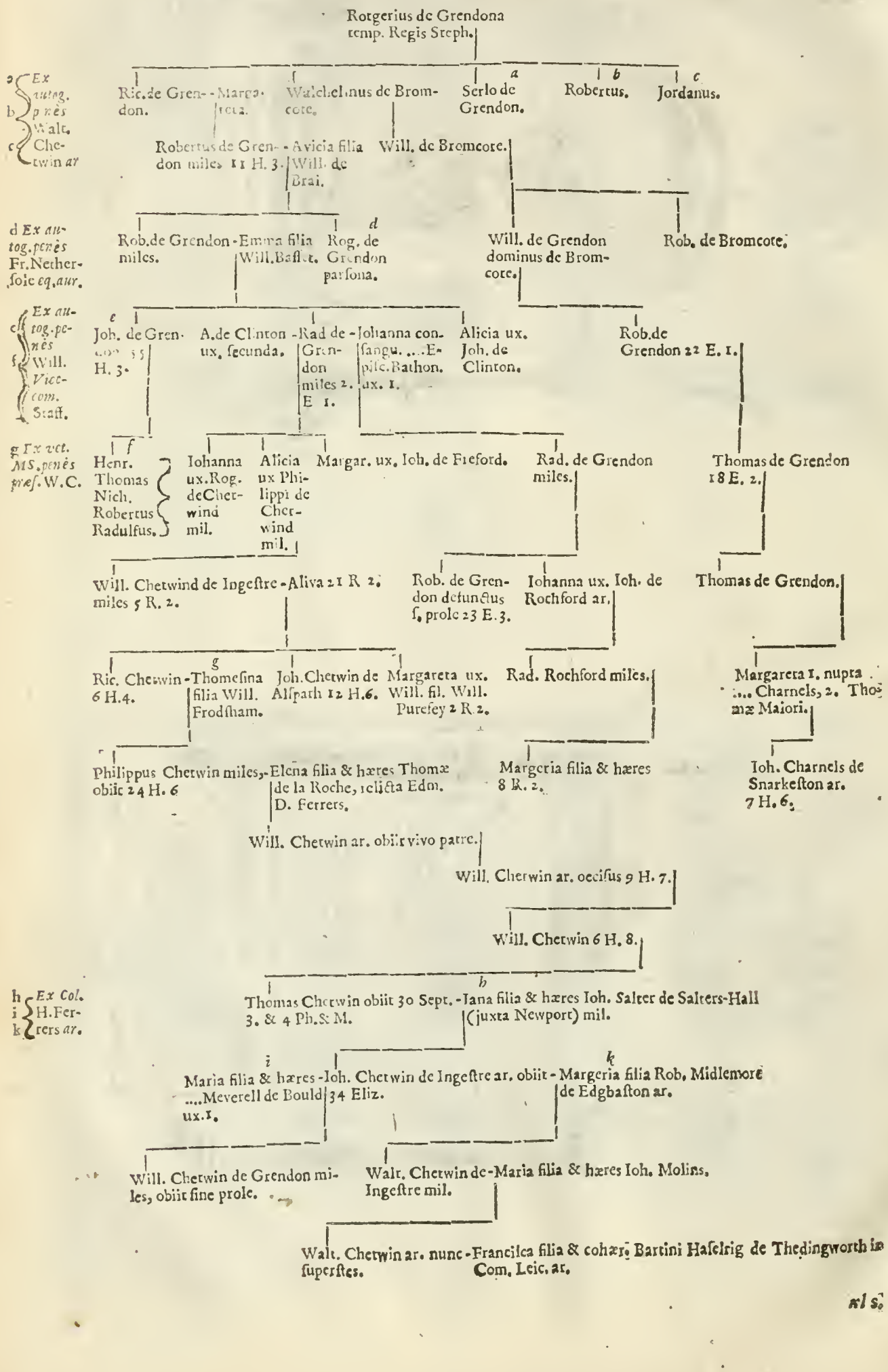
MICHAELL PVRFOY ON
LY SON OF THOMAS
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64 YEARS & SO DIED THE
21 OF AVGVST 1627

GAMALIEL PVRFOY ONLY
SONN OF GEORGE THE 5
SONN OF MICHAELL AND
IOYCE EXECVTOR AND
CLOSE GERMAN TO
THIS MICHAELL PVRFOY
CAVSED THIS TO BE MADE
IN MEMORIE OF HIM 1629.

Grendon.

ABout four miles farther on the same side of Anker, stands **Grendon**, whereof *Henry de Feriers* was possest [l] in the Conqueror's time, one *Thurstane* then holding it of him. By the generall Survey [m] this was esteemed at five hides and a half, there being then a Mill rated at *v* s. and Woods extending to one mile and a half in length, and a mile in breadth; all which were valued at

l, m, n { Domesd. lib.



a Ex autog. penès Walt. Chetwin ar.
b Ex autog. penès Fr. Nethersole eq. aur.
c Ex autog. penès Will. Vicecom. Staff.
d Ex vet. MS. penès præs. W. C.
e Ex Col. H. Ferrers ar.

xl s. But before the Norman invasion one *Siward Barn* was owner [n] of it, as also of som other lands in this Countie, that at the Conquest were in like manner disposed of to the before specified *Henry de Feriers:* Which *Siward*, being a potent Englishman, was kept Prisoner [o] with divers other persons of qualitie, till the end of the Conqueror's reign, that the King, lying upon his deathbed, being moved with compunction for his hard dealing to the native English, gave order [p] for their enlargement. Whether the before specified *Thurstan*, who held it in the Conqueror's time, were paternall ancestor to that Familie, which for many ages afterwards enjoy'd it, is hard to say, *Roger de Grendon* being the first that took his firname from hence in [q] King *Stephen*'s time. Which *Roger*, or his Father was originally enfeoft [r] hereof in *H.* 1. time; yet not immediatly by *Ferrers*, but by [s] *Camvile*, who (it seems) had the first grant of it from the said *Henry* or his son, to hold by the service [t] of one Knight's Fee: But of *Robert Marmion* Lord of **Tamworth**-Castle he held [u] another Knights Fee (lying [w] in **Dozdon** and **Waverton**) and to the Church of St. *Leonard* at **Hou**, gave [x] certain lands, which he held of the said *Robert Marmion*; as also to [y] the Nuns of **Polesworth**, half a yard land in **Waverton**, leaving issue *Richard de Grendon*, who confirmed his said Father's grant, and for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Margaret* his wife, bestowed [z] on the said Nuns half a yard land more, situate in the same Viliage, towards the support of their garments, being likewise a Benefactor [a] to the Canons of **Calc** (near **Repton**) in **Derbyshire**.

To this *Richard* succeeded Sir *Robert de Grendon* Knight, who by *Avicia* the daughter of *William de Bray*, had issue *Robert*; which *Robert*, being heir [b] to his said grandfather *W. de Bray*, became thereby possest of **Shenston**, a fair Lordship in **Staffordshire**. After which, *sc.* in 20 and 25. *H.* 3. he was a Justice [c] of Assize in this Countie. In 21 *H.* 3, he was in [d] Commission for collecting a Subsidie; and from 26 till 33 *H.* 3. inclusive, a Justice [e] of Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. In 34 *H.* 3. he was constituted [f] Shiriff for the Counties of **Salop** and **Staff.** as also Governour of [g] the Castles of **Salop**, **Bruges**, and **Ellesmere**; at which time he gave [h] *C* s. to the King for a Charter of **Free-warren**. In 37 *H.* 3. he was a [i] Knight but afterward, either really, or in shew, an adherent to the rebellious Barons; for it appears that he had some speciall favour [k] from them, in respect of a Debt that he owed to the Jews; and was by them constituted [l] Shiriff of the Counties of **Salop**, and **Staff.** But if he were cordially theirs, he soon gave the King testimony of his more loyall affections; for it appears, that shortly after their overthrow in the battail of **Evesham**, he was join'd [m] in authoritie with the Shiriff of this Countie, for the seizure of their lands and possessions, as also made a Commissioner [n] for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**: and the next year following, having the King's speciall acknowledgement of his faithfull service, obtain'd respite [o] for payment of those Debts, which were due from him to the Exchequer, for such money as he had received whilst he was Shiriff as aboveſaid, having libertie to pay it by *xx l. per an.*

He was likewise a Benefactor [p] to the before specified Chapell of St. *Leonard* at **Hoo**, in which the Nuns of **Polesworth** (for it belong'd to them) found two Priests perpetually celebrating divine service for the health of his soul. Of this *Robert* I farther find, that he contracted matrimony [q] with one *Joane le Butiller*, yet did not thereupon receive her as his wife, which caused a controversy betwixt them in the Spirituall-Court: What he alleag'd in justification of himself, appears not; but by sentence [r] of the Chief-Chanter of **Lichfield**, and others, it is evident that he was quit of her, and wedded [s] *Emme* the daughter to *William Basset* (of **Sapcote**) by whom he had [t] in frank marriage, all her Father's lands in **Houby**, with the Homage and service of Sir *Steph. de Segrave*. To which last mentioned Sir *Robert*, succeeded Sir *Raph de Grendon* Knight, one of the Justices for [u] the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick** in 2 *E.* 1. Bewixt whom and *Geffrey de Camvile*, there grew certain differences, touching the services to be performed for this Lordship, which was held of the same *Geffrey* by one Knight's Fee, but in 4. *E.* 3. they came to an Agreement [w]; *sc.* that the said Sir *Raph* and his heirs; should from thenceforth answer *xl s.* to the King, for Scutage, when it might happen, and according to that rate, doing Homage and paying Relief upon occasion; as also performing suit to the Court of the same *Geffrey*, at **Clifton**-*Camvile*, upon reasonable summons, whensoever any Triall might fortune to be there, by virtue of the King's Writ, or that a Thief was to be judged.

In 26 *E.* 1. this Sir *Raphe* had Summons [x], amongst sundry other great men, to be at **Carleol** on *Whitson-Eve*, well furnisht with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots. In 28 *E.* 1. he was [y] a Knight. In 29 *E.* 1. he received another command [z] to attend the King at **Warwick** upon **Tiwede** to march into **Scotland**. In 31 *E.* 1. having confirm'd [a] to the Nuns of **Polesworth** those grants of his ancestors, made to the Chapel of **Hoo** before mentioned, he released [b] to them all the right he had in severall assarts of Woods and arable within the precincts of **Polesworth**; and departed [c] this life in 5 *E.* 3. leaving *Robert* his son and heir, and a daughter called *Joane*, marryed to *John Rochford* Esquire. Which *Robert* was a man but of weak [d] understanding, insomuch as Sir *Roger* and Sir *Philip de Chetwin*, with *John de Freford*, who had married his Aunts, alledging [e], that *A. de Clinton* second wife to old Sir *Raph de Grendon*, and mother to those three daughters, had a joint [f] estate with her said husband in all his lands, challenged the inheritance of them (she being dead) from the before mentioned *Robert*, in right of their wives, by virtue of an Entail [g] made in 27 *E.* 1. and accordingly entred [h] upon them.

Whereupon the said *Robert* discerning, that he was like to be over-born by the subtilty of those his adversaries, resorted for refuge to *Henry* Duke of **Lancaster** (a potent man at that time) yeilding unto him the whole Mannour of **Shenston**, to hold for terme of his life, or the longer liver of them, conditionally [h] that he would protect him in the possession of this Mannour, and his lands at **Gopshull** and **Dozdon**, &c. All which being in like sort performed, the said [i] *Roger de Chetwynd*, and *Joane*, quitted [i] their interest to the same *Robert*, and his heirs in 17 *E.* 3. and so [k] likewise did *John de Freford* and *Margaret* his wife, as also *Alice* the widow of Sir *Philip Chetwynd* in 19. *E.* 3. But afterwards, *sc.* about the 22th. of *E.* 3. the

o R. Hoved. *f.* 264. *n.* 20.
p
q *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nerhersole *eq. aur.*
r *Lib. rub. f.* 106. *a.*
s *Testa. de* N.
t *Lib. rub. ut suprà.*
u *Ib. f.* 104. *b.*
w *Esc.* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 36
x *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Chetwin *ar.*
y *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*
z
a *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. C.
b *Ex autog. in bibl.* Hatton.
c *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*
d *Clauſ.* 21. *H.* 3. *in d.*
e *Pat. de ijsd. an. in d.*
f *Pat.* 34. *H.* 3. *m.* 11.
g
h *Rot. F.* 34 H. 3. *m.* 8.
i *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.
k *Rot. F.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 7.
l *Pat.* 49. *H.* 3. *m.* 20.
m *Ib. in dorſo.*
n
o *Pat.* 50. *H.* 3. *m.* 9.
p *Pat.* 21, *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per. Insp.*
q *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. Chetwin.
r
s
t
u *Pat.* 21. *E.* 1. *in d.*
w *F. levat. mens. Pasch.* 4. *E.* 1.
x *Clauſ.* 26. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 6.
y *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.
z *Clauſ.* 29. *E.* 1. *in d. m.* 13.
a *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. C.
b *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*
c *Ex vet. membr. penès præf.* W. C.
d *Ib.*
e
f *F. levat.* 3. *sept. Pasch.* 27. *E.* 1.
g
h *Ex præf. vet. membr.*
i *Ex autog. penès præf.* W. C.
k *F. levat. in craſt. Aſcenſ.* 19. *E.* 3.

the said *Robert* died [l] without issue, so that the inheritance of these lands thereby descending to his nephew Sir *Raph Rochford* Knight (son of *Joane* the wife of *John Rochford* before specified) he the said Sir *Raph* entailed [m] them upon the issue of his body by *Joane* the daughter of Sir *Hugh Menill* Knight, with remainder to his three sisters successively, and then to Sir *Richard Stafford* and his heirs: According to which entail, the possession thereof continued for divers years, untill at length Sir *Raph Rochford* being dead, the said *Joane* his wife married [n] again to one *Hugh de Asheby*, with whom Sir *William Chetwyn* Knight (son and heir to the before mentioned Sir *Philip*) making an accord [o], became totally possest thereof, having (in 39 *E.* 3.) compounded [p] with *Isabell* the widow of *John de Rochford* for her title of dower therein, formerly granted to her by Sir *Raph Rochford* her son in Law.

After which he seated himself here, and in 16 *R.* 2. obtained a License [q] from the Bishop of **Cov.** and **Lich.** to have divine Service within a private Chapell for his House. But before I descend to speak farther of the said Sir *William* and his posteritie, I shall observe, that this Family hath been of great antiquity in **Shropshire**; *scil.* of **Chetwynd**, whence this their firname was first assumed, as also that *John de Chetwynd*, son [r] of *Adam*, had a Charter [s] of **Free-warren** in 37 *H.* 3. throughout all his demesn lands in the Counties of **Salop**, **Staff.** and **Warwick**; for he was possest [t] of **Baxterley** in this Shire, at that time; having [u] likewise **Ingestre**, **Salt**, and **Orctwich** in **Staffordshire**, by *Isabell* the daughter and heir to *Philip de Mutton*, as it seems [w]: But I return to the before specified Sir *William*, great-grandchild to the said *John*, in regard he was the first of this line that had to do here. Towards the later end of King *Edw.* 3. reign, he was by Indenture [x] retained with *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of **Lanc.** to serve him as well in times of Peace as War, for ten marks *per an.* Which Indenture being lost, was again renewed [y] by the said Duke in 50 *E.* 3. whereby he increased his Fee to ten pounds *per an.* And afterwards, *sc.* in 10 *R.* 2. recounting his faithfull services, gave [z] the sum of ten pounds more *per an.* to be received out of the issues of his Honour of **Tutbury**.

I am of opinion, that a great part of the Church, here at **Orendon**, was new built by the before-specified Sir *William*; for it is evident, that the pictures in glass of many of this Family in their surcoats of Arms, were set up there about that time. This Sir *William* had issue [a] *Richard*, of whom I find little memorable; and *John* [b]: Which *John*, residing [c] at **Alspath** (now called **Pereden**) was one of the chief persons in this Countie, that subscribed [d] the Articles concluded of in the Parliament of 12 *H.* 6. and in 15 *H.* 6. served [e] in Parliament as one of the Knights for this Shire, being from 17 till 20 *H.* 6. inclusive, in Commission [f] for conservation of the Peace.

But to the said *Richard*, succeeded *Philip* his son [g] and heir, a person not a little eminent in his time; for in [h] 7 *H.* 6. he had the Shiriffaltie of **Staffordshire**; so also in [i] 15 *H.* 6. being then a Knight. In 17 *H.* 6. he was imployed [k] into the Dutchy of **Guien**, for the King's service, and in 20 *H.* 6. constituted [l] Governour of the Citie of **Caen** in **Normandie**, being allowed 940 marks, to retein as many Archers for the safeguard thereof, as might be therewith hired for a quarter of a year. In 22 *H.* 6. he was reteined with *Humphrey* Earl of **Buckingham**, to do him service during life, according to his degree, aswell in times of Peace as War; *sc.* in times of Peace, with as many men and Horses as he the said Earl should appoint, out of the said Earl's Lordship of **Holdernesse** in **Yorkshire**; as also taking bouche of Court and livery for them, in his Houshold, during such his continuance with him, and allowance of reasonable costs for his coming and returning; and in case the said Earl might be commanded in any service of War, on this side or beyond the Sea, upon reasonable warning to attend him, with such number of men at Arms and Archers, well and sufficiently armed, horsed, and arrayed after the manner of war, as he should assign; and receive the like wages and reward, as the said Earl did take of the King, or of any other his Captains in such expedition, with Skippeson and reskippeson reasonable, for himself, his men and Horses: but the said Earl to have the thirds of all manner of Prisoners and prizes, to be taken by him the said Sir *Philip*, through fortune of War; and the third of the thirds of all Prisoners, prizes, *&c.* taken by any of his men; the Indenture of that his Retainer, bearing date at **London** 13 *Februarii* the year aboveSaid.

Nay, it farther appears, that upon the same day, he was also retained [n] with that Earl, by another Indenture (wherein he is stiled the right mighty Prince *Humphrey* Earl of **Buckingham**, **Hereford** **Stafford**, **Northampton**, and **Perche**, Lord of **Brecknock** and of **Holdernesse**) then Captain of the Town and Castle of **Calais**, as his Lieutenant of that Castle, for one whole year, with *xxix.* men at Armes on Foot, and *xx* Archers; whereof two men at Armes on Foot and four Archers, to be of the said Sir *Philip*'s own retinue; taking for himself *xvi* d. *per diem*; for his said men at Arms *viii* d. and his Archers *vi* d. at the hands of the Treasurer at War to the same Earl: And moreover, for himself, his Lady and a Gentlewoman, with her; and a Gentleman and two Yeomen of his own retinue, bouche of Court, and *xx* l. *per an.* of speciall reward, or else allowance for their bouch of Court, according as other souldiers of their degree used to have; as also for their skippeson and reskippeson.

And of this Sir *Philip* I farther find (which is not the least observable) that having wedded [o] *Elene* the widow to *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, daughter and heir to *Thomas de la Roche*, as also Cosin and heir to *John de Bermingham* (as in **Bromwich** appeareth) he empaled [p] her Armes on the dexter part of his own; which, as I conceive, was for the dignitie of her person, she being a Baroness, and so great an heir: and that he departed this [q] life in 24 *H.* 6. leaving *William*, his grandchild, his Cosin and heir. Which *William*, afterwards one of the Gentlemen-Huishers of the Chamber to King *H.* 7. became so much envied by Sir *Humphrey Stanley* (then of **Pipe** *in Com. Staff.*) one of the Knights for the Body to same King, and Shiriff [r] of that Countie in 9 *H.* 7. as that, by means of a counterfeit Letter, in the name of *Randolf Brereton* Esquire, delivered on Friday night before the Feast of St. *John Baptist's*, *Nativity* requesting his meeting with him at **Stafford** the next morning by five of the Clock, being allured out of his House at **Ingestrie**; and passing thitherwards

l *Ex praef. vet. membr.*
m *Ex praef. vet. membr.*
n *Ex praef. vet. membr.*
o *Ex praef. vet. membr.*
p *Ex autog. penès praef* W. C.
q Scroope *f.* 128. *b.*
r *Plac. apud.* Salop. 10. *E.* 3.
s *Cart.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 8.
t *Ex autog. penès* T. Leving *gen.*
u *Ex vet. membr. penès praef.* W. C.
w *Rot. F.* 19. *E.* 1. *m.* 15.
x *Pat.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 6. *per. Insp.*
y *Ib.*
z *Ib.*
a *Burgh. f.* 15. *b.*
b *Esc.* 24. *H.* 6.
c *Pat.* 12. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.
d *Pat.* 12. *H.* 6. *p.* 2. *m.* 25.
e *Rot. F.* 15. *H.* 6. *m.* 11.
f *Pat. de iisd. an. in d.*
g *Claus.* 5. *H.* 6. *in d. m.* 12.
h *Rot. F.* 7. *H.* 6. *m.* 18.
i *Rot. F.* 15. *H.* 6. *m.* 29.
k *Ex autog. penès praef.* W. C.
l *Ex autog. penès praef.* W. C.
n *Ib.*
o *Claus.* 22 *H.* 6. *in d. m* 32.
p *Ex autog. penès praef.* W. C.
q *Esc.* 24. *H.* 6
r *Rot. P. de eod. an.*

wards accordingly, with no more attendance than his own ſon, and two ſervants; he was way-layed upon **Tirhall**-Heath, by no leſs than *xx.* perſons, whereof ſeven were of the ſaid Sir *Humphrey's* own Familie, ſome with Bows, and other with Spears, all armed with Bregandines and Coats of Male; who, iſſuing out of a Sheep-coat, and a deep dry Pit, furiouſly aſſaulted him, ſaying, that he ſhould die, and accordingly killed him, the ſaid Sir *Humphrey* at that time paſſing by, with at leaſt *xxiiii.* perſons on Horſeback, upon pretence of hunting a Deer. All which, the Petition[f] to the King, made by *Alice* his widow, wherein ſhe craves that the ſame Sir *Humphrey*, and his ſaid ſervants might anſwer for it, doth manifeſt. But what was done therein, I have not ſeen; neither any farther of his Deſcendants (foraſmuch as their reſidence hath been, for the moſt part, in that Countie) other than what the Pedegree before inſerted, ſheweth.

[f] *Ex vet. exempl. ejuſdem penès prof. W. C.*

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was originally but a Chapell, and belonging to **Overton** *ſubt.* **Arden**, *in Com. Leic.* (now called **Orton** on the Hill) and therewith confirmed[t] to the Monks of **Merevale** in King *H.* 2. time, by Pope *Lucius* the third: but I do not find that it was ever appropriated to them, or that they continued long Patrons thereof, the Advouſon having been for many ages, in the Lords of the Mannour. In *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was rated[u] at *xvi.* marks, over and above half a mark, which the Parſon of **Overton** before ſpecified, did receive out of it: and in 26 *H.* 8. at[w] *xx* l. *iii* s. *iiii* d. beſides *ix* s. *vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

[t] *Ex Regiſt. de* Mereval.

[u] *MS. in Scac.*

[w] *MS. penès* S. A. *Oſ. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ	Incumbentes; *&c.*	
Ex autogr. penès D. & Cap. Lich. *Langt. f.* 6. *a. Northb. f.* 23. *b.* *Rob. de Grendon miles.*	*Henr. de Grendon Cler. an.* 1253.	
Rad. de Grendon miles.	*Will. de Edricheſley Cler.* 10 *Cal. Apr.* 1300.	
	Will. de Clinton Pbr. 7. *Apr.* 1330.	
Rad. de Rocheford.	*Nich. de Ivynho Accol.* 2 *Id. Dec.* 1349.	*Ib f.* 52 *a*
D. Henr. Dux Lanc.	*Will. de Slattebourn Cap.* 12 *Cal. Dec.* 1360.	*Stret. f.* 2. *b*
D. Will. Beeke miles & Will. Chetwynd miles.	*Thomas de Hampton Pbr.* 14 *Cal. Junii* 1369.	*Ib f.* 17. *b*
Joh. Dux Lanc.	*Rob. Attemore Pbr.* 7 *Cal. Junii* 1369.	*Ib. f.* 18 *a.*
D. Will. Chetwynd de Ingeſtre miles.	*Joh. de Bynbroke Pbr.* 26 *Apr.* 1382.	*Ib. f.* 29. *b.*
D. Alicia de Chetwynd.	*Walt. Bullok* 3 *Jan.* 1401.	*Burgb. f.* 9. *a.*
	Joh. Abyndon 15 *Jan.* 1401.	
Ric. Chetwynd fil. & hær. D Will. Chetwind mil.	*Joh. Pulford Cap.* 18 *Febr.* 1404.	*Ib. f.* 15. *b.*
Mag. Joh. Stafford Legum Dr. Theſ. Angl.	*Sim. Melburn ult. Julii* 1423.	*Heyw. f.* 11. *b.*
Thomas Littilton & Johanna ux. ejus.	*Will. Wore* 19 *Martii* 1447.	*Bo. f.* 7. *b.*
	Ric. Cokket Pbr. 4 *Aug.* 1449.	*Ib. f.* 8. *b.*
	Rog. Wall. in Decr. Bac. Pbr. 26 *Jan.* 1449.	*Ib. f.* 9. *b.*
D. Phil. Draicot miles ex conceſſ. Will. Chetwyn ar.	*D. Edm. Wodefende* 1 *Julii* 1538.	*Str. & P. f.* 16. *a.*
Joh. Chetwyn de Ingeſtre ar.	*D. Will. Rowley Cler.* 17. *Oct.* 1558.	*Sampſ. & B. f.* 11. *b.*
Joh. Chetwin, & Will. fil. & hæres ejus, Will. Chetwyn ar.	*Joh. Sprotte Cler.* 3. *Dec.* 1578.	*Ib. f.* 48. *a.*
	Thomas Walker Cler. 10 *Oct.* 1597.	*Overton bund. C.*
Will. Chetwyn miles.	*Georgius Kent Cler.* 26 *Junii* 1607.	*Overton. bund. F.*

In a north window of the Church,



Orate pro Iohē Malorey, et Philippa vxore eius.

In another north window.



In a south window.



In another South window,



In another South Window



In a north window of y^e Chancell.

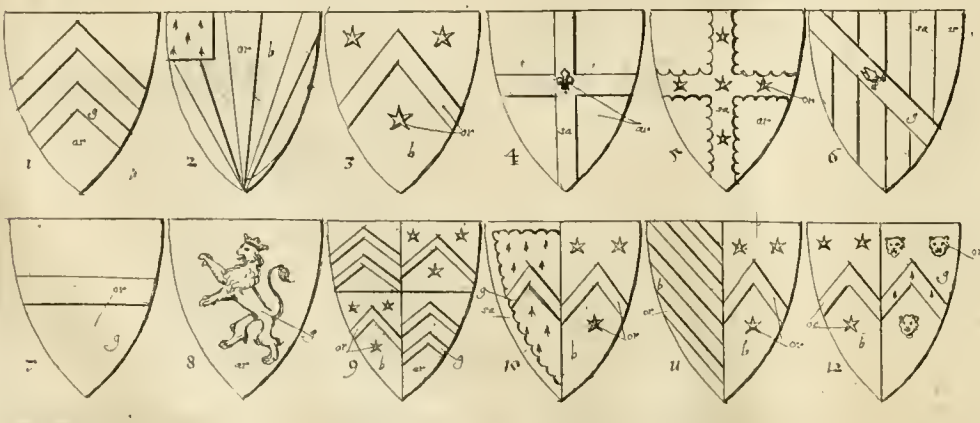


Orate pro anima magri Iohīs abindon vtrius q iuris bacularij Rectoris istius ecclie, qui obiit xo die febr. a dni MCCCCm.

In a South window of y^e Chancell,



Orate pro anima dni Iohīs Gulford Rectoris istius ecclie ..... istam Cancellam a dni MCCCC vij.



1 Grendon
2 Chinton
3 Chetwin
4
5 Frodesham
6 Burghill
7
8 Hilton
9 Grendon & Chetwin
10 Malory & Chetwin.
11 Mountford & Chetwin
12 Chetwin &

Whittington.

THat this petty Village was originally a member of Grendon, within which Parish it lyes, and therewith involved in the Conqueror's Survey, I am fully satisfied; for part of it was given[x] to the Monks of Merevale by *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, upon his Foundation of that Monasterie; but the residue did the Family of *Grendon*, (owners of Grendon,) possesse[y], as a branch[a] of that Lordship; which, in process of time, being granted away by some of the Lords of Grendon, came to be reputed a Mannour, one *Margerie Ribbif* in 6 *R.* 2. holding[a] it, for life, by that name, the inheritance being[b] in Sir *Geffrey Fuljambe* Knight. Which Sir *Geffrey* left issue[c] *Alice* his daughter and heir, about a year old in 12 *R.* 2. Howbeit, after this I do not find it termed a Mannour; for upon the grant thereof from *John Heklyng* of Lyndeby Esquire and *Joan* his wife, unto *William Repington* of Amington in this Countie Esquire, in 13 *H.* 6. it passed[d] by the name of ten Messuages *CCCC.* acres of land, *xxx.* acres of meadow, and *xl.* acres of pasture; from whom is descended Sir *John Repington*, now of Amington, Knight the present owner thereof.

That which the Monks of Merevale had here, yeilded[e] *Liiii s.* yearly Rent of Assize in 26 *H.* 8. but coming to the Crown by the dissolution of that Abby, was in 32 *H.* 8. granted[f] with the site thereof, and a multitude of other lands, unto Sir *Walter Devereux* Knight, Lord *Ferrers* of Chartley, and so consequently divolved to *Robert* Earl of Esser, the present owner thereof, *an. scil.* 1640.

x *Pat.* 22. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 11. *per. Insp.*

y *Pat.* 12. *H.* 3. *in d.*

z *Testa. de N.*

a *Esc.* 6. *R.* 2. *n.* 60.

b

c *Esc.* 12. *R.* 2. *n.* 21.

d *Fin. levat. mens. Pasch.* 13. *H.* 6.

e *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 52. *b.*

f *Pat.* 32. *H.* 8. *p.* 5.

Polesworth.

NExt below Grendon-Parish, is Polesworth situate, which containeth within its precincts divers Villages and places of note; *scil.* Badsley-*Endsor*, Dordon, Freseley, Hall-end, Dodenhale, and Pooley, on the South side of the River, with Stiperhill, Waverton, and Bramcote, on the North.

Of this place, though there be no particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey (as of divers the most antient Towns and Burroughs is not) yet, for antiquitie, and venerable esteem, needs it not give precedence, to any in this Countie; being honoured with the plantation of the first Religious-House therein, that was in all these parts; founded[g] by King *Egbert*, our first English Monarch. But, before I farther proceed to speak thereof, I resolve here to take notice, of what I have seen most considerable, touching the antiquitie of a Monastick life, practised by women, as I have done in Coventre for men; wherein I cannot discern, till towards the fourth Centurie, any thing thereof: For though a learned person[h] observeth, that *Non solùm viri sed Mulieres, etiam Apostolorum Christi tempore ministerio Ecclesiæ addicebantur*, yet he saith——*Verum procedente tempore institutæ sunt Collegia, seu Monasteria Virginum Deo consecratarum, & solennibus votis obstrictarum*: And that *Marcella* was the first, who began it in the Western Church, we have the testimonie of[i] St. *Hierom*; *Marcella* (saith he) *in Occidente, circa an. CCCXL. Virginum & Viduarum didicit disciplinam*; which kind of life was taught her by *Athanasius*, as *Baronius*[k] affirms.

But, that they exercised it so soon, in that solemn manner, as in after times hath been used; *viz.* under the threefold Vow, of *Povertie*, *Obedience*, and *Chastitie*, cannot be made good: For cleer it is, from the testimonie of an authentick Writer[l], that St. *Benedict* first prescribed that Rule——*Benedictus, cum sorore Scholasticâ, primus Regularem vitam certis Legibus, & ordinibus (cum hactenus seorsim liberè Christo inservissent) incheavit*; which Rule came in time, to have that venerable esteem, that as *Baronius*[m] tells us, *In Liptinensi Concilio* (*in Cameracensi Galliæ agro*) *sanctum est, ut Monachi ac Nonnæ, juxta Regulam S. Benedicti Cœnobia sua ordinarent.*

The first Monasterie of Nuns, which we had here in England, was that of Berking in Esser, founded[n] by *Erkenwald*, Bishop of London, about the year of Christ *DCLXVI.* long before the reception of St. *Benet*'s Rule, in this Nation.

I now come to this of Polesworth; and in the first place shall take notice upon what occasion[o] it was founded, and then go on to shew the endowment thereof, with lands, *&c.*

King *Egbert*, having one onely son, called *Arnulph*, who was a Leper; and hearing by a Bishop, which came from Ireland, that the then King of Connaught had a Nun to his daughter, called *Modwen*, that healed all diseased people repairing to her, sent his said son, at the perswasion of that Bishop, into Ireland, where he was accordingly cured by the same holy Woman: which great favour so pleased King *Egbert*, that he forthwith invited St. *Modwen* to come into England, promising that he would found a Monasterie for her and her Covent: Of which tender, she soon after accepted, forasmuch as the Religious House, wherein she resided, was by Wars betwixt those petty Kings of Ireland, burnt and wasted; and brought over with her, two of her fellow Nuns. Whereupon the King, having a great opinion of her sanctitie, recommended his daughter *Edith* unto her, to be instructed in Religion after the Rule of St. *Benet*, giving her a dwelling place in the Forest of Arderne, then called Trensale, where the said *Edith*, together with St. *Lyne*, and St. *Osithe*, lived together in a holy manner; and soon after, founded a Monasterie for them, on the bank of the River Anker, at this place called Pollysworth, the first syllable Pol, importing a deepnes of Water, and the other, *scil.* Worth, a dwelling or habitation; constituting the said *Edith* Abbess thereof.

Which Monasterie, being so founded and endowed, continued to her and her successors till the Norman Conquest, that Sir *Robert Marmion*, having the Castle of Tamworth, and the territories thereabouts, bestowed upon him by the Conqueror, expelled the Nunns from hence, so that they were constrained to resort to Oldbury (a Cell belonging to this House.) But within the compass of a twelve month after this their expulsion, the said *R. Marmion*, making a costly entertainment at Tamworth

g *Ex vet. MS penès* Joh. Ferrers *de* Tamworth-Castro *ar-*

h Fr. Duarenus *de sacris Eccl. ministeriis lib.* 1. *cap.* 24.

i Hieron. *ad* Principiam *Epist.* 16. *p.* 144. *C.*

k Baron *ad* 31. *Jan. Notis ad Martyrologium Rom. p.* 97.

l Sebast. Franc. *apud.* Hospin. *lib.* 4. *classe* 2. *cap.* 1. *p.* 99.

m Baron *Gall. Tom.* 1. *p.* 539. *An.* 742. ¶ 25. *canon.* 7.

n W. Malmesb. *f.* 134. *a. n.* 40.

o *Ex præf. vet. MS.*



Ordinis Benedictini monialis.

worth-Castle, for divers of his friends, amongst which was Sir *Walter de Somervile*, Lord of **Whichnoure**, his sworn-brother; it hapned that as he lay in his Bed, S^t *Edith* appeared to him in the habite of a veiled Nunne, with a Crosier in her hand, and advertised him, that if he did not restore the Abby of **Polesworth** unto her successors, he should have an evill death, and go to Hell; and to the end that he should be the more sensible of this admonition, she smote him on the side, with the point of her said Crosier, and so vanished away: By which stroke, being much wounded, he cryed out; whereupon his Friends in the House were soon raised, and finding him grievously tormented with the pain of his wound, they advised him to confess himself to a Priest, and make a Vow to restore those Nunns to their former possessions: All which being performed, his pain presently ceased; wherefore in accomplishment of his vow, accompanied with the same Sir *Walter de Somervile* and the rest, he forthwith rode to **Oldbury**, and craving pardon of the Nunns, for the injury done to them, brought them back hither, desiring that himself and the same Sir *Walter de Somervile*, might be their Patrons, and have buriall for themselves and their heirs in this Abby, *viz.* the *Marmions* in the Chapter-house, and the *Somervile*s in their Cloister.

I shall not take upon me to censure the truth of this Storie, as to the substance of it; but in circumstance, perhaps there may be some mistakes therein; for by an Author [p], who more compendiously speaks thereof, it is referr'd to King *Ethelwolph* (son to K. *Egbert*) whose son *Alured*, languishing of a desperate infirmitie, was thus cured by S. *Modwene*; whereupon he gave unto her, lands in this Realm, for the founding of two Monasteries of Nunns, one, here in **Arden**, at **Polesworth**, wherein (as he saith) *Osithe* and *Athea*, two holy Virgins, and S. *Edith*, sister to the said King *Ethelwolph*, dwelt, and the other at **Strenshale**.

But of their going to **Oldbury**, and bringing back hither, I shall not make any question, though the appartion of S. *Edith*, with her Crosier, may be doubted; forasmuch as the words of *Robert Marmion's* Charter, and *Milisent* his wife, do import no lesse, which I have here transcribed [q] — *Notum sit omnibus, me concessisse Osanna Priorissæ, ad religionem instaurandam Sanctimonialium ibi, Ecclesiam S.* Edithæ *de* Polleswortha, *cum pertinentiis, ita quod Conventus de* Aldeberia *ibi sit manens.* Hence it is, as I guess, that this *Robert Marmion* and his wife are by the learned *Leland*, accounted to have been Founders thereof: in which repute I shall leave them, forasmuch as it also appears [r], that they gave the town of **Polesworth** totally thereto, with their whole demesnes in **Waverton**; all which were confirmed by King *Stephen*.

I shall now descend to such other Benefactors, as these Nuns had; the next and chiefest whereof, was *Walter de Hastings*, who gave [t] **Oldbury** unto them (it being a Cell to this Monasterie, as I have already observed.) After which, they had [t], by *Robert Marmion*, son to the before-specified *Robert* and *Milisent*, the Church of **Quenton** in **Gloucestershire** (which in 12 *R.* 2. they procured to be appropriate [u] to them.) As also the Mill at **Kingsburie**, called **Hemlingford-Mill**, with certain Meadow-ground and other lands, by [w] *Robert Fitz-Walter* and *Amabill* his wife, one of the coheirs unto *Osbert de Arden*: and moreover, a Mill at **Hurley**, given [x] by *Alice*, sister to the said *Amabil*, then wife of *Simon de Harecurt*; both which were confirmed by *Raphe de Bracebrigge*, afterwards Lord of that Mannour. In **Dalton**, *in Com. Leic.* they had a good proportion of land, given [y] by *Picot Archer*, in *H.* 2. time, and confirmed [z] by *Robert* then Earl of **Leicester**; with a farther augmentation [a] by *William de Trumpinton*. In **Burdingburie** (in this Countie) certain lands, by [b] *Edelina*, sister to *Robert Boteler* of **Ingleby**, for the souls health of *Walter de Somervile* her husband. The Church of **Barwell** in **Leicestershire**, by [c] *Erneburga* the mother of *William de Hastings*: the Church of **Ansley** in this Countie, by [d] *William* the son of *Robert de Hardreshull*: Certain lands in **Bromcote** [e] by *William Fitz-Walkeline* of **Bromcote**, which were confirm'd by *Robert* his son and heir, in consideration that these Nuns allowed him to have a *Chantrie* in his Chapell at **Bromcote**: Whereunto *Robert de Grendon*, in 32 *E.* 1. added [f] a yard-land and certain Messuages lying in the same Village.

All those lands called **Coppenhull** (neer **Shuttenton**) given by [g] *William Burdet*; which *Hugh*, his son, confirmed *temp. H.* 2. A yard land in **Streicote** by [h] *Roger* the son of *Walter de Sumervile*. Certain lands in **Snarkeston** (*Com. Leic.*) which *William de Appilby* gave [i], together with his body to sepulture in this Monasterie, & which were confirmed [k] by *Will. de Charnells* and *Clementia* his wife. The Mill of **Freseley**, and a proportion of land there, by [l] *Robert de Kaily*, with addition [m] of more, by Sir *Jordan de Whitacre* Knight, and *Will. Savage*, which *William* gave [n] also certain lands in **Dodenhale**, as also all the ground he had in **Povele-Wood**, where the Chapell above S. *Edith's* Well was built. In **Bromcote** they had an yearly Rent of *xx* s. given [o] to them by *Eustace de Mortein*, for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Hillaria* his wife; upon condition, that if they did enjoy those lands in **Shotswell**, whereof he made them a grant, that then they should not challenge this Annuitie. From *Raphe* Lord *Basset* of **Dalton**, they had [p] an annuall Rent of a mark of silver, for the enlarging of their Diet, upon the day of S. *John Baptist's Nativity*, in honour of that Festivall. In **Norton** (now **Hoggs-Norton**) a Carucate of land, given by [q] *Robert de Gresele*, and a yard-land [r] by *Geffrey de Greseley*, with certain Rents, as also the Homage and services of sundry persons: and in **Harlaston** the Rent of *v* s. yearly, given [s] by *William de Vernun*, for the maintenance of a Lampe to burn every night in the Chapter-house, here at **Polesworth**.

The Chapell of **Hoo**, with a certain proportion of land thereto belonging, and set forth by metes and bounds, given [t] by *Robert de Grendon* (Lord of **Grendon**) in consideration whereof, the said Nunns were to find two Priests, to celebrate divine Service therein, for the health of his soul, and for the soul of *William de Bray* (his grandfather) and for all the faithfull deceased. In **Austrey**, they had lands given [u] to them by *Hugh de Hatton*. In **Nether-Whitacre** a yard land by [w] *Robert Marmion*, Lord of that Mannour. In **Glascote** a good proportion by [x] *William le Franceis*. In **Sutton**, by *Thomas* [y] *de Overton*: In **Pakinton** by [z] *Cecelie de Limsie*, and *Robert de Sumervile*: In *Durandsthorpe*, by [a] *Geffrey de Bec*: In **Appilby**, [b] by *Margaret Banaster*: In **Snarkeston**, by [c] *Robert*

p *Hist. MS.* Ioh. Tinemuth. *in libl.* Bodl. *lib.* 18. *Cap.* 14.

q Lel *Col. vol.* 1. *p.* 33.

r *Pat* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per. Insp.*

s *Ex autog: penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

t *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*

u *Pat.* 4. *H.* 4. *m* 35.

Ex vet. Cod. MS. penès T. Willington *G.*

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y *Ex autog. penès* S. Archer *eq. aur.*

z *Ib.*

a *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.

b *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *ut supra.*

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d *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.

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g *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*

h

i *Ex autog. penes præf.* F. N.

k

l *Ex autog. penès præf.* S. R.

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p *Ib.*

q *Pat.* 21 *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per Insp.*

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t *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Chetwin *ar.*

u *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per. Insp*

wa *Ib.*

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de Motun. The Church of **Elton** (*scil.* Church-**Elton**, *in Com. Staff.*) given [d] by *Robert de Brienton*, heir to *Edelina*, by the consent of *Eve* his wife. A Rent of two marks *per annum* issuing out of **Coventre**, given [e] by *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester**: Five shillings Rent *per annum* in **Shukborough**, by [f] *Isabell de Sumervile*: A messuage, with a yard-land and a Cottage, lying in **Whichnoure**, [g] by *Robert de Sumervile*. In **Badsley** a Messuage, with half a yard land given [h] to the Chapell there (belonging to those Nunns) by *Richard de Herthull*: The Mill at **Swepston** by [i] *William de Charnells*: And of later time, six Messuages, *Lx.* acres of land and three acres of Meadow, lying in **Poleswoth**, **Dodenhale**, and **Bromcote**, given [k] by *Richard de Dodenhale* Merchant of **Coventre**. But sundry other petty parcells, in severall other places, for brevities sake, I omit.

d *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22.

e f g h i } *Ib.*

k *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 24.

And that there might be nothing wanting to them, aswell for their conveniencies as necessaries, they obtained a speciall Charter [l] from King *H.* 3. for a weekly **Mercate**, here at **Poleswoth**, upon the Thursday, and a **Faire** once every year, to last for three days, beginning on the Eve of S. *Margaret* (*scil.* 13. *Kal. Julii*) with immunitie [m] for themselves, their servants and Tenants, from attendance at the Countie or Hundred-Courts, as also the *Shiriffs Turn*, with power to hold [n] a **Court-Leet** for all their Tenants owing suit to the Court at **Poleswoth**; and other priviledges.

l *Cart.* 26. *H.* 3. *m.* 4.
m *Pat* 21 *R* 2. *p.* 2. *m.*
n 10. *per. Inspf.*

All which Lands, Rents, &c. before specified, by the Survey made in 26 *H.* 8. were valued at *Cix li. vi s. vi d.* Out of which *xxvi s. viii d.* yearly, being deducted for Almes given to the poor, on *Maunday-Thursday*, at the washing of their Feet; and *xxvi s. per annum*, for three Bushells of Rye at *vi d.* a Bushell, made into Bread, and distributed weekly throughout the year, to poor people at the Gate of the Monasterie; and *xxx s. per annum*, for the Fee of Sir *John Willoughby* Knight, then high Steward thereof; and severall other constant payments, *viz.* of Rents, wages, and Pensions, which, altogether amounted to *xxi li. x s. iii d.* left the cleer yearly value, as the Commissioners at that time certified, no more than *Lxxxvii li. xvi s. iii d.* So that, being under *CC li.* it was by the Statute of 27 *H.* 8. then lyable to dissolution; yet for some respects, it was permitted to stand, till the generall destruction of all the great Houses in 30 *H.* 8. at which time the Nunns here being, subscribed an Instrument [o], dated *ult. Jan.* 30 *H.* 8. whereunto their Conventuall Seal was affixt; whose names, with the Pensions [p] allowed to each of them during life, I have here added.

o *Ex ipso autog. in Cur. Augm.*
p *Ex Reg. in Cur. Augm.*

Alicia Fitz-Herbert Abbatissa,	xxvi *li.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*
Johanna Penny,	Liii *s.* iv *d.*
Margareta Toddye,	Liii *s.* iv *d.*
Anna Fremyngham,	Xl *s.*
Maria Charnells,	Xl *s.*
Catherina Corbyn,	Xl *s.*
Alianora Blunt,	Xl *s.*
Editha Villyngh all,	Xl *s.*
Eliz. Oteley,	Xl *s.*
Eliz. Valdyff,	Xl *s.*
Alicia Ulley,	Xl *s.*
Katherina Whitekyrtill,	Xl *s.*
Gracia Holton,	Xl *s.*
Benedicta Burton,	Xl *s.*
Maria Sanders.	Xl *s.*

Here followeth a Catalogue of so many of the Abbesses, as I have seen any authority for.

	Osanna. temp. H. 1.	*Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.
	Muriel temp. Regis Joh.	
Admissæ per Regium assensum.	*Margeria de Apelbi* 16. *Sept.* 21 *H.* 3.	*Pat.* 21. *H.* 3. *m.* 2.
	Sarra de Mancestre 5. *Dec.* 54 *H.* 3.	*Pat.* 54. *H.* 3. *m.* 25.
	Albreda de Camvile 5 *E.* 1.	*Rot. f.* 5. *E.* 1. *m.* 20.
	Catherina de Apelbi 22 *E.* 1.	*Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.
Admissæ per Regium assensum.	*Erneburga de Hardreshull.* 21. *Maii* 21 *E.* 1.	*Pat.* 29. *E.* 1. *m.* 14.
	Matilda de Pipe 22. *Apr.* 15. *E.* 2.	*Pat.* 15. *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 19.
	Leticia de Hexstall 14. *Oct.* 22 *E.* 3.	*Pat.* 22. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 30.
	Agnes de Somervile 13. *Oct.* 23 *E.* 3.	*Pat.* 23. *E.* 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 38.
	Matilda Bottourt 8. *Martii* 36 *E.* 3.	*Pat.* 36. *E.* 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 25.
	Cath. de Wyrlegh 24. *Dec.* 2 *H.* 4.	*Pat.* 2. *H.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 6.
	Benedicta Prede 30 *Aug.* 2 *H.* 5.	*Pat.* 2. *H.* 5. *p.* 1. *m.* 1.
	Margareta Ruskyn 1. *Apr.* 6 *E.* 4.	*Pat.* 6. *E.* 4. *p.* 1. *m.* 5.
	D. Eliz. Bradfeild 24. *Julii* 16 *H.* 7.	*Pat.* 16. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 3.
	D. Anna Fitz-Herbert 13. *Dec.* 21 *H.* 7.	*Pat.* 21. *H.* 7. *p.* 1. *m.* 22.
	D. Alicia Fitz-Herbert 12. *Dec.* 1. *H.* 8.	*Pat.* 1. *H.* 8. *p.* 2. *m.* 14.

And now before I proceed farther, I shall here make bold to observe what I find signified [a] by the Commissioners, who were imployed to take Surrender of the Monasteries in this Shire *Anno* 29 *H.* 8. *viz. that after strict scrutinie, not only by the Fame of the Countrie, but by examination of severall persons, they found these Nunns Vertuous and Religious Women, and of good conversation, Alice Fitz-Herbert being then Abbesse, (having so continued for xxvii. years) and at that time Lx. years of age: And that in this town were then Xliv. Teneiments, and but one Plough, the residue of the Inhabitants being Artificers, who had their livelyhood by this House*: imploring the mediation of *T. Cromwell*, (for to him it was that they wrote) that it might not be suppresst: *wherein* as they alledg'd, *he might do a right good and meritorious deed.* The names of those Commissioners, being *John Grevill*, *Simon Mountfort*, *Thomas Holt*, *Roger Wygston*, *George Giffard*, and *Roger Burgoin*, as their Letter dated at **Marstoke**-Priorie, 28. *Julii* testifieth.

a *Ex cod. MS. in bibl.* Cotton. [*Cleopatra E.* 4.] *f.* 210. *b.*

Nevertheless, it was not the strict and regular lives of these devout Ladies; nor any thing that might be said in the behalf of the Monasteries, that could prevent their ruine then approaching, so great an aime had the King to make himself thereby glorious, and many others no lesse hopes to be inricht in a considerable manner: But, to the end that such a change should not overwhelm those that might be active therein; in regard the People every where had no small esteem of these Houses for their

their devout and daily exercises in Prayer, Almes-deeds, Hospitality, and the like; whereby not only the souls of their deceased Ancestors had much benefit, as then was taught, but themselves, the Poor, as also Strangers, and Pilgrims constant advantage, there wanted not the most subtill contrivances to effect this stupendious work, that (I think) any age hath beheld; whereof it will not be thought impertinent, I presume, to take here a short view.

The proceeding in H. 8. time in order to the dissolution of the Monasteries.

In order therefore to it, was that which Cardinall *Woolsey* had done, for the founding of his Colledges in **Oxford** and **Ipswich**, made a [b] President; *viz.* the dissolving of above xxx. Religious Houses (most very small ones) by the License of the King and Pope (*Clement* the *vii*th. And that it might be the better carried on M^r *Thomas Cromwell*, who had been an old servant to the Cardinall, and not a little active in that, was the chief person pitched upon, to assist therein: For I look upon this business, as not originally designed by the King; but by some principall ambitious men of that age, who projected to themselves all worldly advantages imaginable, through that deluge of of wealth, which was like to flow amongst them by this hideous storm.

b *Letter of* T. Norton *to a Parl. man in an.* 1581. *penès* Rog. Twisden *Bar.* *Life of H. 8. by the* L. Herbert *p.* 173.

First therefore, having insinuated [c] to the King matter of Profit and Honour; *scil.* Profit by so vast an enlargement of his revenue; And Honour in being able to maintain mighty Armies to recover his rights in **France**; as also to strengthen himself against the Pope, whose Supremacie he had abolish'd, and make the firmer alliance with such Princes as had done the like, did they procure *Cranmer's* advancement [d] to the See of **Canterbury**, and more of the Protestant Clergie (as my authoritie termes them) to other Bishopricks, and high places; to the end that the rest should not be able in a full Councell to carry any thing against their design; sending out Preachers [e] to perswade the People, that they should stand fast to the King, without fear of the Pope's curse, or his dissolving their allegiance.

c Cokes *Instit. part.* 4. *p.* 44.

d *Letter of* T. N. *ut sup.*

e *ut sup.*

Next, that it might be the more plausibly carried on, care was taken so to represent the lives of the Monks, Nunns, Canons, &c. to the world, as that the lesse regret might be made at their ruine: To which purpose *T. Cromwell* being constituted [f] *generall Visitor*, imployed sundry persons, who acted their parts therein accordingly; *viz.* [g] *Richard Layton*, *Thomas Legh*, and *William Petre* Doctors of Law, D^r. *John London* Dean of **Wallingford**, and others; to whom he gave Instructions in Lxxxvi. Articles; by which they were to enquire into the Goverment and behaviour of the Religious of both sexes: which Commissioners, the better to manage the designe, gave encouragement to the Monks, not only to accuse their Governours, but to informe against each other; compelling them also to produce the Charters and Evidences of their lands, as also their plate and money, and to give an Inventorie thereof. And hereunto did they adde certain Injunctions [h] from the King, containing most severe and strict Rules; by means whereof divers being found obnoxious to their censure, were expelled; and many discerning themselves not able to live free from some exception or advantage, that might be taken against them, desired [i] to leave their Habit.

f *Life of H. 8. ut supra p.* 398.

g *MS. in bibl.* Cotton. *ut supra f.* 13. *a.*

h *Life of H. 8. p.* 399. *MS. in bibl.* Cotton *ut su. pra f.* 21. *a.* & 33. *b.*

i *Ib. f.* 252. *b.*

And having by these Visitors thus searcht into their lives; which by a *Black*[k] *Book* containing a world of enormities, were represented in no small measure scandalous; to the end that the People might be the better satisfied with their proceedings, it was thought convenient to suggest, that the lesser Houses, for want of good goverment, were chiefly guilty of these Crimes that were layd to their charge: and so they did, as appears by the Preamble of that Act [l] for their dissolution, made in 27 *H.* 8. which Parliament, consisting for the most part of such members as were packt for the purpose, through private interest; as is evident by divers originall [m] Letters of that time, many of the Nobility, for the like respects also favouring the design, assented to the suppressing of all such Houses, as had been certified of lesse value then *CC* li. *per annum*, and giving them, with their lands and revenues to the King; yet *so as not only the Religious persons therein should be committed to the great and honourable Monasteries of this Realme, where they might be compelled to live religiously for reformation of their lives; wherein, thanks be to God, Religion is well kept and observed* (as are the very words of that Act) *but that the possessions belonging to such Houses should be converted to better uses, to the pleasure of Almighty God, and to the honour and profit of the Realme.*

l *Cap.* 28.

m *MS. in bibl.* Coton *ut supra f.* 178. *a.* &c.

But how well the tenour thereof was pursued, we shall soon see; these specious pretences being made use of for no other purpose, than by opening this gap, to make way for the totall ruine of the greater Houses, wherein it is by the said Act acknowledged *that Religion was so well observed.* For no sooner were the Monks, &c. turn'd out; and the Houses demolisht; (that being it which was first thought requisite, least some accidentall change might conduce to their restitution) but care was taken to prefer [n] such persons to the superioritie in goverment, upon any Vacancie of those greater Houses, as might be instrumentall to their surrender, by perswading with the Covent to that purpose; whose activeness was such, that within the space of two years, severall Covents were wrought upon, and Commissioners sent down to take them at their hands to the King's use: Of which number I finde [o], that besides the before specified Doctors of Law (*scil. Legh*, *Petre*, and *Layton*, and D^r *London* D. of **Wallingford**) there was *Robert* Earl of **Sussex**, *Sir John S. Clere*, *Sir William Pirton*, *Sir Henry Farrington* Knights, and *Richard Devereux*, sometime a Frier: And of Gentlemen, *Anthony Fitz-Herbert* (afterwards one of the Justices of the Common Pleas) *John Gage*, *William Leyland*, *John Williams*, *Thomas Mildmay* .... *Jobson*, *Richard Cromwell*, *Robert Southwell*, *William Parr*, *Thomas Bedyll*, *Henry Polsted*, *John Anthony*, *Edmund Knightly*, *John Lane*, *George Giffard*, *John Grevill*, *Simon Mountfort*, *Thomas Holt*, *Roger Vvigston*, *Robert Burgoin*, *Richard Pollard*, *Philip Parys*, *John Smith*, *Edward Carne*, *Richard Gwent*, *William Berners*, *John Arnold*, *John ap Rice*, and *Richard Paulet*.

n *Ib. f.* 42. *b.*

o *Ib. f.* 244. *a.* &c.

The truth is, that there was no omission of any endeavour, that can well be imagined, to accomplish these Surrenders, For so subtilly did the Commissioners act their parts, as that after earnest solicitation [p] with the Abbots, and finding them backwards, they first attempted them with the promises of [q] good *Pensions*, during life; whereby they found some forwards enough to promote the work, as the Abbot of **Hales** *in Com. Glouc.* was, who had

p *Ib. f.* 33. *b.* 43. *a.* 48. *a.*

q *Ib. f.* 33. *b.* & *f.* 218. *b.*

had high commendation for it by the Commissioners, as their Letters [r] to the *Visitor Generall* do manifest: So likewise had [s] the Abbots of **Ramsey**, and Prior of **Ely**. Nay, some were so obsequious, that after they had wrought the surrender of their own Houses, they were imployed [t] as Commissioners to perswade with others, as the Prior of **Gisburne** in **Yorkshire**, for one.

Neither were the Courtiers unactive in driving on this work, as may seem by the Lord Chancelour *Audley's* imploying a speciall Agent to [u] treat with the Abbot of **Athelney**, and to offer him *C.* marks *per annum Pension*, in case he would surrender; which the Abbot refused, insisting on a greater summe: And the personall endeavours that he used with the Abbot of S. *Osithes* in **Essex**, as by his Letter [w] to the said *Visitor* appeareth; wherein is signified, *that he had by great solicitation prevailed with the said Abbot*; but withall insinuated his desire, *that his place of Lord Chancelour being very chargeable, the King might be moved for an addition of some more profitable Offices unto him.* Nay, I find that this great man the Lord Chancelour hunting eagerly after the Abby of **Walden** in **Essex** (out of the ruines whereof, afterwards, that magnificent Fabrick, called by the name of **Audley-end** was built) as an argument the sooner to obtain it, did, besides his extenuation of its worth, alledge [x], *that he had in this world sustained great damage and infamy in his serving the King, which the grant of that should recompence.*

Amongst the particular Arguments, which were used by those that were averse to surrender, I finde [y], that the Abbot of **Feversham** alledg'd *the antiquitie of that Monasterie's foundation; scil. by King Stephen, whose body, with the bodies of the Queen and Prince lay there interred, and for whom were used continuall suffrages and commendations by Prayers*; yet would it not availe: For resolv'd they were to effect what they had begun, by one means or other; in so much as they procured the Bishop of **London** to come to the Nunns of **Sion**, with their Confessor, to solicite them thereto; who, after many perswasions [z] *took it upon their consciences, that they ought to submit unto the King's pleasure therein by God's Law.* But what could not be effected by such Arguments, and fair promises, which were not wanting nor unfulfilled, as appears by the large *Pensions* [a] that some active Monks and Canons had, in comparison of others, even to a fift & sixt fold proportion more than ordinarie, was by terror and straight dealing brought to pass; for [b] under pretence of suffering dilapidation in the buildings, or negligent administration of their Offices; as also for breaking the King's Injunctions, they deprived [c] some Abbots, and then put others that were more pliant in their rooms.

From others they took [d] their Covent-Seals, to the end they might not, by making Leases, nor sale of their Jewells raise money, either for supply of their present wants, or payment of their debts, and so be necessitated to surrender. Nay to some, as in particular to the Canons of **Leicester**, the Commissioners threatned [e], *that they would charge them with Adulterie, and Buggerie, unlesse they would submit*: And D. *London* told [f] the Nuns of **Godstow**, *that because he found them obstinate, he would dissolve the House, by vertue of the King's Commission, in spite of their teeth.* And yet all was so managed [g], as that the King was solicited to accept of them, not being willing to have it thought they were by terror moved thereto; and speciall notice [h] was taken of them as did give out that their Surrenders were by compulsion.

Which courses, after so many, through underhand corruption, had led the way, brought on others apace, as appears by their dates, which I have observed from the very Instruments [i] themselves; in so much as the rest stood amazed, not knowing which way to turn them. Some therefore thought fit to trie, whether money might save their Houses from this dismall fate so neer at hand, the Abbot of **Peterborough** offering [k] 2500. marks to the King, and 300 *li.* to the *Visitor Generall* for his favour therein. Others with great constancy refused to be thus accessorie in violating the donations of their pious Founders: but these, as they were not many, so did they tast of no little severitie: For touching the Abbot of **Fountaines**, in **Yorkshire**, I find [l], that being charged by the Commissioners for taking into his private hands some Jewells belonging to that Monasterie, which they called Theft and Sacriledge, they pronounc't him perjur'd, and so deposing him, extorted a private resignation. And it appears [m], that the Monks of **Charterhouse**, in the Suburbs of **London**, were committed to **Newgate**; where, with hard and barbarous usage five of them died, and five more lay at the point of death, as the Commissioners signified [n]; but withall alledged [o], *that the suppression of that House, being of so strict a Rule, would occasion great scandall to their doings, forasmuch as it stood in the face of the world, infinite concourse from all parts coming to that populous City, and therefore desired that it might be altered to some other use.* And lastly, that [p] under the like pretence of robbing the Church (wherewith the before specified Abbot of **Fountaines** was chardged) the Abbot of **Glastenbury**, with two of his Monks, being condemn'd to death, was drawn from **Wells** upon a Hurdle, then hang'd upon the Hill called the **Tor** (near **Glastenbury**) his Head set upon the Abby-gate, and his Quarters disposed of to **Wells, Bath, Ilchester**, and **Bridgwater**. Nor did the Abbots of **Colchester** and **Reading** speed much better, as they that shall consult our Stories [q] of that time, may see: And for farther terror to the rest, some Priors, and other Ecclesiastique persons, who had spoke against the King's Supremacie (a thing then somewhat uncouth, being so newly set up) were condemn'd [r] as Traytors and executed.

And now that all this was effected; to the end it might not be thought, that these things were done by a high hand, the King having [s] protested *that he would suppress none without consent of Parliament*, a Parliament [t] being called *April* 28. *Anno* 1539. to confirm these Surrenders so made, as hath been said, there wanted not plausible insinuations to both Houses, for drawing on their consent with all smoothness thereto; the Nobilitie being promised large shares in the spoile, either by free gift from the King, easie purchases, or most advantagious Exchanges; and many of the active Gentrie, advancements to honour, with increase of their estates: all which, wee see, happened to them accordingly: And the better to satisfie the vulgar, was it represented [u] to them, that by this deluge of wealth the Kingdom should be strengthened with an Army of 40000 men, and that for the future they should never be charged with Subsidies, Fifteens, Loans or common Aides. By which means the Parliament ratifying the before specified surrenders;

r *Ib.f.*254.b.
s *Ib.f.*204.b.
t *Ib.f.*48.a.
u *Ib.f.* 113. b.
w *Ib f.*201. a.
x *Ib.f.*197. a.
y *Ib.f.*33.b.
z *Ib.f.*109. a.
a *Ex Reg. in Curia Augm.*
b } *MS. in bibl.* Cotton *ut supra f.* 43.a.
c }
d *Ib.f.*250.
e *Ib.f.* 131. b.
f *Ib.f.*228. a.
g } *Ib.f.* 68.b.
h }
i *In Curia Augm.*
k *MS. in bibl.* Cotton. *ut supra f.*205.a
l *Ib.f.*114.
m } *Ib.f.*
n } 217.a.
o }
p *Ib.f.*133. b.
q *Life of H.* 8. *ut supra* p.442.
r *Ib.p.*391.
s *Ib.p.*398.
t 30.H.8.
u Cokes *Institit. part.* 4.p.44.

renders; the worke became compleated; for the more firme ſetling whereof, a ſuddain courſe was taken to pull down and deſtroy the buildings, as had been before upon that diſſolution of the ſmaller Houſes, whereof I have touch't: Next to diſperſe a great proportion of the lands amongſt the Nobility and Gentrie, as had been projected, which was accordingly done [w]; the *Viſitor Generall* having told [x] the King, *that the more had intereſt in them, the more they would be irrevocable.*

w *Vide Pat. de an.* 30. H. 8.

x *Life of* H. 8. *ut ſupra.* p. 376.

And leaſt any domeſtique ſtirs, by reaſon of this great and ſtrange alteration ſhould ariſe, rumors [y] were ſpread, that Cardinall *Poole* laboured with divers Princes to procure forces againſt this Realme, and that an Invaſion was threatned; which ſeemed the more credible, becauſe the Truce concluded betwixt the Emperour and the French King was generally known, neither of them wanting pretence to bring an Army hither. And this was alſo ſeconded by a ſuddain journey of the King unto the Sea-coaſt; unto divers parts whereof he had ſent ſundry of the Nobles and expert perſons to viſit the Ports and places of danger; who failed not for their diſcharge, upon all event to affirme the perill in each place to be ſo great, as one would have thought every place had needed Fortification. Beſides, he forthwith cauſed his Navy to be in a readineſs, and Muſters to be taken over all the Kingdom: All which preparations being made againſt a danger believed imminent, ſeemed ſo to excuſe this ſuppreſſion of the Abbyes, as that the people, willing to ſpare their own purſes, began to ſuffer it eaſily, eſpecially when they ſaw order taken for building of ſuch Forts.

y *Ib. p.* 442.

But let us look a little upon the ſucceſs; wherein I find [z], that the ſaid *Viſitor Generall* (the grand Actor in this tragique buiſneſſe) having contracted upon himſelf ſuch an *Odium* from the Nobilitie, by reaſon of his low birth, though not long before made Knight of the Garter, Earl of **Eſſex**, and Lord high Chamberlain of **England**; as alſo from the Catholiques, for having thus operated in the diſſolution of the Abbies, that before the end of the before ſpecified Parl. wherein that was ratified, which he had with ſo much induſtrie brought to paſs; the King, not having any more uſe of him, gave way to his Enemies accuſations; whereupon, being arreſted [a] by the Duke of **Norff.** at the Councell-Table, when he leaſt dream't of it, and committed to the Tower, he was condemn'd [b] by the ſame Parliament for Hereſie and Treaſon, unheard, and little pittied; and on xxviii[th] of *July, viz.* 4. days after the Parliament was diſſolved, had his Head [c] cut off on Tower-Hill. Nor did many of the Reformers ſpeed much better; for Fire and Fagot hapned to be their portion, even within the ſame K ng's time, as whoſoever looks into the Storie of thoſe days may ſee.

z *Ib. p.* 456.

(a 13. *Junii* 32. H. 8.)

b *Ib. p.* 457.

c *Ib. p.* 462.

And as for the fruit, which the people reapt, after all their hopes built upon thoſe ſpecious pretences, which I have inſtanc't, it was very little: For plain [d] it is, that Subſidies from the Clergie, and Fifteens of all Lay mens goods were ſoon after exacted: And that in *Edward 6.* time the Commons were conſtrain'd to ſupply [e] the King's wants by a new invention, *viz.* Sheep, Cloathes, Goods, Debts, &c. for three years: which Tax grew ſo heavy, that the year following they prayed [f] the King for mitigation thereof. Nor is it a little obſervable, that whil'ſt the Monaſteries ſtood, there was no Act for relief of the Poor, ſo amply did thoſe Houſes give ſuccour to them that were in want; whereas in the next age, *viz.* 39° *Eliz.* no leſſe than xi. Bills were brought into the Houſe of Commons, for that purpoſe.

d *Ib. p.* 456.

e *Stat. de an.* 2. & 3. *E.* 6 *cap.* 36

f *Stat.* 3. & 4. *E.* 6. *cap.* 33.

But fearing that this digreſſion hath been too tedious, I returne.

Theſe Nunns, being thus diſpoſed of, and the Houſe demoliſh'd, it was not long ere that the lands were diſperſed; for in 36 *H.* 8. the ſite and demeſns, with the whole Lordſhip of **Poleswoꝛth**, were ſold [g] to *Francis Goodere* Gentleman, which *Francis* had iſſue Sir *Henry Goodere* Knight his ſon and heir (a Gentleman much accompliſht, and of eminent note in this Countie, whilſt he lived; having ſuffred impriſonment [h] in behalf of that magnanimous Ladie, *Marie* Queen of **Scotland**, of whom he was a great honourer) who had iſſue two daughters only, *ſcil. Frances* and *Anne*, the one married to Sir *Henry Goodere* Knight, ſon and heir to Sir *William* (brother to the before ſpecified Sir *Henry*) the other to *Henry Rainsford* of **Cliſſoꝛd** *in Com. Glouc.* Which laſt mentioned Sir *H. Goodere*, left four daughters, *viz. Lucie* married to Sir *Francis Netherſole* Knight, a Kentiſh Gentleman of an antient Houſe, ſometime Orator for the Univerſitie of **Cambꝛidge**, and at the time of that his marriage, Agent for K. *James* with the Princes of the Union in **Germany** (of whom the King of **Bohemia** was chief) as alſo Secretarie to the Q. of **Bohemia**, and by them often imployed back again to the Court of **England**, where he was of note by his actings and ſuffrings in their Majeſties ſervice.

g *Pat.* 36. *H.* 8. *p.* 2 6.

h *Annal. Eliz. per. Camb. in An.* 1571. & 1573.

The other, *viz Elizabeth*, to *Samuel Roper*, a Counceller at Law, of *Lincolni-Inne* (of whom I have made mention in **Wonks-Kirby**) *Mary* to *Samuel Hilderſham*, a worthy Divine, Rector of *Weſt-***Felton** *in Com Salop.* and *Anne* to *John Kingſton* D[r] of Phyſick.

Which Sir *Francis*, at the ſpeciall inſtance of his ſaid Lady, who bore a great affection to this Town, in regard it had been poſſeſt by her Family from her great-grandfather's time, having erected a convenient fabrick of ſtone, therein, for a *School-Houſe*, on the front whereof both his own and her Arms are cut, with this Inſcription,

Soli Deo Gloria.
Schola Pauperum
Puerorum. Puellarum.

In further accompliſhment of her pious deſires, hath lately enfeoft ſix gentlemen of the Countrey thereabouts, and ſeven Divines, of the impropriate Tithes of **Waverton**, **Doꝛdon** and **Pooley**, as alſo of a **Rent-charge** of *XL.* marks *per annum* iſſuing out of **Holt-Hall**, and **Freaſley**, and ſix yard land in **Waverton** before ſpecified, all of the yearly value of *Cxl li. per annum* at the leaſt (which is more than the whole impropriate Tithes of this Pariſh do amount unto) for a liberall maintenance of a Schoolmaſter and Schoolmiſtris to teach the Children of the Pariſh, *viz.* the Boys to write and read Engliſh, and the Girles to read and work with the Needle, and both to be inſtructed in the principles of the true Chriſtian Religion: And the reſidue to be imployed to ſuch charitable uſes, as he

may in his life time finde moſt conducing to advance the knowledge and practiſe of true Religion, and moſt beneficiall to the Poor of this place; and afterwards as he ſhall by his laſt Will and Teſtament declare: And in default of his ſo doing, that his ſaid Truſtees, or the major part of them, may increaſe the maintenance of the Vicar of **Polesworth** for the time being, for whom he is now building a fair Houſe, there; or ſet up another School to teach the three learned Languages to the Youth of this Pariſh; or relieve poor Widows and Fatherleſs Children of deceaſed Miniſters, that have been learned, godly, and painfull in their lives, or ſet out poor Apprentices of this Town; Or grant exhibitions to the poor Scholars aforeſaid, towards the ſending them to the Univerſitie of **Cambridge**, and to be there maintained, as they ſhall find moſt expedient in all, or any of theſe, and likely to be continued in perpetuity.

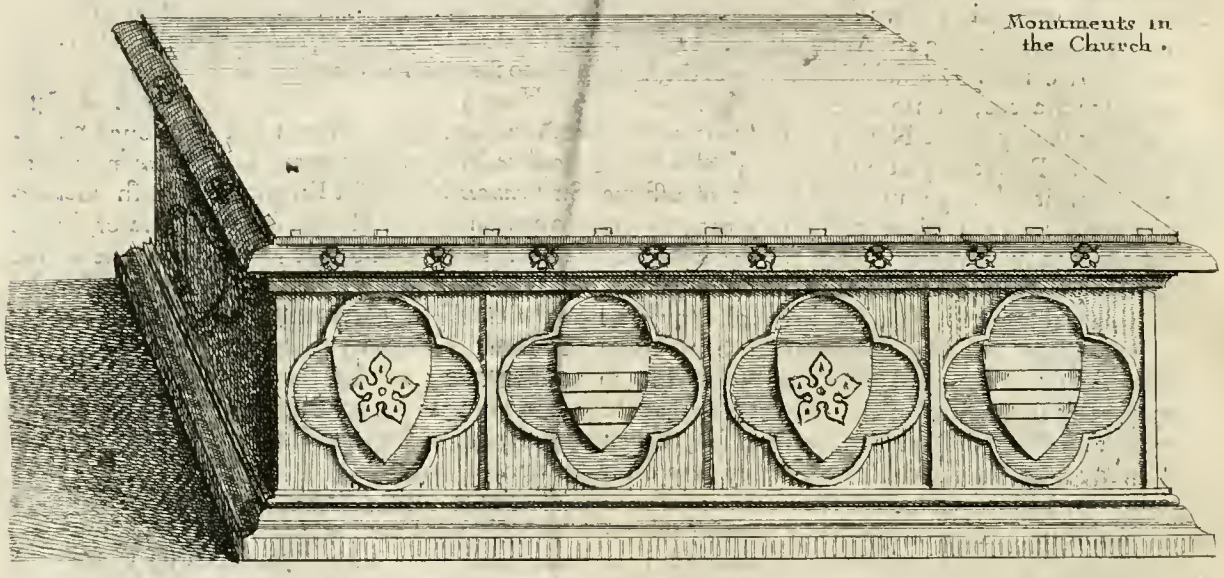
The Church (dedicated to S. *Edith*) was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) rated[i] at *xxii.* marks; but the Vicaridge at no more than one mark: which Vicaridge in 26 *H.* 8. was valued[k] at *X.* li. over and above two ſhillings allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*. I am of opinion, that the faire Spire-ſteeple here, was built by the laſt Sir *Richard Herthull* of **Pooley**, about King *Ric.* 2. time; partly for that I find on each ſide the ſame, a little below the Embattlements, the Coat of *Herthull*, cut in large Sheilds, upon the Freeze; and partly for that the caryed work on the Buttreſſes, reſembleth that, which is upon his Monument within the Church.

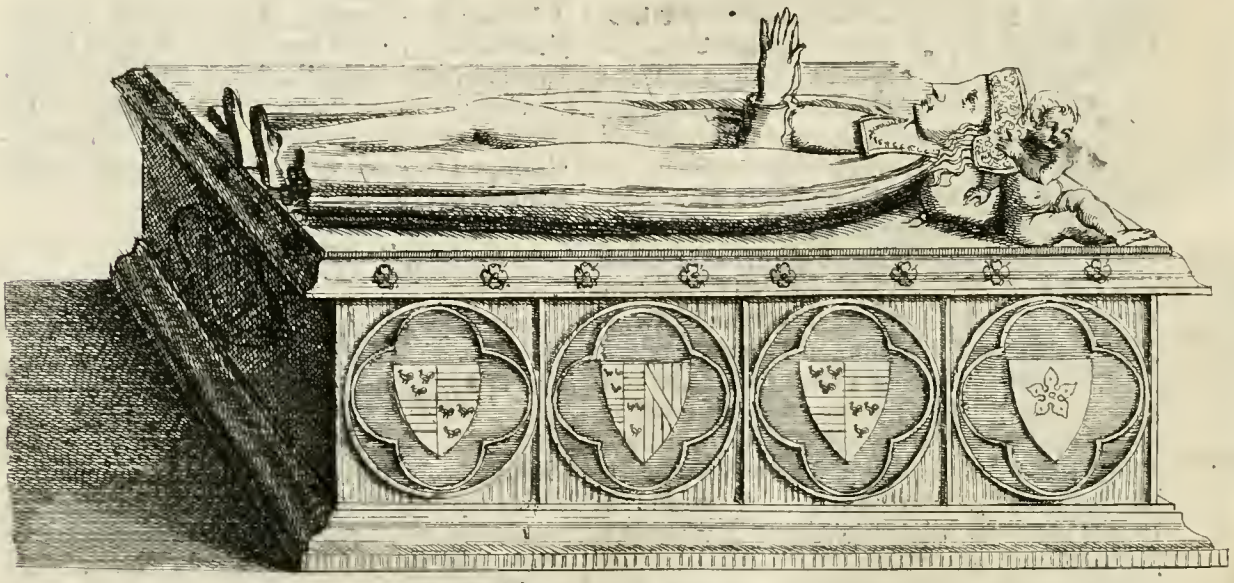
[i] *MS. in Scac.*

[k] *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f.* 57. *b.*

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Monuments in the Church.



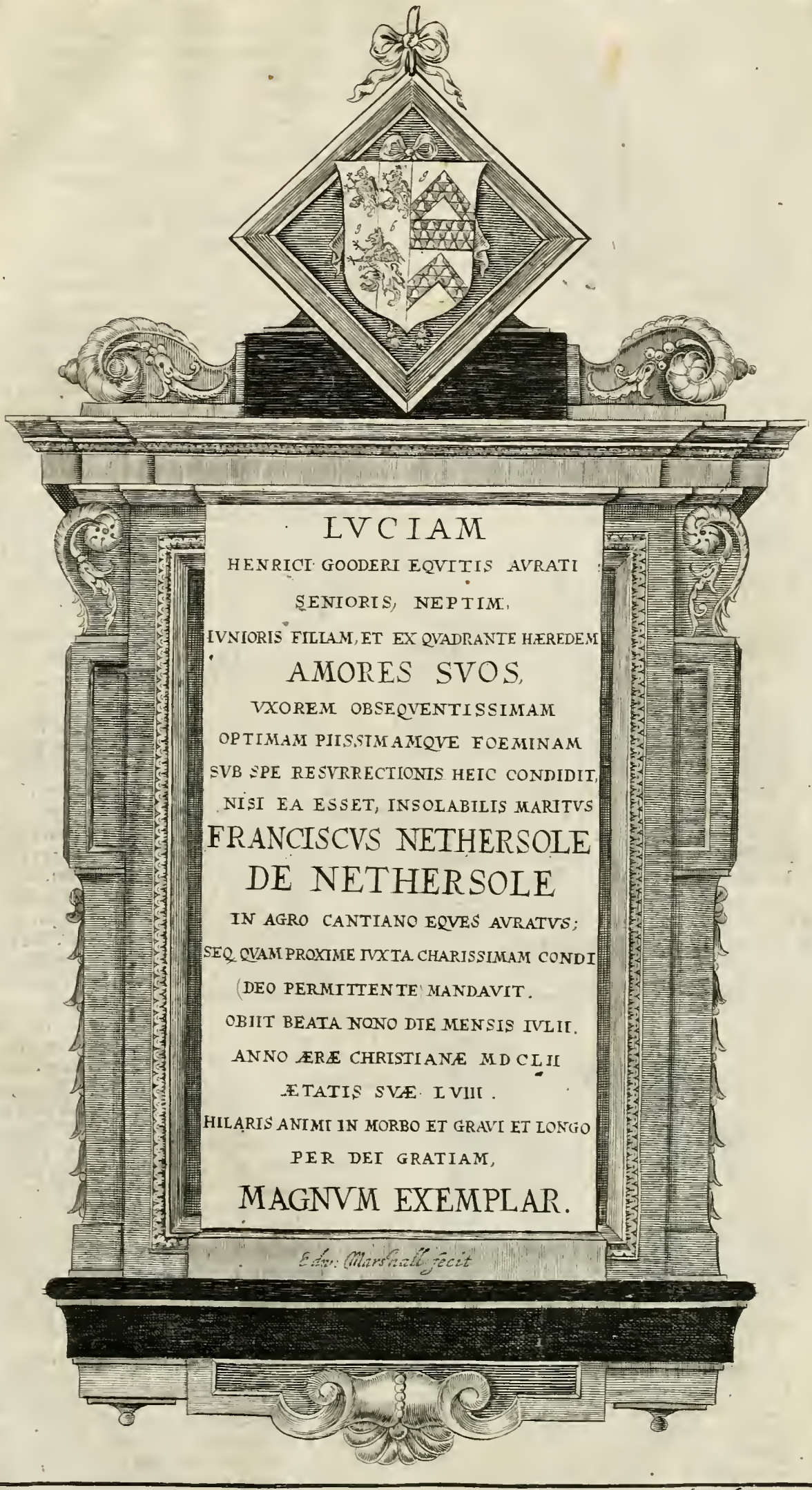


Armes in the Church Windows.



1. The Abby of Polesworth.
2. Botetourt.
3. Frevill.
4. Herthull
5. Cokeyn quartering Herthull.

Patroni



Ro. Vaughan sculp.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
Langt.f.6.a	
	D. Hen. fil. Joh. de Poleſworth Pbr. 4. *Cal. Dec.* 1301.
Northb.f. 48.b.	*Ric. Granger Pbr.* 6. *Id. Julii* 1349.
Ib.f.62.a.	*Joh. Hitchcok Cap.* 3. *Non. Junii* 1358.
Stret.f.25.a	*Rog. de Womburne* 14. *Aug.* 1378.
Sk.f.5.b.	*Steph. de Overton* 7. *Febr.* 1390.
Burgh.f.19 a.	*Thom. Wymundham Cap.* 24. *Aug.* 1407.
Ib.	*Joh. Hychekin Cap.* 27. *Sept.* 1407.
Bull.f.8.b.	*Joh. West Cap.* 2. *Aug.* 1419.
Str. & P.f. 15.b.	*D. Joh. Bower Cap.* 13. *Martii* 1537.
Sampſ. & B.f.10.a.	*Hugo Downe, & alii ex conceſs. Abb. & Conv. de Poleſworth.* — *D. Joh. Alkyns Cap.* 2. *Junii* 1557.
Ib.f.47.b.	*Joh. Savage Cler.* 26. *Martii* 1578.
Burd.B.	*Eliz. Regina.* — *Ric. Latimer Cler.* 9. *Febr.* 1583.
Morton bund.incert.	*Carolus Rex.* — *Thom. Mills Cler. in Art. Bac.* 12. *Oct.* 1625.

On the South ſide of this Church, there is a place for the including of an *Anchoreſſe*, of which there was one, called *Margaret Salie*, who had a Confeſſor aſſigned * to her by the Biſhop in 36 *H.* 6.

* *Bowl.f.* 90.b.

Before I proceed to ſpeak of the particular Hamlets, formerly mentioned, I muſt take notice of two other places, ſituate within the precincts of **Poleswoꝛth** only; the one called the **Heremitage**, and the other, the Chapell of **Hoo**.

The Heremitage.

In a window of this Heremitage.



THis, being built of Stone, is ſtill extant, and near the Road-way leading from **Poleswoꝛth** to **Tamwoꝛth**; under the end whereof, is a fair Spring, running from a Rock; which Spring I take to be it whereof I have already made mention by the name of *S. Edith's* Well *in boſco de* **Povele**; for the grounds thereabouts were an Outwood, **Pooley**-Park being not made till King *Henry* the ſeventh's time, as I ſhall ſhew anon. Thoſe that lived Heremitically at this place, were women, as it ſeems; for in the window of this little Cell, are the pictures of ſuch, in ſurcoats of Armes, as I have here expreſt.

The Chapell of **Hoo**, ſituate betwixt **Poleswoꝛth** and **Grendon**.

THis (now demoliſh'd) was dedicated to S. *Leonard*, and endowed [l] with land by *Roger de Grendon*, in King *H.* 1. or King *Stephen's* time, whoſe ſucceſſors had the patronage thereof, *Roger de Grendon*, a younger ſon of that Familie, being admitted [m] thereto by *G. Muſchamp* Biſhop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, in King *John's* time, at the preſentation of Sir *Robert de Grendon* Knight, whoſe ſon, *ſcil. Robert*, gave [n] it to the Nunns of **Poleswoꝛth** (as in my diſcourſe of him in **Grendon**, I have already ſhewed) for the maintenance of two Prieſts to celebrate Divine Service daily therein, for the ſoul of the ſaid *Robert*, and of *William de Bray* (his Grandfather, by the mother) ſometime Lord of **Shenſton**, and all the faithfull deceaſed: Which ſervice was accordingly performed, till the diſſolution of that Monaſterie; for in 26 *H.* 8. it appears [o], that the Prieſts ſerving therein had a Stipend of ten pounds *per annum*.

l *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Chetwin *ar.*

m *Ex autog. penès* Walt. Chetwin *ar.*

n *Ex vet. membr. penès præf. V. C.*

o *MS. penès S.A. eq. aur f.55.b.*

Badſley-Endſor.

THis is now commonly reputed a Pariſh of it ſelf, but is, in truth, a member [p] of **Poleſwoꝛth**, and in the Conqueror's Survey [q] written **Bedeſlei**, being then certified to contain two hides, having Woods of a mile and a half in length, and half a mile in breadth, all which were then valued at x *s.* In King *Edward* the Confeſſor's days, one *Brictric* had [r] it; but at the time of the before ſpecified Survey, *Turchil de Warwic* was poſſeſſor thereof, whoſe Tenants then held it: Soon after which, it came to *Henry de Newburgh*, the firſt Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, as the moſt of the ſaid *Turchil's* lands did, and was given [s] to the Monks of **Geroudon** *in Com.* **Leic:** by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick**, ſon and ſucceſſor to the ſaid *Henry*; which Monks, within a ſhort time after, rendred [t] all their right therein, to *William* Earl of **Warwick**, ſon and heir to the ſame *Roger*; in conſideration [u] whereof, he gave them ten marks of ſilver, and releaſed to them the ſervice of half a Knight's Fee, due from *Geffrey de Clinton*, and *Robert de Burton*, and their heirs, for that part of **Ibſtoke**, which the ſaid Monks held: So that in 12 *H.* 2. the ſaid Earl, having [w] it in his own hand, paſt it ſoon after, to *Helias* the ſon of *Geffrey Sauvage*: which *Helias* died without iſſue (as I gueſs) for it appears [x] that the ſame Earl confirm'd it to *Geffrey Sauvage*, Brother to the ſaid *Helias* & his heirs, to be held by the ſervice of one Knight's Fee.

How this ſervice was tranſmitted to *Harecurt*, I have not ſeen; but that it was ſo, is evident; for *Robert de Harecurt* made title [y] thereto in 10 *R.* 1. After which, *ſcil.* both in [z] 36. and [a] 43 *H.* 3. as alſo in [b] 9 *E.* 2. and ſo downwards, it appears to have been held immediatly of the *Harecourts*, who held it over of the Earls of **Warwick**. Neither is it leſs cleer, that it went, by a daughter and heir of

p *Eſc.* 31. *E.* 4. *n.* 67.

q *Domeſd. Lib.*

r *Ib.*

s *Cartul. Warw. Com f.*53.b.

t *Ib.*

u *Ib.*

w *Lib. rub. f.*104.a.

x *Ex autog. penès* T. Leving *gen.*

y *Rot. P.* 10. *R.* 1.

z *Teſta de N.*

a *Eſc.* 49. *H.* 3.

b *Eſc.* 9, *E.* 2.

of *Sauvage*, to *Edneſoure*, (and thereupon had the addition of that name, for diſtinction thereof from another **Badſley** in this Countie) as the Deſcent in **Baginton** will ſuccinctly ſhew: as alſo that it divolved to *Herthull*, and from *Herthull* to *Cokain*, by the like means. Which Family of *Cokain* had their chief ſeat at **Pooley** in this Countie (where I have placed their Deſcent) and continued Lords hereof, till that *Edward Cokain* Eſquire (afterwards Knight) about the beginning of King *James* his reign, ſold the Mannour and ſome Fermes to *Francis Leving* Gentleman (whoſe ſon and heir *Thomas* now enjoys it) and the reſt to ſeverall other perſons.

Here is an antient Chapell, dedicated to S. *Nicholas*, which belong'd[c] to the Nunns of **Poleswoꝛth**, and had a Meſſuage and half a yard-land pertaining[d] thereto.

c { *Pat.* 20. *R.* 2. *p.* 3. *m.* 22.
d {

Dordon.

THis being originally a member of **Poleswoꝛth**, and therewith poſſeſt by the *Marmions*, of **Tamworth**-Caſtle, was granted[e], together with part of **Waberton**, unto *Roger de Grendon*, by *Robert Marmion* in *H.* 1. time, to hold by the ſervice of one Knight's Fee. But in the beginning of *E.* 1. time, it was in the hands of *William Bagot*, of **Pyde** *in Com. Staff.* who by his Deed[f] bearing date at **Eccleſhale** the Munday next after the Feaſt of S. *Hillarie*, *ann.* 1274. (2 *E.* 1.) ſold the inheritance thereof, for *Xl.* marks of ſilver, unto *Roger de Meulend* then Biſhop of **Coventre** & **Lichfield** reſerving the Rent of a pair of Gloves or a Peny, at *Eaſter*, to Sir *Raph de Grendon* and his heirs, for all ſervice, ſuit of Court, and demand whatſoever. After which, it was not long ere it came to the hands of the Lords of **Grendon** again; for I perceive[g] that in 22 *E.* 1. *Raph de Grendon*, ſon to the before ſpecified Sir *Raph*, had it: From whom the greateſt part of it is divolved, with *Grendon*, to the Familie of *Chetwin*, and enjoyed by them at this day: But the Inhabitants thereof are within[h] the **Leet** of **Poleswoꝛth**.

e *Lib. rub. f.* 104. *b. Eſc* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 36.

f *Ex autog. in cartophilacco D. Epiſc.* Cov. & Lich.

g *Ex autog. penès* Walt Chetwin *ar.*

h *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10.

Freſeley.

THis was alſo very antiently belonging to the *Marmions*, being originally a member of **Poleswoꝛth**, as I gueſs; by one of which Familie I conclude that *Robert de Kaily* or his Anceſtor, became at firſt, enfeoft of it; for it appears[i] that *Robert Marmion*, who lived in *H.* 2. time, calls that *Robert* his Knight, in reſpect he held of him by militarie ſervice; and confirmed[k] the grant of **Freſeley** Mill; which the ſaid *Robert* had made to the Nunns of **Poleswoꝛth**. This *Robert de Kaily* gave and ſold to[l] the Canons of **Lilſhull**, *in Com. Salop.* full two parts of this Village, diſpoſing[m] his body to ſepulture in that Monaſterie; and having no iſſue, left the inheritance of the reſt to his Siſters; whereof one was married[n] to *Simon de Whitacre*, of **Whitacre**-*ſuperior*, in this Countie, and the other to[o] one *Richard de Pakington*, who[p] ratified her Brother's grant: But wanting the like Confirmation from the former, there grew ſuits betwixt Sir *Simon de Whitacre* Knight, grandchild to the ſaid *Simon*, and the Canons of **Lilſhull**, for part of that land: which ſuits being accorded in[q] 25 *H.* 3. he releaſed unto them all his title & claim thereto.

i { *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper *ar.*
k {

l { *Ex vet. membr. penès* Ric. Leveſ. *mil. de balneo.*
m {

n *Ex Regiſt. de* Lilſhull *penès cund.* R. Leveſon.

o { *Ib. p.* 59.
p {

q *F. levat. craſt. Anim.* 25. *H.* 3.

Notwithſtanding which Releaſe, *Jordan de Whitacre*, ſon and heir to the ſaid *Simon*, after his Father's death, taking advantage of thoſe turbulent times, *ſcil.* the Barons Warrs, entred upon the ſame lands again, and dyed poſſeſt of them; in ſo much as *Philippa* his widow, who ſhortly after became the wife of *James de Aſtley*, retained them in her hands, till another Agreement[r] being made betwixt the ſaid Canons and her; unto which, *Richard de Whitacre* her ſon and heir aſſented, they had quitted[s] their right thereto. And yet did not this binde the ſaid *Richard de Whitacre*, but that he began a new ſuit for thoſe lands; whereupon a Jury was returned[t] for triall thereof, yet before it came to be ſo decided, they grew to a finall accord; which being made in 21 *E.* 1. he[u] releaſed, once more, all his right and intereſt to thoſe lands: So that afterwards they enjoy'd them till the generall diſſolution by King *Henry* the *viii*th but then coming to the Crown, they were[w] granted out, in 35 *H.* 8. by the name of the Mannour of **Freſely**, unto *James Leveſon* Merchant of the Staple, to be held in *Capite* by the *xx*th part of a Knight's Fee: which *James*, the ſame year,[x] aliened part of them, to one *John Beck*.

r { *Ex autog. Reg. de* Lilſhull.
s {

t { *Ib.*
u {

w *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8. *p.* 15.

x *Ib. p.* 3.

That which remained to the *Whitacres* (as hath been ſaid) into which the **Free warren** granted[y] to *Simon de Whitacre* in 41 *H.* 3. extended, came[z] at length, to *Alan Waldeiffe*, by an heir female of that Family, as the Deſcent in **Whitacre** ſheweth; and afterwards to *Poultney*, as it[a] ſeems; but it being ſo ſmall a proportion, I have not farther taken notice of it.

y *Cart.* 42. *H.* 3. *m.* 14.

z *Cart.* 56. *H.* 4. *in d. m.* 33.

a Populwell q. 8.

Hall-End.

OF this place I have not ſeen any thing till K. *Ric.* 3. time, that it came[b] by a daughter and heir of *Sturmie* to the Family of *Corbin*, whoſe antient ſeat is at *Corbins-Hall*, within **Swinford**-Pariſh *in Com. Staff.* where moſt of them have had their reſidence: but their Deſcent[c], ſince they had to do here, I have added.

b *Ex autog. penès* T. Corbin *gen.*

c *Ibid.*

Nich. Corbin — Johanna filia & hæres Joh. Sturmie.
1 R. 3.

Ric. Corbin 20. H. 8. — Anna filia & hæres de Hitcham in Com. Buck. — Thomæ Ramſey.

Thomas Corbin obiit an. 1584. — Anna filia Will. Repington de Amington ar. nupta 31 H. 8.

Georgius Corbin ob. 25. Sept. 1636. — Maria filia Will. Faunt de Foſton in Com. Leic. ar.

Thomas Corbin obiit . . . . Iunii 1637. — Winifreda filia Gawini Groſvenor de Sutton-Colfield.

Henricus. Georgius. Thomas Corbin natus . . . . Apr. 1624. Leticia.

Dodenhale.

THis is a depopulated place, and did totally belong to the Nunns of **Polesworth**; part thereof being given [d] to them about *H.* 3. time, by *William Sauvage*, sometime Lord of **Pooley**; and the rest by [e] *Richard Dodenhale* Merchant of **Coventre**, in 21 *R.* 2. In consideration whereof, the said Nunns, by their publique Instrument [f] dated 12. *Apr.* 1. *H.* 4. granted, that there should be every day and night, a speciall *Collect* said for the same *Richard* in their Chapter-House, in such sort as they used to do for their other Benefactors; and at his death, his name registred in their Martyrologe, as also his *Anniversarie* kept with *Placebo* and *Dirige*; and solemn Masse celebrated for the soul of *Henry Dodenhale*, sometime Merchant, and for the said *Richard*, with *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, his wives, their Parents, Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased, over and besides the night of S. *Thomas* the Martyr: and likewise one *Collect* once a year, for the said *Henry*, *Richard*, *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, their Parents and Benefactors, for ever. And lastly, that at the celebration of the *Anniversarie* of the said *Henry*, *Richard*, *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, on the Feast-day of S. *Thomas* the Martyr's translation, all the Nunns present thereat, to have *xii.* Eggs in the name of a *Corrodie*, for their faithfull performance of that Office.

d *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 10.

e *Esc.* 21. *R.* 2. *n.* 71.

f *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

Pooley.

THis, as a member of **Polesworth**, did antiently belong to the *Marmions* of **Tamworth**-Castle; and being originally given [g] by *Marmion* to *Burdet* in Fee-Ferme, for the Rent of *x* s. yearly, was soon after granted from *Burdet* to *Sauvage*, as appears [h] by a Confirmation made from *Geffrey Sauvage* to *William Burdet* in 10 *H.* 3. Which passages from *Marmion* to *Burdet*, and *Burdet* to *Sauvage*, were about King *Stephen*'s time; for *Osanna* then Abbesse of **Polesworth**, with the consent of her fellow Nunns, granted [i] to *Helias* the son of *Geffrey Sauvage*, a Chapell here, but without Service, as also a Chapell-yard; in consideration whereof he gave to that Covent, the inheritance of four Acres of the best Meadow-ground in this Village, promising to pay yearly, during his life *xii* d. upon S. *Edith*'s Altar, on the day of her Festivall; and bequeathed his body, whersoever he should depart this life, to be buried in the Church of **Polesworth**. Which Agreement [k] was so made, in the pretence of *Roger de Clinton*, then Bishop of this Dioces. But this tenure in Fee-Ferm, did not long continue; for it is [l] evident, that *Robert Marmion* (whom I take to be the man that first granted it to *Burdet*) did, in consideration of *x.* marks in the nature of a Fine; and the yearly payment of a Sore-Sparhawk to himself and his heirs, release the said *x* s. annuall Rent, unto *Geffrey Sauvage* (brother and heir of the said *Elias.*) And moreover, that the same *William Burdet* acquitted [m] to Sir *Philip Marmion*, all his right in the Homage and services of *William le Salvage* (successor to the before specified *Geffrey*) for these lands in **Povele**; which from thenceforth were held immediatly of the *Marmions*, by the service of the said Sore-Sparhawk, [n] or *ii* s. to be payd at the Feast of S. *James* the Apostle, in the nature of a Socage tenure.

g *Ex autog. penès* Astonum Cokain *Bar.*

h *Ab ex. empl. ejusdem inter Collectanea* Will. Burton *ar.*

i *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.

k *Ex autog. penès præf.* Fr. N.

l *Ex autog. penès præf.* A. C.

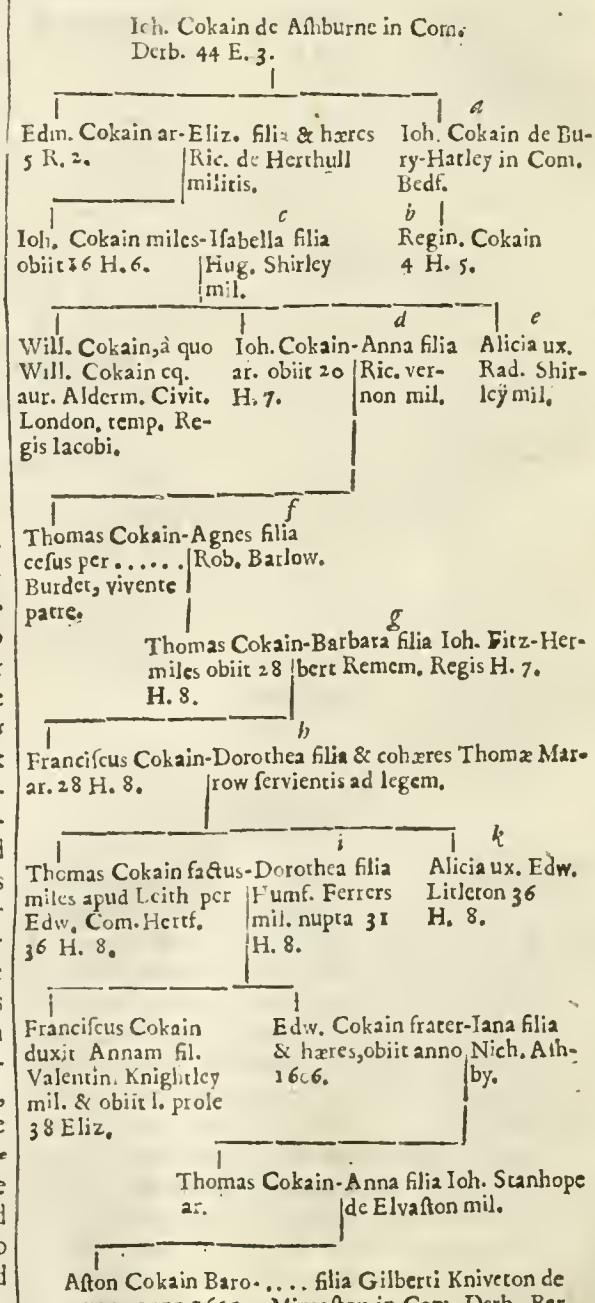
m *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Ferrers *ar.*

n *Esc.* 13. *E.* 1. *n.* 5. *Esc.* 19. *E.* 2. *n.* 53.

But by a daughter and heir of *Sauvage* (as the Descent in **Baginton** manifesteth) it came, in processe of time, to Sir *Thomas de Endeshoure*, of **Endeshoure** *in Com. Derb.* who, sometimes residing here, obtained a speciall License [o] from Pope *Urban* the *iv*th for to build a Chapell within the precincts of this Lordship, and to have a Priest for celebration of Divine Service, and administring the Sacraments therein, by reason of the flouds at sometimes, especially in Winter, which hindered his accesse to the Mother-Church: Howbeit, in the Family of *Enaeshoure* it rested not two Descents, ere by an heir female it came to *Herthull*, in whose male line it continued for divers ages; and at length divolved to *Cokain*, by [p] *Eliz.* the daughter and heir of Sir *Richard de Herthull* Knight, wife to *I dm. Cokain* Esquire. From which *Edmund* and *Elizabeth*, is lineally descended Sir *Aston Cokain* Baronet, now Lord of this Mannour.

o *Ex autog. penes præf.* A. Cokain.

p *Claus.* 5: *H.* 5. *in d. m.* 18.



a *Ex autog. penès* Astonum Cokain *Bar.*

b *Ex autog. penès* Astonum Cokain *Bar.*

c *Ex coll.* W. Burton *ar.*

d *Ex autog. penes præf.* A. C.

e *Ex autog. penes præf.* A. C.

f *Ex coll. præf.* W. B.

g *Ex autog. penès præf.* A. C.

h *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Ferrers *ar.*

i *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Ferrers *ar.*

k *Ex autog. penès præf.* A. C.

These *Cokains*, being **Derbyshire** Gentlemen originally, and of a very antient Family, had their chief seat at **Ashburne** in that Countie: But it seems that Sir *John Cokain* Knight, son and heir to the before

before specified *Edmund* and *Elizabeth*, made his residence here at **Pooley**, for some time; for it is evident, that in 13 *H.* 4. when he was to go into **France** in the King's service (in aid [q] of the D. of **Orleans** against the D. of **Burgundy**) he made his Will [r] at this place, which bears date the Thursday next after the Feast of S. *Barnabas* the Apostle, the same year; whereby it appears, that having enfeoft Sir *John Dabridgecourt* Knight and others, in his Mannour of **Badsley-***Ensor* in this Countie, to the end that a certain summe of money might be raised out of the profits thereof, for payment of his debts; and towards a marriage portion for his daughter *Elyn*, he directed, that then his said Feoffees should make an estate thereof, unto *John Cokain* his son and heir, and the heirs of his body; and appointed, that if the said *John* did happen to die without issue, it should be amortized, to find as many Priests, singing to the worlds end, for his soul, his wifes, his Children, and all his Ancestors souls, as the Rent thereof would reasonably maintain; *viz.* in S. *Marie*-Chapell at **Polesworth**, five pounds to one Priest; in S. *Marie* Chapell near **Athburne** seven marks to another Priest, and the remnant to be spent in Wax, Vigils, and Almesdeeds, on the Eve and day of his *Obit*.

q T. Walf. in an. 1311.

r *Ex autog. penès præf.* A.C.

But after this voyage, he lived many years; for certain [s] it is, that he was a Justice of Peace in this Shire, from 5 *H.* 5. till the end of that King's reign, and a Commissioner [t] of Array, in 6 *H.* 5. This Sir *John Cokain*, bore [u] the Armes of his Mothers Familie, for the most part, *scil. Argent two Barrs vert*; she being an eminent heir; and [w] died in 16 *H.* 6. leaving issue *John* [x] his son and heir, and *William* [y] a younger son, from whom Sir *William Cokain* Knight, Alderman of **London**, in King *James* his time, deduced his descent. Which Sir *William* was father to *Charles* (erected to the dignitie of Viscount *Colein* by the late King *Charles*) now residing at **Rushton** in **Northamptonshire**.

s *Pat de ijsd. an. in d.*

t *Pat. 6. H. 5. p. 1. in d. m. 8.*

u *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Ferrers *ar.*

w *Esc. 16. H. 6. n. 40.*

x *Esc. 16. H. 6. n. 40.*

y *Ex Visit. com. Derb. in Offic. Arm.*

Of the last mentioned *John*, I finde that he had issue *Thomas*; who dwelling here at **Pooley**, and having difference with *Thomas Burdet* of **Bromcote** Esquire, his neer neighbour, so irritated him with affronts, that he was slain by *Burdet*, in his passage to **Polesworth**-Church, as the tradition is. Which unhappy accident, fell out in his Father's life time, so that *Thomas* his son, upon the death of *John*, the grandfather, in 20 *H.* 7. became heir; who being a brave spirited Gentleman, and with King *H.* 8. at [z] the Seiges of **Therobene** and **Tourney**, was then [a] Knighted. This Sir *Thomas* built the Mannour-House, here at **Pooley**, of Brick (as is yet to be seen) having in 22 *H.* 7. imparked [b] the Woods lying Westwards thereof; but by his Testament [c] bearing date 4 *Apr.* 28 *H.* 8. bequeathed his body to sepulture in our Ladyes Quire, at **Athburne** (where his Ancestors lye interred) before the Image of S. *Modwen*, appointing that his Executors should cause a Tombe of Marble to be made there, for him; which was accordingly performed, with this Inscription thereon.

z *Inscr. Tum. apud.* a Ash-burne.

b *Inq. super Depop: 9. H. 8.*

c Dingley. q. 4.

Here chested in this Tombe, and closed in this Clay
Doth lie Sir Thomas Cokain Knight, and must till
Judgment Day.
This martiall man so bold, and eke this warlike
wight
At Tyrwyn and at Turney siege was dub'd a worthy
Knight:
Three goodly Houses he did build, to his great
praise and fame,
With profits great and manifold belonging to the
same:
Three Parks he did impale, therein to chase the
Deere,
The lofty Lodge within this Park he also builded
here.
He did his House and name renew, and eke restore,
Which others had with negligence in time decayed
before.
This virtuous Knight had issue male three sonns
of manly port,
And eke three daughters virtuous and married in
this sort;
The eldest to her husband had a Knight of worthy
fame,
Sir William Basset Lord of Blore he called was by
name.
To Vincent Lowe of Denby Squier the second
married was,
The third to Robert Burdet Squyer, as fate did bring
to passe,
The body of this worthy Knight shall never come
to Hell,
But yet in Tombe of Marble-stone, till, Judgment
day shall dwell.

To which Sir *Thomas* succeeded *Francis*, and to him Sir *Thomas*, who resided frequently here, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s time, being a Gentleman of eminent note in those dayes: but since, his Descendants have seldome dwelt at this place.

I now come to that part of **Polesworth**-Parish, lying on the North side of **Anker**.

Stipershill.

THe place which bears this name, is situate on the Northern side of **Anker**, a little above **Polesworth**, where the ground hath a naturall and steep descent to the River; and by the form of an old entrenchment, seems to have been a little Fortification. Till *Edw.* 3. time, I have not seen any thing of its name; but then being [d] written **Stipurushull**, it was made use of, by the Lords of **Tamworth**-Castle, for the keeping of their *Three-weeks-Court*, as it had been (I presume) in the *Marmions* time: Which Court continued so kept there, for a long time after, as by severall Records [e] appeareth, all the Tenants of that Fee, doing their suit and service there: but now it is usually kept no more than twice in the yeare.

d *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Lisle *ar.*

e *Esc. 2. H. 4. n. 41. Esc. 6. H. 5. n. 47. Esc. 14 H. 7 Esc. 20. H. 8. Esc. 1. & 2. Pb. & M.*

Waverton.

THis had it's name originally, from the high situation; **Waver** and **Dver**, importing one and the same with *suprà*; and being a member of **Polesworth**, belong'd to the *Marmions* of **Tamworth**-Castle; for it appears [f] that *Robert Marmion* and *Milisent* his wife, gave all their demesn lands lying therein, to the Nunns of **Polesworth** in *H.* 1. time, or thereabouts; and enfeoffed [g] *Robert de Grendon* of certain lands in this Village, which

f *Pat. ar. R. 2. p. 2. m 10. per. Insp.*

lands

lands are by an heir female, come (with *Grendon*) to the *Chetwins*. Severall other parcells there were, which sundry persons held afterwards of the heirs of *Marmion*; *viz.* [h] the *Culies* of **Radclive** *in Com. Leic.* The heirs of *John de Langdon*, and *Will. de Fago*, and likewise *Roger Hillarie*, though to whom these were first granted will be hard to discover.

h *Esc.* 49. E. 3. *n.* 57.

Bramcote.

THat this was originally a member of **Grendon**, and so consequently possest by the first *Henry de Feriers*, need not to be doubted; neither that *Roger de Grendon*, or his Ancestor, was very antiently enfeoffed thereof by the same *Henry*: for I finde [i] that *Walkeline*, a younger son to that *Roger*, being seated here, assumed it for his firname; and that it was held [k] by his Descendants, of the heirs of *Ferrers*, by half a Knight's Fee: the posteritie of which *Walkeline*, bore [l] the Armes of *Grendon*, *scil.* *two Cheverons*, but the colours I know not. Of these, *William*, son to the said *Walcheline*, was a benefactor to the Nunns of **Polesworth**, by the gift [m] to them, of one yard-land, and four acres, lying in this village (which grant, *Robert* his son confirmed) and bestowed [n] upon the Monks of **Aucote**, a Meadow called **Bramcote**-Meadow; but with *Proviso*, that he and his heirs, might be *Toll-free* for the Corn they should grinde at **Aucote**-Mill.

i *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *mil.*

k *Testa de* N.

l *Ex autog. penès* S. Roper. *ar.*

m *Pat.* 21. *R.* 2 *p.* 2. *m.* 10. *per Insp.*

n *Ab exempl. ejusdem conceff. penès* W. Burton *ar.*

To the said *Robert* succeeded *William*, firnamed *de Grendon*, in the possession [o] of this Mannour (whom I take to be his brother.) From which *William* at length descended [p] Sir *Thomas de Grendon* Knight, that left issue *Margaret* his daughter and heir, first the wife [q] unto ....: *Charnells*, and afterwards of *Thomas Malorie*. Which *Margaret* in her last widowhood, past away all her title in this Mannour, unto *John Charnells* of **Swarkeston** Esquire, her son and heir, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, as appears by her Deed [r] bearing date, here at **Bramcote**, the Munday next after the Feast of S. *Andrew* the Apostle 7 *H.* 6. From which *John* descended *William Charnells*, who in 6 *E.* 4. sold [s] it unto *Thomas Burdet* Esquire, Ancestor to Sir *Francis Burdet* Baronet, (the present owner thereof) as by the Pedegree in **Arrow** doth appear, where I have spoken historically of that antient Family, whose Seat was for many ages at that place, till *Conway*, by an heir female, had it: Since which time, till the marriage of Sir *Thomas Burdet* Baronet, with *Jane*, daughter and heir to *William Franceis* of **Foxmark** *in Com. Derb.* Esquire (a Ladie of singular endowments) they resided here; but now have made choise of **Foxmark**, before specified, for their principall Mansion.

o *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.*

p, q, r *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Burdet *Bar.*

s *F. levat. craft. Anim.* 6 *E.* 4.

Austrey.

HAving now done with that large Parish of **Polesworth**, I come to **Austrey**, whereof I find, that *Wulfric Spot*, (the Founder of **Burton**-Abby *in Com. Staff.*) was possest [t] in the time of King *Æthelred*, *viz.* about *Lx.* years before the Norman Conquest; as also that it was by him given [u] to the wife of one *Morcar*: but afterwards it came to *Leofrike* Earl of **Percia**, (of whom in **Coventre** I have spoke) which *Leofrike* [w] gave two hides thereof to the Monks of **Burton** before mentioned. Of the residue, after the Norman Invasion, did [x] *Henry de Ferrers* hold two hides and a half, and *Nigel de Albingi* five hides and a half; which five hides were [y] in the hands of eight *Theines*, in *Edward* the Confessor's days, the Church standing within the compass of them: But in the Conqueror's Survey [z], where the value of the whole, is rated at *v* li. *x s.* (*scil.* that which belong'd to **Burton**-Abby *xxx* s. That which *Henry de Ferrers* had, *xx* s. and that which *Nigel de Albingi* held, *iii* li.) it is written **Alvelve-trcu**; the last syllable thereof being Brittish, discovering its great antiquitie; and the former, that it was originally so called from some antient possessor thereof.

t *Ex Regist. de* Burton *penes* Will. D. Paget.

u *Ex autog. penès* R. Leveson *de balneo mil.*

w, x, y, z Domesd. *lib.* T. T. P.

Of what the Monks of **Burton** had, with other additions given by severall persons afterwards, they continued possest till the dissolution of that Monasterie: But of the residue, neither were the posteritie of *Henry de Ferrers*, nor of *Nigel de Albingi* long owners: For *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (of whom I have spoke in **Hatton**) had [a] it in *H.* 1. time; In whose male line it rested, so long as the same did last; and afterwards, by *Margerie* and *Maude* sisters and coheirs to *Hugh fil. Willielmi*, grandchild to the before specified *Hugh* (as the Descent in **Hatton** sheweth) it divolved to other Families, the said *Maud*, wife of *Stephen de Nerbon*, making partition [b] thereof, with *Thomas de Clinton*, grandson to her sister *Margerie*. Which partition being so made, the moytie belonging to *Maude*, descended to *Margerie de Nerbone*, her daughter and heir, who gave [c] all her said purpart to the Monks of **Burton** before mentioned, in pure Almes; *Osbert de Clinton*, a younger son to the said *Thomas* (unto whom, it seems, that the other part was by his Father assigned) confirming [d] the grant. Which *Osbert* died without issue, as I gues; for it is plain enough, that his purpart of **Austrey** came [e] to the posteritie of *Thomas*, his elder brother, who were Lords of **Parkstoke** (as the Pedegree in **Parkstoke** and **Colehill** sheweth) and so descended to *Edward* Lord *Clinton*; who by his Deed bearing date 6. *Febr.* 31 *H.* 8. sold [f] this Mannour unto *James Leveson* of **Wolverhampton** *in Com. Staff.* Esquire, who gave [g] it in marriage (*inter alia*) with *Eliz.* his daughter, unto *Walter* son and heir of Sir *Edward Aston* Knight: From whom descended Sir *Walter Aston* Knight of the Bathe, who in 1. *Caroli* (or about that time) sold it to the Tenants.

a *Expref. Regist. de* Burton *f.* 71. *a.*

b, c *Ib. f.* 71. *a.*

d *Ib. f.* 79. *b.*

e *Esc.* 20. R. 2. *n.* 15.

f *F. levat. term. Pasch.* 32. *H.* 8.

g Alen *q.* 47.

But that which the Monks of **Burton** had here, coming to the Crown, at the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses in 30 *H.* 8. was in 33. of that King's reign, given [h] to the Collegiate-Church of **Burton** before specified (for King *Henry*, having outed the Monks, placed a Dean and secular Canons in their roome.) But this Collegiate-Church, soon following the fate, which the Abbies had, being likewise dissolved in 37 *H.* 8. the King, by his Letters [i] Patent bearing date 31. *Jan.* the same yeare, granted this Mannour (for by that name it is past) unto Sir *William Paget* Knight, and his heirs, to be held in *Capite*, by the *xx*th part of a Knight's Fee. Which Sir *William* by the name of *William* Lord *Paget* of **Beudesert** (for so he had been created) by his Deed [k] dated 30. *Dec.* 1. & 2. *Ph. & M.* sold it unto the Lady *Elianore Brereton*, M.

h *Pat.* 33. *H.* 8. *p.* 4.

i *Pat.* 37. *H.* 8. *p.* 16.

k *Esc.* 13. Eliz. *F. levat. term. Hill.* 1. & 2. Ph. & M.

Brereton, widow, ſometime wife of Sir *William Brereton* Knight, and to *Richard Brereton* Eſquire her ſon and heir, to the uſe of them the ſaid *Elianore* and *Richard*, and the heirs of the ſaid *Richard*. From which *Richard* it deſcended [l] to *George* his ſon and heir, late of **Ashley** in **Cheſhire**, who died [m] ſeized thereof in 30 *Eliz.* leaving *William* his ſon and heir above *xix.* years of age.

l *Eſc.* 13. Eliz. *ut ſupra.*

m *Eſc.* 30. Eliz.

n *F. levat. craſt. Aſcenſ.* 55. *H.* 3.

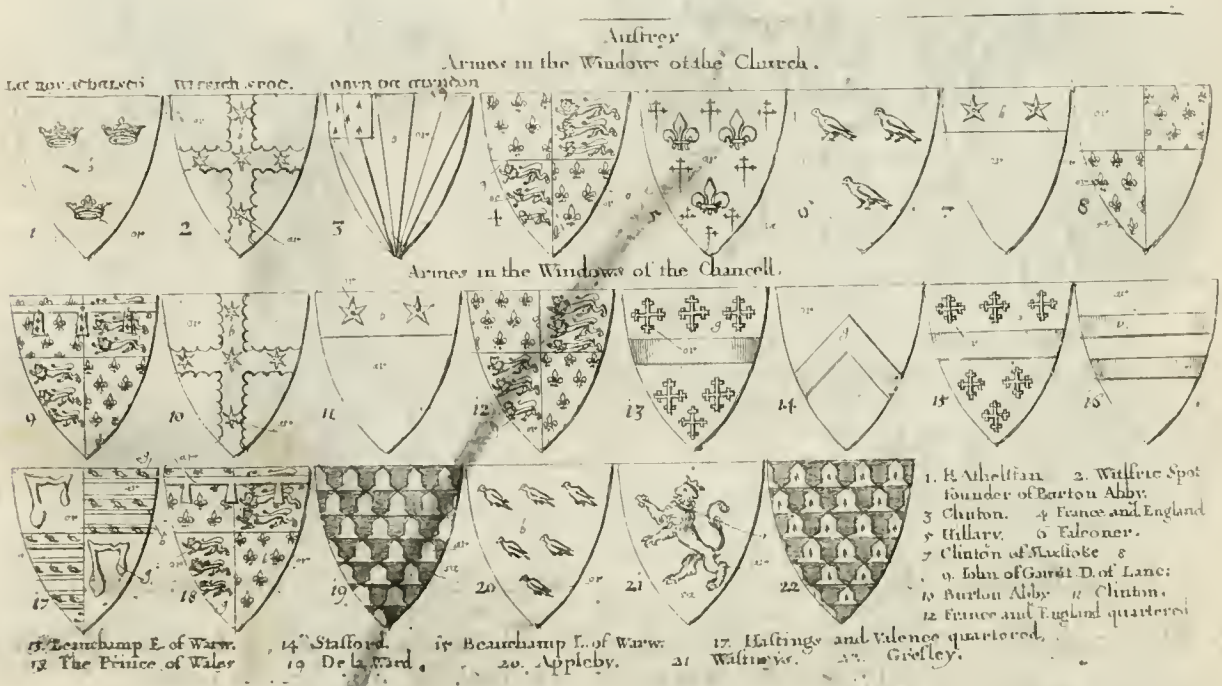
o *MS. in Scac.*

p *Stret. f.* 70. *b.* *Pat.* 1. *H.* 5. *p.* 5. *m.* 9.

q *MS. penes* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

The Church (dedicated to S. *Nicholas*) was in 55 *H.* 3. given [n] by *Osbert de Clinton*, ſon of *Thomas*, to the Monks of **Burton**: and in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [o] at *xvi.* marks, as alſo appropriated [p] to that Religious Houſe, by Pope *Urban* the ſixt, in 2 *R.* 2. In 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was rated [q] at *viii li.* over and above *ix s. vi d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls.*

Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.	
Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich. *Thomas de Clinton miles, & Williel. de Cherlecote.*	*Philippus de Aſſellis anno* 1248.	
Langt. f. 6. *b.* *Northb. f.* 22. *b.* *Ib. f.* 24. *a.* *Abbas & Conv. de Burton.*	*D. Will. de la Warde* 10. *Cal. Febr.* 1303. *Ric. de Staunton Cap.* 4. *Cal. Junii* 1328. *Rog. de Baukewell Cler.* 4. *Id. Febr.* 1330.	
Ib. f. 36. *b.* *Henr. de Northwell Patronus hac vice.*	*Joh. de Deping Pbr.* 3. *Id. Maii* 1340.	
Stret. f. 18. *a.* *Abbas & Conventus de Burton.*	*D. Ric. Lucas Pbr.* 2. *Oct.* 1369.	
Abbas & Conventus de Burton.	*Rob. Lucas Pbr.* 2. *Oct.* 1378.	*Ib. f.* 26. *a.*
	Joh. Ivelyth Cler. 20. *Nov.* 1404.	*Burgh. f.* 14. *b.*
	Will. Batayll Cap. 27. *Junii* 1413.	*Ib. f.* 33. *a.*
	Ric. Haſard Pbr. 11. *Apr.* 1429.	*Heyw. f.* 22. *b.*
	Joh. Aliſawndre 9. *Febr.* 1437.	*Ib. f.* 36. *a.*
	Ric. Parker 3. *Julii* 1438.	*Ib. f.* 36. *b.*
	Henr. Fulcock 5. *Martii* 1501.	*Bowl. f.* 206. *a.*
	Will. Darley in art. Magr. 12. *Febr.* 1524.	*Bl. f.* 12. *b.*
Ric. Coton gen. & alii ex conceſſ. Abb. & Conv. de Burton.	*D. Thom. Farmer Cap.* 7. *Sept.* 1542.	*Str. & P. f.* 18. *b.*
Sim. Harcot ar.	*Randulphus Orton* 19. *Aug.* 1567.	*Str. & P. f.* 18. *b.*
Humfr. Ferrers ar. ex conceſſ. Roberti Comitis Leic.	*Rog. Molde Cler.* 8. *Oct.* 1583.	*Bund. B.*
Jacobus Rex Angliæ, &c.	*Rob. Boſtok Cler.* 10. *Junii* 1619.	*Morton bund. incert.*
	Mich. Boſtok Cler. 3. *Nov.* 1620.	
	Joh. Prior Cler. in art. Bac. 7. *Nov.* 1623.	



Newton.

THis ſeems to have been originally, a member of **Sekindon**, as by what I ſhall ſay, when I come to ſpeak of the Church, will appear; for there is no mention of it in the Conqueror's Survey; and till 5 *H.* 2. it being [r] in the King's hands, was for that reſpect called **Newton-*Regis***; but then granted [s] to *Geffrey Sauvage*, it continued to his Deſcendants whilſt the male line laſted, and afterwards to the ſiſters and coheirs to the laſt *William* (as the Pedegree in **Baginton** manifeſteth) Howbeit, the ſecond *Geffrey*, was expoſed to a defence [t] of his title thereto, in 7 *R.* 1. againſt *Thomas de Arden*; the ſervice [u] by which he held it, being half a Knight's Fee. But by heirs female, coming

r *Rot. P.* 5. *H.* 2.

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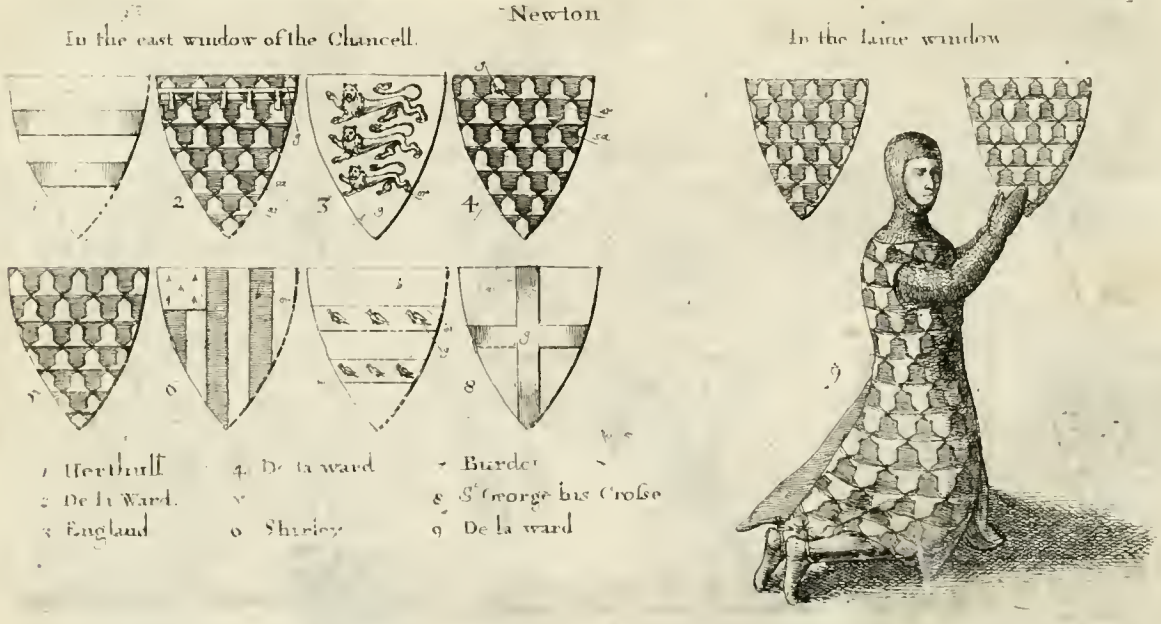
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coming to *Edneſoure* and *Meinill*, I find, that in 13 *E.* 1. *Thomas de Edneſoure*, and *Philippa de Meinill*, jointly claimed [w] a **Court-Leet**, with Aſſize of Beer, Gallows, and **Free warren** therein, by the grant of King *H.* 2. all which were allowed. From which ſaid *Thomas* (ſon of *Thomas*, by *Lucia*, one of the Siſters and coheirs to the ſaid *Will. le Sauvage*) the one moitie thereof deſcended to the *Herthulls*, of whom in **Bagginton** I have ſpoke, and from *Herthull*, after divers Deſcents, to [x] *Cokain*, as the Deſcent in **Pooley** manifeſteth: in which Family it continued till Sir *Edward Cokain* (grandfather to Sir *Aſton Cokain* Baronet now living) ſold it.

But from the before ſpecified *Philippa* (the ſecond ſiſter and coheir of *Sauvage*) the other moytie came to the *Meinills* of **Derbyſhire**, ſhe being the wife [y] of *Hugh de Meinill* (of **Langley**-*Meinill* in that Countie, where the chief ſeat was) ſometime Steward [z] to *William de Ferrers* Earl of **Derby**, and continued in that line for divers Deſcents, Sir *Hugh Meinill*, great-grandchild to the ſaid *Hugh* and *Philippa*, having in 24 *E.* 3. a Charter [a] of **Free warren** (*inter alia*) in all his demeſn lands here. To which Sir *Hugh* ſucceeded [b] Sir *Richard*, and to him Sir *Raphe*, who died [c] in 12 *R.* 2. without iſſue male, whereby his four daughters became heirs to the eſtate; *viz.* *Joane* [d], firſt married [e] to *John Staunton*, and afterwards [f] to Sir *Thomas Clinton* Knight, *Elizabeth* to [g] *William Crawſhawe*, *Margaret* [h] and *Thomaſine* [i]; betwixt whom Partition being made, it was allotted [k] to *Elizabeth*; by which means it came to Sir *Raph Shirley* of **Staunton**-*Harold in Com. Leic.* Knight, with [l] *Margaret* her daughter and heir, by the ſaid *John*; and did continue in that Familie, till that Sir *Thomas Shirley* Knight, a younger ſon to Sir *George Shirley* Baronet within theſe few years, ſold it to the Tenants.

The Church (dedicated to the *Aſſumption* of the bleſſed Virgin) was in *H.* 2. time but a Chapell [m] to **Sekindon**, and in *an.* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) valued [n] at *viii.* marks. In 39 *E.* 3. upon ſome difference, which aroſe betwixt the Parſon of **Clifton**-*Canvile in Com. Staff.* and the Parſon of this Church, touching the perception of certain Tithes, I find, that it was by *Robert de Stretton* then Biſhop of this Dioceſs, thus [o] accorded; *viz.* that of all Calves; Colts and Lambs, belonging to the Inhabitants of **Newton**, and falling within **Clifton**-Pariſh; as alſo for the Milk of the Kine, there calving, the Parſon of **Clifton** ſhould thenceforth receive according to the Cuſtome of the Countrey, *id eſt*, for a Colt a penny, a Lambe a half penny, and for a Calf with the Milk of the Cow *i d. ob.* And that the Parſon of **Newton** and his ſucceſſors, ſhould receive the Tithe Wooll, wholly, and the Tythe of Piggs, and other living things depaſturing in the ſaid Pariſh of **Clifton**. In 26 *H.* 8. this Rectorie was valued [p] at *xiv* li. *xvi* d. over and above *ix s. vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

w *Rot de Quo W.*
x *Clauſ. 5. H. 5. in d. m. 18.*
y *Eſc. 43. H. 3.*
z *Ex autog. penès Joh. Ferrers ar.*
a *Cart. 24. E. 3. n. 8.*
b *Eſc. 37. E. 3. n. 49.*
c *Eſc. 12. R. 2. n. 35.*
d *Ib.*
e *Eſc. 22. R. 2. n. 41.*
f *Clauſ. 31. H. 6. m. 17. in d.*
g h i *Eſc. 22. R. 2. n. 41.*
k l m *Ex autog. penès W. Burton ar.*
n *MS. in Scac.*
o *Stret. f. 13. b.*
p *MS. penès S. A. eq. aur. f. 59. a.*



Patroni Eccleſiæ.	Incumbentes, &c.
D. Ric. de Herthull miles.	*Thomas de Poule Subdiac. 17. Cal. Dec. 1307.*
D. Hug. de Meygnill miles.	*Joh. de la Warde Cap. 6. Id. Apr. 1320.*
D. Ric. de Herthull miles.	*Rob. de Aldeport Cap. Cal. Febr. 1350.* / *Will. de Blaby Pbr. 2. Cal. Jan. 1364.*
D. Rex, ratione cuſtod. terr. &c. Ric. Meigrill defuncti.	*Rob. de Sekindon Pbr. 4. Martii 1378.*
D. Ric. Herthull miles.	*Nich. de Sekindon Cap. 12. Oct. 1381.*
Thom. de Sekindon Rector Eccl. de Blechingley, & Ric. de Sekindon Rect. Eccl. de Olton.	*Rob. de Sekindon Pbr. 10. Nov. 1388.*
Tho. de Greſeley miles, & alii, hac vice patroni.	*D. Will. Childecote ult. Julii 1406.*
D. Joh. Cokain miles, hac vice patronus.	*Joh. Kempe Pbr. 18. Feb. 1425.*
Rad. Pole Juſtic. D. Regis & Joh. Greſley miles.	*Joh. Neuton 21. Maii 1458.*
Will. Compton miles, ratione minoris ætat. Fr. Shirley.	*D. Will. Leſon Cap. 26. Aug. 1517.*

Langt. f. 27. b.
Ib. f. 79. a.
Northb. f. 54. a.
Stret. f. 13. b.
Ib. f. 26. a.
Ib. f. 28. b.
Sk. f. 3. a.
Burgh. f. 18. a.
Heyw. f. 17. a.
Bowl. f. 26. b.
Bl. f. 8. a.

Thomas

Str. & P. f. 15. a.	Thomas Cokain gen. ex conceſſ. Barb. Cokain, jure junctura.	D. Edw. Bowear. Cap. 17. Feb. 1537.
Sampſ. f. 43. a.	Franc. Shirley de Stanton-Harold ar.	D. Rob. Tarleton Cler. 20. Apr. 1552.
Sampſ. & B. f. 30. b.	Thomas Cokain miles.	Thom. Shepard Cler. 28. Jan. 1561.
Ib. f. 44. b.	Rad. Shirley ar.	Chriſtophorus Hodgſon Cler. 22. Oct. 1572.
Overall bund A.	Dorothea Barwell vidua ratione conceſſ. Georgii Shirley ar.	Ric. Orgell 17. Nov. 1617.

Sekindon.

THis place is famous for a memorable Battail fought thereat, in the year from our Saviour's Incarnation *DCCLVII.* betwixt *Cuthred*, King of the *West-Saxons*, and *Ethelbald* King [q] of the *Mercians*, wherein the ſame *Ethelbald* was ſlain by [r] *Beornred* one of his own military Commanders, and buried [ſ] in the Monaſterie of **Repandune** (now called **Repton** in **Derby-ſhire**) not far diſtant. But *Beornred* had little enjoyment of that rule, which by the death of *Ethelbald*, he expected; for within a ſhort ſpace, he was [t] cut off by King *Offa*, who ſucceeded the ſaid *Ethelbald* in the Kingdom of **Mercia**.

In the Conqueror's time, the Earl of **Pellent** was poſſeſt [u] of the greateſt part of this Village, whereof two hides and a half, one *Leuuinus* then held of him, in which there were Woods of half a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth; all having been [w] the freehold of *Celred*, and *Godric*, in *Edward* the Confeſſor's days: Other two hides and a half, did *Godric* hold [x] of him, at the ſame time (whoſe inheritance it had been before the Norman Invaſion.) In which part, there were Woods of the very ſame extent as aforeſaid, and a Mill; Half whereof pertained to this part, and a half to the other. But the laſt two hides and half, *Ingenulfus* and *Arnulfus* held [y], which alſo had been of the ſaid *Godric's* inheritance. Beſides theſe particular parcels, ſo poſſeſt by the Earl of **Pellent**, *Will. fil. Corbucionis* (of whom I have ſpoke in **Studley**) held at [z] that time, two hides and a half, here, by one *Juhellus*, his undertenant; whereof one *Ernvi* had been owner before the Conqueſt: All which joyned together, were valued at *v* li. *x* s.

But by the ſaid Earl of **Pellent**, or *Robert* Earl of **Leiceſter**, his ſon, was the Father of *Richard Bruton*, as I gueſs, enfeoft of a good proportion hereof; for I finde [a], that the ſaid *Richard*, by the conſent of *Hamon*, his Brother, (about the 24th of King *H.* 2. reign) ſold it to *William de Camvile* and his heirs, by the name of *Domus de Secchendona*, for *XL.* marks of ſilver, to be held in *Capite* of the Earl of **Leiceſter**: unto which grant, young King *Henry* (*ſcil.* ſon of *H.* 2.) gave his [b] aſſent. To this *William de Camvile*, ſucceeded *William*, who being thus poſſeſt of the Mannour-Houſe (for ſo I take it, the word *Domus* here imports) obtained, ere long, a grant [c] from *Aubreda Marmion*, his mother, of the fourth part of a Knight's Fee in this place, which was of the Fee of **Leiceſter**, and then held by the ſaid *William* in demeſn; and another fourth part likewiſe, from her, of the Fee of **Warwick**: as alſo [d] half a Knight's Fee more, lying here, and in **Weſton**, which *Simon de Bercheſton* held: In conſideration whereof, he the ſaid *William* gave her *XL.* marks, and diſcharged her of *xx.* marks more, due to the Monks of **Combe**, for to perform the *Anniverſarie* of *William de Camvile* her husband: One of which fourth parts, did *Geſfrey Marmion* (father to the ſaid *Aubreda*) hold of [e] *Robert Boſſu* ſometime Earl of **Leiceſter**: But all of them were afterwards held [f] (though by what agreement, I find not) by the heirs of the ſaid *William de Camvile*, of the Earls of **Warwick**.

Of theſe *Camviles*, the laſt that had to do here, was *Gerard*, whoſe daughter [g] and heir *Elizabeth*, wife to *Robert Burdet*, brought this Lordſhip to that Familie: **Which** *Robert*, being ſo poſſeſt thereof, obtained a Charter [h] for **Free warren** (*inter alia*) in all his demeſn lands here, bearing date at **Worceſter** 25 *Dec.* 1 *E.* 3. From whom (as the Pedegree in **Arrow** ſheweth) is lineally deſcended Sir *Francis Burdet* Baronet, now Lord of this Mannour.

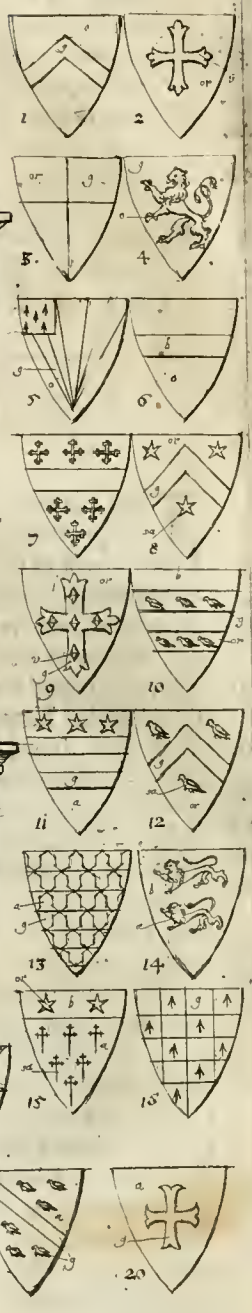
Scarce a furlong from the Church, North-wards, & upon an aſcending ground, is yet to be ſeen a notable Fort, made after a circular forme; the dimenſions whereof (though much leſſe than what they were at firſt, by reaſon that the Earth is ſo ſhrunk down) are yet, as followeth; *viz.* The breadth of the outer Ditch, at the top *xx.* foot, and at the bottome *x.* foot. The depth of it *xii.* foot. The diameter within the bank *CCXCvii.* foot. On the North-ſide of it (oppoſite to the entrance) there is a round Hill, artificially raiſed, of *Xlii.* foot in height, which at the top is *xxiii.* foot in breadth; and whereupon, as it ſhould ſeem, ſome Watch-Tower hath formerly ſtood. By the Countrey people, it bears the name of a Caſtle; whoſe tradition is, that it was antiently the *Burdets*, and pulled down in King *Hen.* 2. time, by *William Burdet*, for the ſtructure of that little Monaſterie at **Aucote** (hard by) which, as they report, he founded, to expiate the murther of his wife: But having not ſeen, that the *Burdets* were ſo long ſince poſſeſt of this Lordſhip, I ſomewhat doubt the truth thereof.

q R. Hoved, f 234. a. n. 50.
r Ib. f. 231. a. n. 30.
ſ Hiſt. Ingulphi Croil. f. 486. a. n. 20
t W. Malm. f. 14. b. n. 30.
u w x y z } Domeſd. lib.
a Ex autog. penès S. Roper. ar.
b Ib.
c Ex autog. penès Fr. Burdet Bar.
d
e Ib.
f Teſta. de N.
g Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 186. b.
h Cart. 1. E. 3. n. 2.

On the North side of the Church,



Armes in the Windows of the Church



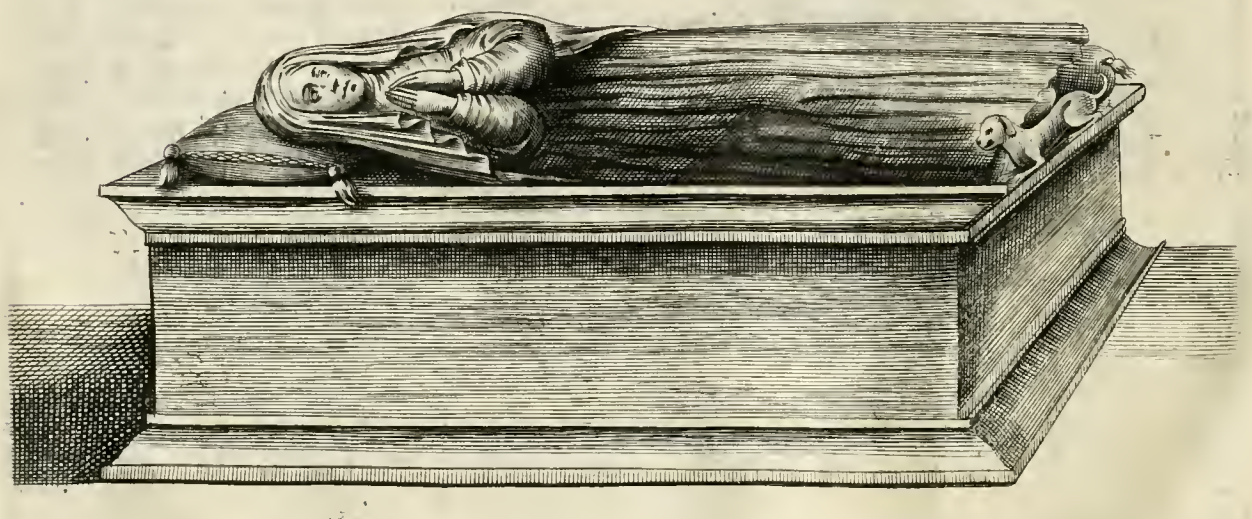
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NEC PIETAS, PROBITAS, PATRIAEVE PERITIA LEGVM,
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IVSTITIAM ET FACIS FIDELEM FVISSE MINISTRVM
PAVPERIBVS, PATRIQVE PATREM VICINIS BENIGNVM
CONTRA IMPORTVNAS POTERANT DEFENDERE MORTEM,

LANGVENTEM FOENVM VT MEDIO QVOD CEDITVR AESTV
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QVORVM LONGI, CVI BREVIS HAEC CONCLVSIO

OBIIT XXVI MARTII, A. DNI, 1603

SACRVM MEMORIAE ROBERTI BVRD ET DE BRANCOTE ARMIGERI E NOBILI
BVRDETORVM FAMILIA DE AROW ET STAINDON, MARIA EIVS CONIVGE FIDE
LISSIMA, FILIA THOMAE WILSON ARMIGERI, SECRETARII E SECRETIORIBVS
CONCILIIS ILLVSTRISSIMAE REGINAE ELIZABETHAE, HVNC TVMVLVM SVIS
SVMPTIBVS POSVIT,

1 Stafford
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3. Mandevile E. of Essex
4 Albany E. of Arundell
5 Basset of Drayton,
6. Vernon
7 Beauchamp
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9 Frevill
10 Burdet
11 Washington
12 Stafford of Pipe
13 Gresley
14 Camvill,
15. Clinton E. of Huntington
16.
17 Spencer
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19 Furnivall
20 Vitedale,



	Patroni Ecclesiæ de Sekindon.	Incumbentes, &c.
Ex autog. penès D. & Cap. Lich.	*Thomas de Kamvile Dominus de Sekindon.*	*Hugo de Folvile Cler. anno* 1251.
Langt. f. 7. a.	*Guido de Bellocampo Com. Warw. ratione minoris æt. filiæ & hær. D. Gerardi de Camvile defuncti.*	*Will. de Brymsgrave Accol.* 10. *Cal. Apr.* 1305.
Ib. f. 37. a.	*Henr. de Campvill.*	*Henr. de Newton Pbr.* 4. *Cal. Nov.* 1311.
Northb. f. 27. a.	*Joh. Burdeth miles.*	*Joh. de Thurstynton* 18. *Cal. Maii* 1333.
Ib. f. 49. a.	*Thom. de Bellocampo Com. Warw.*	*Ric. Colet Accol.* 12. *Cal. Oct.* 1349.
Stret. f. 10. a.		*Henr. de Wirley Pbr.* 10. *Cal. Dec.* 1361.
Sk. f. 2. a.	*D. Thomas Burdet miles.*	*Rog. Newbrugg Pbr. penult. Sept.* 1387.
Burgh. f. 27. a.	*Thom. Mottelow, persona Eccl. de Arrow & alii.*	*Alanus de Thame Cap.* 3. *Jan.* 1410.
Ib. f. 28. a.		*Will. de Erdington* 28. *Apr.* 1411.
Heyw. f. 4. b.		*Rob. Evynton Pbr.* 13. *Martii* 1421.
Ib. f. 37. b.	*D. Thomas Burdet de Arrow, miles.*	*Nich. Cowper Pbr.* 28. *Apr.* 1439.
Ib. f. 44. a.	*Thomas Burdet ar.*	*Rob. Burton Canon. Regularis* 10. *Martii* 1445.
Bowl. f. 131. a.	*Joh. Burdet ar.*	*Joh. Baker Cap.* 13. *Febr.* 1491.
El. f. 7. b.	*Joh. Burdet miles.*	*D. Thomas Chare* 6. *Julii* 1521.
Ib. f. 17. b.	*Thomas Burdet ar.*	*D. Will. Lawnslyn* 8. *Julii* 1530.
Sampf. & B. f. 29. b.	*Thomas Burdet ar.*	*Will. Heys Pbr.* 5. *Aug.* 1560.
Ib. f. 47. b.		*Joh. Barwell Cler.* 13. *Febr.* 1577.
Overall bund. A.	*Tho. Burdet de Bramcote arm.*	*Henr. Cowper Cler.* 20. *Febr.* 1617.
Morton bund. invent.	*Thomas Burdet Baronettus.*	*Sam. Wollaston ult. Julii* 1629.

The Church, in *anno* 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) was valued at ..... but in 26 *H.* 8. at *Cxvi* s. over and above *ix* s. *vi* d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

* *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *a.*

Shuttenton.

OF this place there is no particular mention in the Conqueror's Survey, it being then involved with **Sekindon**, and of that part (as I guesse) which the Earl of **Mellent** then possest; from whom, or his son *Robert*, sirnamed *Bossu*, Earl of **Leicester**, was *William Burdet* enfeoft thereof; who, upon his Foundation of the Monasterie at **Aucote**, on the other side the River, gave [i] it wholy thereunto, excepting those lands called **Coppenhull**, which he had disposed of to the Nuns of **Polesworth**. At that time it was [k] written **Schetynton**, and continued a pretty Village till about the beginning of King *H.* 8. time, that the Monks of **Aucote** depopulated [l] six Messuages and two Cotages therein (which I take to be a third part thereof) After the dissolution of which Monasterie, it continued in the Crown, till 34 *H.* 8. but then did the King passe [m] it away, unto *Thomas* Lord *Audley* Chancelour of **England** (*inter alia*) in exchange for other lands; who, the next year following, sold [n] it, together with the site of the said Priorie of **Aucote**, unto *Joane Robinson*, the widow of *George Robinson* of **London**, Mercer: Since which time, it hath past with **Aucote** to such particular persons, as I have there manifested.

i *Ex vtt. membr. penès* S. Archer. *eq. aur.*

k *Ib.*

l *Inq. super Depop.* 9. *H.* 8.

m *Pat.* 34. *H.* 8. *p.* 3.

n *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8.

The Church was very antiently appropriated [o] to the Monks of **Aucote**, and in 26 *H.* 8. valued [p] at *Xl* s. But upon the grant of the Rectorie, together with the site of the Priorie of **Aucote**, unto *Thomas* Lord *Audley*, in 34 *H.* 8. there was *vi li. per annum* reserved [q] for a Curate to serve therein.

I cannot find, that there hath ever been any more than one Presentation to this Church, & that was by the Prior of great **Malvern** in *anno* 1341. **Aucote** being a Cell subordinate to that Monasterie. Which Prior of **Malverne** presented one *Richard*, then Prior of **Aucote**, thereto; who was instituted [r] 14 *Cal. Aug.* in the year aboveſaid.

o Burgh. *f.* 166. *b.*

p *MS. penès* S. A. *eq. aur. f.* 57. *b.*

q *Pat.* 34. *H.* 8. *p.* 3.

r Northb. *f.* 37. *b.*

Aucote-Priorie.

THis place, being originally a member of **Sekindon**, and with **Shuttenton** obtained from the Earl of **Leicester**, by *William Burdet*, was in *anno* 1151. (*scil.* 5 *H.* 2.) granted [s] therewith, to the Monks of great **Malvern** *in Com. Wigorn.* upon condition, that they should send two of their Covent, to serve in the Church here, from the Feast of S. *Michaell*, till that time twelve-month; and the next year following, to adde unto them, two more: And moreover, that afterwards, so soon as the building of the Monasterie here, could be compleated; according to the capacitie thereof, more Monks to be received therein, by the advice of the Abbot of **Westminster**, and other Religious Persons, of these parts; and the Prior to be constituted always by the Prior of **Malverne** before specified. Unto which agreement so made, betwixt the said *William Burdet*, and *Roger*, then Prior of **Malverne**, in the presence of the before mentioned Abbot of **Westminster**, as also the Abbots of **S. Albans** and **Malmesburie**, *Robert* Earl of **Leicester**, amongst others, was a witness.

s *Ex præf. vet. membr. penès S.* Archer *eq. aur.*

The occasion whereupon this little Monasterie was founded, is said to be this; *viz.* that the said *William Burdet*, being both a valiant and devout man, made a journey to the *Holy Land*, for subduing of the Infidells in those parts; and that his Steward, whil'st he was thus absent, solicited the Chastitie of his Ladie, who resisted those his uncivill attempts with much scorn: whereupon he grew so full of envie towards her, that so soon as he had advertisement of his Master's arrivall again in **England**, he went to meet him; and to shadow his own foul crime, complained to him of her looseness with others: Which false accusation so enraged her husband, that when he came home, and that she approacht to receive him with joyfull embraces, he forthwith mortally stab'd her; and that, to expiate the same unhappy Act, after he understood the truth, he built this Monastery. Of this storie though I have nothing but by tradition, yet that he was the Founder hereof, is most certain, from what I have before expreſt; and doubtless that Mo-

nument, ſituate in an Arch of the wall, on the North ſide of the Church here at **Aucote**, is for him; which is only a plain Free-ſtone, covering the Coffin wherein his Body reſteth, curiouſly emboſſed with the ſculpture of a large Croſſe.

The Benefactors that this Priorie had, were but few, that I finde; *viz.* *Robert de Bramcote*, who gave [g] a Meadow called **Bramcote-Meadow**; and *William Burdet*, grandchild to the Founder; who having conferred [h] thereunto the Rent of *xii* d. iſſuing out of a certain tenement in **Aucote**, for the maintenance of a Lampe, to burne before the Altar of our Lady in the Church here, of S. *Blaſe*, when he lay upon his death-bed, added [i] the grant of half a yard land, and a Water-Mill lying in **Radclive** *in Com. Leic.* So that all the revenues belonging thereto, were by the Survey [k] made in 26 *H.* 8. valued at no more than *xxxiv* li. *viii* s. Out of which *Lx* s. being yearly payd to the Priorie of **Dalverne** (whereunto it was a Cell) *xx* s. to Sir *Humphrey Ferrers* Knight, then high Steward thereof, and other Reprizes, which in the whole amounted to *vi* li. *ii* s. *x* d. left the clear yearly value, but *xxviii* li. *vi* s. *ii* d. In ſo much as it being expoſed to diſſolution by the Statute of 27 *H.* 8. and ſo coming to the Crown, was [l] granted out, in 34 *H.* 8. (together with **Shuttenton**) unto *Thomas* Lord *Audley*, Lord Chancelour of **England**, and by him to [m] *Joane Robinſon* widow, who died [n] ſeized thereof in [o] *Eliz.* leaving *William* her ſon and heir. Which *William* had iſſue [o] *Thomas*, who mortgaged it with **Dalton-***Baſſet in Com. Staff.* to one *William Paramour* a Londoner: After which it was not long, ere that *Robert Dudley* Earl of **Leiceſter**, coveting that fair Lordſhip, obtained *Paramour's* title, and ſo juſtling out *Robinſon*, paſt this, with **Shuttenton** unto Queen *Elizabeth* in exchange for other lands: ſo that, ever ſince, it hath been in the Crown.

g *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Burdet *Bar.*

h *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole. *eq. aur.*

i *Plac.* 14. *E.* 3. *Term.* .... *rot.* 3.

k *MS. penès* S.A. *eq. aur. f.* 59. *b.*

l *Pat.* 34. *H.* 8. *p.* 3.

m *Pat.* 35. *H.* 8.

n *Eſc.* 2. Eliz.

o *Eſc.* 5. Eliz.

Tamworth.



FOllowing the ſtream of **Anker**, a little lower, I come to its confluence with **Tame**, that gives denomination to **Tamelworth**, the moſt eminent Town, for ſituation and antiquitie on this ſide the Countie; of which, but the one half, including the Caſtle, is in this Shire; the Villages of **Bole-Hall**, **Glaſcote**, **Stretton**, **Wilnicote**, **Standelf**, and **Amington** lying Southwards of the River, and **Perſcroft** on the North, being members thereof. A place this is, participating chiefly of the commodities which the *Wood-land* affordeth, being almoſt inviron'd by it, and watered with delightfull Rivers, whereby the bordering Meadows are plentifully inricht; yet not wanting a ſpacious *Champaine* near at hand, for farther profit and pleaſure; ſo that divers of the *Mercian* Kings, invited (doubtleſs) by theſe advantages, had here a Pallace-royall, as their ſeverall Charters do manifeſt: Of which Kings, the firſt, that I find mentioned, was *Offa*; who granting lands in **Sapſe** to the Monks of **Worceſter**, concludeth thus [p] —— *Hanc autem præſcriptam viciſſitudinem terrarum, & meæ donationis*

p *Ex Regiſt. wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. fo* 203.

tionis pro Domino libertatem, ego Offa *Rex, ſedens in regali Palacio in* Tamoworthige *ſecundo die Nativitatis Domini, in die Feſtivitatis beati* Stephani *Martyris, concedens donavi, Anno ab Incarnatione Chriſti DCCLXXXI. Indictione quarta.*

q *Ib.f.*10.*b.* The next was *Coenulf*, whoſe Charter thus [q] ends ——*Acta eſt hæc donatio anno DCCCXIV. Indict. ſeptima, in vico celeberrimo, qui vocatur* Tomoworthig, *&c.* After him *Berthwulf* [r] in the year *DCCCXLI.* and laſtly *Burthred* [ſ] in the year *DCCCLIV.*

r *Ib.f.*13.*a.*

ſ *Ib.f.*19.*a.b.*

And as theſe authorities do ſhew, that it was by thoſe Kings thus honoured, ſo is there not want of other, to manifeſt the large extent, and ſtrength thereof: witneſſe that vaſt Ditch, to this day called *King's Ditch*; which ſtretching forth in a ſtreight line, from the River Anker, ſomewhat below Bowl-Brig; then making a right angle, keepeth on its courſe paralell to the River, for the ſpace of neer four hundred paces; and ſo returning by another right angle, runs into Tame, below *Lady-Bridg*; whereby the ground, within the precincts thereof, is of a quandrangular forme. Which Ditch, though much filled up in moſt places, appears to have been at leaſt *xlv.* foot broad, as by meaſure I have obſerved.

t Lel. *Itin. vol.4.f.* 189.

u *Ib.*

But ſuch miſchief, ſhortly after, did the [t] Danes make, by their ſeverall invaſions, that this place was waſted [u], and continued deſolate, till that renowned Ladie of the *Mercians, Ethelfleda*, (daughter to King *Alfred*, and Siſter to King *Edward* the elder) after her husband's death, *ſcil.* in the year of Chriſt *DCCCCXIV.* reſtored [w] it to its antient ſtrength and ſplendor; rayſing [x] a ſtrong Tower, upon an artificiall Mount of Earth, called the *Dungeon*, for defence againſt any violent aſſault thereof: upon which Mount, that building now called the Caſtle, hath of later times been erected: for the body of the old Caſtle ſtood below, towards the Mercate-place, and where the Stables at preſent are. And here it was, that the ſaid famous *Ethelflede* departed [y] this life *xix. Cal. Julii anno DCCCCXVIII. viz.* five years before the death of King *Edward* her Brother: but in the Abbie-Church of S. *Peter* at Glouceſter, of hers and her husband's Foundation [z], ſhe had [a] ſepulture.

w *Annal.* Math. Weſtm. *Hiſt. Angl. Script. col.* 834. *l.* 34.

x *Hiſt. MS.* I Rous *in bibl.* Cotton. *p.* 111.

y } *Ib.*
z }
a }

The next obſervable thing, which, in courſe of time I have met with, that concerns this place, is, that there was a Monaſterie here: for by the Teſtament [b] of *Wulfric Spot* (Founder [c] of Burton-Abbe *in Com. Staff.* about the year of Chriſt *DCCCCXLIX.*) it appears, that he gave [d] thereunto certain lands in Langandune (*ſcil.* Langdon *in Com. Staff.*) But whether it was of Monks or Nunns, or by whom founded, I never could as yet ſee good teſtimonie. From theſe antient times therefore, whereof ſo little light by Hiſtorie, is to be found, I ſhall now deſcend to thoſe after the Norman Conqueſt; and for my more methodicall diſcoverie of ſuch things as are moſt memorable, purpoſe firſt to ſpeak of the *Burrough*, by it ſelf; for by that name it was heretofore called, and then of the Caſtle and its poſſeſſors.

b *Monaſt. Anglic p.* 266. *Col.*2.

c *Ib. Col* 1. *l.*59

d *Ib. p.*268. *Col.*1. *l.* 51.

Of the *Burrough* there is not any particular extent in the Conqueror's Survey, nor farther mention of it, than that ten Houſes therein, were at that time belonging [e] to the Mannour of Coltſhill in this Hundred, which was in thoſe days part of the King's demeſn: neither can I diſcover any thing of note, for a long time after, relating thereto, beſides the Aid, and other advantages, which upon ſundry occaſions it yielded [f] to the King; from the beginning of King *Stephen's* reign; that part, which is in this Countie, anſwering two marks for an Aide [g] in 15 *H.* 2. and in [h] 21 *H.* 3. *iv* li. *xvi* s. for the Ferm thereof: yet was it antient [i] demeſn of the Crown (*id eſt* belonging thereto in the days of King *Edward* the Confeſſor, or King *William* the Conqueror.) And till about the later end of King *H.* 3. reign, continued [k] in the King's immediate hand; but then was it let [l] to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of the Caſtle) for life, at the Rent of *xxxiv* li. *vi* s. *ix* d. *per annum*. Howbeit afterwards, the King had it again: Whereupon in 11 *E.* 2. it was granted [m] to *Baldwin Freville*, during pleaſure, reſerving the old accuſtomed Ferme, *viz. iv* li. *xvi* s.

e Domeſd. *lib.*

f *Rot. P. de an.* 1. Steph. *Et* 7.11. *&* 15. *H.*2.

g *Rot. P.* 15. *H.*2.

h *Ex vet. membr. penès Camer. Scac.*

i *Plac. coram R. term. Hill.* 19. *E.*1. *rot.* 13.

k *Inq. per. Hundr.*4. *E.*1. *penès R. Camer. Scac.*

l *Pat.*50. *H.* 3. *m.*3.

m *Rot. F.* 11. *E.*2. *m.* 11.

Which Leaſe to *Freville*, ſoon determined: For the King, having the ſame year given [n] to the Inhabitants thereof Licenſe to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities, to be brought thither, for the ſpace of three years; *ſcil.* for every Quarter of Corn a half penny, &c. towards the charge of Paving the Town, the next year following, made a new grant [o] thereof (I mean all this while, of that moytie in Warwick-ſhire) unto the Inhabitants of the *Burrough*, their heirs and ſucceſſors, reſerving to the Crown, the antient Ferme, as above is expreſt, and *xx* s. yearly increaſe, payable to his Exchequer at the days and termes, when the other uſed to be received; as alſo excepting all Tallages, Aids, and Cuſtomes, as had formerly been payd out of it, in the times of his Progenitors. And in 14. of his reign, the time being expired for taking *Toll*, towards the Pavement of the Town, by the former Patent, renewed [p] it for three years more: yet this did not compleat the Pavement, as appeares by the ſundry [q] other Patents granted to them afterwards, aſwell by King *Edward* 3. as this King *E.* 2. for the ſame purpoſe, which in the margent I have cited.

n *Pat.*11. *E.*2. *p.*1. *m.* 31.

o *Rot. F.*12. *E.* 2. *Pat.* 4. *E.*3. *p.*1. *m.* 32. *per Inſp Pat.*1. *R.*2. *p.*3. *m.*35. *Pat.*2. *H.* 5. *p.*3. *m.*20.

p *Pat.*14. *E.* 2. *p.*1. *m.*18.

q *Pat.*19. *E.*2. *p.*2. *m.* 17. *Pat.* 1. *E.*3 *p.* 2. *m.* 26. *Pat.* 9. *E.*3. *p.*1. *m.* 5. *Pat.* 14. *E.*3. *p.*1 *m.* 24.

But beſides this for Paving, did the ſame Inhabitants obtain a Charter [r] from the King in 10 *E.* 3. for two yearly Faires here, the one upon S. *George's* day (*viz. April.* 23.) and three days after; the other on the Feaſt-day of S. *Edward*, and three days following: and in *xx H.* 6. procured another Patent [ſ], for taking *Toll* of all vendible commodities comming hither, for the ſpace of four years, towards the finiſhing of the Pavement, and repair of Bol-brigge.

r *Cart.*10. *E.*3. *n.*18.

ſ *Pat.*20. *H.*6. *p.*3. *m.* 4.

After which, I have not ſeen any thing more of it, that is conſiderable, till 3 *Eliz.* that the Queen, by her Letters * Patent bearing date at Weſtminſter, 24 *Dec.* taking notice, that it had been a very antient *Mercate-town*, and that the Inhabitants thereof, by the name of the *Bailiffs and Commonaltie*, had not only held it, time out of minde, of her Royall Progenitors, in Fee-Ferme, by the Rent of *v.* li *xvi* s. *per annum*, but enjoyed divers Juriſdictions and Priviledges, aſwell by Preſcription as by ſeverall Charters; which Charters, as they then ſuggeſted, had been either burnt, or caſually loſt, imploring her Royall favour, that ſhe would, for the better governing thereof, vouchſafe to make it a *Corporation*; did at that time, ordain it to be a *Burrough Corporate*, conſiſting of two Bailiffs; the one for that part of the town ſituate in this Countie, and the other for that part lying in Staffordſhire; granting them libertie to have a *Common Seal*, and aſſigning *Peter Bradoke*, and

* *Pat.*3. Eliz. *p.*1.

Henry

Henry Draper the first Bayliffs: As also that from thenceforth there should be *xxiv.* of the most substantiall Inhabitants, assistants, to the said Bayliffs; and called the principall Burgesses: which said Bayliffs and Burgesses, to have power, as often as they should think fit, to call a Court of themselves, or the major part of them, there to consult and determine of all things tending to the well goverment of it; and to choose two Sergeants at Mace, for performance of all Proclamations, Arrests, &c. Which Bayliffs to be Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough.

And moreover, that they should have power to keep a Court of Record upon Munday once in three weeks, there to hold Plea, &c. after the usage of the Citie of **London.** And likewise a Gaole for the imprisonment of Felons and Malefactors: As also a weekly **Mercate** every Saturday; and two **Faires**, the one on the Feast-day of S. *George* the Martyr and four days following; and the other on the Feast-day of S. *Edward* the King and Martyr and four days then likewise next ensuing. Granting further unto the said Bayliffs for the time being, that they should be Clerks of the **Mercate**, within the precincts of the Burrough; and to have a **Court-Leet** twice in the year; *scil.* within the compass of a month after *Michaelmass*, and the like limit of time after *Easter*; as also power, to purchase, or receive by gift, lands to the value of *XI* li. *per annum*, notwithstanding the Statute of *Mortmain.*

† *Pat.*30. Eliz. *p.*4. And by another Patent † bearing date *x°* *Oct.* in 30. of her reign, gave the Inhabitants of this Burrough, immunitie from being returned on Juries, except they held lands out of the compasse thereof, and likewise to choose a Recorder; constituting *Robert Devereux* Earl of **Essex** their Steward; and granting them another **Faire** yearly, to begin on the Feast-day of S. *Swithin*, and to endure for four days. At which time she founded an endowed a Grammar School here; but thereof, forasmuch as it is situate on the **Staffordshire** side, it concerns me not to speak. Closing up therefore, I shall observe, that forasmuch as 'tis not apparent by any of our publique Records that the *Saturday-Mercate* was granted by Charter till now, it was held before by Prescription, and questionlesse from the very time that the Saxon Kings had their residence here (whereof I have already touched.) Nor is it to be doubted, but that the Priviledge, which they had in sending of Burgesses to Parliament, was of great antiquitie, and used only by the like Prescription, in such sort as other the antient Burroughs of this Realm did enjoy.

The Castle.

HAving now done with the Burrough, I come to the Castle, touching the Foundation whereof I have already spoke. This being in the hands of King *William*, after his Conquest, was by him given (towards the end of his reign, as I guess) unto *Robert Marmion*, as my Story in **Polesworth** intimateth, and as is verified by an antient window of this Church, where the same King, being depicted in his Robes of State and crowned, stretcheth forth his hand to him, holding a Charter therein, neer the Gate of a faire Castle, an exact representation whereof I have in page 822. exhibited.

Which *Robert* had issue *Robert*, unto whom King *Henry* the first, by his Charter [t] dated at **Canoc** *in Com. Staff.* granted **Free-warren** in all his lands within this Countie, as *Robert* his Father had, and by name, here at **Tamworth.** This last mentioned *Robert* was possest [u] of the strong Castle of **Fontney** in **Normandie** (which Castle *Geffrey* Earl of **Anjou** besieged and razed [w], in 4° *Steph.* because he held out **Falets** against him:) and gave [x] the Church of **Quenton** in **Gloucestershire** to the Nunns of **Polesworth.** Being a great [y] adversarie to the Earl of **Chester** in 8. *Steph.* he entred the Priorie of **Coventre** (neer unto which the said Earl had a Castle, as I have elsewhere observed) and expelling the Monks, fortified [z] it, making in the fields adjacent, divers deep Ditches, lightly covered over, to the intent, that such as should make approaches thereto, might be intrapt: but it so hapned, that as he rode himself to view the Earl's forces that began to draw neer it, he fell into one of them, and broke his Thigh; so that he was forthwith seized on by a Common Souldier, who immediatley cut [a] off his Head.

t *Pat.*27. *H.* 6. *p.* 1. *m.*30. *per. Insp.*

u *Hist. MS.* Rob. *de* Torncio *in bibl.* Dunelm. *f.* 163. *a.*

w *Hist. MS.* Rob. *de* Torncio *in bibl.* Dunelm. *f.* 163. *a.*

x *Cart.*20. *R.*2. *p* 3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*

y *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20] *f.* 30. *a.*

z *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20] *f.* 30. *a.*

a *MS. in bibl.* Bodl. [*Med.* 20] *f.* 30. *a.*

To him succeeded *Robert*, his son [b] and heir; by whose Certificate [c] in 12 *H.* 2. it appears that he then held *xi.* Knights Fees, whereof his Ancestor was enfeoft in *H.* 1. time; and three, which he had obtained since; for which, in 14 *H.* 2. he gave [d] *vii* li. *xii* s. *viii* d. Aid, upon the marriage of *Maud* the King's daughter. This *Robert* was a Benefactor to the Knights *Templar's* as by his grant [e] to them of **Barton** Mill, is manifested: as also in 33 *H.* 2. a Justice [f] Itinerant in this Countie: and confirmed [g] to the Nunns of **Polesworth**, his Father's gift of the Church of **Quenton**: But in the beginning of *H.* 3. time, he died, leaving two sonns, by severall wives as it seems, both of them bearing the name of *Robert.* Of which *Robert* the younger gave [h] the summe of 500 li. to the King, in 2 *H.* 3. for the custodie of this Castle; and to have possession of the lands, whereof his Father died seized, untill matters should be so setled, as that Englishmen might peaceably enjoy their lands in **Normandie**, and the Normans theirs in **England**, in regard that the Dukedome of **Normandie** was seized [i] on by the French, about the beginning of King *John's* time, for the murther of *Arthur* Duke of **Britanie**; but with this condition too, that if *Robert Marmion*, his elder brother, should make his peace with the King (for, it seems, he then adhered to the French) and regain his inheritance here, in **England**, that then he should pay back to the said *Robert* the younger, so much of that summe, as the profits of the lands, of which he had received the issues, did fall short thereof: and that the said *Robert* should then enjoy the Lordships of **Witringham**, and **Coningeby** *in Com. Linc.* **Quenton** *in Com. Glouc.* and **Berewic** *in Com. Suff.* As also, that *William* his younger Brother, should have **Tozinton** *in Com. Linc.* and lands to the value of *X li. per annum* in **Berewic** aboveſaid; of all which they had speciall grants from their Father.

b *Pat.*20. *R.*2. *p.*3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*

c *Lib. rub. f.*104. *b.*

d *Rot. P.*14. *H.*2.

e *Ex cod. MS. in Scac. penès Rem. R.*

f *Rot. P.*33. *H.*2.

g *Pat.*21. *R.*2. *p.*3. *m.* 22. *per. Insp.*

h *Rot. P.*2. *H.*3.

i *Hist. I. du Tillet. p.* 159. & 160. *Hist. Angl. Script. Col.* 2420. *n.*30. Math. Paris. *p.*283. *n.*40.

And further, it was then concluded, that the said *Robert* the younger, should not only give the King good caution to keep this Castle, to his use, but upon occasion, deliver it up into his hands: For performance thereof, these were his sureties [k]; *scil. Nicholas de Verdon*, *Geffrey de Camvile*, *William de Hardreshull*, *Raphe fitz Raphe*, *Thomas de Ofirton*, *John de Culi*, *Richard Russell*, *Robert de la Lande*, *Robert de Passi*, *William de Fon*, and *Mathew*

k *Rot. F.*2. *H.*3. *in d. m.*6.

Mathew de Charnels. All which being effected, he had the King's speciall Precept [l] to *William de Harecurt* (then Governour thereof for the King) to deliver it up unto him. But it was not long after this, that *Robert* the elder made his peace; for in 5 *H*. 3. he had possession [m] of this Castle delivered to him, and the rest of his Father's lands, as appears by the King's signification [n] of his pleasure therein to all that held of it by Militarie service, or otherwise; as also to the Shiriff of this County. So that here I must leave the said *Robert* the younger, whose posteritie flourisht in **Lincolnshire**, for a long time after, and speak of the elder *Robert*.

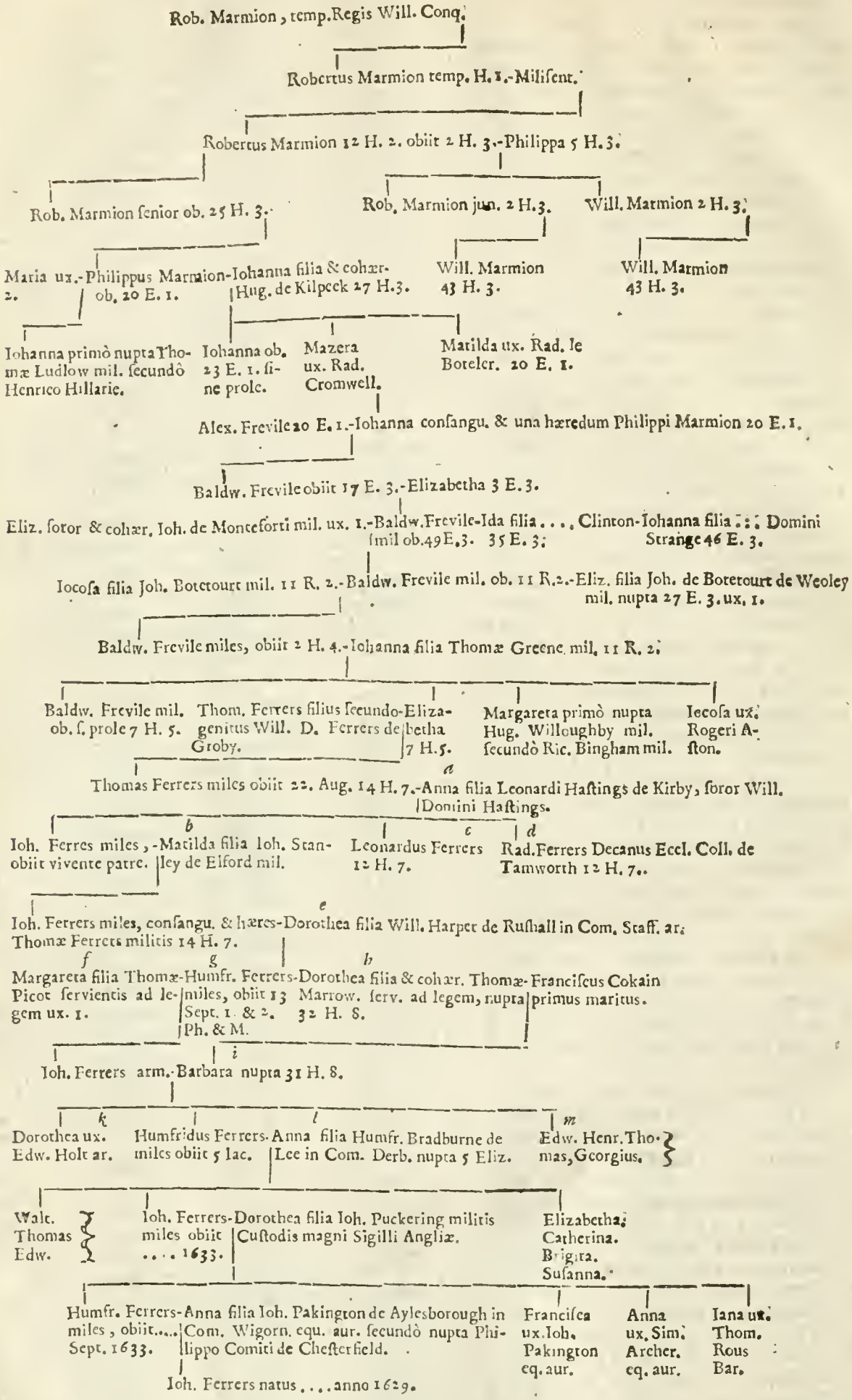
I am of opinion, that this *Robert* the elder, return'd into **Normandie** in 17 *H*. 3. for in that year, did he passe [o] over the estate of all his lands in **England**, for seven years, unto *Peter de Rupibus* (that potent Bishop of **Winchester**, in those times) together with the custodie of *Philip* his son and heir, for to marry him where he should think fit, without disparagement: whereupon, by the consent of the same *Robert*, and *Philip*, he made an assignation [p] thereof, unto *William de Cantilupe*. Of this *Robert*, I finde no more, after that time, than his death, which hapned [q] in 25 *H*. 3. But the said *Philip* became a person of no small account in the world; for having married [r] *Joane*, one of the daughters and heirs to *Hugh de Kilpeck*, of **Kilpeck** Castle in **Herefordshire** (whose custodie and disposall in marriage the said *William de Cantilupe* had [s]) in 33 *H*. 3. he was constituted [t] Shiriff of this County and **Leicestershire**, and Governour [u] of the Castle of **Sauvey**: which office he held [w] for three yeares, then next following: and at that time obtained a Confirmation [x] of the Charter of **Free warren** before mentioned, granted to his Ancestor by King *H*. 1. But in 36 *H*. 3. he was questioned [y] for sitting with *Richard de Mundevill*, and the rest of the Justices for Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, having no Commission so to do: for which, I do not find that the King's displeasure stuck long upon him, in regard he attended [z] him so soon after into **Gascoin**: upon his return from which voyage, he was taken Prisoner [a] by the French in **Poicton**, with *Gilbert de Segrave* and divers other of the English Nobilitie, notwithstanding that they had Letters of Protection from the French King.

The next mention, that I find of him, is, that he was in [b] that Welch expedition of 41 *H*. 3. and the year ensuing, had Summons [c], with divers other great men, to be at **Chester**, on the Eve of *S. John Baptist* well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to march into **Wales**, against *Lewelin ap Griffith*, then in Rebellion. In 45 *H*. 3. he had the like Summons to [c] be at **London**, with all the chief Nobilitie, upon the morrow after *Simon* and *Jude's* day; in which year it was, that the defection of the Barons began farther to shew it self, by their intrusion upon the King's authoritie, in placing [e] Shiriffs for sundry Shires of this Realme: In which respect, this *Philip Marmion*, as a person in whose fidelitie the King reposed much confidence, had by speciall Patent [f] the Counties of **Norfolk** and **Suffolk**, committed to his custodie. And in 47 *H*. 3. had summons [g], amongst other great men, to be at **Hereford**, upon the Munday after *Candlemas* day, well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to resist the power of the before specified *Lewelin*: so also [h] to be at **Worcester** on *Lammas* day next ensuing, in like sort accoutred, to the same purpose. Immediatly whereupon, divers of the Barons put themselves in Armes, to force the King's assent to those Ordinances, which they had made at **Oxford**, so much derogating from his regall power: who seeing himself over-powred, was necessitated to submit to the determination, which the King of **France** should make therein; and to bring in severall of the Peers, and other eminent persons, to give Oath for his performance thereof; amongst which, this *Philip Marmion* was [i] one; who likewise adhered stoutly to him throughout those turbulent times, which soon after ensued: For the next year following, he was at the [k] taking of **Northampton**; and in 50 *H*. 3. as a reward for his faithfull services, had a [l] grant of all the King's demesns here in **Tamworth**, as well in that part, which lyes in **Staffordshire**, as of that in this Countie, as also in **Wigginton**, to hold during his naturall life, for the Rent of *xxxiv* li. *vi* s. *ix* d. And was made Governour [m] of **Kenilworth-Castle**, immediatly upon the render thereof, after that memorable six-months siege, whereof I have elsewhere spoke.

In 13 *E*. 1. this *Philip* claimed [n] by Prescription, a **Court-Leet**, and Gallows, here at **Tamworth**, with all *Weyfs* found in a certain place called **Assendone**, within this his Mannour: as also **Free warren** in his demesn lands here, and in those belonging to the Nunns of **Polesworth**; all which were allowed. And upon his death, which hapned in 20 *E*. 1. it was certified [o], that he held this Castle of the King in *Capite*, by Knight's service, finding three Knights at his own proper costs, for *xl*. days in the Warrs of **Wales**; and that *Joane* the wife of *William Mortein*, *Maud* the wife of *Raphe le Boteler*, *Joane* the daughter of *Raph Cromwell* and *Mazera* his wife; and *Joan Marmion*, were his next heirs, as the Descent in the following page doth more plainly shew. Which *Joan Mortein* (being the eldest daughter) had [p] this Castle for her share, and died [q] seized of it, about three years after, leaving no issue, whereupon by Agreement [r] betwixt the rest of the coheirs, it was allotted to *Joane* the wife of *Alexander Frevile*. Which *Alexander* being brother and heir to Sir *Baldwin Frevile* Knight, of whose inheritance he had [s] fair lands in **Norfolk** and **Herefordshire**, died [t] seized thereof, jointly with his said wife, in 2 *E*. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir *xxxvi* years of age; who after the decease of his mother in 14 *E*. 3. doing his homage to the King, had full [u] possession thereof.

Which last mentioned *Baldwin* died [w] in 17 *E*. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir 26. years of age; who the next year following, did his Homage to the King, and had thereupon Liverie [x] of all the lands of his inheritance, lying in this Shire as also in the Counties of **Hereford**, **Salop**, **Staff**, **Wigorn**, **Wilt**, **Norf**. and **Suff**. In 26 *E*. 3. he was a [y] Knight, and bore for his Armes [z] *Or, a Crosse fleurè gules*; and for his Crest, *upon a Chapeu, the Leggs of a man, booted, spurred, and reverst*, as appeareth by his Seale [z]: but not long after this he altered it, and bore [a] a *Plume of Fethers*, in stede of the other. Of this Sir *Baldwin*, I further find, that he was in great esteem with *Edward* Prince of **Wales** (commonly called the *Black-Prince*) being for [b] his approved fidelitie and service in 28 *E*. 3. made by him, his Steward of **Xantoigne** in **France**, for life: and in 46 *E*. 3. retained [c] with the same martiall Prince, by Indenture, to serve him

l *Pat.2.H.3.m.4.*
m *Pat.5.H.3.m.8.*
n *Claus.5.H.3.m.19.*
o *Cart.17.H.3.m.2.*
p *Cart.24.H.3.m.4.*
q M. Westm. *in an.1241.*
r *Rot.F.27.H.3.m.9.*
s *Rot.F.33.H.3.m.5.*
t *Rot.F.33.H.3.m.5.*
u *Pat.33.H.3.m.4.*
w *Rot.P.de ijsd.an.*
x *Cart.33.H.3.m.5.*
y *Claus.36.H.3.in d.*
z *Rot.F.37.H.3.m.3.*
a M.Paris. p.894.
b *Pat 41.H.3.in d.*
c *Claus.42.H.3.in d.*
d *Claus.45.H.3.in d.m.3.*
e *Pat.45.H 3.m.3.*
f *Ib.*
g *Claus.47.H.3.in d.m.13.*
h *Ib.m.7.*
i *MS.in bibl.Bodl.[8.V.8.] Th.]f 137. a.*
k Ypod.N. p.63.n.40.
l *Pat.50.H.3.m.3.*
m *Inq.per. Hundr.4.E.1.*
n *Rot.de Quo.W.*
o *Esc.20.E.1.n.36.*
p *Esc.23.E.1.n.55.*
q *Esc.23.E.1.n.55.*
r *Rot.F.24.E.1.m.20.*
s *Rot.F.17.E.1.m.2.*
t *Esc.2.E.3.n.34.*
u *Claus.14.E.3.p.1.m.27.*
w *Esc.17.E.3.n.3.*
x *Rot.F.35.E.3.m.35.*
y *Ex autog. penès* Walt.Chetwyn *ar.*
z *Penès* Joh. L'isle *ar.*
a *Ex autog. penès* Joh. Ferrers *ar.*
b *Ib.*
c *Ib.*
d *Ib.*



a Ex autog. penès præf. I. Ferrers.
c d Horne q. 25.
e k f l g m h i Ex autog. penès præf. I. F.

him in the warrs of **France**, with six men at Arms; *viz.* three Knights and three Esquires, taking *xx* li. *per annum* Fee for the Knights, and *x.* marks for the Esquires: As also, that he had three wives; *viz.* [d] *Elizabeth* sister and coheir to Sir *John Montfort* Kr. (of which Family I have spoke in **Beldesert**) Secondly *Ida*, daughter to . . . . . *Clinton*, a Ladie of Honour to Queen *Philippa*, and thirdly *Joane*, daughter to the Lord *Strange*: and that he departed [e] this life in 49 *E.* 3. leaving by the said *Elizabeth*, *Baldwin* his son and heir *xxiv.* years of age.

Which *Baldwin*, being a [f] Knight, in 1 *Ric.* 2. exhibited his claim [g] to be the King's Champion, on the

b c d Ib.

e *Esc.* 49. E. 3. n. 57.

f *Ex autog. penès* Walt. D. Aston.

g T. Walsingham p. 195. n. 30.

the day of his Coronation, and to do the service appertaining to that Office, by reason of the [h] tenure of this Castle; *viz.* to ride compleatly armed upon a barb'd Horse into **Westminster** Hall, and there to challenge the Combate with whomsoever that should dare to oppose the King's title to the Crown; which service, the *Marmions*, antiently Lords thereof, had heretofore performed: But Sir *John Dimock*, being then his Competitor, carryed it from him, by Judgment [i] of the Constable and Marshall of **England**, in regard he was possest of the Lordship of **Scrivelby** in **Lincolnshire**; which by better [k] authorities, than *Frevile* could produce, appeared to have been held for divers ages, by that service; and that the *Marmions* had the said office, as owners thereof, and not in right of this Castle; it being descended to *Dimock*, with **Scrivelby**, from an heir female of Sir *Thomas Ludlow* Knight, husband of *Joane*, the yongest daughter to Sir *Philip Marmion* before spoken of.

Which Sir *Baldwin*, in 3 *R.* 2. was also one [l] of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Shire; and in 9 *R.* 2. upon partition [m] made betwixt him and Sir *Thomas Boteler* Knight, of *Mountfort's* lands, whereunto they were heirs, had the Mannour of **Ashstede** *in Com. Surr.* with **Gunthorpe**, and **Loudham** *in Com. Nott.* assigned to him; as also the reversion of the Mannours of **Henley**, **Beudesert**, and **Haselholt**, in this Countie, after the decease of *William de Beauchamp* (Lord *Bergavenny*) in whose hands they then were. And had two wives, both daughters unto Sir *John Botetourt* of **Weoley-Castle** *in Com. Wigorn.* whereof *Elizabeth*, the first, was married [n] to him in 27 *E.* 3. but I suppose she was then very young, and died before they lived together; in regard it is plain [o], that he afterwards married *Joyce*, her sister, who overlived him, and took to her second [p] husband, Sir *Adam Peshale* Knight: which Joyce, at length, became [q] one of the coheirs to *Joyce* her Neece, daughter and heir to *John*, son to the before specified Sir *John Botetourt* (through which means, part of that fair inheritance came to this Familie of *Ferrers*:) By whom he had issue [r] *Baldwin, xix.* years of age at his Fathers death, which happened in 11 *R.* 2. But of this *Baldwin*, I find nothing memorable, excepting his marriage [s] in 12 *R.* 2. with *Joane* the daughter of Sir *Thomas Greene* Knight, and his death [t], which happened in 2 *H.* 4. To whom succeeded *Baldwin* his son and heir, then but two years of age; who departing this life in his minoritie, *scil.* 6 *H.* 5 leaving three Sisters and heirs [u], the inheritance came afterwards to be thus divided [w], in 31 *H.* 6. *viz.* to *Thomas Ferrers*, then Tenant by the curtesie, *Elizabeth* the eldest of those coheirs being dead, and to *Thomas*, son and heir of the same *Thomas* and *Eliz.* this Castle and Mannour of **Tamworth**, the Mannours of **Lee** *juxta* **Merston**, **Stretford** *juxta* **Tamworth**, and **Haverburgh** in this Countie; as also the Mannour of **Stichall** *juxta* **Coventre**; the Mannour of **Tadington** *in Com. Heref.* with lands and Rents in **Waverton**, **Allesley**, and **Pereden** in this Countie, as also in **Wiginton** *in Com. Staff.*

To *Robert Aston* Esquire, son of *Joice*, one other of the said Sisters and coheirs, the Mannours of **Ashstede** and **Newdigate** in **Surrey**, **Becknore** *in Com. Wigorn.* **Patesburie** *in Com. Wilts.* **Pinley**, within the Liberties of **Coventre**, and the moitie of the Mannour of **Henley** in **Arden** in this Countie, with the advouson of the Church of **Preston** *juxta* **Henley**. And to Sir *Richard Bingham* Knight, then one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and *Margaret* his wife (formerly the wife of Sir *Hugh Willoughby* of **Mollaton** *in Com. Nott.* Knight) the Mannours of **Middleton** and **Whitnash**, with lands in **Wilmecote** in this Shire: The Mannour of **Wilkin** *juxta* **Coventre**, with certain other lands and Rents lying within the Countie of that Citie: as also the Mannours of **Gunthorpe** and **Loudham** *in Com. Nott.* with **Bradford**, **Ferne**, and **Pawne** *in Com. Heref.* Which Partition bears date 5. *Oct.* the year aboveseid.

This *Thomas Ferrers* was second [x] son to *William* Lord *Ferrers* of **Groby**, and underwent the Office of Shiriff for the Countie of **Staff.** in [y] 26 *H.* 6. but departed [z] this life in 37 *H.* 6. being then the principall male branch of this line of **Groby** (as the Descent in **Derebale** sheweth) in token * whereof, he bore his Armes with *a Labell of three points Azure*. To which *Thomas* succeeded, as Lord of this Castle, *Thomas* his son [a] and heir, then *xxxvi.* years of age, who was constituted [b] Shiriff of this Countie and **Leicester-shire** in 39 *H.* 6. so also [c] in 1 *E.* 4. Which *Thomas*, having been a faithfull [d] adherer to the House of **Yorke**, and taken Prisoner [e] in the battail of **Wakefeild**, where he was put to *CCC.* marks Fine, obtained a speciall Precept [f] from King *Edward* 4th to the Barons of the Exchequer (wherein is acknowledged his signall fidelitie to *Richard* Duke of **Yorke**, Father to the said King, and slain in that Battail) commanding them to remit unto him *CC.* marks of the summe, for which he was then accomptable to them, by reason of his Receipts, whilst he underwent that Office: in which Precept it further appeareth, that the said *Thomas* was then a Knight, being so made (as it seems) by the same King *Edw.* in the first year of his reign.

Nay, I find, that after this, he became a [g] Knight of the Bath, at the Creation of the Duke of **Yorke** (14 *E.* 4.) and from 4 *E.* 4. till his death, was in Commission [h] for conservation of the Peace in this Shire; as also in 8 *E.* 4. again Shiriff [i] of this Countie and **Leicester-shire**: and that by his Testament, bearing [k] date 10. *Febr.* 12 *H.* 7. he bequeathed his body to be buried on the North side of the Quire, within the Collegiate Church, here at **Tamworth**, by *Anne* his wife; appointing a marble to be laid over them, with their portraitures and Armes in brasse, and such Inscription, as his Executors should devise, departing [l] this life 22. *Aug.* 14 *H.* 7.

To whom succeeded Sir *John Ferrers* Knight, his grandchild [m] and heir. (For Sir *John* his son, who in 15 *E.* 4. was in the King's service in **Normandie**, died in his life time.) Of which Sir *John*, I find little memorable, other than that he was [n] one of the Knights for the body to King *H.* 7. and [o] in Commission for the Peace, from 18. of that King's reign, till his death, which happened in 1 *H.* 8. as appears by the Probate of his Will, whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture within th Chancell here at **Tamworth**, before the Image of S. *Edith*. Of whose descendants I shall say no more, than that some of them have been Knights, and in many publick imployments, as by divers Comissions appeareth; *John*, son and heir to the last Sir *Humphrey*, being now owner of this Castle; referring my Reader to the Pedegree before inserted, which manifesteth their matches, with sundry good & antient Families.

h *Esc.* 23. *E.* 1. *n.* 29.

i *MS. in offic. Arm.* [*H.* 13.] *f.* 321.

k *Esc.* 23. *E.* 3. *F. levat. term. Mich.* 1 *H.* 6. Linc.

l *Pat.* 3 *R.* 2. *p.* 2. *in d. m.* 5.

m *Ex autog. penès præf.* J. Ferrers.

n } *Ib.*
o }

p } *Esc.* 8. *H.* 4. *n.* 64.
q }

r *Esc.* 11. *R.* 2. *n.* 27.

s *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. F.

t *Esc.* 2. *H.* 4. *n.* 41.

u *Claus.* 7. *H.* 5. *in d. m.* 11.

w *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. F.

x *Esc.* 23. *H.* 6.

y *Rot. F.* 26. *H.* 6. *m.* 10.

z *Esc.* 37. *H.* 6.

* *Vide Notas in* H. Spelm. *per* Ed. Bissæum *ar. edit.* 1654. *p.* 98.

a *Esc.* 37. *H.* 6.

b *Rot. F.* 39. *H.* 6. *m.* 6.

c *Rot. F.* 1. *E.* 4. *m.* 32.

d } *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. F.
e }
f }

g *Ex cod. MS. in offic. Arm.* [*L.* 8.] *f.* 4. *b.*

h *Pat. de ijsd. an in d.*

i *Rot. F.* 8. *E.* 4. *m.* 18.

k Horne *q.* 25.

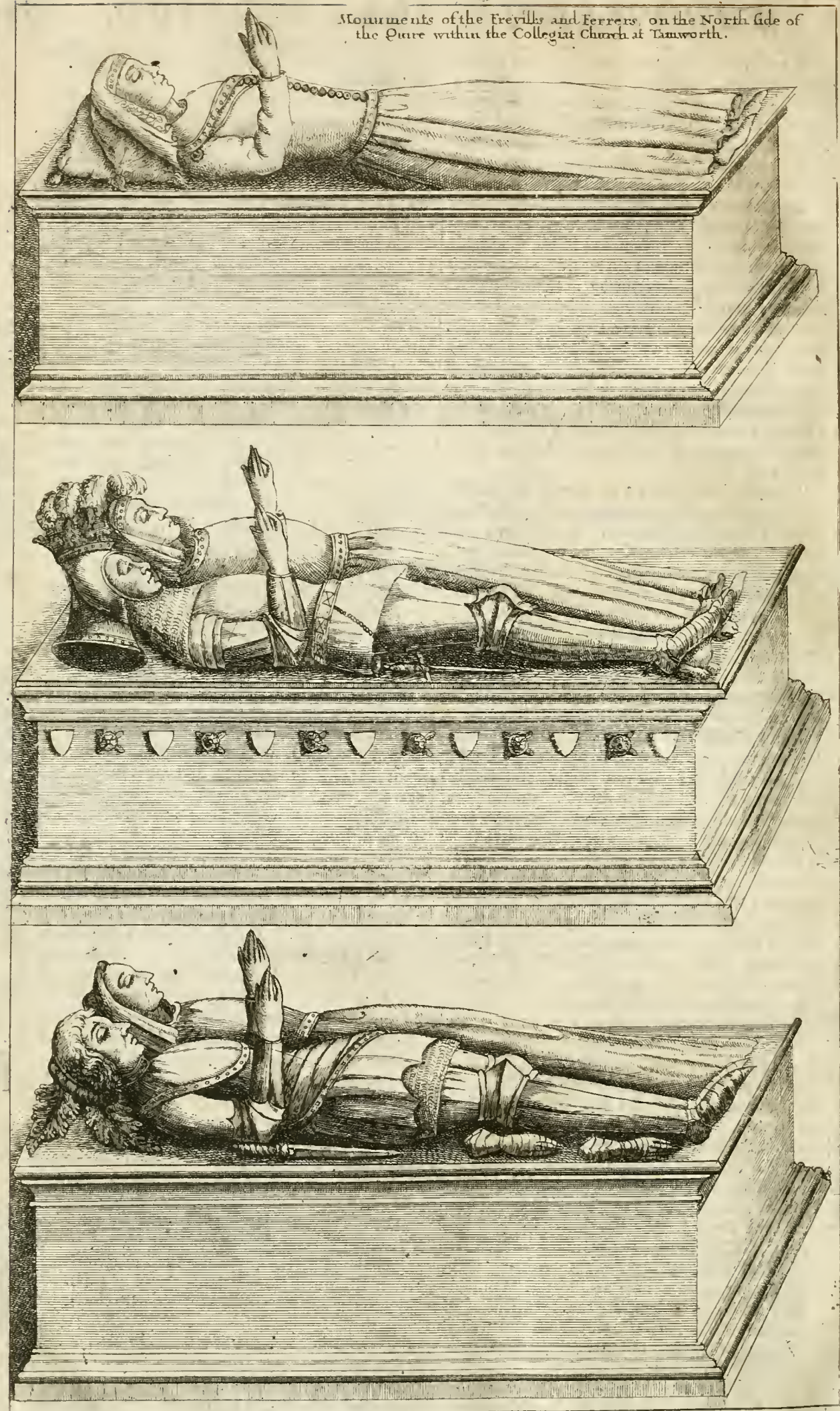
l } *Esc.* 14
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n *Ex autog. penès præf.* I. F.

o *Pat. de ijsd. an.*

p Fetiplace 1. 23.

Monuments of the Frevills and Ferrers, on the North Side of the Quire within the Collegiat Church at Tamworth.



Hic iacent corpora Johis Ferrers militis et dne Dorothee uxoris eius, qu quidem Johes obyt vj die mensis July a dñi MD vij. Et dicta dña Dorothea obiit die a dñi MD cuius anime propietur Deus Amen.



Hic per Willielmum Conqueſtorem Robertus Marmion Dominus Caſtelli efficitur.

In a North Window of the Church.



Upon an Alabaſter Tombe-ſtone, lying in the midſt of the Chancell at **Tamworth**, under which is buried the body of Sir *John Ferrers Knight*, *is this Epitaph.*

If thou haſt a minde to know,
Whoſe Corps interred lye below;
Leſt thou thinke theſe words in ſtone
Are all that's left of him, being gone;
Give eare unto the upright tongue
Of whoſoere he liv'd among,
Then free'd from doubt thou wilt conſent
He left a choicer Monument. 1633.

Upon another, lying neer thereto.

Here lieth Sir Humfrey Ferrers Knight, who married Anne, one of the daughters of Sir John Packington, of Hampton-Lovet in the Countie of Worceſter Knight: By whom he had iſſue three daughters and one ſon. His age was thirty and three years, when he departed this life; and he was here interred on the ſecond day of November, in the year of our Lord 1633.

Bole-Hall.

I Now come to the particular Villages before mentioned, which are within this Countie, and in the Parish of **Tamworth**, though the Church be in **Staffordshire**, and first of **Bole-Hall**.

Of this place I have not seen any thing in Record till 13 *R.* 2. where, with severall other Mannours, Sir *John de Clinton* of **Harlcoke** Knight entailed [q] it upon the issue of his body, by *Elizabeth* then his wife: but from severall circumstances I am satisfied, that it was originally a member of **Amington**, which adjoyns thereto, and whereof the same Sir *John* was then possest: From whom descended *John* Lord *Clinton*; who about the beginning of *H.* 7. time, decayed [r] the capitall Messuage here; And from him, *Edward* Lord *Clinton* and *Say*, that sold it [t] in 29 *H.* 8. unto *James Leveson* Merchant of the Staple: which *James* gave [t] it in marriage (*inter alia*) with *Elizabeth* his daughter, unto *Walter Aston*, son and heir to Sir *Edward Aston* of **Tixhall** Knight; whose grandson, Sir *Walter Aston*, Knight of the Bath and Baronet, sold [u] it unto *William Anson* of *Lincolns-Inne in Com. Midd.* Esquire. Of whom it was purchased [w] by *William Comberford* of **Tamworth** Esquire, and *Anne* his wife 2. *Oct.* 13. *Jac.* and is now possessed by *Will.* son to the said *William* and *Anne*.

q *F. levat. craft. Mart.* 13. *R.* 2.

r *Inq. super Depos.* 9. *H.* 8.

t *F. levat. T. Pasch.* 30. *H.* 8.

t *Ex autog. penès* Ric. Leveson *mil. de Balneo.*

u, w *Ex autog. penès W.* Comberf.

Glascote.

THe name of this place, I take to be Brittish, **Glascott** in that language signifying [x] *Sylva viridis*: but of it I have not seen any thing, till about the beginning of King *H.* 2. time, that *Will.* the son of *Hugh de Hatton*, confirmed [y] to the Nunns, of **Polesworth**, all those lands lying here, which *William le Franceis* had given them: By which confirmation it appears, that they were of the inheritance of *Maud*, wife to the said *William de Hatton*. But the next possessor hereof, was *Raphe Fitz-Raph*, Lord also of **Nether-Whitacre**, where his seat was: Which *Raph* in 6 *Joh.* [z] purchased some lands here, of *Hugh. de Culi*: From whom descended *Giles Fitz-Raph*, as the Descent in **Nether-Whitacre** sheweth; whose daughter and heir called *Isabell*, brought [a] it to *Robert*, son of *Philip Marmion*, in marriage: From which time it past along with **Nether-Whitacre** before specified, as the Records there cited do manifest, till after the beginning of *Edw.* 3. time.

x *Lel. Itin. vol.* 5. *f.* 43.

y *Ex autog. penès* T. Corbin *gen.*

z *F. levat.* 6. *Joh.*

a *Esc.* 20. *E.* 1. *n.* 39.

After which, till *H.* 6. time, I finde no mention of any more than [b] six Messuages, and one yard-land here, belonging to Sir *John de Clinton* of **Harlcoke** Knight, which are said [c] to be parcell of the Mannour of **Pirecroft**: but upon the Death of Sir *William Clinton* in 10 *H.* 6. it appears [d], that he was seized of the moitie of a Mannour, here. Whether his descendants purchased in the residue, afterwards; or whether there be any other member of a Mannour here, saving a fourth part, which the Lord *Ferrers* had, together with **Nether-Whitacre**, as may seem by some [e] authorities, I cannot say: but sure it is, that in 29 *H.* 8. *Edw.* Lord *Clinton*, lineall heir to the before specified Sir *Will.* sold it, together with **Bole-Hall**, by the name of a Mannour, or certain Messuages, unto *James Leveson* Merchant of the Staple: all which, came to Sir *Walter Aston* Knight, in marriage with *Elizabeth*, daughter to the said *James*, and since to *William Comberford* Esquire, in such sort as **Bole-Hall** did.

b *Esc.* 20 *R.* 2. *n.* 15.

c *Esc.* 22. *R.* 2. *n.* 93.

d *Esc.* 10. *H.* 5. *n.* 36.

e *F. de div. Com. levat. Oct. Purif.* 23. *H.* 6.

Stretford juxta Tamworth.

THis is now a depopulated place, and had its name originally from the situation thereof, upon that great Roman way, called **Watling-street**, where it thwarts the River towards **Faseley**: But the first mention, that I have seen of it, is in 37 *H.* 3. at which time *James de la Lande* was possest of it, and had **Free-warren** granted [f] to him in all his demesn lands thereof. There is no doubt, but that it was, at first, a member of **Tamworth** and granted by one of the *Marmions* to the Ancestor of this *James*, whose firname was *Tamworth* (as the Descent in **Langdon** sheweth) In the line of which *De la Laundes* it continued [g] till 19 *E.* 3. but shortly after came to the *Frevills*, Lords of **Tamworth-Castle**: for I find that Sir *Baldwin Frevill* the elder Knight, made a Feoffment [h] in trust, thereof (*inter alia*) unto Sir *William de Beauchamp* Knight, and others; and that, upon the [i] Partition made betwixt the heirs of *Frevill* in 31 *H.* 6. (whereof in **Tamworth** I have spoke) it was allotted to *Ferrers*, in which Familie, together with **Tamworth-Castle**, it continueth to this day.

f *Cart.* 37. *H.* 3. *m.* 11.

g *Rot. F.* 19 *E.* 3. *m.* 14.

h *Ex autog. penès*

i *præf.* I. Ferrers.

Wilnicote.

IN *Edward* the Confessor's days, this was [k] the Freehold of one *Levenot*; but after the Conquest, it being given unto the Earl of **Mellent**, with a multitude of other Lordships in this Shire, by the generall Survey, soon after made, was certified [l] to contain three hides; the Woods extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth: all which, together with the rest, were then rated at *xxx* s. whereof *v* s. was accounted for an Iron-work here, at that time. In that Record it is written **Wilmundecote**, whereby it may seem, that the name originally sprung from some one that possest it in the Saxons time: Howbeit till 6 *Joh.* I have not seen any more thereof; but then it appears [m] that *Robert de Valle* (of which Family I have spoke in **Ludington**) was in suit for six yard land here, whereof *Robert*, his Father, had been wrongfully dispossest by *William de Longcamp*, Bishop of **Ely**, and Chancelour to King *Richard* the first. But from the Earl of **Mellent**, part hereof came (as the most of those lands, which he had in this Countie did) unto the old Earls of **Warwick**, and so to *Marmion*: for it is manifest [n], that *Will. de Ludinton* held part of a Knight's Fee here, of *Albreda Marmion*, which divolved to *William de Camvile* (then Lord of **Sekinton** in this Hundred) being held [o] of those Earls.

But of another part, which afterwards had the reputation of a Mannour, were the posteritie of the before specified *Robert de Vale* seized, as by an Autograph [p] that I have seen, bearing date in 28 *E.* 1. is evident, and so continued, till that Sir *Robert de Vale* Knight, in 18 *E.* 2. sold away the inheritance thereof, in reversion, after his Father's death, un-

k, l *Domesd. lib.*

m *Rot. P.* 6. *Joh.*

n *Ex autog. penès Fr. Burdet Bar.*

o *Esc.* 52. *H.* 3.

p *Penès* T. Willington *gen.*

to

to *Roger de Culi* son to Sir *Hugh de Culi* Knight: Which *Roger* was certified [q] to hold it of *Henry* Duke of **Lancaster** (unto whom a great part of the Honour of **Leicester**, heretofore belonging to the said Earl of **Pellent** came) by the fourth part of a Knight's Fee. When it past from these *Culies*, I have not seen, but plain it is, that Sir *Raph Bracebrigge* of **Kingsbury** Knight, died [r] seized thereof in 14 *H.* 6. From whom it descended to *Jane* and *Margerie*, daughters of *William Bracebrigge* (as the Descent in **Kingsburie** sheweth) and heirs to *Michaell* their brother: which *Jane* was the [t] wife of *Leonell Skipwith* of **Calthorpe** *in Com. Linc.* and *Margerie*, of [u] *Waldeiffe Willington* of **Hurley** in this Countie Gent. who in 8. *Eliz.* kept [w] Court here, in right of their said wives; and after that *Thomas Willington* son and heir to the said *Margerie*, in [x] 43 *Eliz.* to whose posteritie this Mannour still doth continue.

Beside this Mannour last spoke of, there is yet another, here in **Wilnecote**, whereof Sir *William Brabazon* Knight, now Earl of **East-Methe** in **Ireland**, is owner. This I take to be it, which *Roger Brabazon* purchased, partly [y] of *Adam de Wellesbergh*, and *Maud* his wife, in 25 *E.* 1. and partly [z] of *Simon de Bruilli* and *Joane* his wife, within two years after. But by the name of a Mannour I have not seen it called in Record [a] till 29 *H.* 8.

The Chapell here, being a Prebend [b] belonging to the Collegiate Church of **Tamworth**, was in 14 *E.* 3. valued [c] at *vi.* marks.

q *Clauſ.* 35. *E.* 3. *m.* 17.

r *Esc.* 14. *H.* 6. *n.* 3.

f Ex Rot. Cur. penès t u w x præſ. T. W.

y *F. levat.* xv. *Hill.* 25. *E.* 1.

z *F. levat. Oct.* Joh. Bapt. 27. *E.* 1.

a *F. levat. T. Paſch.* 29. *H.* 8.

b *Ex autog. penès D. & Cap.* Lich.

c *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c. in Scac.*

Kingswood.

THe antientest mention that I find of this place, is in 11 *E.* 2. where *Hugh de Meinill* [d] entailes one carucate of land, lying therein, together with the Mannour of *Kings* **Newton**, upon the issue male of his body, with severall remainders: Which carucate was afterwards accounted [e] as parcell of that Mannour, having a Messuage situate thereupon, called **Wardbernes**, whereof *Maud* the wife of *John Charnells* died [f] seized in 13 *R.* 2. leaving *Joane* the wife of *Robert de Aston*, and *Catherine* married to *William Rodburne*, her daughters, by *Henry Stanidelf* a former husband, her heirs. But the exact succession thereof, I cannot discover: howbeit I finde, that it had the reputation [g] of a Mannour, about the later end of *H.* 6. time, as also in *H.* 8. time; and since the *Cokains* of **Pooley** possessed [h] it, though how much sooner I know not: But from that Familie it was past away by Sir *Edward Cokain* Knight within our memorie.

d *F. levat.* xv. *Paſch.* 11. *E.* 2.

e *Clauſ.* 11. *R.* 2. *m.* 42.

f *Esc.* 13. *R.* 2. *n.* 7.

g *F. levat.* 3. *ſeptim. Paſch.* 38. *H.* 6.

h *F. levat. T. Paſch.* 30. *H.* 8. *Esc.* 35. *Eliz.*

Stanidelfe.

THis lying within the precincts of **Wilnecote**, is a Mannour in [i] reputation, and was the seat of *Henry* the son of *Geffrey de Stanidelf* in *E.* 3. time, who bore for his Armes *a Fesse varrè betwixt six Billets*, as by his Seal [k] appeareth. Which *Henry* left issue two daughters and heirs, *Joane* the wife of *Robert de Aston*, and *Catherine* of *Will. Rodburne* (as in **Kingswood** appeareth) Which Mannour came afterwards to the *Ferrers* of **Tamworth**-Castle, *Sir John Ferrers* Knight, dying [l] seized thereof in 20 *H.* 7. but how they parted with it, I know not: for the next notice that I have taken thereof, is a grant [m] made from *Q. Eliz.* of it, for three lives to Sir *Christopher Blount* Knight, husband to *Letice* Countesse of **Leicester**.

i *Esc.* 20. *H.* 7.

k *Ex autog. penès* Fr. Nethersole *eq. aur.*

l *Esc.* 20. *H.* 7.

m *Pat.* 38. *Eliz. p.* 10.

Amington.

OFthis place, there is no speciall mention in the Conqueror's Survey, wherefore I am of opinion, that it was then involved with **Wilnecote**; and that by the E. of **Pellent**, or rather his brother the Earl of **Warwick**, who had so large a share of his lands in this Countie, *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (Founder of **Wroxhall**-Priorie) was enfeoft thereof; for that he possest it is cleer from sundry [n] testimonies: and that it was held by his [o] heirs of the Earls of **Warwick** for half a Knights Fee, is plain enough. Which *Hugh* gave two yard land, with all the Royaltie here, on the further part the water, as also some other particular parcells, unto his Kinsman *Alexander*, the son of *Atrop*, and his heirs; covenanting with him, that if he should fortune to be impleaded, either in the King's Court, or in the Countie or Hundred Court, or any other Court, except that in the Chapell, here at **Amington**, he and his heirs, would at their proper costs, defend the said *Alexander* and his heirs therein: In consideration of which grant, the Rent of two pound of Pepper was reserved to be payd yearly, on the Feast-day of *S. Edith*.

But, notwithstanding this grant, the inheritance thereof returned to the heirs of the said *Hugh*, For *Osbert de Clinton*, who wedded [o] *Margaret* his sister and heir, to *Hugh*, granchild to the same *Hugh*, possessed it, and so did his posterity, for many generations, whose Descent in **Colshill**, and **Marstoke** are to be seen. Of which, *John de Clinton junior*, claimed [p] divers Liberties and Priviledges here, by Prescription, in 13 *E.* 1. *viz.* **Court-Leet**, Gallows, *Infangthef*, and *Weyfs*, with Assize of Bread and Beer; all which were allowed: whose son and heir, *John*, in 28 *E.* 1. obtained also a Charter [q] of **Free warren** in all his demesn lands here: but in 1 *H.* 6. did *Sir William Clinton* Knight make sale [r] of a large proportion here, though the Mannour then past not; *viz.* one Messuage, five hundred acres of Land, *C.* acres of Meadow, *CC.* acres of Pasture, and fishing in the River of **Dunkere**, unto *William Repington*, and his heirs: all which particulars had been then lately in the possession of *Adam S^t Clere*: And in 29 *H.* 8. did *Edward*, Lord *Clinton* grant [s] more lands here unto *Francis Repington* Gentleman lineall heir to the said *William*: But in the first grant, as I suppose, the Capitall Messuage, or Mannour-House, did passe; for it appears that the said *Francis* died [t] seized thereof in 4 *E.* 6. whose great grandchild Sir *John Repington* Knight, now enjoys it: But of this Familie I can say no more than what the Descent * on the next page inserted expresseth.

n *Ex autog. penès* Ioh. Repington *eq. aur.*

o *Ex Reg. de* Burton *f.* 71. *a.*

p *Rot. de Quo. W.*

q *Cart.* 28. *E.* 1. *n.* 14.

r *F. levat. Oct. Mart.* 1. *H.* 6.

s *F. levat. T. Trin.* 29. *H.* 8.

t *Esc.* 4. *E.* 6.

* *Ex Col.* W. Burton *ar.*

Will. Repington de-. . . . filia . . . .
Aminton temp. H. 6. | Thurstan.

Will. Reping-ton. | Alicia filia Rog. Acton.

Ioh. Repington-5 H. 7. | Colletta filia & cohær. de Goldsmith-Grange juxta Melton in Com. Leic. | Ioh. Goldsmith,

Will. Repington-obiit 36 H. 8. | Iohanna filia Roberti Stokes de Folkeshull, infra libertat. Civit. Coventriæ.

Maria ux. Ioh. Swinfen de Swin. Polesfen gen. | Editha monialis apud worth. | Franciscus-Reping-ton obiit 4 E. 6. | Maria filia Ric. Caldi Cor-ton de Rid-ware in Cō. Staff. | Kath. ux. Rob. Burton de Lind-ley. | Anna ux. Tho. Corbin.

Will. } Ric. } Thom. Repington ar. obiit 14 Dec. 1615. | Franciscafilia Will. Stanford unius Justic. de Com Banco. | Maria primò nupta . . . . Kendall de Smyth, postea Clem. Fisher eq. aur.

Joh. Repington-miles obiit 23. Jan. 1625. | Margareta filia Edw. Litleton de Pillaton-Hall in Com. Staff. eq. aur. | Humfridus ob. sine prole an. 1622. | Edw.

Joh. Repington-miles. | Eliz. filia Edw. Sebright de Besford in Com. Wigorn. Bar.

The Chapell here (*id est* the Glebe and Tithes thereto belonging) was in 14 *E.* 3. valued [u] at *x.* marks.

u *Rot. de Nonis garb. &c.*

Piricroft.

THis hath antiently past by the name of a Mannour, though now it be scarce so reputed; and was originally a member of **Tamworth**, as I guess; for it appears [w] to have been held of that Castle; and being therewith possest, was by one of the *Marmions*, about King *H.* 2. time, given to the Ancestour of *Raphe Fitz-Raphe* (whose Descent I have put, in **Nether-Whitacre**.) the succession of which Mannour, it attended (as by the Records I have there cited may appeare) untill that *Will. de Clinton* E. of **Huntendon**, in 16 *E.* 3. [x] obtained the moitie of it in exchange, for the moytie of the Mannour of **Nether-Whitacre**, from *Richard de Whitacre* and *Amabill* his Wife; by which means it descended to the posteritie of Sir *John de Clinton* Knight, elder brother to the said Earl, in regard of his death without issue (as in **Marstoke** is shewed) Sir *John de Clinton* Knight, dying [y] seized of it in 20 *R.* 2. Which moytie, being granted with **Bole-Hall**, and **Glascote**, to *James Leveson*, Merchant of the Staple, in 29 *H.* 8. and by him past to Sir *Walter Aston* Knight, in marriage with *Eliz.* his daughter, as hath been already observed, was in 1 *Caroli*, or about that time, sold by Sir *Walter Aston* Knight of the Bath, and Baronet, grandchild to the said Sir *Walter*.

But the residue, continuing in the hands of the said *Richard de Whitacre*, descended by an heir female (as the Pedegree in **Bermingham** manifesteth) unto *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, who in 14 *H.* 6. died [z] seized thereof; but it bore [a] the name of no more than a fourth part of the Mannour, and is now possessed, *scil. anno* 1640. by the present Earl of **Essex**, as lineall heir to the said Lord *Ferrers*.

w *Esc.* 20. *K.* 2. *n.* 15.

x *Ex autog. penès* Will. Burton *ar.*

y *Esc.* 20. *R.* 2. *n.* 15.

z *Claus.* 14. *H.* 6. *m.* 8.

a *Esc.* 28, *H.* 6. *Claus.* 29. *H.* 6. *m.* 23.

Soli Deo sit laus & gloria.

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